#### **Detailed Itinerary:**

Day 1 – Zagreb

- Welcome to Zagreb! Transfer to your hotel.
- If you begin your trip in Zagreb, our guide will arrive in the city on Wednesday at approximately 3:00 p.m. You will have free time until the guide arrives.
- 3:00 p.m. To join the city tour, please come to the hotel reception.
- 4:00 p.m. City tour of Zagreb with a local guide. We will explore the highlights of the Croatian capital, including its two hills, the old quarter, the upper city, and the newer neighborhoods. The tour will last about two hours. Afterward, you will have free time to explore on your own. Dinner is included.
- Note: The schedules in this itinerary are indicative. The guide may adjust the timings based on the situation or season to enhance the quality of the tour.

# Day 2 - Zagreb - Banja Luka - Jajce - Sarajevo

- Scenery: Mountains, ancient castles.
- Note: Please bring your passport as we will cross into Bosnia. Occasionally, this
  journey may experience delays due to traffic or border procedures.
- Departure from Zagreb. We'll travel through hilly and forested areas in central Croatia on our way to Bosnia.
- Border crossing procedures entering Bosnia (delays are possible). We'll journey through regions marked by the remnants of war and ethnic conflict that took place in Bosnia during the 1990s.
- Banja Luka. Time to explore the capital of the autonomous entity of Republika Srpska and the second-largest city in Bosnia, after Sarajevo. Highlights include its boulevards, gardens, fortress, and Orthodox cathedral.
- Departure from Banja Luka. We'll continue through densely wooded regions.
- Arrival in what is perhaps the most beautiful town in Bosnia, known for its cultural mix, mosque, fortress, and impressive waterfall (admission included). Enjoy time for a walk and lunch.
- Departure from Jajce. We'll continue our journey to the capital of Bosnia.
- Sarajevo. We'll have time to explore the historic center, where you can stroll through the charming Bazaar, an old Ottoman market famous for its architecture, oriental atmosphere, and traditional shops.
- Dinner will be included.

## Day 3 - Sarajevo - Mostar - Dubrovnik/Cavtat

- Scenery: spectacular landscapes featuring mountains, rivers, waterfalls, lakes, and picturesque villages. Arrival in Dubrovnik includes stunning seascapes.
- Note: Please bring your passport, as we will be crossing into Croatia.
- In the morning, we'll enjoy a guided sightseeing tour in Sarajevo, a captivating city known as the "Jerusalem of Europe" due to its coexistence of several religions. Mosques, churches, and synagogues showcase its rich religious diversity. We'll explore the old town's strong Ottoman influence, highlighted by a magnificent mosque over 500 years old and a beautiful fountain.
- Departure from Sarajevo. Enjoy the breathtaking scenery of mountains and valleys along the way.

- Mostar. Free time to stroll and have lunch in this charming city, with its enchanting historic center and iconic stone bridge that separates the Orthodox, Muslim, and Catholic communities.
- Departure from Mostar. We'll continue our journey to Croatia.
- Dubrovnik/Cavtat. Dinner included.
- Note: Depending on the dates, accommodation may be in Dubrovnik or Cavtat, a coastal town near Dubrovnik.

### Day 4 – Dubrovnik

- We'll enjoy a panoramic tour of Dubrovnik with a local guide in the morning. We will
  undoubtedly be in one of the most beautiful cities in Europe, perched on a cliff,
  surrounded by walls and kissed by the Adriatic Sea.
- Its intact historic center is a jewel of world architectural heritage. We'll have the opportunity to enjoy a stunning view of the city from a scenic viewpoint along the road. The tour includes tickets to the Franciscan Monastery, home to the oldest pharmacy in Europe, and the Assumption Cathedral.
- We'll also take a boat trip to Lokrum, a small island just 15 minutes away that is home to the ruins of an eleventh-century Benedictine monastery, a popular setting for the series Game of Thrones.
- Afterward, you'll have free time to explore at your leisure before returning to the hotel in the late afternoon.
- Dinner will be included.

Note: On some occasions, accommodation may be in Cavtat, a coastal town near Dubrovnik. From November to March, there is no boat service to Lokrum, so we will not visit the island during these months.

### Day 5 - Dubrovnik - Kotor - Budva - Tirana

- Scenery: stunning landscapes along the Adriatic coast. The Bay of Kotor features some of the most beautiful scenery in Europe, with picturesque villages along the way. Albania offers a glimpse of a more rural and unique country.
- Note: Have your passports ready. We will cross the borders into Montenegro and Albania.
- Departure from Dubrovnik. We'll set off early for Montenegro and go through border procedures (which can sometimes take a while). After, we'll take a ferry to cross the beautiful Bay of Kotor. Enjoy the breathtaking scenery along the way.
- Kotor (time of arrival may vary). Take time to stroll through this beautiful walled town with a strong Venetian influence, set against a magnificent scenic backdrop.
- Departure from Kotor. We'll continue along stunning coastal landscapes.
- Budva, a picturesque walled enclave. Enjoy time for a stroll, take photos, and have lunch.
- Departure from Budva. We'll travel along the coast towards Albania.
- Arrival at the border for procedures, which can sometimes be lengthy. There will be time at the border to have a coffee and exchange money. We'll continue along small roads until we reach the capital of Albania.
- Arrival in Tirana for accommodation.
- Dinner will be included.

