PREMIUM

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TREASURE OF THE BALKANS

TOUR CODE: EESKPA (Validity: 1 Apr to 31 Oct 2018)

In this incredible tour you will see the beautiful bountiful and bewildering Balkans. Discover the best of Romania, Bulgaria, Macedonia, Albania and Kosovo.

EXTENSIVE COVERAGE

ST. JOVAN KANEO OVER OHRID LAKE, MACEDONIA

HIGHLIGHTS

MACEDONIA

SKOPJE
- *House of Mother of Theresa*
- *Church of St. Spas*
- *Mustafa Pasha Mosque*
- *Fortress Kale*
- *Ohrid*
- *Ohrid Port*
- *Cathedral of St Sofia*

ALBANIA

TIRANA
- *Et'hem Bey Mosque*
- *Clock Tower*
- *Skanderbeg Square & Statue*

BERAT
- *Gorica Bridge*
- *Gorica Quarter*
- *King Mosque*

BULGARIA

VELIKO TARNOVO
- *Tsarevets Fortress*
- *Asen's Monument*

SOFIA
- *Aleksander Nevski Cathedral*
- *Boyana Church*
- *St. Sofia Church*
- *National Theatre*

RILA
- *Monastery*

ROMANIA

SINAIA
- *Peles Castle*

BRAN
- *Dracula Castle*

BRASOV
- *Black Church*
- *Council Square*

BUCHAREST
- *Parliament Palace*
- *Village Museum*
- *Victory Square*
- *Roman Square*
- *Unification Square*

DELICACIES

Meal Plan
9 Breakfasts, 10 Lunches, 9 Dinners

Specialities
- *Historic and gorgeous Romanian Palace Restaurant*
- *Folk Show in Traditional Bulgarian Restaurant*
- *Ohrid Special Trout Meal*

4-5★ HOTELS

SKOPJE Stone Bridge
OHRID Inex Gorica
BERAT Grand White City
TIRANA Hilton Garden
PRISTINA Parliament
SOFIA Radisson Blu
VELIKO TARNOVO Yantra
BUCHAREST Hilton
BRASOV Ambient

**Note: Hotels subject to final confirmation. Should there be changes, customers will be offered similar accommodations as stated in this list.*

DAY 1
HOME / SKOPJE
Meals on board
Assemble at the airport for your flight to **Skopje** – the capital of Macedonia.

DAY 2
SKOPJE
Meals on board/Lunch/Dinner
Explore **Skopje** with a walking tour of the old part of the town Charshi, where you can view the **Stone Bridge**. Not to be missed are some of the marvels which include the **Church St. Spas**, famous for its marvelous iconostas from 17th century, the **Old Bazaar**, **Fortress Kale**, **Mustapha Pasha Mosque**. During the tour we will also visit **Mother Teresa's birth house.**

DAY 3
SKOPJE › OHRID
Breakfast/ Ohrid Trout Lunch/Dinner
Continue to the lakeside resort of **Ohrid**, **Church of St. John,** a Macedonian Orthodox church situated on the cliff over Kaneo Beach overlooking **Lake Ohrid**. Join a sightseeing tour walk along the cobblestone streets of the old town, afterwards visit the **Ohrid port**. Consider joining an excursion to enjoy a **Boat Ride** on the lake or embark on an **excursion** to **St. Naum Monastery**, which was rebuilt between the 16th and 17th century as a multi-doomed, Byzantine-style structure on this cliff.

DAY 4
OHRID › BERAT
Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner
After a hearty breakfast in the hotel, spend the day at your leisure at lake Ohrid. After that, head to the historic city of **Berat** - also known as **"the city of a thousand windows",** which made the **UNESCO World Heritage** list in 2008.

DAY 5
BERAT › TIRANA
Breakfast/Lamb Lunch/Chinese Dinner
Embark on a **Berat** city tour - the ancient history of Albania from Roman period to modern times. We will visit the **Gorica Bridge** and **Gorica quarter**. Next, we will reach the **Medieval Centre** on foot, and see the **Helveti Teke**, **King Mosque** and **Dervish's Konak**. After that head to **Tirana,** the capital of **Albania.** Afterwards, explore the city and visit of the biggest attractions, like **Skanderbeg Square**, **Skanderbeg Statue**, **Et'hem Bey Mosque**, the **Clock Tower**. You may wish to make an excursion to **Kruja Castle**. Enjoy the panoramic views and visit the Skanderbeg Museum inside the castle with beautiful mural paintings and sculptures from renowned Albanian artists among other artifacts.

