



## **Balkans Uncovered: Zagreb to Pristina**

35 days, Zagreb to Pristina

Trip code ECZP

### **What's included**

- Your G for Good Moment: Maritimo Recycling, Dubrovnik
- Your Welcome Moment: Meet Your CEO and Group

- Your Foodie Moment: Zadar Walking Food Tour, Zadar
- Your Foodie Moment: Oyster Farm Food and Wine Experience with Lunch, Uvala Bistrina
- Your Foodie Moment: Trebinje Market Tour, Trebinje
- Your Foodie Moment: Cheese Making Farm and Lunch, Trebinje
- Your Foodie Moment: Apiary Visit, Trebinje
- Your Foodie Moment: Three-Course Wine Pairing Dinner, Čitluk
- Your Foodie Moment: Sarajevo Food Tour, Sarajevo
- Your Local Living Moment: Hike to a Shepherd Outpost with Lunch, Tragjas
- Your Foodie Moment: Gjirokastër Winery Visit and Light Dinner, Gjirokastër
- Your Foodie Moment: Regional Cooking Demonstration and Light Lunch, Ohrid
- Orientation walks in Zagreb, Split and Dubrovnik
- Explore Plitvice Lakes National Park
- Hike in Krka Lakes National Park
- Full-day excursion to the islands of Prvic and Zlarin from Šibenik
- Walk along the old city wall of Ston
- Tvrdoš Monastery Visit and Wine Tasting
- Orientation walk in Trebinje
- Visit the town of Stolac and the necropolis tombstones
- See Kravica and Koćuša Waterfalls
- Dinner and wine pairing at a winery in Čitluk
- Visit the Pocitelj Ottoman stone town
- Hike to the Blagaj Fortress
- Visit the Dervish Monastery
- Guided walking tour of Mostar
- Turkish House coffee experience in Mostar
- Sarajevo Cable Car and Bobsled Track
- Kotor orientation walk
- Boat tour from Kotor to Perast
- Budva Old Town walk
- Visit Ostrog Monastery
- Full-day excursion to Biogradska Gora National Park
- Kolašin 4x4 Off-Road Excursion
- Orientation walk of Podgorica
- Theth National Park visit
- Walking tour of Shkoder
- Walking tour of Kruje
- Evening orientation walk of Tirana
- Tour of the Durrës archaeological site
- Orientation walk of Vlorë
- Visit Himare
- Entrance to the Ali Pasha Castle
- Visit Butrint National Archaeological Park
- Walking tour of Gjirokastër
- Walking tour of Berat

- Boat cruise on Lake Ohrid
- Ohrid orientation walk
- Visit Bitola and walk along the Sirok Sokak
- Winery tasting with light lunch
- Skopje walking tour
- Prizren orientation walk
- Prizren Fortress sunset walk
- Pristina walking tour
- All transport between destinations and to/from included activities

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**VALIDITY:** Valid for all trips departing February 11th, 2026 - December 31st, 2026

# Itinerary



## Itinerary Notes

2026 departures: Due to the seasonality, in the colder months, many local shops/cafes/restaurants are closed on island of Prvic, and activities there are limited, thus, instead of visiting 2 islands, you will be visiting only Zlarin, before arriving back to Šibenik for walking tour of the city with a local guide.

**NOTE:** Accommodations vary per departure and are subject to change until tour start date; they are not final and should be used as examples only. Travellers may login to the G Adventures App to view accommodations specific to their departure.

Day 1

## Zagreb

Arrive at any time. After a welcome briefing, set off with your CEO on a orientation walk to get your bearings of the area and to see some of the street graffiti art on the way to an optional group dinner.

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### Accommodation

Hotel Central Zagreb (or similar)

Hotel

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### Today's Activities

Zagreb Orientation Walk

Zagreb

30m-1h

Head out with your CEO to get your bearings in the vibrant city of Zagreb. Wander by some key sites and landmarks, and check out the amazing graffiti and street art along the way.

#### ACTIVITY

Your opportunity to meet your CEO and fellow travellers, and learn more about your tour. Opt to join the group for a local meal afterwards. Don't forget to see the notice in the lobby (or ask reception) for the official time and place to meet up with the group.

Day 2

## Zagreb/Plitvička Jezera

Travel south from Zagreb to the stunning and iconic Plitvice Lakes National Park. Explore the park's forests, crystal waters, and cascading falls with our CEO for incredible scenery, natural beauty and photo opportunities. Continue to the hotel in the evening, check in and relax before a delicious dinner.



### Meals included

Breakfast | Dinner



### Accommodation

Big House Hotel Plitvička Jezera (or similar)

Hotel



### Today's Activities

Plitvice Lakes National Park Visit

Plitvice Lakes National Park

3h

Explore the forests, crystal waters, and cascading falls of Plitvice Lakes with your CEO. Listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, Croatia's natural phenomenon of 16 interconnected lakes is a wonder to behold, explore, and provides endless photo opportunities of over 90 waterfalls

Private Vehicle

Zagreb - Plitvice Lakes National Park

2h-2h30m

132km

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

Private Vehicle

Plitvice Lakes National Park - Plitvička Jezera

30m

20km

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

Day 3

## Plitvička Jezera/Šibenik

Depart the hotel after breakfast and drive to the coastal city of Zadar. Discover the city on a walking food tour with a local guide, exploring the historic city centre and important landmarks and culminating in a secluded garden for lunch and wine tasting. Continue to Krka National Park for a hike through the lush forest along the river to a series of spectacular waterfalls. Finish the day in the nearby city of Šibenik and enjoy a free evening.



### Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch



### Accommodation

Hotel Jadran Šibenik (or similar)

Hotel



### Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Plitvička Jezera - Zadar

2h

120km

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

#### ACTIVITY

Take a walking tour of Zadar with a local guide and taste its culinary traditions. Walk around the historical city centre from the Sea Organ to the Roman Forum, Cathedral of St. Anastasia and the City Walls to other important landmarks. Learn about the city's history, culture, local legends and everyday life. Reaching a beautiful Wine Garden hidden inside a 16th century monument, taste bites of traditional Dalmatian food and three types of delicious local wines.

Private Vehicle

Zadar - Krka

1h

76km

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

Krka National Park Hike

Krka

2h

4km

Set off with your CEO for a hike in the Krka National Park. This is a moderate trail that offers a very scenic walk through lush forests and along the Krka River. The highlight is the breathtaking Skradinski Buk waterfall. The terrain is a mix of compact dirt and paved section, with an elevation gain/loss of approximately 100m.

Private Vehicle

Krka - Sibenik

1h

50km

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

Set off on a full-day excursion to explore the nearby islands of Prvic and Zlarin. Take the ferry first to Prvic and explore the old town and other parts of this small island with your CEO then hop on the next ferry to the nearby island of Zlarin. Populated since ancient times, Zlarin has many historical monuments worth exploring and offers incredible views over the islands natural vistas towards the Adriatic Sea. Return to Šibenik in the afternoon and take a stroll through the old town with your CEO before enjoying the rest of the day and evening at leisure.



## Meals included

Breakfast



## Accommodation

Hotel Jadran Šibenik (or similar)

Hotel



## Today's Activities

Excursion to Prvic and Zlarin Islands

Šibenik

6h-7h

Enjoy a full-day excursion to a couple of the coastal islands near Šibenik. Embark the ferry first to the island of Prvic to explore the historic old town with the CEO and other parts of the island near town. Hop on the next ferry to Zlarin with free time to grab lunch somewhere and to continue exploring. The island of Zlarin is the first island of the Šibenik archipelago, practically at the entrance to the Sveti Ante Canal along the mysterious walls of the Sveti Nikola fortress where the Adriatic winds rush to meet Šibenik. Because of its beauty, over the years it has been named Golden, Green, and Coral Island and has been populated since ancient times. The historical monuments of the island include the Church of Our Lady of Rašelj, the Church of the Assumption, and the Chapels of St Roche and Simon from the 17th century.

Day 5

## Šibenik/Makarska

Travel south along the coast today to the port city of Split. Explore the city with your CEO on an orientation walk to see some of the main sights and landmarks then enjoy free time for lunch and to continue exploring on your own with the chance to visit the Diocletian's Palace and the Riva promenade. In the late afternoon continue by bus to the city of Makarska to check into the hotel and enjoy a free evening.

