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SKOPJE CITY BREAK



A scenic view of a river with a wooden railing in the foreground, yellow and purple flowers, a black lantern, and a blue boat in the background.

Day - 1 City tour Skopje (D)

Your welcoming at the Skopje airport. Transfer to your hotel and some relaxing time. In the relaxed afternoon, our local guide will give you a brief preview of the tour and he/she will take you on a walking tour starting from the centuries old Kale – Skopje fortress. We will continue to the Old Turkish Bazaar, mingling with the locals, meeting different cultures and religions and old forgotten crafts. In the second part of the afternoon, we will visit the Museum of the Macedonian struggle, and possibly the Archaeological museum of Macedonia, with one of the biggest ancient coins collection in the world, exclusively from Macedonian territory. We will walk across the Stone Bridge, the landmark of the city, and admire the monument and fountain of Alexander the Great. The next stop will be the memorial house of Mother Teresa. She was born in Skopje in 1910. Welcoming dinner in a national restaurant.

Day - 2 Skopje – Millenium cross - Matka - Skopje (50 km) (B, L, D)

Breakfast at the hotel. This morning we will start the day from mountain Vodno, where we will visit the Millennium Cross. To visit this landmark of Skopje, we will take the cable car up to the top of the hill, a great place to admire the panoramic view of the city and the Skopje plain. After that, we will visit the church of St Pantheyleymon, which has rare Renaissance frescoes from the 12th century. From Vodno, we will take you to one of the most beautiful canyons in Europe – Matka, on the river Treska. We will have a lunch break in the restaurant on the bank of the river, possibly river trout, and by small boats we will set sail 6 km upstream to visit the cave Vrelo, full of natural cave decorations. After that, you will have some free time in the canyon for individual activities. Finally, we will go back to Skopje and have some free time for a relaxing walk.



Day - 3 Skopje – Ohrid – Bay of the bones - Skopje (370 km) (B, L)

Breakfast at the hotel. This morning we will drive to the old city of Ohrid, town of UNESCO, one of the oldest towns in Europe, full of history, with traces of four thousand years of civilisation. We will visit famous untouched medieval churches, the fortress of Tsar Samuel, with a beautiful panorama, the ancient Macedonian-Roman theatre, and then we will set sail with a small boat on the way back to the centre. Guide through history in the biggest open-air museum of the Byzantium. Lunch in a national restaurant. Free time to explore more of this UNESCO sites. Later in the afternoon we will get to the unique prehistoric settlement on water from the Bronze Age. Explanation by the professional curator about the open-air reconstruction of a Neolithic lake dwelling based on artefacts found on the surrounding lake bed. Back to Skopje and some free time.

Day – 4 Skopje – Ancient Stobi – Winery Stobi – Skopje (180 km) (B, L, D)

Breakfast at the hotel. We will drive to the biggest ancient archaeological site in Macedonia – Stobi. Among many other objects and ancient buildings, is the oldest synagogue in Europe, from the 1st century A.D. is found on this archaeological site. We will continue driving to the winery that has the same name as the archaeological site – Stobi winery. A wine expert from the winery will take us on a tour around the winery, where only the best grapes from the plantations, in the peak of its maturity, arrive in the cellars. The winery produces wines that are clean and non-contaminated concerning pesticides, heavy metals, residues and contaminants. Then, we will have lunch, and to fully enjoy this day, during the lunch, we will salute with few characteristic wines from this centuries old wine region. Leaving the wine region behind us, we will get back to Skopje. We will have a free afternoon for individual activities, in which we may suggest visiting the National gallery of Macedonia, or some of the Ottoman mosques and hammams. Overnight in the hotel.

Day - 5 Shopping time – Airport Skopje Skopje (25 km) (B)

Breakfast at the hotel. Today, before the flight, we may take you in some of the modern city malls, or the old City Bazaar for shopping, or simply for chatting with local people and find out more about their everyday life and the culture here. Afterwards, we will take you from the hotel to the Skopje International Airport, two and a half hours before your flight. We hope that you truly Experience(d) Macedonia!



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