### Day 6 - Tirana - Struga - Ohrid

- Scenery: Mountain roads in Albania offer interesting views throughout the journey. The area around Lake Ohrid is particularly beautiful, with its crystal-clear waters.
- Note: Please have your passport with you. We will be crossing the border into Macedonia. Ensure you do not need a visa to enter.
- After breakfast, we'll take a city tour of Tirana, the capital of Albania, featuring its
  mosques, Clock Tower, and ministries. Our local guide will share insights about this
  small country. Enjoy some free time before we continue our journey. (This tour may
  alternatively take place in the evening upon arrival in Tirana, depending on daylight
  and the guide's decision.)
- Departure from Tirana. We'll travel through mountain scenery, arriving at Lake Ohrid, which forms the border with Macedonia and offers picturesque landscapes. We'll cross the border (there may sometimes be delays) and enter Macedonia.
- Struga. This picturesque town on the lake shore offers time for a stroll and lunch.
- Departure from Struga.
- Ohrid. This town, with its strong Ottoman influence, is a World Heritage Site. Enjoy
  time to explore the town center, after which we'll head to the hotel by the lake on the
  outskirts of town.
- Dinner will be included.

# Day 7 - Ohrid - Bitola - Kalambaka (Meteora)

- Scenery: Beautiful Balkan and northern Greek landscapes, with stunning mountain views in Greece and breathtaking scenery around the Meteora area.
- Notes: Keep your passport handy as we'll be entering Greece (Schengen zone).
- We'll visit the Meteora Valley, stopping at the most important Orthodox monasteries
  and touring one of them. Please wear appropriate clothing (skirts will be provided for
  women upon arrival at the monastery) and comfortable shoes for the climb.
- Departure from Ohrid. We'll travel through pleasant agricultural plains towards the border.
- Bitola. You'll get to know this charming city with its rich historical heritage, known for its Ottoman and neoclassical architecture, and have time to take a stroll down Širok Sokak, a pedestrian area lined with cafes, restaurants, and shops.
- Departure from Bitola. We'll head towards the border, where we'll complete
  formalities to enter Greece. Northern Greece, with its rugged geography, shows a
  strong Slavic and Ottoman influence. We'll continue towards the Meteora region.
- Kalabaka. Just outside the city, in Kastraki, we'll stop at a picturesque village offering beautiful valley views. You'll have time for lunch before we explore the awe-inspiring Meteora Valley, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. We'll tour the valley and include entry to one of the most famous monasteries, perched high on the rocks.
- Arrival in Kalabaka, with dinner included

## Day 8 - Kalambaka - Delphi - Hosios Loukas - Athens

- Scenery: Stunning landscapes of the Mediterranean and Delphi.
- Note: The order of the day's program may vary; we may visit the Hosios Loukas Monastery before Delphi.
- Departure from Kalabaka. We'll travel through Thessaly towards Central Greece, enjoying spectacular sea views, before reaching Delphi.

- Delphi. Admission included to the beautiful archaeological complex overlooking the Gulf of Corinth, a magical place. There will be time for lunch.
- Departure from Delphi. We'll continue our journey amidst mountains with Mount Parnassus dominating the landscape.
- Hosios Loukas Monastery. Arrival at one of the most beautiful Byzantine monasteries in Greece, a World Heritage Site, with breathtaking 11th-century mosaics.
- Departure from Hosios Loukas.
- Athens.

### Day 9 - Athens

- Athens, city tour and evening transfer.
- We'll embark on a city tour guided by a local expert, covering prominent sites such as the Presidential Mansion, the Panathenaic Stadium, where the first modern Olympic Games were held, the National Library, and the bustling squares of the city center. We'll also explore the newer neighborhoods that developed after the 2004 Olympic Games. The tour will conclude at the Acropolis (admission not included).
- In the evening, we'll provide a transfer to the historical neighborhood of Plaka, renowned for its charming Greek tavernas and vibrant atmosphere, where you can experience the rich folklore of this country.

# Day 10 - Athens

- After breakfast, our journey will come to an end, leaving you with wonderful lasting memories.
- Note: Please be aware that the hotel check-out time is usually 10:00 a.m. You can leave your luggage in reception upon check-out, allowing you to explore the city without carrying your bags. You can retrieve your luggage at your convenience later in the day. If you require additional time to use your room, we recommend booking an extra night at the end of your tour.

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