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### Meals included

Breakfast

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### Accommodation

Hotel Biokovo Makarska (or similar)

Hotel



## Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Split - Sibenik

1h-1h30m

88km

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

Orientation Walk of Split

Split

1h

Join your CEO for an orientation walk of Split to get your bearings and to see some of the main sites. Brimming with high-quality restaurants, ancient architecture aplenty and one of the best stretches of Adriatic coast, Croatia's main ferry port is a year-round city break destination. Split, a stunning walled city on the Adriatic Sea, is best known for the splendid palace erected by the Roman emperor Diocletian. The old town of Split is compact and walkable. Visitors can easily access the city's primary attractions, including Diocletian's Palace and the Riva promenade.

Free Time

Split

Enjoy some free time in Split to continue exploring.

Private Vehicle

Split - Makarska

1h-1h30m

85km

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.



## Optional Activities - Day 5

Mestrovic Gallery

Split

30HRK

Filled with the incredible sculptures of Croatian artist and architect Ivan Meštrović, this gallery is beautiful inside and out. The gallery is housed in a villa designed by Meštrović as a summer home which overlooks a wonderful garden where you can view more sculptures and enjoy the breeze from the sea.

Bacvice Beach Visit

Split

Free

Head to this local hot spot to soak up some rays or play in the calm waters. The sandy shores are often packed with rows of lounge chairs and umbrellas, but it's still a great place to spend some time if you're looking to cool off. Visit some of the cafes along the waterfront, wade out into the shallow water, or rent a lounge chair and relax.

Diocletian's Palace

Split

Wander Diocletian's Palace, one of the most imposing Roman ruins in Europe. It took over 10 years to construct and is built of white stone imported from the island of Brač. Exploring this UNESCO World Heritage site is a perfect way to learn more about the history of Split.

St Duje Cathedral Visit

Split

15-40HRK

The Cathedral of St Duje is said to be the oldest cathedral in the world, built around 305 AD. Climb up the bell tower for excellent views of Split and the surrounding port area.

Day 6

## Makarska

Enjoy a full free day to take advantage of the many optional activities available in and around Makarska. Perhaps take a ferry to the island of Brač to explore on your own, take a tuk tuk tour, go zip-lining in the nearby town of Tucepi or just relax on the local beach.



### Meals included

Breakfast



### Accommodation

Hotel Biokovo Makarska (or similar)

Hotel



### Today's Activities

Free Time

Makarska

Take advantage of a free day to choose from the many optional activities available in the area.



### Optional Activities - Day 6

Brač Island Excursion

Otok Brač

Head to Brač Island to explore its coastline and beaches, and play in crystal clear waters. Have a barbeque lunch on a deserted beach, visit local vineyards, or go for a refreshing dip in the Mediterranean Sea. Be sure to visit the island's well-known Zlanti Rat beach, where the tides, currents, and wind are constantly shifting the shape of the beach.

Tuk Tuk Tour to Skywalk

Makarska

60-70EUR

2h-2h30m

Travel by tuk tuk from the town of Makarska and through the beautiful Biokovo Nature Park to the Skywalk, a glass walkway perched on the side of a cliff. Take in the incredible views in all directions from 1.228m above sea level.

Set off from Makarska along the coast and make a stop at a small bay called Uvala Bistrina to learn all about the local oyster farming and to sample some fresh ones and with wine and lunch from local ingredients. Take some free time to wander the town of Ston and to walk along the massive and historic Ston City wall which rewards those who climb it incredible views of the town and the surrounding mountains. Continue driving in the afternoon to Croatia's southernmost city, Dubrovnik and spend the rest of the evening at leisure.



## Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch



## Accommodation

Akademis Hotel Dubrovnik (or similar)

Hotel



## Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Ston - Dubrovnik

1h

60km

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

Private Vehicle

Makarska - Uvala Bistrina

2h

120km

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

### ACTIVITY

Walk along the bay of Uvala Bistrina and learn about the oyster farming tradition in the region. Stop at a rustic place to taste some fresh oysters and have lunch with wine, everything sourced from local products of the region

Visit Ston and Wall Walk

Ston

2h

Take a walk around the "Great Wall of Europe" in Ston: Ston was an important military fort of the Ragusan Republic, and the defensive walls are world-famous. Originally more than 7km long, it was the second largest in the world after the Great Wall of China and now up to 5.5km of it can still be explored.

Day 8

## Dubrovnik

Discover Dubrovnik today on an orientation walk with your CEO through the old part of the city and seeing some of the city's most iconic buildings and landmarks. Make a stop at the G Adventures-supported Maritimo Recycling, where artists are creatively working to clean up the Adriatic Sea. Then, take the rest of the day to continue exploring on your own, take an optional kayak excursion or relax in one of the many cafés and watch the world go by. Regroup in the evening for an optional dinner out on the town.



### Meals included

Breakfast



### Accommodation

Akademis Hotel Dubrovnik (or similar)

Hotel



### Today's Activities

Dubrovnik Orientation Walk With CEO

Dubrovnik

Enjoy a brief walk with your CEO around the city of Dubrovnik. Walk with your CEO and explore Dubrovnik old town, walk from the gate via main street called Stradun to the end. See Dubrovnik Cathedral, Lovrijenac Fort, and Franciscan Monastery. All visits are from outside with no entrance fees included.

#### ACTIVITY

Check out the environmentally-focused Maritimo Recycling, which turns plastic waste from the Adriatic Sea into useful products like fishing lures, sunglasses, and jewelry. The proceeds from the 3D printed products fund future sea cleanups, to create more products, to fund more cleanups, to... well, you get the point!

Free Time

Dubrovnik

Enjoy a free afternoon in Dubrovnik to continue exploring this incredible and beautiful city.

Day 9

## Dubrovnik/Trebinje

Enjoy a free morning in Dubrovnik for further exploration or for some last-minute shopping before departing around midday for Bosnia and Herzegovina. After driving across the border, make a stop at the Tvrdoš Monastery and sample some of the local wine then continue to a view point at the Hercegovačka Gračanica Temple to enjoy a great view of the city of Trebinje. Make a final stop at Arslanagić bridge before arriving to the hotel. In the evening, set off with your CEO on an orientation walk along the river and into the old town. Get your bearings of the area on the way to an optional group dinner.



### Meals included

Breakfast



### Accommodation

Hotel Integra (or similar)

Hotel



### Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Dubrovnik - Trebinje

4h

50km

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

Tvrdoš Monastery and Wine Tasting

Trebinje

Visit this beautiful 16th century Serbian Orthodox Monastery built on the foundations of a 4th century Roman church. Taste some of the local wine before continuing on to Trebinje.

Today is all about local flavours, culture and long-standing traditions.. Explore the organic market to sample some options and learn of the local specialties before transferring to a women run apiary and see how they manage the hives. Continue to a farm that has specialized in cheese making for more than 5 generations. Visit the farm and share a delicious farm-to-table lunch with the family. Understanding the local culture is made easier by immersing yourself in the cuisine, and there is no better way than this. The rest of the day is free after returning to Trebinje in the afternoon.



## Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch



## Accommodation

Hotel Integra (or similar)

Hotel



## Today's Activities

### ACTIVITY

Explore the local Green (Organic) Market. Begin with the meat and cheese vendors, sample some options and learn of the local specialties. Wander to the outdoor market and try seasonal fruits and vegetables grown from small scale farmers. Then meet with women who gather wild, medicinal plants and prepare traditional teas to cure various ailments.

### ACTIVITY

Join our guide at a local farm that has specialized in cheese making over more than 5 generations. Today the farm is moving beyond just sustenance farming and joining the slow food movement to build awareness about organic food production. Here you'll visit the farm to witness the cheese production before enjoying lunch with the family, outside overlooking the farm. Cheese and meat made on site, fruits and vegetables grown on the farm, and homemade bread - it doesn't get more farm to table than that.

### ACTIVITY

Climb aboard a private bus and set off to a local, family run apiary. Meet your guide and learn of the 5 generations of women who've built the farm into what it is today. Suit up in protective gear should you

wish, and see how they manage the hives. After, discover the honey and related products, learn more about the family history and enjoy the farm.

Head out of Trebinje in the morning by bus for a day of highlights. First, stop in Stolac to see the town centre then visit a UNESCO-listed site with ornamented necropolis tombstones to get a glimpse into how people lived in the Middle Ages. Continue to the spectacular Kravica waterfall and carry on to the lesser-visited Koćuša Waterfall to enjoy the scenery and have time for lunch. Later, travel to the town of Čitluk for the night and cap off the day with dinner at a winery, paired with their locally produced wines.

