

THE BALKANS

Athens to Dubrovnik

Greece – Macedonia – Albania

Montenegro – Croatia

11 Days – from \$3039

2009



Start in Athens, and enjoy seeing the stunning architecture of ancient Greece, then travel into the interior of Greece, often overlooked by travelers. See the beautiful countryside and famous sites, such as Delphi, and the temple of Apollo. Travel to Macedonia, home of Alexander the Great. Visit exotic Tirana, capital of Albania; travel through the country of Montenegro before arriving in your final destination on your Balkan adventure, Dubrovnik. Located on Croatia's magnificent Dalmatian Coast, Dubrovnik is one of Europe's best preserved medieval cities.

Day 1, Fri DEPART USA

Your flight includes meals, drinks and in-flight entertainment.

Day 2, Sat ARRIVE ATHENS, GREECE

You will be met at the airport and transferred to your hotel. This evening, enjoy a welcome orientation and dinner in a traditional Greek taverna in the Plaka area, the old part of Athens. (D)

Day 3, Sun ATHENS

This morning enjoy a tour of the city. Visit includes the immortal Acropolis with its Parthenon, said to be the most perfectly proportioned building of all time. Also see the Erechtheum, the Temple of Nike Apertos, the Ancient Agora and the Theaters of Dionysus and Herodus Attiucs. Balance of the day at leisure. (B)

Day 4, Mon ATHENS TO KALAMBAKA, GREECE

Depart Athens through the fertile plain of the Boetia region, passing by the towns of Thebes, Levidia and the picturesque village of Arachova, before arriving in Delphi. Upon arrival tour the ancient Delphi excavations, situated on the slopes of Mount Parnassus. Visit the temple of Apollo, the Treasury of the Athenians and the Museum, home of the bronze sculpture known as "the Charioteer" and other masterpieces. This afternoon drive to Kalambaka, a small town situated at the foot of the cliffs of Meteora. (B, D)

Day 5, Tue KALAMBAKA TO OHRID, MACEDONIA

This morning climb to the top of Meteora, known as "the rocks that fell from the sky", where monks built their nests away from civilization. Visit Megalo Meteoro, the most important monastery of the four still remaining active today. Then continue to Ohrid, with a stop in Bitola on the way. (B, D)

Day 6, Wed OHRID TO TIRANA, ALBANIA

An important cultural and spiritual center, the lakeside resort of Ohrid is classified as an UNESCO World Heritage site. Start morning sightseeing tour with a walk through the cobblestone streets of the old town, including entrance to the Cathedral of St. Sofia, containing some magnificent frescoes from the 10th century. Early afternoon continue to Tirana, capital of Albania. (B, D)

Day 7, Thu TIRANA

This morning's sightseeing tour begins with a view of Skanderbeg Square and continues to the Mosque of Et 'hem Bey, the Clock Tower, and the statue of Albania's national hero, G.K. Skanderbeg. Proceed to view the Soviet-era Palace of Culture and the National History Museum. Enjoy the afternoon at leisure to shop, relax, or explore the city independently. (B)

Day 8, Fri TIRANA TO DUBROVNIK, CROATIA

Travel to the town of Shkodra, a major Albanian cultural center. Shkodra was the center of the Illyrian tribe Labeat and was taken by the Romans in the year 168 B.C. Enjoy spectacular views of the Rozafa Castle, magnificently situated on a rocky outcrop of limestone high above the city, before crossing the border to Montenegro. Drive via Bar, Budva and Herceg Novi to Dubrovnik. (B, D)

Day 9, Sat DUBROVNIK

This morning, enjoy a walking tour of "Old Dubrovnik." View the Rector's Palace, Bell Tower clock, Orlando's Column and the Sponza Palace. Continue to view the Dominican Monastery and Franciscan Monastery with its pharmacy, one of the oldest in the world. Balance of the day at leisure (B): DUBROVNIK

Day 10, Sun DUBROVNIK

Day at leisure to enjoy Dubrovnik on your own. (B)

Day 11, Mon DUBROVNIK TO USA

Transfer to the airport for your USA return flight. (B)



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Escorted Package Includes:

- * Flights NYC-Athens, Dubrovnik-NYC
Other departure cities available.
- * Airline fuel surcharges
- * 9 nights accommodations
- * 2 nights Divani Palace, Athens
- * 1 night Divani, Kalambaka
- * 1 night Metropol, Ohrid
- * 2 nights Sheraton, Tirana
- * 3 nights Tirenna, Dubrovnik
- * All transfers
- * 14 meals: 9 breakfasts, 5 dinners
- * Sightseeing per itinerary
- * Services of tour manager
- * Services of local guides
- * Entrance fees per itinerary



Not included: airport taxes, fees & September 11th Security Fee, tips to local guides and drivers.

**2009 DEPARTURE DATES & TOUR COSTS
Per person double occupancy**

Jun 12, Jul 10, Aug 21: \$3349
Sep 4, Oct 2: \$3039

Single Room Supplement starts at \$599

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