

**THE GREAT BALKANS ADVENTURE ( UPGRADED )**  
**21DAYS/18 NIGHTS ( 10 COUNTRIES )**  
**Hungary – Austria-Slovenia- Croatia ( 3 Islands Cruise ) –**  
**Montenegro- Macedonia- Bosnia and Herzegovia- Serbia – Albania-**  
**Romania**

**UPGRADED**

**THE BEST OF 21D/18N BALKANS**  
with 3 ISLAND CRUISE in CROATIA

**10 COUNTRIES**  
HUNGARY • AUSTRIA • SLOVENIA • CROATIA 3 ISLAND CRUISE • MONTENEGRO  
MACEDONIA • BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA • SERBIA • ALBANIA • ROMANIA

TLC TRAVEL | EUROPE 2024

## DAY TO DAY ITINERARY

### **DAY 01 – MANILA AIRPORT**

Meet at NAIA Terminal 4 hours before your scheduled flight check in, proceed to immigration and finally to assigned boarding gate.

### **OCT 02/DAY 1 ARRIVAL BUDAPEST, Hungary (D)**

Arrival Budapest International Airport. Meet and assist with our guide. Transfer to hotel for check in and resting. Dinner and overnight at the hotel.

### **DAY 3 BUDAPEST, Hungary / Danube Dinner Cruise (B/L/D)**

Breakfast inside hotel and we will take you for sightseeing in the most cosmopolitan metropolis of Eastern Europe. Drive in Buda and Pest, the twin towns of the Hungarian capital linked by many spectacular bridges across Danube. See the Citadel on Mount Gellert, the ornate Parliament, and visit Hero Square. From the Fisherman's Bastion, enjoy a panoramic view of the sprawling city, home to more than 1/5 of the Hungarian population. Admire the 14th century Matthias Coronation Church. In the night of our tour, romance will be in the air as you join an evening cruise along the Danube River pass Budapest's crown jewel its parliament brilliantly lit at night. Enjoy dinner with local dances onboard. After this lovely evening, back to hotel, dinner and overnight.

### **DAY 4 PARNDORF – VIENNA Austria (B/D)**

Breakfast at the hotel and check out from the hotel. Transfer to Parndorf Outlet and have some free time for shopping in Parndorf. we start exploring Vienna. During this tour, you will see some of the main historical sights of Vienna. We will take you down the Ringstrasse, show you the MAK, State Opera House, the spectacular Museum of Fine Arts, the Natural History Museum, the Museum Quarter, The Hofburg, the Parliament, the City Hall and the Burgtheater as well as the Belvedere. Afterwards transfer to restaurant for dinner, after dinner we transfer to hotel for overnight.

### **DAY 5 VIENNA – HALLSTATT – LJUBLJANA, Slovenia (B/L/D)**

Breakfast inside hotel then check-out and board your coach and travel to Hallstatt. Hallstatt, a village in Austria's mountainous Salzkammergut region. Its 16-century Alpine Houses and Gothic Catholic Church sit on Lake Hallstatt western shore. Walking in Hallstatt Village and experience Hallstatt Cable Car. Afterwards transfer to restaurant for lunch then travel to Ljubljana. Upon arrival transfer to hotel for check-in, dinner, and overnight.

### **DAY 6 LAKE BLEED – LJUBLJANA, Slovenia (B/L/D)**

Breakfast inside hotel then proceed to Lake Bled. Experience Pletna Boat ride to visit the island and Old Church of Assumption of Mary, also known as The Church of Mary the Queen inside it with the walking 99 steps to reach the top of the 14th century church. A sightseeing tour of Bled features the charming town with the lakeshore, and imposing Bled Castle, perched on a cliff high above the lake with a view of romantic little island with its church and mysterious wishing bell. Ring the wishing bell, return to Bled by boat. Lunch will be in a restaurant with picturesque view. Afterwards we will drive back to Ljubljana and we will then start to discover the capital city of Slovenia which is one of the most beautiful cities in the Balkan Region.