Please note: The pool is outdoors and can be impacted by temperature and overall weather.



## Meals included

Breakfast | Dinner



## Accommodation

Villa and Winecellar Ostojic (or similar)

Agriturismo



## Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Kravica - Veljaci

45m-1h

20km

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

Private Vehicle

Trebinje - Stolac

1h30m-2h

80km

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

Stolac Visit and Necropolis Tombstones

Stolac

1h30m

Visit the town centre of Stolac and learn about its history before reaching the Necropolis 'stećak' tombstones. Listed as a UNESCO World Heritage site, the necropolis consists of hundreds of ornamented tombstones and is part of a large local complex, one of many such sites across Bosnia and Herzegovina which give insights into how people lived in the Middle Ages.

Private Vehicle

Stolac - Kravica

1h

42km

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

Kravica Waterfall

Kravica

Take a moment to enjoy the Kravica waterfalls, arguably one of the most beautiful natural sites in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Surrounded by poplars and figs, this 25 meter high waterfall is a sight to be seen.

Koćuša Waterfall

Veljaci

1h30m-2h

The Koćuša Waterfall sits near the village of Veljaci on the Trebižat River. Enjoy time to visit this spectacular waterfall, a hidden gem with a restaurant on-site.

Private Vehicle

Veljaci - Čitluk

30m

24km

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

## ACTIVITY

Nestled amongst Herzegovinian vineyards, enjoy a 3-course meal and wine pairing at a family-run winery. This sunny, stone-riddled region has produced wine for centuries—and you get to savour its flavours alongside local dishes.

Immerse yourself in history today by visiting the Pocitelj Ottoman stone town and art colony, taking a short hike to the Blagaj Fortress, and soaking in the natural beauty of the Dervish Monastery, built on cliffs by the water at the mouth of the Buna River. Later, continue to the city of Mostar and set off on a guided walking tour before spending the rest of the evening at leisure.



## Meals included

Breakfast



## Accommodation

Carpe Diem Hotel Mostar (or similar)

Hotel



## Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Čitluk - Počitelj

30m

24km

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

Počitelj Fortress Visit

Počitelj

1h

Explore Pocitelj, an old Ottoman stone town and art colony boasting beautiful views of the surrounding village. Located along the Neretva river, Pocitelj is considered an open-air museum and hold significant architectural and historic value. Artists gather from around the world to be part of the largest operating art colony in southeast Europe.

Private Vehicle

Počitelj - Blagaj

30m

20km

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

Blagaj Fortress Hike

Blagaj

1h

Hike for approximately 20 minutes to explore the Blagaj Fortress, once hold to the Ruler of the region prior to the Ottoman conquest. The fortress sits atop the mountain, overlooking the Buna River spring below.

Dervish Monastery Visit

Blagaj

1h

This Ottoman-era building, built in 1520, is located at the base of an enormous cliff, next to a small waterfall from the Buna river. Take in the stunning blue water that's said to contain mystic properties.

Private Vehicle

Blagaj - Mostar

30m

20km

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

Guided Walking Tour of Mostar

Mostar

1h30m

Join a local expert guide and set off on a walking tour of the beautiful city of Mostar and its historic buildings and landmarks. See the iconic old bridge over the Neretva River and wander the narrow alleys lined with shops and market stalls.

Transfer from Mostar to Sarajevo today. Ascend the Mount Trebević for the best views of the city and visit the Abandoned Bobsled track which provides a glimpse into the city's complex history. Explore the vibrant Sarajevo and be immersed in the local culinary scene on a history and food tour that will serve as a delicious meal and a great introduction to the city.

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## Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch

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## Accommodation

Hotel Cosmopolit (or similar)

Hotel

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## Today's Activities

Local Train

Mostar – Sarajevo

Climb aboard, take your seat, and get around like the locals do.

Sarajevo Cable Car and Bobsled Track

Sarajevo

Admire Sarajevo from bird's-eye view, by ascending Mount Trebević via a cable car. Continue by visiting the nearby Abandoned Olympic Bobsled Track-one of Sarajevo's unique attractions Find out about it's connection to modern history and how nowadays it serves as a canvas for graffiti artists.

### ACTIVITY

Immerse yourself in the culture by sampling traditional Bosnian flavours. Learn about the rich history while exploring important landmarks, tiny alleys, local restaurants, and hawker markets with a local expert. Discover the city beyond the tourist attractions and fill your belly; what could be better?

Day 14

## Sarajevo

Take advantage of a free day to get the most out of the beautiful city of Sarajevo. Dive into the history and tragic past with countless museums and culturally significant monuments, take a graffiti art tour or just relax and sample local flavours at one of the many cafes.



### Meals included

Breakfast



### Accommodation

Hotel Cosmopolit (or similar)

Hotel



### Today's Activities

Free Time

Sarajevo

Set out to explore this historic city at your own pace. You may choose to take the funicular up to the old bobsled track or visit the Museum of the Assassination of Franz Ferdinand.



### Optional Activities - Day 14

National Museum of Bosnia and Herzegovina

Sarajevo

10-30BAM

1h-2h

Founded in 1888, the National Museum of Bosnia and Herzegovina is one of the oldest cultural and scientific institutions in the country.

Times of Misfortune Tour & Tunnel Museum

Sarajevo

54BAM

Walk in the footsteps of Sarajevans who endured the Siege (1992-1995). Visit many historical sights including a stunning viewpoint over the city, a cemetery where the defenders of Sarajevo are buried, and Sniper Alley. Learn about the Siege and absorb interesting stories about daily life.

Gallery 11/07/95

Sarajevo

12-15BAM

1h-2h

This gallery space aims to preserve the memory on Srebrenica tragedy and 8372 persons who tragically lost their lives during the genocide through photography, video and interactive documentary.

Day 15

## Sarajevo/Kotor

Depart from Sarajevo after breakfast for the drive into Montenegro with a stop at Bileća to stretch the legs and have a bite to eat. Arrive to Kotor in the afternoon and check into the hotel. In the evening, set off with your CEO on an orientation walk of Kotor's old town. Get your bearings of the area on the way to an optional group dinner.



### Meals included

Breakfast



### Accommodation

Hotel Marija 2 Dobrota (or similar)

Hotel



### Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Sarajevo - Kotor

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

Kotor Old Town Orientation Walk

Kotor

30m

Kotor is a fortified town on Montenegro's Adriatic coast, in a bay near the limestone cliffs of Mt. Lovćen. Characterized by winding streets and squares, its medieval old town has several Romanesque churches, including Kotor Cathedral. It's also home to the Maritime Museum, which explores local seafaring history. Sveti Đorđe, one of 2 tiny islands off the ancient town of Perast, features a centuries-old church.

Day 16

## Kotor

Hop on a boat from Kotor's port area and set off on a scenic ride in the Bay of Kotor, seeing a number of small islands and historical sites before arriving to the town of Perast. Spend some time exploring and wandering Perast's old town before returning to Kotor around midday. The rest of the day is free for individual exploration or for optional activities like museum visits or sea kayaking.



### Meals included

Breakfast



### Accommodation

Hotel Marija 2 Dobrota (or similar)

Hotel



### Today's Activities

Kotor Boat Tour

Kotor

2h-2h30m

Set off from Kotor's historic centre for a scenic boat ride past St. Mateus Church and the Temple of Our Lady to the artificial island known as Our Lady of the Rock. Afterwards, spend free time in Perast to admire the old town sights. Visit the 15th-century Our Lady of the Rock at your own pace Sightsee, dine, and shop in Perast's historic center independently before returning to Kotor.

Free Time

Kotor

Enjoy a free afternoon in Kotor to continue exploring.



### Optional Activities - Day 16

Kotor Maritime Museum

Kotor

5EUR

At the Maritime Museum, explore the history, culture and living artifacts that connect modern Kotor with its centuries-old naval traditions. Learn about the Boka Marines, a fraternity of sailors and navigators who helped shipbuilding flourish in the Balkans.

Sea Kayaking

Kotor

20EUR

Head out by sea kayak to fully appreciate this gorgeous area. Start just outside the Old Town walls and explore the coast. Stop at a beach bar for a break or a swim.

Kotor City Exploration

Kotor

Free

15m-30m

Take some time to explore this picturesque town surrounded by a walled fortress built by the Republic of Venice. Kotor has a Mediterranean feel to it and the bay offers a stunning backdrop for photographs.

