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HIGHLIGHTS

North Macedonia – Skopje

- Old Stone Bridge
- Mother Theresa Memorial House
- Kale Fortress
- National Museum

North Macedonia – Ohrid

- Samuel Castle
- Kelment Church
- St Sofia Church
- Roman Amphitheatre
- Berat Castle
- Onufri National Museum of Icons
- King's Mosque, Bachelors' Mosque, Lead Mosque

Albania – Tirana

- City Square & Clock Tower
- Ethem Bej Mosque
- Pyramid & Mother Theresa Square

Albania – Shkodar

- Rozafa Castle

Montenegro

- Bay of Kotor
- Cathedral of Saint Tryphon

Bosnia and Herzegovina – Mostar

- Stari Most
- Old Bazaar
- Koski Mehmed Pasa Mosque

Bosnia and Herzegovina – Sarajevo

- Stari Grad
- Tunnel of Hope
- Bascarsija Square
- Sebilj Fountain
- Latin Bridge
- Gazi Husrev Bey's Mosque Complex

Bosnia and Herzegovina – Travnik

- Stari Grad
- Pilva Waterfall Jajce

DAY 1 SINGAPORE – SKOPJE (Meals On Board)

Assemble at Singapore Changi Airport for your flight to **Skopje**, capital city of North Macedonia.

DAY 2 SKOPJE (Meals On Board/Dinner)

Upon arrival, embark on a tour around the city of Skopje where it was an important city for the Ottomans from the end of the 14th century. The Skopje of today retains that influence and is a thriving modern city. The largest Turkish bath in the Balkans is located here and is now an art museum. First, visit the **Old Stone Bridge**, **Mother Theresa Memorial House**, **Mustafa Pasha Mosque**. Thereafter, proceed to the Skopje Fortress which commonly referred to as **Kale Fortress**, or simply Kale which derives in 'fortress' in Turkish. The historic fortress located in the old town and on the highest point in the city overlooking the Vardar River. It is also depicted on the coat of arms of Skopje, which in turn is incorporated in the city's flag. Next, visit the **National Museum** before you end your tour in the **Turkish Bazaar**.

DAY 3 SKOPJE – OHRID (Breakfast/Dinner)

Today, travel towards **Ohrid**, the largest city on **Lake Ohrid** and the eighth-largest city of North Macedonia. The city is rich in picturesque houses and monuments. From 1979 to 1980, Ohrid and Lake Ohrid were listed as Cultural and Natural World Heritage Sites by UNESCO. In fact, Ohrid is one of only 28 sites that are listed under UNESCO World Heritage for both Cultural and Natural sites. Visit the 11th century **Samuel Castle**, which commands a superb view of the whole lake. It is also one of the largest medieval fortifications preserved on Macedonian soil. Other sights included are important ancient churches such as **Kelment Church**, **Saint Sofia Church** and the 2000-year-old **Roman Amphitheatre** which currently is still in use. Spend some time free at leisure strolling within the old walls of the city. Do not miss an opportunity to set sail for a cruise ride over Lake Ohrid at your own expenses.

DAY 4 OHRID – BERAT – TIRANA (Breakfast/Dinner)

After breakfast, bid farewell to North Macedonia and continue your scenic drive to **Berat**, a city in Central Albania on the Osum River. Take a stroll into **Berat Castle**, a fortress overlooking the town dates mainly from the 13th century and contains many Byzantine churches in the area and Ottoman mosques. Visit **Onufri National Museum of Icons**, located in the inhabited quarter of the castle. Next, descend from the fortress to **Bachelors' Mosque**, built in 1827. The mosque has an attractive portico and an interesting external decoration of flowers, plants, and houses. Thereafter, visit the **King's Mosque**, the oldest mosque in the town built in the reign of Bayazid II during the year 1481 to 1512. It is notable for its fine ceiling. Continue to the **Lead Mosque**, built in 1555 and is currently a cultural monument of Albania. Leave behind Berat and travel to **Tirana**, the capital city of Albania and is known for its colorful Ottoman-, Fascist- and Soviet-era architecture.