During the city tour; Medieval Castle, City Hall, Cathedral of St. Nicholas, and Triple and Dragon Bridge will be seen. Have some free time to walk around and appreciate the charm and beauty of Ljubljana that captures the heart of its every visitor. Dinner will be in local restaurant in Old Town. As the day ends, we will head back to our hotel in Ljubljana for overnight.

### **DAY 7 POSTOJNA – PLITVICE, Slovenia (B/L/D)**

Breakfast inside hotel then check-out and proceed to Postojna caves. The jaw-dropping Postojna Cave system, a series of caverns, halls, and passages some 24km long and two million years old, was hollowed out by the Pivka River, which enters temperature of 8°C to 10°C with a humidity of 95%, so a warm jacket and decent shoes are advised. Afterwards we will have our lunch then drive to Plitvice Lakes National Park. Plitvice National Park is one of the oldest in Southeast Europe and largest in Croatia. In 1979 it was added to the UNESCO World Heritage register. It was founded in 1949 and is situated in the mountainous karst area of central Croatia, at the border to Bosnia and Herzegovina. The important north-south road connection, which passes through the national park area, connects the Croatian inland with the Adriatic coastal region. Lunch will be in Plitvice. Transfer to hotel for check in and resting. Dinner and overnight will be in the hotel.

### **DAY 8 TROJIR / SPLIT, Croatia (B/L/D)**

Breakfast inside hotel then check-out and depart to Trogir. Get a walk in that city which has town under UNESCO World Heritage listed. Visit the Old Town and the Romanesque portal of Trojir Cathedral and also Cathedral of St. Lawrence. Have free time to walk next to the Adriatic coast. Lunch will be enroute before we head to Split, start city tour by visiting the Diocletian's Palace on the UNESCO's List of World Cultural Heritage with Peristyle, Jupiter's Temple, and the Cathedral. Enjoy a walking tour of the 1700 year old Diocletian's Palace in the heart of Split's old town. Free time for individual shopping in the Old Town before we gather again for dinner. In the evening we then proceed to our hotel for check in and overnight.

### **DAY 9 SPLIT – SARAJEVO (B/L/D)**

Breakfast inside hotel then check-out from the hotel. Early morning we will depart for Sarajevo. Lunch will be enroute then continue to Sarajevo. Today, we will discover Sarajevo which is called Jerusalem of the Europe. During the city tour; Sacred Heart Catholic Cathedral, Synagogue, Begova Mosque, Orthodox Church, Fire of Freedom, Sebil, Old Bazaar. Cathedral of Sacred Jesus heart: This is a largest catholic cathedral located in Austrian architecture part of the city. It is the largest cathedral in Bosnia and Herzegovina. This holy structure is functional for the prayer services for the local believers and tourists as well. The building was damaged during the Siege of Sarajevo after which went under the reconstruction. Upon this walking by Eternal Flame a memorial to the military and civilian victims of all Yugoslavian nationalities and religions who were fighting against the fascism during the Second World War in Sarajevo. The memorial was dedicated to the date 6th April 1946. Free time in Ferhadija Street. Transfer to hotel for resting. Dinner will be in traditional restaurant. Overnight will be in the hotel.