Day 17

## Kotor/Žabljak

Travel south from Kotor to the coastal seaport town of Budva. Visit the old town on a walk with your CEO then continue inland to visit the striking Ostrog Monastery, perched high on a mountain cliff face, offering great views from the top. After lunch, drive towards Zabljak, a serene natural haven with diverse terrain and forest shade - our stop for the night.



### Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch



### Accommodation

Polar Star Hotel (or similar)

Hotel



### Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Budva - Bogetići

1h30m-2h

107km

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

Private Vehicle

Kotor - Budva

45m

23km

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

Private Vehicle

Bogetići - Žabljak

2h-2h30m

110km

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

Ostrog Monastery Visit

Bogetići

30m

The 17th century Ostrog Monastery and pilgrimage site that was rebuilt in the 1920s and dedicated to Saint Basil of Ostrog. Strikingly located high up against the cliff face, you'll visit the Lower Ostrog Monastery, and admire the views of Montenegrin countryside, the mountains and the cliff Monastery.

Budva Old Town Walk

Budva

1h-1h30m

Join your CEO for a walk in the old town of Budva: Stone walls built by the Venetians surround the narrow streets of the medieval old town (Stari Grad). This historic district is home to a seaside citadel and religious sites such as the Church of Santa Maria in Punta, established in the 9th century.

Day 18

## Žabljak/Kolašin

Head out after breakfast and drive to a hidden gem of natural beauty in Montenegro, Biogradska Gora National Park. Spend most of the day in the park, walking with the CEO around the lake and taking in the pristine forest and mountain scenery. After lunch in the park enjoy a bit of free time to rent a boat, a bike or a kayak to further explore the area. In the late afternoon, drive to the nearby town of Kolasin for the night, with an included dinner at our accommodation.



### Meals included

Breakfast | Dinner



### Accommodation

Elite Apartments (or similar)

Hotel



### Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Žabljak – Nacionalni Park Biogradska Gora

2h-2h30m

100km

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

Biogradska Gora National Park Visit

Nacionalni Park Biogradska Gora

5h

Set off with the CEO on a walk around Biogradska Gora National Park: Walk around the Biogradsko lake to discover this pearl of European natural heritage. Today almost the only European rainforest, was for a long time under the protection of rulers of these areas, and the National Park Biogradska Gora people say that not a single tree has been cut in it. Today, this natural reservation preserves dozens of plant and hundreds of animal species, which can only be found in this place in all of Europe. Biogradska Gora was proclaimed National Park in 1952.

Private Vehicle

Nacionalni Park Biogradska Gora – Kolašin

45m-1h

25km

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

Get picked up at the hotel in the morning by 4x4 vehicles for an unforgettable adventure. Head off-road and explore Montenegro's incredibly beautiful back country while traversing rugged terrain through mountains and forest. After lunch, take a bus south to the capital city of Podgorica and set off on a walking exploration of the old town, once a medieval stronghold. Enjoy an optional final dinner out with the group in the old town or near the hotel.



## Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch



## Accommodation

Hotel Kerber (or similar)

Hotel



## Today's Activities

Kolašin 4x4 Off-Road Excursion

Kolašin

4h

Be immersed in Montenegro's landscapes on a 4x4 excursion into the back-country. Head off-road in 4x4 vehicles to traverse the mountains, rivers and forests while exploring some of the most spectacular scenery in the country. Stop at various viewpoints along the way for photos before returning to Kolašin around midday.

Private Vehicle

Kolašin - Podgorica

1h30m

60km

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

Podgorica Old Town Orientation Walk

Podgorica

1h

The Old Town of Podgorica was a medieval stronghold. Near Ribnica and the bridge lies the old fortress built by the Turks in the 15th century, originally named Stari Grad, which Marko Miljanov wrote about in his book "The Examples of Humanity and Bravery". Although much of the structure has succumbed to time, the ruins offer a poignant reminder of Podgorica's medieval heritage and the city's strategic importance throughout the centuries. Throughout history and various upheavals, the fortress has borne many names, such as Ribnica, Birziminijum, Nemanja's city, and Podgorica fortress. Visitors to Stari Grad can explore the ruins and imagine the fortress in its heyday. Today, it offers a unique

backdrop for cultural events and a serene spot for visitors to reflect on the layers of history that define Podgorica.

Day 20

## Podgorica/Shkodër

Depart Podgorica and cross into Albania, reaching the beautiful natural scenery of Theth National Park. Explore the area with your CEO, walking through meadows full of wildflowers surrounded by mountain peaks, and marvel at the 25m high Grunasi Waterfall, cascading from a limestone cliff. In the afternoon continue to the city of Shkodër and check into the hotel, with the rest of the evening free to relax.



### Meals included

Breakfast



### Accommodation

Luminosa Hotel Shkoder (or similar)

Hotel



### Today's Activities

Theth National Park Visit

Theth

2h

Visit Theth National Park with your CEO. Situated at the end of a winding mountain road, Theth is home to just a few houses surrounded by looming mountain peaks and meadows full of wildflowers. Just 45 minutes from Theth village is the beautiful Grunasi Waterfall, a huge 25-meter-high cascade that falls from a dramatic limestone cliff. It's a 45-minute walk each way that crosses rocky paths and follows along the mountain river before heading up into the woods. As you go, discover wonderful views out across the mountain peaks—this is nature at its finest!

Private Vehicle

Podgorica - Theth

3h

92km

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

Private Vehicle

Theth - Shkodër

2h

77km

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

Day 21

## Shkodër

Set off this morning on a guided walking tour of Shkodër to see some of the main sights and to learn a bit about the city's history. Starting from the Ottoman-era Mesi bridge, walk to the old town and take in the panoramic views from Rozafa castle. Shkodër's cultural heritage is on full display through its historic architecture and monuments. The rest of the day is free to explore, visit museums or relax at a cafe or at the hotel.



### Meals included

Breakfast



### Accommodation

Luminosa Hotel Shkoder (or similar)

Hotel



### Today's Activities

Free Time

Shkodër

Sett off and explore Shkodër on your own this afternoon

Guided Walking Tour of Shkodër

Shkodër

1h-1h30m

Take a guided walking tour of the old town of Shkodër. Start with the Rozafa castle and then the Mesi bridge, then go into the old town to explore. The viewpoint from Rozafa castle gives you plenty of photos opportunities, with stunning views of Albania's "Accursed Mountains". The city's rich cultural heritage can be seen through its traditional architecture, monuments, and museums which tell stories from different eras of Albanian history. From ancient Illyrian settlements to Ottoman occupations and Italian rule during World War II – each period has left its mark on the cityscape of Shkodër for visitors to explore today.



### Optional Activities - Day 21

Site of Memory and Memorial Museum

Shkodër

This museum commemorates the victims of the communist regime in Shkodër; A visit starts with some general information about communism persecution in Shkodër, with a permanent exhibition of objects and documents of the time and ends in the original pre-trial holdings cells where prisoners were kept and tortured until their initial trial appearance. The museum's mission is to create a collective memory of recent past, to educate the new generation who should become aware of the past mistakes and never repeat them again.

Venice Art Mask Factory

Shkodër

3EUR

The Venice Art Mask Factory mask show features the most extensive and unique collection of Venetian luxury baroque hand crafted masks in paper mache and ceramic.

Day 22

## Shkodër/Tirana

Travel south from Shkodër this morning and stop in the small mountain town of Kruje. Explore the city on foot learn a bit about its fascinating history and significance since Roman times. After time for lunch, continue driving south to the city of Tirana, Albania's capital, and check into the hotel for the evening.



### Meals included

Breakfast



### Accommodation

Hotel Idea Signature Tirana (or similar)

Hotel



### Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Shkodër – Krujë

2h

85km

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

Krujë Visit

Krujë

1h30m

Krujë is more than just a small mountain village in Albania – it holds historical importance for various reasons. Back in the day, around the Roman era, the area was home to the so-called Albani. This ancient Balkan tribe turned the area into one of the more important cities of that time. Later, during the Middle Ages, it became the first capital of the Albanian state. However, the village is best known as the hometown of national hero Skanderbeg, a military commander who fought off Ottoman forces for 25 whole years before his death in 1468. Walk around the town, check the Old Bazaar, and visit the Castle of Krujë.