DAY 5 TIRANA – SHKODRA – PODGORICA (Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner)

This morning, enjoy a walking tour of Tirana, where you will visit some important landmarks such as the **City Square**, **Clock tower**, **Ethem Bej Mosque**, **Pyramid** and **Mother Teresa Square**. Thereafter, travel to north-western city of Albania, **Shkodra**. The city is a cultural center, one of the oldest and the fifth most populous city in Albania. After lunch, view the ruins of **Rozafa Castle**, set on a hill high above the city before crossing the border towards **Podgorica**, the capital city of Montenegro.

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DAY 6 PODGORICA – MOSTAR (Breakfast/Dinner)

This day, enjoy a drive along the spectacular Montenegrin coast passing by the city of Budva followed by a spectacularly steep road down to the **Bay of Kotor**, the deepest fjord in Southern Europe and the only fjord in the Mediterranean. Visit the old town of **Kotor** which is protected by UNESCO and one of the best preserved and most beautiful medieval fortified towns in the Mediterranean. View the **Cathedral of Saint Tryphon**, the patron and protector of the city which is built on the same site where an older church had already existed long ago. Later cross the border towards **Mostar**, a city in southern Bosnia and Herzegovina, straddling the Neretva River and the fifth-largest city in the country.

DAY 7 MOSTAR (Breakfast/Lunch)

After breakfast, head over to **Stari Most**, an old bridge where the city was named after the keeper that guarded the medieval bridge. The Old Bridge, built by the Ottomans in the 16th century and is one of Bosnia and Herzegovina's most recognizable landmarks. It is considered as one of the most exemplary pieces of Islamic architecture in the Balkans. Explore the **Old Bazaar** and the cobbled **old town** that extends on both sides of the bridge and is filled with shops selling Oriental souvenirs. Some of the sights included are the **Koski Mehmed Pasa Mosque**, that was built in the year 1618 with a commanding view of the Stari from its minaret. Within the mosque, lit by an immense chandelier plus natural light filtered through coloured glass. Beautiful linear design work outlining the interior architectural shapes and mihrab. Spend the day free at leisure or you may wish to join an optional tour to Blagaj, a medieval fortress village established in the 15th century.

DAY 8 MOSTAR – SARAJEVO (Breakfast/Lunch/Dinner)

In the morning, continue to **Sarajevo** the capital and largest city of Bosnia and Herzegovina. Upon arrival, proceed for your city tour which includes visit to the **Tunnel of Hope** which was constructed during the Bosnian War as a means by which to link two Bosniak held territories that had been cut off by the Army of Republika Srpska. The tunnel provided a crude way to supply Bosniak, Pakistani, and UN units in Sarajevo. After which, stop by **Stari Grad** known as the Old Town. It is the oldest and most historically significant part of Sarajevo. Visit **Bascarsija Square** with its **Sebilj Fountain** and **Gazi Husrev Bey's Mosque Complex**. View some of the important and the city's most remarkable monument from the Ottoman period. Stop at the **Latin Bridge**, the place where World War One started.

DAY 9 SARAJEVO – TRAVNIK – JAJCE – SARAJEVO (Breakfast/Dinner)

Today, proceed to **Travnik**, a town and a municipality in Bosnia and Herzegovina. It is the administrative center of Central Bosnia, Canton of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina and was the capital city of the governors of Bosnia from 1699 to 1850. It has a cultural heritage dating from that period. Spend some time exploring the **old town** of Travnik, one of the oldest towns in Bosnia and Herzegovina, it is known for beautiful buildings dating back to the 15th century, an old fortress overlooking the town and unique cheese before you continue to **Jajce**. Stop by **Pilva Waterfall** where the river Pliva meets the river Vrbas. The waterfall is a large tufa, also known as travertine barrier, making over 22 meters cascade on the Pliva river.

DAY 10 SARAJEVO – SINGAPORE (Breakfast/Meals On Board)

After breakfast, spend the day free at leisure till your transfer pick-up to the airport for your flight home.

DAY 11 ARRIVE SINGAPORE

Remarks

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Sequence of itinerary may be subject to change.

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