### **DAY 10 SARAJEVO – MOSTAR – MEDJUGORJE, Bosnia (B/L/D)**

Breakfast inside hotel then check-out and then we will then proceed to Mostar and have our lunch first. Here we will see the remains of the Turkish quarter and the reconstruction efforts on the 16th century stone bridge, today inscribed on World Heritage List by UNESCO, Muslibegovica House is ideal example of Mostar's grand houses of the Ottoman period and Karadjoz-bey mosque, considered to be the most beautiful mosque in the region of Herzegovina. Mostar was founded in the 15th century and is stunning in its beauty. The architecture is a precious combination of Turkish ingenuity and Herz. We will continue to Medjugorje. Upon arrival proceed for a city tour in Medugorje (Medjugorje ("between the hills") has become well known in Bosnia-Herzegovina, and the world, because of six young people who claim to have seen visions of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Beginning on June 24, 1981, the Blessed Mother appeared to, and later told the visionaries, God sent her to our world to help us convert our hearts and lives back to Him. Our Lady's call is one of Peace, Love, Faith, Conversion, Prayer, and Fasting. We are each challenged to answer Our Lady's call to change our lives, and hearts back to God. In Međugorje visiting of Catholic Churches and holy places, full of faith getting from Medugorje. Free time for private devotion and meditation then we transfer to hotel for check-in, dinner, and overnight.

#### **DAY 11 MEDJUGORJE – DUBROVNIK, Croatia (B/L/D)**

Breakfast inside hotel then check out. Proceed to Dubrovnik. Upon arrival, exploring will start with the walking tour of the city which is on the UNESCO's List of Cultural Heritage. This ancient town, surrounded by ramparts and fortresses is a treasure trove of architectural and cultural master pieces, scrupulously preserved over the centuries. Here you will have Game of Thrones tour around the walled city, a pleasant walk that will take you to the Franciscan Monastery with its 14th century pharmacy, which is still operating today, and see other places of interest. Free time for shopping in Dubrovnik. Afterwards proceed to hotel for check-in, dinner and overnight.

#### **DAY 12 DUBROVNIK (THREE ISLANDS TOUR) (B/L/D)**

Breakfast in the hotel. Leave from the hotel by our private bus to the port to take in our cruise. Get in our cruise and start perfect tour to Three Islands. Our first stop is Lopud, traditionally island of Dubrovnik seamen and captains, famous for its sandy beaches, Franciscan monastery, early-medieval architecture and the beautiful Arboretum. We have almost 4 hours to explore this island and its most famous beach –The Island has a small grocery & souvenir shop, postal office, etc. Lunch in Lopud Island at Restaurant Obala. After lunch, we make a small stop at Suđurađ port on Šipan, the largest of the Elaphiti islands. During the XV century many aristocratic Dubrovnik families-built summer manors on Šipan. You get to visit the amazing Skočibuha castle fortified by two towers built to repel the pirates of the times. There is enough time to taste the renowned Šipan wine, or enjoy coffee and ice-cream. The third island on our cruise is Koločep. We will spend somewhat over 1 hour at this, smallest settled island in the Elaphite Archipelago, famous for fishermen, coral and thick pine tree forest reaching the very sea. You will have the chance to explore a picture-postcard village set around little bay with sandy and pebbly beaches. Sandy beach is just few steps away from the boat stop. Arrival back to Dubrovnik and free time in Old Town. Dinner and overnight will be in the hotel.

#### **DAY 13 DUBROVNIK – KOTOR – BUDVA, Montenegro (B/L/D)**

Breakfast at the hotel and check out from then departure for Kotor. Arrival to Kotor and we will lunch in local restaurant. Later start city tour in Kotor. During the city tour; Shame wall, Orthodox Square, Major Building, tourism school, Weapon Square will be visited. Free time in Old Town. Transfer to Budva and free time in Budva Old Town. Continue to hotel for check in and overnight.

#### **DAY 14 BUDVA – TIRANA – OHRID, Macedonia (B/L/D)**

Breakfast inside hotel then departure for Tirana. We will have walking city tour in Tirana and Iskender Bey Square, Ethem Bey Mosque, Opera Building, and Ministries Buildings will be seen. Lunch will be in local restaurant. Then proceed to Ohrid. Firstly, we will have cruise tour on Ohrid Lake. Afterwards, we will have walking city tour in Ohrid Old town. Cinar Square, Kuloglu Mosque, Ottoman Homes and Mosques, Ohrid Lake, Amphitheater, Aya Sofia Church will be visited. Free time for shopping. Dinner will be in traditional restaurant. Overnight will be in the hotel.