Private Vehicle

Krujë – Tirana

1h

40km

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

Day 23

## Tirana/Vlorë

Drive east from Tirana this morning to the coast, and to the ancient Roman remains of Durrës, dating back more than 3000 years. Explore the fascinating site with your CEO and see the massive amphitheatre which could hold up to 20,000 people. In the afternoon, continue south to the city of Vlorë and set off on an exploration walk of the old town to see the Muradie Mosque and other striking historical landmarks. The rest of the evening is free to relax and find a spot to watch the sunset over the Adriatic sea.



### Meals included

Breakfast



### Accommodation

Hotel Bologna Vlore (or similar)

Hotel



### Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Tirana - Durrës

45m-1h

38km

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

Visit Durrës

Durrës

1h-1h30m

Explore Durrës with your CEO, the most ancient city in Albania with almost 3,000 years of history. Its foundation dates back to 627 B.C. when the Corinthians and settlers from Corcyra invaded the Illyrian territory of the Taulants. The Durrës amphitheater is the largest and most important Roman amphitheater in Albania. Built in the 2nd century AD under Emperor Trajan, it once held up to 20,000 people for different spectating events, such as gladiator fights and other ancient games. The amphitheater was recently discovered in 1966 and is now one of the best ways to experience the city's ancient history.

Private Vehicle

Durrës - Vlorë

2h

125km

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

Orientation Walk of Vlorë

Vlorë

1h

Set off with your CEO on an orientation tour of Vlorë's Old Town. The Muradie Mosque (or Lead Mosque) is one of the most important structures in Vlorë. Built in 1537 by Ottoman Turkish architect Mimar Sinan and is distinctive for its exceptional brick work. Vlorë looks west over the Adriatic making it a perfect spot for watching the sunset as well.

Day 24

## Vlorë

Be immersed in Albanian culture today on a hike to a shepherd outpost in the mountains. Start walking from the community of Tragjas, heading up the mountain to meet the local shepherds who will share their time with us. Learn about their traditional life in the mountains and enjoy a delicious typical lunch before hiking back down to the bus for the trip back to Vlorë. The remainder of the day is free to explore the city or to relax.



### Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch



### Accommodation

Hotel Bologna Vlore (or similar)

Hotel



### Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Vlorë - Tragjas

30m

22km

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

ACTIVITY

5km

Go to the old Tragjas farm of Sofo and Dhurata. Hike a short trail of about 3km with an elevation of approximately 280m to get to the shepherds' outpost where one can enjoy the authentic life of the Albanians, their traditions and life in the mountains, so close to the sea. Enjoy a typical lunch at the farm before hiking back down to the bus to return to Vlorë.

Private Vehicle

Tragjas - Vlorë

30m

22km

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

Day 25

## Vlorë/Gjirokastër

Drive along the spectacular Albanian Riviera today to Gjirokastër with a number of stops and highlights along the way. First, visit the small beach town of Himarë and have a bit of time for lunch. Continue to Ksamil and visit the beautiful and historic castle of Ali Pasha, dramatically perched on the edge of a peninsula jutting out into the sea. Next visit the ruins of city of Butrint, a UNESCO-listed archaeological site that was once an ancient Greek city. Arrive to Gjirokastër in the evening and check into the hotel.



### Meals included

Breakfast



### Accommodation

Hotel Number One (or similar)

Hotel



### Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Vlorë - Himarë

1h30m-2h

66km

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

Visit Himarë

Himarë

1h

Explore Himarë with your CEO. The Old City of Himarë and its commanding hilltop castle stand as testament to the rich historical legacy of Albania. These ancient structures date back to Illyrian times and are revered as vital historical landmarks in this region. The old town is ingeniously laid out around the ancient castle and the Spilea coastal area, which serves as both a tourist hub and an economic centre for the region. Himarë has a promenade along the seashore lined with numerous Mediterranean-style taverns, creating a perfect atmosphere for leisurely strolls and dining with a view.

Private Vehicle

Himarë - Ksamil

1h30m-2h

62km

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

Ali Pasha Castle

Ksamil

Visit the beautiful and romantic Castle of Vasiliqia. Built in early 19th century by Ali Pasha of Tepelena, the “Mohametan Bonaparte” was made famous in Alexander Dumas’ The Count of Monte Cristo and poet George Gordon Byron’s Child Harold’s Pilgrimage.

Butrint National Archaeological Park

Ksamil

2h

Visit the ruins of the city of Butrint, excavated in 1944. This Greek city and UNESCO World Heritage Site was once a stopping point along trading routes but when the Roman Empire began to decline residents started to leave. After the city was flooded during an earthquake Butrint was abandoned and laid untouched for years under the mud and debris from the quake, preserving artifacts and protecting the ruins.

Private Vehicle

Ksamil - Gjirokastër

1h30m

70km

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

Set off after breakfast with your CEO to explore the old city of Gjirokastër. Pass by some of the historic sites like the obelisk and the imposing Girokastra Castle then take some free time to continue exploring and to find some lunch. In the afternoon, transfer to a local winery to tour the vineyard with one of the local experts and to taste their wines with a light dinner. The rest of the evening is free after returning to the hotel.



## Meals included

Breakfast | Dinner



## Accommodation

Hotel Number One (or similar)

Hotel



## Today's Activities

Gjirokastër Orientation Walk

Gjirokastër

1h-1h30m

Set off with your CEO to explore Gjirokastër and its main attractions. See the old town and the stunning historical landmarks like the Skendulaj House, the Obelisk, and Girokastra Castle with its Weapon Museum that used to be the castle's prison.

### ACTIVITY

This exclusive experience will be hosted at a local vineyard, passionately run by a family deeply rooted in winemaking, traditional rural cuisine, and hospitality. Tour the vineyard with one of the local on-site experts who will share insights into local grape varieties and the meticulous care that goes into cultivating them. Continue with a tasting of both white and red wines, each paired with regionally sourced accompaniments and fresh farm fruits.

Day 27

## Gjirokastër/Berat

Drive north today to the riverside city of Berat, known for its white Ottoman houses. In the afternoon, set off on an orientation walk with your CEO to explore. Visit the castle, the remains of a sprawling 13th century fortress as well as the traditional low neighbourhoods of Mangalem and Gorica. The remainder of the day is free to continue exploring before regrouping in the evening for an optional traditional Albanian meal and farewell dinner.



### Meals included

Breakfast



### Accommodation

Hotel Kaceli Berat (or similar)

Hotel



### Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Gjirokastër - Berat

3h

180km

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

Berat Orientation Walk

Berat

1h30m

Take an afternoon tour of Berat, led by your CEO. Tour of the Castle of Berat with its chapels, typical houses, the ancient walls of Antipatrea and the Orthodox Cathedral with its art collection from 16th century iconography artist Onufri. Visit the traditional low neighbourhoods of Mangalem and Gorica, (which gave Berat the nickname "Town of a 1001 Windows.")

Day 28

## Berat/Tirana

Leave Berat after breakfast for the drive back to Tirana, arriving around midday. Enjoy the rest of the afternoon and evening free to explore the city or to relax, then head out for an optional dinner in the evening with any new members who may be joining the group.



### Meals included

Breakfast



### Accommodation

Hotel Idea Signature Tirana (or similar)

Hotel



### Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Berat - Tirana

2h

120km

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

Free Time

Tirana

Sett off and explore historic Tirana on your own this afternoon.

Day 29

## Tirana/Ohrid

Cross the border into North Macedonia and travel to the beautiful city of Ohrid, referred to as the "Jerusalem of the Balkans" due to its 365 churches with one for each day of the year. Take some free time to find lunch in one of the bazaars and then take a short boat cruise to admire the city's highlights and the surrounding scenery. The rest of the day is free to continue exploring or to relax.



### Meals included

Breakfast



### Accommodation

Hotel Village Ohrid (or similar)

Hotel



### Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Tirana - Ohrid

3h

132km

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

Free Time

Ohrid

There's plenty to see and do; now is your time to explore.

Lake Cruise

Ohrid

30m

Climb aboard for a short boat cruise of Lake Ohrid, the deepest and oldest lake in Europe, boasting an imposing medieval fortress and mountainous backdrop. This pristine lake straddles the border between North Macedonia and Eastern Albania, and acts as home to more than 200 different species.

Day 30

## Ohrid

Set off with your CEO this morning on an walking exploration of Ohrid. Discover the old town with it's iconic landmarks and historic architecture then wander through the local bazaar. Later, join a chef to learn about local delicious specialties that will serve as a light lunch lunch before visiting the Roman amphitheatre. The rest of the afternoon and evening are free to continue exploring or to relax at the hotel before an optional dinner out in the evening.

