



Bulgaria, Serbia & Romania Tour 11 days from \$3999

Per person twin share including flights from Australia



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Book by 14 March 2019**

Departures:

2019 – 17, 24 October

Other dates available from May to October 2019, but may cost more.

Escorted Tour Package Includes:

- Return economy class flights from Australian capital cities to Sofia & Bucharest.
- Extra \$295 from Adelaide, Hobart & Canberra.
- Airline taxes & fuel surcharges
- 9 nights First Class accommodations
 - 2 nights Sofia
 - 2 nights Belgrade
 - 1 night Timisoara
 - 1 night Sibiu
 - 1 night Brasov
 - 2 nights Bucharest
- Hotel taxes, fees & service charges
- Hotel portorage
- All transfers included only with airfare purchase on package arrival & departure dates†
- 17 meals: 9 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 7 dinners
- Sightseeing per itinerary in modern air-conditioned motor coach
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- Entrance fees per itinerary
- Comfortable wireless earphones for enhanced touring
- Gratuities while on tour

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Itinerary:

DAY 1, Thursday - Depart for Bulgaria

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DAY 2, Friday - Arrive in Sofia

Arrive in Sofia, Bulgaria's lively capital and cultural center, and transfer to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure. This evening at approximately 6 pm, enjoy a Welcome Dinner and orientation meeting with your Tour Manager on the fascinating journey of Bulgaria, Serbia and Romania that lies ahead. We recommend that you select flights which arrive in your destination no later than 4 pm or earlier, if possible

Overnight: Sofia

Meals: Dinner

DAY 3, Saturday - Sofia City Tour

Become acquainted with the history of Sofia on your visit to the National Museum of History. Enjoy exhibits of the Bulgarian lands dating back 8000 years, including glimpses of

the unique gold and silver treasures from Thracian times. View the St. Sofia Church across the square from the impressive Neo-Byzantine golden domed Alexander Nevsky Church, one of the largest Eastern Orthodox cathedrals in the world. Stroll the lanes of the city on your own, or, join the *optional* tour to the remarkable Rila Monastery declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Tonight, enjoy typical Bulgarian hospitality at the *optional* Folklore Show that includes dinner and wine

Optional: Rila Monastery Tour (PM)

Optional: Dinner with Folklore Show

Overnight: Sofia

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 4, Sunday - Nis en Route to Belgrade

A long and rewarding day as you cross the border into the Republic of Serbia. Arrive in Nis, an important crossroad between Central Europe and the Middle East. After an orientation tour of the city with its many historically important sites, enjoy lunch at a popular café. This emerging city was settled in pre-Roman times and flourished during the time of Emperor Constantine. See the remains of the Turkish fort from the 18th century, now a bustling central recreation area filled with shops, cafes and restaurants. Your journey continues to Belgrade, one of the oldest cities in Europe with a long and tumultuous history. This evening's dinner is at a typical restaurant in the Old Bohemian Quarter of Skadarlija, accented by music and songs. Toast your fellow travelers this evening with Rakia, a delicious fruit brandy popular in the Balkans

Overnight: Belgrade

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

DAY 5, Monday - Belgrade City Tour

Today's sightseeing of historic Belgrade includes a visit to the imposing Kalemegdan Fortress, dramatically set at the confluence of the Sava and Danube rivers. Built in stages between the 1st and 18th centuries, this fortress witnessed major defensive battles. View the Republic Square, bustling Knez Mihajlova Street, the imposing Saint Sava Temple, one of the largest Orthodox churches in the world and Marshal Tito's Memorial. Time this afternoon on your own. Perhaps revisit the Old Bohemian Quarter of Skadarlija, frequently compared to Montmartre in Paris, both in appearance as well as its artistic atmosphere. This evening, join the *optional* Danube Cruise with Dinner. Take a scenic river cruise and marvel at the magnificent views of Belgrade. Afterwards, enjoy dinner of local delicacies at a restaurant on the banks of the Danube River

Optional: Danube Cruise with Dinner

Overnight: Belgrade

Meals: Breakfast

DAY 6, Tuesday - Tour Novi Sad & Timisoara

Drive through the ever changing landscape to Novi Sad, an interesting mix of Serbian culture and Austro-Hungarian architecture, nestled on the Danube. A walking tour introduces you to the city's major highlights including the Petrovaradin Citadel, also known as the "Gibraltar of the Danube," towering over the river. Then travel to Timisoara in Romania a vibrant city on the Bega River, built around lavish parks and gardens where the Romanian revolution began in 1989. View the ruins of the Timisoara Fortress, 14th century Hunaidy Castle, and the elegant residential section. Dinner together at a local restaurant. Afterwards, opt to explore the non-stop nightlife of Timisoara, named "Little Vienna," home to year-round cultural performances

Overnight: Timisoara

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 7, Wednesday - Depart for Sibiu*, Visit Hunedoara en Route

The drive this morning takes you to the region of Transylvania. Visit the mythical 14th century Hunedoara Castle built on old Roman fortifications with huge pointed towers, a massive drawbridge and soaring battlements. This fortress, transformed many times over the years, became the castle of Matthias Corvinus, known as the "Raven King." Then, drive to the charming town of Sibiu, with its maze of cobbled streets and baroque squares. This cultural center of Europe attracted many musicians in the 19th century and today is the center of Romania's major music festivals