#### **DAY 15 OHRID – ST. NAUM MONASTERY – OHRID (B/L/D)**

Breakfast inside hotel then departure for St. Naum Monastery. Visit St. Naum Monastery. The monastery was established in the Bulgarian Empire in the year 905 by St Naum of Ohrid himself. St Naum is also buried in the church. Since the 16th century a Greek school had functioned in the monastery. The area where the monastery of St Naum (Albanian: Shën Naum) lies belonged to Albania for a short period from 1912 until June 28, 1925, when Zog of Albania ceded it to Yugoslavia as a result of negotiations between Albania and Yugoslavia and as a gesture of goodwill. The Lake Ohrid area, including St Naum, is one of the most popular tourist destinations in Macedonia. Experience traditional wherry ride on the source of Ohrid Lake. Lunch will be in traditional restaurant. Back to Ohrid and free time in Old Ohrid Bazaar. Dinner will be in local restaurant. Overnight back to hotel.

#### **DAY 16 OHRID– MATKA – SKOPJE, Macedonia (B/L/D)**

Breakfast inside hotel and check out. Today, we will first depart for Matka Matka Village. Upon arrival, Lunch will be in local restaurant. Visit Matka Canyon and experience small boat tour on the Canyon. Matka is a canyon located west of central Skopje, Macedonia. Covering roughly 5,000 hectares, Matka is one of the most popular outdoor destinations in Macedonia and is home to several medieval monasteries. The Matka Lake within the Matka Canyon is the oldest artificial lake in contry. There are ten caves at Matka Canyon, with the shortest in length being 20 meters, and the longest being 176 meters. The canyon also features two vertical pits, both roughly extending 35 meters. Free time in that beautiful nature. Proceed to Skopje. Upon arrival, transfer to hotel for check in and resting. Our hotel located in the heart of the Skopje. Those who wants to discover Skopje, can join city tour which our guide will provide for you. During the city tour; Square of Macedonia, Stone Bridge, Statue of Alexander, Castle of Skopje, Mustafa Pasha Mosque, Murat Pasha Mosque, Yahya Pasha Mosque, House of Mother Theresa, Ristik's Palace will be seen. Dinner will be in traditional restaurant with local music team. Overnight will be in the hotel.

#### **DAY 17 SKOPJE – BELGRADE, Serbia (B/L/D)**

Breakfast inside hotel and check out and departure for Belgrade. Upon arrival, we will have lunch in local restaurant. After lunch, start exploring the Belgrade, which is also called “White City”. Belgrade is the capital of the southeast European country of Serbia. Its most significant landmark is the Beogradska Tvrđava, an imposing fortress at the confluence of the Danube and the Sava rivers. The fort is a testament to the city's strategic importance to the Roman, Byzantine, Ottoman, Serbian and Austrian empires, and it's now the site of several museums as well as Kalemegdan, a vast park. During the tour; Old Palace, Parliament, Kalemegdan, Istanbul Door, War Museum, Tito's Home, Nikola Tesla Museum will be visited. Some free time for shopping. Transfer to hotel for check in, dinner, and overnight.