While getting to know Ohrid, keep an eye out for the 900 year old tree located near Old Town - a true Ohrid landmark.



### Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch



### Accommodation

Hotel Village Ohrid (or similar)

Hotel



### Today's Activities

Ohrid Orientation Walk

Ohrid

3h

4km

Embark on an orientation tour of the city where you'll enjoy the stunning exterior of the San Perivlepta and San Sofia churches. Head inside the architecturally striking Monastery of Saint Clement Ohrid, believed to have been built when Saint Clement first arrived in the area at the request of Boris I of Bulgaria. Finish off with a short tour at the Roman Amphitheatre, the only Hellenistic-type theatre in the country, built in 200 BC.

#### ACTIVITY

Meet with a local chef to learn all about the regional culinary delicacies of the area and how to prepare them, while enjoying small plates of delicious food as a light lunch.

Free Time

Ohrid

There's plenty to see and do; today is your day to explore.



## Optional Activities - Day 30

Bay of Bones Museum

Ohrid

Explore the reconstructed village of stilt houses, showcasing historic artifacts recovered from Lake Ohrid,

Day 31

## Ohrid/Skopje

Wave goodbye to Ohrid this morning as you depart for Skopje, the capital of North Macedonia. Stop in Bitola for a pleasant walk along the pedestrian street called Shirok Sokak before travelling onward to wine region. Sample the local flavours before ending in the capital. Later, set off on foot with your CEO to see some of the city's striking architecture followed by a walk up to the Castle of Kale to revel in the city views. The rest of the day is free to continue exploring or to relax.



### Meals included

Breakfast | Lunch



### Accommodation

Hotel Riverside Skopje (or similar)

Hotel



### Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Ohrid - Bitola

1h15m

69km

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

Sirok Sokak Walking Tour

Bitola

1h

1km

Wander through Sirok Sokak, the pedestrian street of Shirok Sokak. Known as the fashion street, locals tend to dress up to enjoy a walk and beautiful views of the city.

Private Vehicle

Bitola - Gradsko

1h30m

90km

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

Winery Tour with Tasting

Gradsko

1h-1h30m

The historically rich Stobi region is located close to the archaeological site, ancient Paenian. It was captured into the Kingdom of Macedon where it became the capital and remains a significant historic site. Archaeologists found early evidence of wine making in the form of in home grape presses, showcasing the lengthy past of this delicious art.

Learn the intricacies of wine making on a tour of the winery before sampling some wine and enjoying a light lunch.

Private Vehicle

Grasko - Skopje

1h

79km

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

Orientation Walk Skopje

Skopje

2h-3h

2km

Head out for an orientation walk passing Byzantine era buildings, Turkish baths, caravanserais and hamams, all reminders of the intricate Ottoman history. Witness the quirky electric street art and multiple imposing statutes dotted around the city. View the birthplace of Mother Theresa and stop in the hidden lower level of the iconic Graski Trgovski Centar to see Skopje's largest collection of street art.

Enjoy a relaxed morning before driving across the border into Kosovo and to the city of Prizren. Set off with your CEO on an orientation walk through town along the Bistrica river, crossing the iconic old stone bridge and onto the cobble-stoned Shadervan square. The rest of the afternoon is free before re-grouping in the evening for a walk up to the town fortress for beautiful sunset views of the town, river and valley.



## Meals included

Breakfast



## Accommodation

Hotel Prior Prizren (or similar)

Hotel



## Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Skopje - Prizren

1h15m

86km

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

Orientation Walk Prizren

Prizren

1h-2h

3km

Enjoy an exploratory walk with your CEO. He/she will give you some tips on finding things like some of the main sights in the area, supermarkets, and ATMs.

Prizren Fortress Sunset Walk

Prizren

30m

1km

Dating back to 1100 BC, the Prizren Fortress was built by the Byzantines and expanded by Serbian kings throughout the 12th, 13th, and 14th centuries before Ottoman rulers took over until their expulsion in 1912. Walk up the steep incline to this historic site to enjoy the sunset and views of the town, river, and valley.

Enjoy a free day in Prizren to explore the city, take a wine tasting excursion or to relax. Perhaps join your CEO for a morning visit to the filigree shops to browse the textiles and shops or head out on a leisurely hike along the Bistrica River to see the local shepherds.

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## Meals included

Breakfast

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## Accommodation

Hotel Prior Prizren (or similar)

Hotel

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## Today's Activities

Free Time

Prizren

There's plenty of things to do; today is yours to explore.

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## Optional Activities - Day 33

Sinan Pasha Mosque

Prizren

Explore this Ottoman-era mosque, built by the Albanian pasha Sofi Sinan in 1615

Mountain Bike Rentals

Prizren

Rent mountain bikes to explore the naturally beautiful terrain.

Cevapi Meal

Prizren

Sit down for a Cevapi meal - a dish of grilled minced meat created in the Balkans.

Day 34

## Prizren/Pristina

Enjoy a relaxed morning in Prizren before journeying onward to Pristina, the bustling commerce hub and capital of Kosovo. Explore the city's highlights with your CEO on an orientation walk and get immersed in its rich history before taking the rest of the day free for individual exploration or to relax at a cafe. Head out in the evening for an optional final dinner out with the group.



### Meals included

Breakfast



### Accommodation

Hotel Prima Pristina (or similar)

Hotel



### Today's Activities

Private Vehicle

Prizren – Pristina

1h30m

Settle in and scan the scenery from the convenience of a private vehicle.

Orientation Walk in Pristina

Pristina

1h30m

Get to know Pristina on an orientation walk past the highlights. Witness the 1389 battle of Kosovo memorial, the UNESCO World Heritage listed Gracanica Monastery, followed by the Newborn monument and the brass statue of Bill Clinton, commemorating his role in ending the war for independence.

Free Time

Pristina

There's plenty to see and do; now is your time to explore.



### Optional Activities - Day 34

Ethnographic Museum

Pristina

Visit the Ethnographic Museum, a traditional 18th century house in the old bazaar area. Originally owned by Emin Gjinoi, turned museum in 2006. Enjoy the traditional architecture and exhibits on clothing, birth and burial rituals, handicrafts etc.

Sultan Mehmet Fatih Mosque

Pristina

Built for Mehmed the Conqueror around 1461, it was converted to a Catholic church before being renovated into a mosque once again after WWII. Locals refer to the Sultan Mehmet Fatih Mosque as the 'Imperial Mosque'. Enjoy the intricately painted ceilings and beautiful interiors.

Day 35

## Pristina

Depart at any time.



### Meals included

Breakfast



### Today's Activities

Departure Day

Not ready to leave? Your CEO can help with any onward travel arrangements you require.

## What's included

- Your G for Good Moment: Maritimo Recycling, Dubrovnik
- Your Foodie Moment: Oyster Farm Food and Wine Experience with Lunch, Uvala Bistrina
- Your Welcome Moment: Meet Your CEO and Group
- Your Foodie Moment: Trebinje Market Tour, Trebinje
- Your Foodie Moment: Zadar Walking Food Tour, Zadar

- Your Foodie Moment: Cheese Making Farm and Lunch, Trebinje
- Your Foodie Moment: Apiary Visit, Trebinje
- Your Foodie Moment: Three-Course Wine Pairing Dinner, Čitluk
- Your Foodie Moment: Sarajevo Food Tour, Sarajevo
- Your Local Living Moment: Hike to a Shepherd Outpost with Lunch, Tragjas
- Your Foodie Moment: Gjirokastër Winery Visit and Light Dinner, Gjirokastër
- Your Foodie Moment: Regional Cooking Demonstration and Light Lunch, Ohrid
- Orientation walks in Zagreb, Split and Dubrovnik
- Explore Plitvice Lakes National Park
- Hike in Krka Lakes National Park
- Full-day excursion to the islands of Prvic and Zlarin from Šibenik
- Walk along the old city wall of Ston
- Tvrdoš Monastery Visit and Wine Tasting
- Orientation walk in Trebinje
- Visit the town of Stolac and the necropolis tombstones
- See Kravica and Koćuša Waterfalls
- Dinner and wine pairing at a winery in Čitluk
- Visit the Pocitelj Ottoman stone town
- Hike to the Blagaj Fortress
- Visit the Dervish Monastery
- Guided walking tour of Mostar
- Turkish House coffee experience in Mostar
- Sarajevo Cable Car and Bobsled Track
- Kotor orientation walk
- Boat tour from Kotor to Perast
- Budva Old Town walk
- Visit Ostrog Monastery
- Full-day excursion to Biogradska Gora National Park
- Kolašin 4x4 Off-Road Excursion
- Orientation walk of Podgorica
- Theth National Park visit
- Walking tour of Shkoder
- Walking tour of Kruje
- Evening orientation walk of Tirana
- Tour of the Durrës archaeological site
- Orientation walk of Vlorë
- Visit Himare
- Entrance to the Ali Pasha Castle
- Visit Butrint National Archaeological Park
- Walking tour of Gjirokastër
- Walking tour of Berat
- Boat cruise on Lake Ohrid
- Ohrid orientation walk
- Visit Bitola and walk along the Sirok Sokak
- Winery tasting with light lunch

