



# The Ancient Lands Of Rumelia, The Journey Through The Balkans

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**Visit:** Belgrade - Sofia - Varna - Bucharest

## Detailed Itinerary

### Day 01: Day 1, arrive in Belgrade, Sunday

Welcome to Belgrade, the Serbian capital! You will be met and transferred to your hotel. The day is at leisure until you gather with your fellow travelers and your tour director for a welcome reception in the evening.

(WR)

**Day 02: Day 2, in Belgrade, Monday**

With a history dating back more than 7,000 years, Belgrade is a fascinating city to visit. Our morning sightseeing tour includes the city's main attractions: the imposing Kalemegdan Fortress, dramatically situated at the joining of the Sava and Danube Rivers, the Republic Square, Mihajlova Street; Saint Sava Temple: the largest Orthodox Church in the city, and finally Tito's Memorial and mausoleum. The afternoon is free. Tonight, we enjoy dinner on Skadarlija with live music. (B, D) Optional tour: Cruise on the Danube River

**Day 03: Day 3, to Sofia, Tuesday**

We continue our journey to Sofia. En-route, we stop in Nis for a lunch break on your own. Our arrival in Sofia is planned for the late afternoon and we tour the city's major landmarks thereafter. The evening is at leisure. (B)

**Day 04: Day 4, to Varna, Wednesday**

We drive to Varna with a stop in Plovdiv for a lunch break on your own. Upon arrival in Varna, there is free time to explore the city's waterfront promenade, thermal baths, cafes, art galleries, and vibrant nightlife. (B)

**Day 05: Day 5, in Varna, Thursday**

This morning, we begin with a half-day city tour which includes the Architectural Museum, the Roman baths, the Historical Museum, and the Sea Garden. We then visit Varna's cathedral, one of the most beautiful symbols of the city. We also see the Aladzha Monastery. Used in the days of the Byzantine Empire and abandoned in the 1700s, Aladzha Monastery is comprised of a series of grottos used for worship and monks' quarters. (B) Optional tour: Food tour with wine tasting

**Day 06: Day 6, to Bucharest, Friday**

We drive to Bucharest, and on the way, stop in Shumen to see the Madara Horseman, a large medieval rock relief, and now a UNESCO World Heritage listed monument. Our next stop is for wine tasting, viticulture, a light lunch, and a vineyards tour. Upon arrival in Bucharest, there is free time for independent discoveries. (L, B)

**Day 07: Day 7, in Bucharest, Saturday**

We get acquainted with the Romanian capital by touring the city. We visit the Parliament Palace, one of the largest buildings in the world and a National Treasure. We will learn how the Romanian people succeeded in toppling the last communist dictator in Eastern Europe. Our tour also brings us to the Romanian Athenaeum, the Opera House, the National Military Club, the Military Academy, and the Triumphal Arch. In the evening gather with your fellow travelers and your tour director for our farewell dinner. (B, D) Optional tour: Visit of

the Village Museum

## Day 08: Day 8, depart Bucharest, Sunday

After breakfast, you will be transferred to the airport for your departure flight. (B)

### Inclusion

Arrival transfer from Belgrade airport to the hotel

8 day/7-night guided tour featuring:

Centrally located first class hotels:

2 nights in Belgrade

1 night in Sofia

2 nights in Varna

2 nights in Bucharest

Buffet breakfast daily

A welcome reception in Belgrade (heavy hors d'oeuvres, a glass of wine, beer or soft drink)

A dinner in Belgrade (coffee or tea included)

A light lunch in Varna

A farewell dinner in Bucharest (coffee or tea included)

Hotel taxes and service charges

Touring by modern air-conditioned motor-coach

Professional English-speaking tour director

Sightseeing tours with licensed local guides

Admission included where indicated in bold letters

Luggage handling at the hotels

Whisper technology enhanced touring

Departure transfer from Bucharest to Bucharest airport

Tour spotlights:

Belgrade, city of Roman, Byzantine, Ottoman, Serbian and Austrian importance

Sofia, Bulgaria's capital with 2000 years of history

Varna, antiquities, gold and seaside resort

Bucharest, communist-era buildings, art-nouveau and wide boulevards

Special features:

Dinner with live music on Skadarlija, a vintage street in Belgrade

Aladzha Monastery, a medieval Orthodox Christian cave complex in Bulgaria

Ancient viticulture, wine tasting, light lunch and vineyards tour in Romania

### Exclusion

International airfares

Optional activities

Other meals, drinks, tips and other personal expenses or services not specified on the program

Personal equipment

Travel insurance

Gratuities

Voluntary tips for guides or drivers

Travel and medical insurance

Any items not mentioned as included

## **Note**

HotelsAccommodations / Select Hotels

Belgrade: Moskva (F) or similar

Sofia: Downtown hotel (F) or similar

Varna: Golden Tulip (F) or similar

Bucharest: Europa Royale Hotel (F) or similar

## **Tour Dates & Pricing**