#### **DAY 18 BELGRADE – NOVI SAD – TIMISOARA, Romania (B/L/D)**

Breakfast inside hotel and today, we will discover one of the most interesting region of Serbia which is called “ Vojvodina”. Our first visit place will be Novi Sad area. Upon arrival to Novi Sad, we will get our lunch in local restaurant. Continue to Petrovaradin Fortress, “Gibraltar on the Danube” with its huge defenses, clock tower, and subterranean galleries and then to Novi Sad, termed the “most westerly city in Eastern Europe” and “the most easterly city in Western Europe” such is its diverse mix of people. Drive north to Sremski Karlovci, stopping on route to visit 16th-century Krusedol Monastery. In Sremski Karlovci see the Baroque Four Lions Fountain, Fine Cathedral, and visit a wine cellar for some wine tasting. Free time then proceed to Timisoara. Timisoara: is the capital of Timis County, and the main social and economic and cultural place. Place to visit: Memorial Museum, Piata Libertati, Timisoara Orthodox Cathedral, Old Town, Museum of Banat...Piata Liberty (Liberty Square) was laid out in 1734 by the Italian architect Pietro del Bronzo. Flanked by the Baroque Old Town Hall and Military Club, it also has one of the city most famous Baroque monuments. The monument of St. John Nepomucence is also erected here. Free time. Transfer to hotel for check in and resting. Dinner and overnight will be in the hotel.

#### **DAY 19 TIMISOARA – SIBIU – BRASOV, Romania (B/L/D)**

Breakfast inside hotel and check out from the hotel. Departure for Sibiu which is a city in Transylvania, central Romania. It's known for Germanic architecture in its old town, the legacy of 12th-century Saxon settlers. Around the city are the remains of medieval walls and towers, including the 13th-century Council Tower. In the upper town, Brukenthal Palace now houses the Brukenthal National Museum, with European paintings. The nearby Evangelical Cathedral has gravestones in its walls. After city tour, we will have lunch in local restaurant. Free time. Proceed to Brasov. Upon arrival, check in the hotel and resting. Dinner and overnight will be in the hotel.

#### **DAY 20 BRASOV – BRAN CASTLE – PELES CASTLE – BUCHAREST, Romania (B/L/D)**

Breakfast in the hotel and check out from the hotel. Departure for Bran. Visit Bran Castle. Bran castle, situated near Bran and in the immediate vicinity of Brasov, is a national monument and landmark in Romania. The fortress is situated on the border between Transylvania and Wallachia, on DN73. Alternative name is Mister Valentin's house. Style medieval. Today the



castle owner is Dominic von Habsburg. Proceed to Peles Castle. Peles Castle, is a NeoRenaissance castle in the Carpathian Mountains, near Sinaia, in Prahova County on an existing medieval route linking Transylvania and Wallachia, built between 1873 and 1914. Departure for Sinaia. Upon arrival city tour in Sinaia, places to visit: Sinaia: is a town in Central Romania's Bucegi Mountains, surrounded by ski trails. Its 17th century Sinaia Monastery was once a royal family residence. Late lunch at traditional Sinaia tavern. Free time in local market, and Bran village. Proceed to Bucharest. Dinner and overnight will be at hotel restaurant

**DAY 21 BUCHAREST END (B/L)**

Breakfast inside hotel then check-out. Start panoramically city tour in Bucharest; During the city tour; Palace of Parliament, Calea Victoriei street, CEC building, Triumphal Arc, Revolution Square, Stavropoleos Church will be seen. Palace of Parliament, is the seat of the Parliament of Romania located on Dealul Arsenalului in central Bucharest, it is a largest administrative building in the world with a height of 84 meters, and area of 365,00 square meters, and volume of 2,550,000 cubic meters. Calea Victoriei street, initially the road was known as Ulita Mre also known as Drumul Brasovului (Brasov Road), being part of the trade route between Bucharest and the city of Brasov, in Transylvania. Triumphal Arc, Arcul de Triumph, is a triumphal arch located in the northern part of Bucharest, on the Kiseleff Road. The first, wooden, triumphal arch was built hurriedly after Romania gained its independence so that the victorius troops could march under it. Revolution Squere is a squere in central Bucharest, on Calea Victoriei, known as Piata Palatului, until 1989 later renamed after the 1989 Romanian Revolution. Lunch will be in local restaurant. Free time. Transfer to airport and end of our trip