- Skopje walking tour
- Prizren orientation walk
- Prizren Fortress sunset walk
- Pristina walking tour
- All transport between destinations and to/from included activities

## What are the main highlights of this trip?

Enjoy the stunning lakes and waterfalls at Plitvice and Krka National Parks, Wander past historic churches and monuments in Split and Dubrovnik, See the spectacular Kravica and Koćuša Waterfalls, Be immersed in Bosnia and Herzegovina's history in Mostar and Sarajevo, Take in Montenegro's breathtaking national parks and Albania's stunning coastline, Immerse yourself in Montenegro's rugged mountains and experience life at a traditional shepherd outpost in Albania, Set sail on a scenic boat tour across the breathtaking waters of Lake Ohrid

## Itinerary Notes

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## Is there an itinerary Disclaimer?

While it is our intention to adhere to the route described below, there is a certain amount of flexibility built into the itinerary and on occasion it may be necessary, or desirable to make alterations. The itinerary is brief, as we never know exactly where our journey will take us. Due to our style of travel and the regions we visit, travel can be unpredictable. The Trip Details document is a general guide to the tour and region and any mention of specific destinations or wildlife is by no means a guarantee that they will be visited or encountered. Aboard expedition trips visits to research stations depend on final permission.

Additionally, any travel times listed are approximations only and subject to vary due to local circumstances.

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2026 departures: Due to the seasonality, in the colder months, many local shops/cafes/restaurants are closed on island of Prvic, and activities there are limited, thus, instead of visiting 2 islands, you will be visiting only Zlarin, before arriving back to Sibenik for walking tour of the city with a local guide.

## **What is the group leader like?**

This G Adventures group trip is accompanied by one of our group leaders, otherwise known as a Chief Experience Officer (CEO). The aim of the group leader is to take the hassle out of your travels and to help you have the best trip possible. They will provide information on the places you are travelling through, offer suggestions for things to do and see, recommend great local eating venues and introduce you to our local friends. While not being guides in the traditional sense you can expect them to have a broad general knowledge of the countries visited on the trip, including historical, cultural, religious and social aspects.

We also use local guides where we think more specific knowledge will add to the enjoyment of the places we are visiting - we think it's the best of both worlds.

## **How large will the group be?**

Max 16, avg 12.

## **What meals are included in this trip?**

34 breakfasts, 9 lunches, 4 dinners

## **What are the modes of transportation on my trip?**

Boat, private vehicle, 4x4, walking.

## **Where will we stay during the trip?**

Hotels (34 nts)

## What are the joining instructions?

For details of your joining hotel please refer to your tour voucher, G Account, the G Adventures App or contact your travel agent.

From Zagreb airport (ZAG), you can reach the city centre in a few ways. To get to Zagreb Autobusni Kolodvor (the central bus station), take the Pleso Prijevoz bus operated by Croatia Airlines from outside the main International Arrivals terminal.

To arrange an arrival or departure transfer, we recommend you book through our preferred transfer provider - [Welcome Pickups](#)

We advise that you book both your arrival and departure transfers in advance. Please make sure you have the following details before booking:

- Flight number
- Flight Arrival Time and Date
- Flight Departure Time and Date
- Passenger's Name
- Number of Passengers
- Email
- Valid Mobile Telephone Number
- Drop off and/or Pick Up Address

Please note that day 1 is an arrival day and no activities have been planned on this day.

Upon arrival to your Joining Hotel (note that check-in time will be in the afternoon), look for a note or bulletin board in the reception with a note from your CEO. This note will give the details of your Welcome Meeting on day 1 (usually between 5pm and 7pm), where you will get a chance to meet your CEO and other travellers, as well as learn more about how the tour will run. If you don't see a note, please ask reception for details!

If you are arriving later and will miss the Welcome Meeting, your CEO will leave a note at reception for you with any information you may need, and with morning instructions for the next day.

## Who should I contact in case of an emergency?

Should you need to contact us during a situation of dire need, it is best to first call our G Adventures Local Office. If for any reason you do not receive an immediate answer, please leave a detailed message and contact information, so they may return your call and assist you as soon as possible.

### EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS

G Adventures Office - London, United Kingdom

During office hours (Weekdays, 9am-5:30pm Local Time)

+44 20 7243 9870

If you are unable for any reason to contact our local office, please call the numbers listed below which will connect you directly with our Sales team who will happily assist you. Hours of operation by region can be found [here](#).

Toll-free, from calls within North America only: 1 888 800 4100

Calls from within UK: 0344 272 0000

Calls from within Germany: 0800 365 1000

Calls from within Australia: 1 300 796 618

Calls from within New Zealand: 0800 333 307

Outside North America, Australia, New Zealand, Germany and the UK: +1 416 260 0999

For absolute emergencies after office hours please contact: +44 1858378000

If for any reason you do not receive an immediate answer, please leave a detailed message and contact information, and your call will be returned as soon as possible.

# What should be on my packing list?

## Conservative Dress:

- Modest clothing that covers knees and shoulders (Long pants, long skirts, shirts that cover shoulders)
- Shawl or scarf (for temple visits)

## Documents:

- Flight info (required) (Printouts of e-tickets may be required at the border)
- Insurance info (required) (With photocopies)
- Vouchers and pre-departure information (required)
- Passport (required) (With photocopies)
- Visas or vaccination certificates (With photocopies)

## Essentials:

- Toiletries (required) (Shampoo, bodywash, soap, etc.)
- Binoculars (optional)
- Camera (With extra memory cards and batteries)
- Cash, credit and debit cards
- Day pack (Used for daily excursions or short overnights)
- Ear plugs
- First-aid kit (should contain lip balm with sunscreen, sunscreen, whistle, Aspirin, Ibuprofen, bandaids/plasters, tape, anti-histamines, antibacterial gel/wipes, antiseptic cream, Imodium or similar tablets for mild cases of diarrhea, rehydration powder, water purification tablets or drops, insect repellent, sewing kit, extra prescription drugs you may be taking)
- Flashlight/torch (Headlamps are ideal)
- Fleece top/sweater
- Footwear
- Hat
- Headphones (Noise-cancelling recommended)
- Locks for bags
- Long pants/jeans
- Moneybelt
- Outlet adapter
- Personal entertainment (Reading and writing materials, cards, music player, etc.)
- Reusable water bottle
- Shirts/t-shirts
- Sleepwear
- Small travel towel
- Sunglasses
- Swimwear
- Watch and alarm clock
- Waterproof backpack cover
- Windproof rain jacket

**Health & Safety:**

- Face masks (Clients will be only be required to wear a face mask where it is mandated by local regulations.)
- Hand sanitizer
- Pen (Please bring your own pen for filling out documents.)

**Warm Weather:**

- Sandals/flip-flops
- Sturdy water shoes/sandals
- Shorts/skirts (Longer shorts/skirts are recommended)
- Sun hat/bandana
- Swimwear

# What are the visas and entry requirements for my trip?

All countries require a valid passport (with a minimum 6 months validity). Contact your local embassy or consulate for the most up-to-date visa requirements, or see your travel agent. It is your own responsibility to have the correct travel documentation. Visa requirements for your trip will vary depending on where you are from and where you are going. We keep the following information up to date as far as possible, but rules do change and sometimes without warning. While we provide the following information in good faith, it is vital that you check the information yourself and understand that you are fully responsible for your own visa requirements.