DAY 6
TIRANA › PRIZREN › PRISHTINA
Breakfast/Pork Lunch/Dinner
After breakfast, head towards **Prizren**, a historic city located in **Kosovo**. The city tour will take

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you through the **Albanian league of Prizren House**, **stone bridge**, **Sinan Pasha Mosque**, **Ethnographic museum**, **Prizren old town.** Continue to **Prishtina or Priština**, is the capital and largest city of **Kosovo.** The city has a majority Albanian population, alongside other smaller communities. The tour will then continue to take you through **Newborn Monument, Skanderbeg Monument and Pedestrian Street of Prishtina.**

DAY 7
PRISHTINA › RILA › SOFIA
Breakfast/Trout Lunch/Traditional Dinner with Folklore Show

This morning you will travel to the **Rila Mountains** where you will visit the famous **Rila Monastery**. The beautiful orthodox monastery was built in the 14th century and houses valuable paintings, thousands of manuscripts, old printed books and masterworks of wood carvings. Head towards **Sofia,** the capital of **Bulgaria.** In the evening enjoy a dinner at a local restaurant complete with **folklore performances** and the **traditional fire dances.**

DAY 8
SOFIA › VELIKO TARNOVO
Breakfast/Chinese Lunch/Lamb Dinner

Embark on a city tour of the Bulgarian capital city. In the heart of **Sofia,** visit the **St. Alexander Nevski Cathedral** and the **Boyana Church** which is a medieval Bulgarian Orthodox church situated on the outskirts of Sofia. In 1979, the building was added to the UNESCO **World Heritage** List. After lunch, drive to **Veliko Tarnovo**.

DAY 9
VELIKO TARNOVO › BUCHAREST
Breakfast/Chicken Lunch/Historic Restaurant-Caru' Cu Bere 1879

Visit the **Tsarevets Fortress**, once past the main gate, it is easy to navigate through the fortress on foot. The statue, **Asen's Monument**, which was erected exactly 800 years after the city was appointed capital of the Second Bulgarian Empire, commemorates the Tsars for their contributions to the city. After that, head to the sixth largest capital city of the European Union - **Bucharest**. The city tour will take you to the most important sites such as the **Arch of Triumph, Victory Square, Roman Square** and the **Unification Square**. Drop by the Constitution Square and see the façade of the **Palace of the Parliament**, which is the second largest building in the world.

DAY 10
BUCHAREST › SINAIA › BRASOV
Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner

Today make your way towards **Sinaia**. Here is where you will visit the **Peles Castle**, built in German Renaissance style, the **Peles Castle** is probably the most beautiful castle in Eastern Europe. Transfer to **Brasov**, also called the Crown of Transylvania. Discover the beautiful colorful **Old Town** with the **Council Square** and see the exterior of the **Black Church**, Romania's largest Gothic church.

DAY 11
BRASOV › BRAN › BUCHAREST › HOME
Breakfast/Ribs Lunch/Meals on Board

Drive to **Bran** and visit the famous **Bran Castle** - commonly known as **Dracula's castle**. Trace Dracula's footsteps and explore the eerie corridors and deathly cold rooms at your peril. After your visit, you'll find a souvenir and local crafts market – the perfect place to buy and bring home some souvenirs. Drive to **Bucharest** then head to the airport, where you will get ready to check-in for your flight back home**.**

DAY 12
HOME SWEET HOME
We hope you enjoyed your trip with our company and we look forward to seeing you again for your next trip.

Suggested Excursions:
Additional activities that complement your holidays will be at your own discretion and is entirely optional.
**minimum group size may apply*
- *St. Naum Monastery & Panorama Tour: €50*
- *Kruja Castle & City Tour: €50*
- *Lake Ohrid Boat ride: €20*

Tipping Guideline: (based on 12D9N)
- *€84 per person*

Note:
- *The sequence of the itinerary, flight schedules and hotels are subject to change without prior notice in the event of unforeseen circumstances.*
- *Activities are subject to weather conditions.*
- *During major events and festivals, accommodation may be re-located outside of the city or in another city without prior notice.*