**DAY 22 – ARRIVE MANILA ( End of Service )**

Home sweet home

**PACKAGE COST: \_\_\_\_\_ USD 6,274.00**

**PACKAGE INCLUSIONS:**

- ✓ Roundtrip Airline Ticket on Economy Class ( MNLVIE/OTPMNL Via Qatar Airlines
- ✓ Twin Share ACCOMMODATION Premium 4stars on BB
- ✓ Full Board Meals
- ✓ Tours and Private Transfers
- ✓ Entrances to : ***Dabube River Cruise, Bled Castle & Pletna Boat, Postojna Caves, Plitvice Lakes Kotor Old Town, Dubrovnik Three Islands Tour, Ohrid Lake Cruise , Karlovci Wine Tasting, Bran Castle, Peles Castle***
- ✓ English Speaking Guides
- ✓ ALL CITY TAXES
- ✓ Allocation on 1 Bottle of Water Everyday
- ✓ Accompanied by a Local Tour Escort
- ✓ Assistance of a Filipino Tour Leader
- ✓ Travel Insurance with Covid Coverage up to 75 years old
- ✓ Travel Kit and Freebies
- ✓ Visa Assistance

- ✓ Pre-departure briefing
- ✓ Private Check in Counter and Seat Assignments

**EXCLUSIONS / OTHER FEES:**

1. Tipping of 10USD per day x 20days ( **USD 200.00** )
2. Airline Taxes and PH tax ( **146.00USD** ) subject to change
3. Supplement for Travel Insurance Over-age
4. Domestic Tickets and Other Personal Expenses not stipulated in the inclusions
5. Visa Fee ( **PHP 12,500.00** )
6. Others which are not mentioned in the inclusions

**\* MINIMUM OF 30 PASSENGERS TO RUN THIS PROGRAM**

**REQUIRED VISA:**

- Multiple Entry Schengen Visa
- Deposit is required to secure Visa Letters from Operator
- Kindly refer to respective Embassy for complete list of Visa

**CONDITIONS OF RESPONSIBILITY:**

We, our employees, sub agents shall be responsible only for making arrangements as your travel agent. It shall not be responsible and liable for any accident, loss, injury, and damage to property in connection with any accommodation, transportation or other services resulting directly or indirectly from any occurrence or defects of vehicles, breakdown of equipment, acts of God, strikes, civil disturbances, theft, delay or cancellation or change in the itinerary. Baggage is at owner's risk throughout the trip. The company shall not hold liable in any form on any health problem/s that may occur during the trip brought about by pre-existing illness/es, disclosed or undisclosed by the passenger to us. We reserve the right to terminate servicing any participant who in its opinion is prejudicing the harmony of the tour group, a burden to the group or for any reason by his/ her conduct hinders the successful operation of the tour. Payment of reservation fee/ total tour cost shall constitute to all the provisions in the tour booking, payment and cancellation policies and conditions of responsibilities stated herein.

Others not inclusive: **The Cost of Ticket/Hotel for Visa Appearance, meals other than indicated and all others personal in nature.**

**BOOKING & PAYMENT CONDITIONS**

1. A non-refundable deposit (if visa is granted) of **\$500.00** is required upon submission of documents
2. Fifty percent of tour cost is required on **AUGUST 01, 2024** in payment for Airline Ticket which is due for issuance on the said date and **FULL PAYMENT** should be on **SEPTEMBER 01, 2024**
3. **CANCELLATION FEE: 50%** of tour cost if cancelled within 3 weeks before the departure.

**RATES, TOUR PROGRAMS & SCHEDULES** are subject to change if conditions so demand. TLC Travel and Tours, reserves the right to

postpone the departure if participants fall below the time. Tour fare is based on group departure therefore, non-endorsable, non re routable, with refunds, if any, is subject to cancellation and charges.

**REQUIREMENTS FOR VISA; REFER TO TLC TRAVEL DOCUMENTATIONS TEAM**

**FLIGHT DETAILS**

QR 933 01OCT 2 MNLDOH 1835 2300  
 QR 201 02OCT 3 DOHBUD 0225 0700  
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 QR 222 21OCT 1 OTPDOH 1730 2200  
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