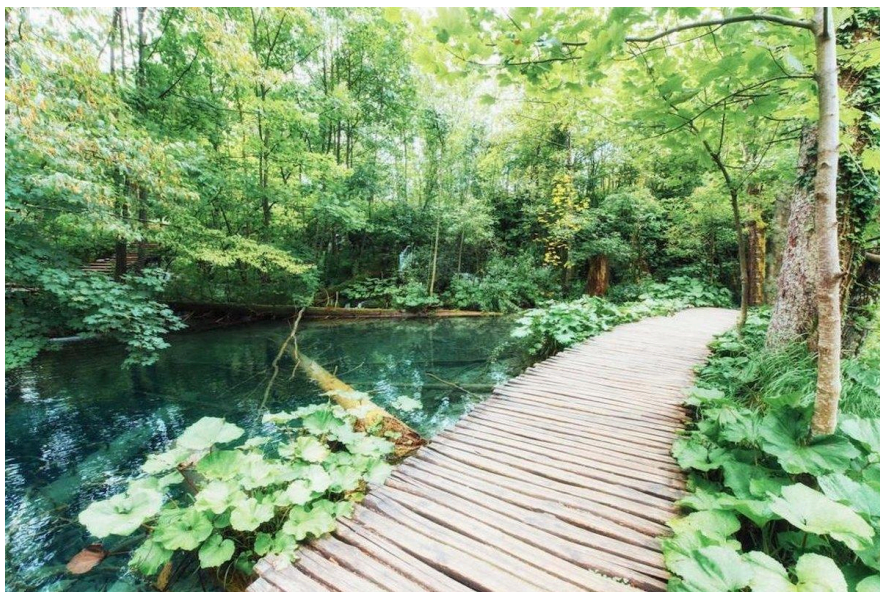




11 Days 10 Nights Istanbul – Milan Balkans to Italy

An 11-day, 10-night journey from Istanbul to Milan through Turkey, Bulgaria, North Macedonia, Albania, Montenegro, Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Italy.

Duration: 11 Days 10 Nights

Category: Balkan Tours

TOUR PROGRAMME

DAY 1

Day 1

Route: Istanbul → Edirne. Edirne City Tour: the second capital of the Ottoman Empire with 1,585 registered historic landmarks – historic mosques, grand palaces and the Edirne Grand Bazaar. Overnight: Edirne.

DAY 2

Day 2

Route: Edirne → Plovdiv → Sofia. Short break and Plovdiv city tour. Sofia City Tour: Alexander Nevsky Cathedral, the Holy Synod, the National Theatre and Banya Bashi Mosque. Overnight: Sofia. Breakfast included.

DAY 3

Day 3

Route: Sofia → Skopje → Ohrid. Skopje City Tour: Macedonia Square, the Stone Bridge, the Statue of Alexander the Great, Skopje Fortress, and the Mustafa Pasha, Murat Pasha and Yahya Pasha mosques. Ohrid City Tour: Činar Square, the Halveti Hayati Tekke, the Church of St. Sophia, the Ancient Theatre and Kuloglu Mosque. Overnight:

Ohrid. Breakfast included.

DAY 4

Day 4

Route: Ohrid → Tirana → Budva. Tirana City Tour (panoramic by coach): Skanderbeg Square and Et'hem Bey Mosque. Overnight: Budva. Breakfast included.

DAY 5

Day 5

Route: Budva → Kotor → Dubrovnik → Mostar. Budva City Tour: ancient city remains, the old city walls, Poets' Square, Churches' Square and the Citadel. Kotor City Tour: City Walls, Square of Arms, Clock Tower, Prince's Palace, Napoleon's Theatre, Cathedral of St. Tryphon, Maritime Museum and Orthodox Square. Dubrovnik City Tour: Stradun, Orlando's Column, the Rector's Palace, the oldest pharmacy in Europe, the Clock Tower, the War Museum and the Franciscan Monastery. Overnight: Mostar. Breakfast included.

DAY 6

Day 6

Route: Mostar → Sarajevo. Mostar city tour: Nesuh-aga Mosque, Old Town, Koski Mehmed Pasha Mosque, the Old Bridge and the Crooked (Narrow) Bridge. Sarajevo City Tour: Eternal Flame, City Hall & the House of Spite, Gazi Husrev Bey Mosque, the Bazaar, Sacred Heart Cathedral, Sebilj and Baščaršija Mosque. Overnight: Sarajevo. Breakfast included.

DAY 7

Day 7

Route: Sarajevo → Travnik → Jajce → Bihać. Village of Ahmići: the Shahid Memorial and Mosque. Travnik City Tour: Travnik Castle, Ibrahim Pasha Madrasa, Varoš Mosque and the Plava Voda (Blue Water) spring. Jajce Tour: Pliva Waterfall and Lake, and the Mlinčići open-air museum of historic watermills. Overnight: Bihać. Breakfast included.

DAY 8

Day 8

Route: Bihać → Plitvice Lakes → Zagreb. Visit to Plitvice Lakes National Park (UNESCO World Heritage Site): turquoise lakes linked by cascading waterfalls. Zagreb City Tour: Cathedral of St. Stephen, Dolac Market, the Stone Gate, St. Mark's Square, Museum of Naïve Art, Ban Jelačić Square, Zagreb City Scale Model and Strossmayer Promenade. Overnight: Zagreb. Breakfast included.

DAY 9

Day 9

Route: Zagreb → Venice. Venice City Tour: Piazza San Marco, the maze of narrow alleys, charming squares and superb art galleries. Optional: gondola ride in Venice. Overnight: Venice. Breakfast included.

DAY 10

Day 10

Route: Venice → Milan. Milan City Tour: Church of Santa Maria delle Grazie, Sforza Castle and the glamorous Galleria Vittorio Emanuele with its luxury stores. Overnight: Milan. Breakfast included.

DAY 11

Day 11

Transfer to the airport for departure. Breakfast included.

PRICING

Price

€1,980

INCLUDED IN TOUR FARE

- ✓ Accommodation in the hotels listed in the programme with daily buffet breakfast.
- ✓ All transfers between cities and hotels (18, 28/30 or 48/54-seat vehicle depending on group size).
- ✓ Under EU rules coaches may operate max. 12 hours per day; the itinerary may be adjusted for delays beyond our control.
- ✓ 0.5 L of water per person per day.
- ✓ English-speaking tour escort from the beginning until the end of the tour.
- ✓ Local tour guides in the cities specified in the itinerary.
- ✓ All city taxes, parking, local taxes and highway charges.
- ✓ Entrance fees: Venice boat transfer, Plitvice Lakes National Park.

NOT INCLUDED IN TOUR FARE

- Lunches and dinners.
- Flights / airfare.
- Travel insurance.
- Visa fees, if required.

- Personal expenses: drinks, hotel extras, laundry, telephone and medical expenses.
- Porterage services.
- Gratuities for guide and driver (minimum €3.00 per day for the guide + €2.00 per day for the driver).
- Optional activities and any services not specifically mentioned in the itinerary.