**May 2 and 9 Departures: Day 7 will include Sibiu city Tour and will stay overnight in Sighisoara*

Overnight: Sibiu

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 8, Thursday - Tour Sibiu & Sighisoara, Travel to Brasov

A guided walking tour begins the day in the Bohemian Old Town that still retains the grandeur of its earlier days with a medieval wall guarding the historic area where narrow streets pass by steep-roofed 17th century buildings. View Great Square, Little Square and the Evangelical Cathedral. At the Bridge of Lies, the first forged iron bridge in the country, view decorations of rosettes and geometric motifs. Then depart to Sighisoara, the best-preserved medieval city in Southeastern Europe with fortified walls, cobblestone lanes and 16th century gingerbread houses. Tour the town's famous Clock Tower Museum; view the workings of the magnificent clock with its moving wooden figurines. Then head south to Brasov, nestled at the foot of the Carpathian Mountains. Upon arrival, a walking tour of this lovely city famous for its Town Hall Square filled with ornately trimmed baroque structures and the first Romanian school, with its collection of rare books. Tonight, enjoy dinner together

Overnight: Brasov

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 9, Friday - Tour Bran Castle, Peles Castle & Sinaia Monastery en Route to Bucharest

Travel south to fabled Bran Castle, surrounded by an aura of mystery and legend, commonly known as "Dracula's Castle." Perched high atop a 200-foot-high rock, Bran Castle owes its fame to the commanding towers and turrets as well as to the myth created around Bram Stoker's character, Count Dracula. Tour the castle, that now serves as a museum displaying art and furniture collected by Queen Marie. Continue with a visit to the romantic Peles Castle, the summer home of King Carol I. Afterward, proceed to the 17th century Sinaia Monastery in the Prahova Valley, named after the great St. Catherine's Monastery on Mount Sinai. Take a tour of the monastery and its grounds. The museum of Sinaia Monastery is the first religious museum in the country and houses invaluable worship objects. Arrive in the Romanian capital of Bucharest with its lovely parks, gardens, wide boulevards and avenues shaded by centuries-old trees. Dinner and overnight in Bucharest

Overnight: Bucharest

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 10, Saturday - Bucharest City Tour

Morning tour in Bucharest, named the "Paris of the East," takes you to the replica of the French Arc de Triomphe, built in 1935 to commemorate the bravery of Romanian soldiers who fought in WWI. Visit the gigantic Parliament Palace*, second-largest building in the world after the Pentagon in the U.S. See the Romanian Athenaeum, the Opera House, the

National Military Club and the Military Academy, and visit the wondrous Patriarchal Cathedral, set atop one of the city's few hills and known as the centerpiece of the Romanian Orthodox faith since the 17th-century. In your free time this afternoon, stroll down Victory Avenue, a historic street lined with shops, museums, cafes and elegant homes. Bid farewell to your newfound friends and share wonderful memories at tonight's Farewell Dinner and festive Folklore Show

**Select departure dates between May 2 and Jun 15 will visit the Patriarchal Palace instead of the Parliament, due to scheduled European Union meetings.*

Overnight: Bucharest

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 11, Sunday - Depart Romania

Transfer to the airport for your departure flight

Meals: Breakfast

Note: itinerary may change depending on your day of departure.

Optional Sightseeing Tours:

Book your Optional Tours before you travel. See more, save time, save money.

- Tours purchased while travelling may cost an extra 10% or more
- Tours often sell out. Avoid disappointment
- Save your cash. Credit card processing may not be possible locally
- Travel insurance only covers services purchased prior to departure
- Call to book these tours up to 1 week before your departure
- The day the optionals operate varies by the day of the week

Rila Monastery Tour

This afternoon enjoy a guided tour to Rila, the highest mountain in Bulgaria. At 2925 m (9596 ft), Musala Peak is the highest peak in the Balkans and all of South-Eastern Europe. Visit the Monastery of Saint Ivan of Rila, better known as Rila Monastery, the largest and most famous Eastern Orthodox monastery in Bulgaria and a UNESCO World Heritage site.

Pick-up details to be advised locally. Approximate tour duration is 5.5 hours.

Day #3

01 May 2019 - 31 Oct 2019

AUD\$94.00



Sofia Folklore Dinner

Experience an evening of typical Bulgarian Hospitality, with a 4-course dinner, wine, music and dance.

Pick-up details to be advised locally. Approximate tour duration is 3.5 hours.

Day #3

01 May 2019 - 31 Oct 2019

AUD\$99.00



Danube Cruise with Dinner

This evening, enjoy a scenic river cruise. Belgrade occupies a very special location at the confluence of two great rivers- the Sava and the Danube. View the city from a different perspective and marvel at the magnificent views of central Belgrade; Old Belgrade consisting of the old Citadel and Kalemegdan, New Belgrade and the historic Zenum. At the end of the cruise, you will pass by Great War Island, a protected nature reserve with its characteristic flora and fauna. Afterwards, dinner of local delicacies at a restaurant on the banks of the Danube River.

Pick-up details to be advised locally. Approximate tour duration is 2.5 hours.

Day #5

01 May 2019 - 31 Oct 2019

AUD\$118.00



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- \$100 per person for all Tourist visa processing plus the cost for the visa fee.
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- \$100 per person to process insurance claims when travel insurance has not been purchased from this office.

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| Days' Notice | 90 or more | 75-90 | 65-75 | 65-1 |
| | Loss of Deposit and 50% loss of fare | 75% | 85% | 100% |

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