Visa information specific to your destination and nationality can be found in our Important Pre-Departure Information page [here](#)

For other nationalities, travelling in Europe has been simplified with the introduction of the Schengen visa. As a visitor to the Schengen area (Austria, Germany, Netherlands, Belgium, Greece, Norway, Denmark, Iceland, Portugal, Finland, Italy, Spain, France, Luxembourg, Sweden, Czech Republic, Hungary, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia and Switzerland) you will enjoy the many advantages of this unified visa system. Generally speaking with a Schengen visa, you may enter one Schengen country and travel freely throughout the Schengen region during the validity of your visa. There are limited border controls at Schengen borders, if any at all.

Please note that the UK and Ireland are NOT part of the Schengen agreement.

A Schengen visa is applied for at the Embassy or Consulate of the Schengen country in which you will be spending the most nights on your trip to the Schengen space. If you are only visiting one country on your trip then you apply for your visa at the Consulate of this Schengen country.

As of 2025, various European countries are introducing ETIAS travel authorisation as an entry requirement for visa-exempt nationals.

We highly recommend you checking in advance how your nationality and country/s you are visiting may be affected. Further details can be found [here](#)

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# Should I be tipping on my trip?

While conventions can vary from country to country, tipping is customary in Europe. A general rule is 10% of the bill for wait staff, and a smaller amount (€1 or €2) for other service providers.

Tipping is an expected - though not compulsory - component of your tour program, and an expression of satisfaction with the persons who have assisted you on your tour. Although it may not be customary to you, it is of considerable significance to the people who will take care of you during your travels. There are several times during the trip where there is opportunity to tip the local guides. You may do this individually, or your CEO will offer to collect the money and tip as a group. Recommendations for tipping local guides would range from €6-8 per day, depending on the quality and length of the service; ask your CEO for specific recommendations based on the circumstances and culture.

At the end of each trip, if you felt your G Adventures CEO did an outstanding job, tipping is expected and appreciated. The precise amount is a personal preference, however €30-€40 per person, per week can be used as a guideline.

# What activities are optional on this trip?

## Split

- Mestrovic Gallery (30HRK per person)
- Bacvice Beach Visit (Free)
- St Duje Cathedral Visit (15-40HRK per person)
- Diocletian's Palace

## Otok Brač

- Brač Island Excursion

## Makarska

- Tuk Tuk Tour to Skywalk (60-70EUR per person)

## Sarajevo

- National Museum of Bosnia and Herzegovina (10-30BAM per person)
- Times of Misfortune Tour & Tunnel Museum (54BAM per person)
- Gallery 11/07/95 (12-15BAM per person)

## Kotor

- Kotor Maritime Museum (5EUR per person)
- Sea Kayaking (20EUR per person)
- Kotor City Exploration (Free)

## Shkodër

- Site of Memory and Memorial Museum
- Venice Art Mask Factory (3EUR per person)

## Ohrid

- Bay of Bones Museum

## Prizren

- Sinan Pasha Mosque
- Mountain Bike Rentals
- Cevapi Meal

## Pristina

- Ethnographic Museum
- Sultan Mehmet Fatih Mosque

## What do I need to know to about safety and security on my trip?

Many national governments provide a regularly updated advice service on safety issues involved with international travel. We recommend that you check your government's advice for their latest travel information before departure. We strongly recommend the use of a neck wallet or money belt while travelling, for the safe keeping of your passport, air tickets, travellers' cheques, cash and other valuable items. Leave your valuable jewellery at home - you won't need it while travelling. Many of the hotels we use have safety deposit boxes, which is the most secure way of storing your valuables. A lock is recommended for securing your luggage. When travelling on a group trip, please note that your group leader has the authority to amend or cancel any part of the trip itinerary if it deemed necessary, due to safety concerns. Your Chief Experience Officer (CEO) will accompany you on all included activities. During your trip you will have some free time to pursue your own interests, relax and take it easy and explore at your leisure. While your CEO will assist you with options available in a given location, please note that any optional activities you undertake are not part of your itinerary, and we offer no representations about the safety of the activity or the standard of the operators running them. Please use your own good judgement when selecting an activity in your free time. Although the cities visited on tour are generally safe during the day, there can be risks to wandering throughout any major city at night. It is our recommendation to stay in small groups and to take taxis to and from restaurants, or during night time excursions.

Water based activities have an element of danger and excitement built into them. We recommend only participating in water based activities when accompanied by a guide(s). We make every reasonable effort to ensure the fun and adventurous element of any water based activities (in countries with varying degrees of operating standards), have a balanced approach to safety. It is our policy not to allow our CEOs to make arrangements on your behalf for water based activities that are not accompanied by guide(s).

Swimming, including snorkeling, is always at your own risk. [Read more about travel safety](#) for ways to further enhance your personal safety while traveling.

## What rules should I know before joining this trip?

Illegal drugs will not be tolerated on any trips. Possessing or using drugs not only contravenes the laws of the land but also puts the rest of the group at risk. Smoking marijuana and opium is a part of local culture in some parts of the world but is not acceptable for our travellers. Our philosophy of travel is one of respect towards everyone we encounter and in particular the local people who make the world the special place it is. The exploitation of people in the sex trade is completely contrary to this philosophy. Our CEOs have the right to expel any member of the group if drugs are found in their possession or if they utilize the services of paid sex workers, in any capacity.

## What is Planeterra?

Planeterra International Foundation is a non-profit organization committed to turning travel into impact by helping local communities earn an income from tourism. Planeterra connects underserved local communities to the benefits of tourism by developing and supporting small community-owned businesses. These businesses support Indigenous people, empower women, grant youth access to employment opportunities, and protect the environment. Planeterra also works to ensure these businesses have a thriving customer base by integrating their projects into G Adventures' itineraries globally.

G Adventures is Planeterra's largest corporate donor, covering all operating costs, so 100% of your donation will bring opportunity to people in need.

G Adventures Dollar-a-day Program - Make Every Day Count - Turn your travel into impact with [Planeterra Foundation](#).

Did you know? Most communities around the world do not benefit from tourism. Give back to the places you visit on your travels by creating opportunities for local people to earn an income, and protect the environment.

Make every day count by donating \$1/day for the length of your trip, and join us in empowering the communities you will visit when you travel. 100% of your donation goes directly to Planeterra projects.

## How old must I be to join this trip?

You must be 18 to travel unaccompanied on a G Adventures tour. For minors travelling with a guardian over 21 years old, the minimum age is 12.

## Are international flights included in this trip?

No, international flights are generally not included in the price of your tour.

However, on some combo tours travelling between two different countries, international flights are included as part of the itinerary and price of the tour. Please speak to your GCO or booking agent for further details.

In addition, check-in times and baggage allowances/restrictions vary by airline and can change at any time. For the most up-to-date information for your flight, please contact your airline. We recommend checking in online in advance to avoid potential delays at the airport.

## What should LGBTQ+ travellers know about safety and travel considerations on this trip?

The safety and well-being of all of our travelers is a priority at G Adventures and that includes our travelers who identify as part of the LGBTQ+ community. We recognize that there are specific concerns and questions you may have about your adventure in terms of safety and security. We encourage you to visit our [LGBTQ+ page](#) for useful resources to ensure you feel safe and comfortable throughout the duration of your trip. The Equaldex tool linked on this page can be of particular help when deciding where you may want to visit next.

## Dossier Disclaimer

The information in this trip details document has been compiled with care and is provided in good faith. However it is subject to change, and does not form part of the contract between the client and the operator. The itinerary featured is correct at time of printing. It may differ slightly to the one in the brochure. Occasionally our itineraries change as we make improvements that stem from past travellers, comments and our own research. Sometimes it can be a small change like adding an extra meal along the itinerary. Sometimes the change may result in us altering the tour for the coming year. Ultimately, our goal is to provide you with the most rewarding experience. Please note that our brochure is usually released in November each year. If you have booked from the previous brochure you may find there have been some changes to the itinerary.

**VERY IMPORTANT:** Please ensure that you print a final copy of your Trip Details to review a couple of days prior to travel, in case there have been changes that affect your plans.

## Itinerary Disclaimer

While it is our intention to adhere to the route described below, there is a certain amount of flexibility built into the itinerary and on occasion it may be necessary, or desirable to make alterations. The itinerary is brief, as we never know exactly where our journey will take us. Due to our style of travel and the regions we visit, travel can be unpredictable. The Trip Details document is a general guide to the tour and region and any mention of specific destinations or wildlife is by no means a guarantee that they will be visited or encountered. Aboard expedition trips visits to research stations depend on final permission.

Additionally, any travel times listed are approximations only and subject to vary due to local circumstances.