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# Büyük Balkanlar Turu: Kosova ve Belgrad'da Unutulmaz Anlar

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| **Süre** | **7 Nights 8 Days** | **Kalkış** | **Istanbul** |
| **Ulaşım** | **Uçaklı** | **Başlangıç Fiyatı** | **699 € / kişi** |

## Tur Programı

### Gün 1 — Day 1 — Istanbul – Belgrade 

We meet at the departure terminal of Istanbul Airport 4 hours before our flight. We depart for Belgrade at 08:10 on Turkish Airlines flight TK1081. After a comfortable journey of approximately one and a half hours, we arrive at 08:00. Throughout history, Belgrade has been one of the most important cultural and strategic centers of the Balkans, and today it draws attention with its vibrancy, liveliness, and historical texture. In this enchanting city, we will have the opportunity to explore the intersection of Ottoman and European cultures. After our arrival in Belgrade, a panoramic city tour begins to discover the city's grandeur. Here, you can feel the historical atmosphere and explore the texture that brings together Belgrade's past and present. Next, we go to one of the city's most impressive points, where the Sava River meets the Danube River. It will be a great pleasure to explore this area, which has been the focal point of many conquests and victories throughout history. While continuing to explore this ancient city, for which Fatih Sultan Mehmed was wounded, but whose conquest was destined for Kanuni Sultan Süleyman, you will encounter the Belgrade Fortress, which was used as a supply center for the Ottoman navy. While tracing the traces of history in this fortress, we will see important points such as Kale Square and Taş Meydan. During our tour, we will visit the Tomb of Şehit Ali Pasha, one of the important figures of the Ottoman period. During these visits, you will deeply explore Belgrade's rich history and gain insight into the cultural heritage left from the Ottoman period. At the end of our tour, we leave behind the city's history and vibrant atmosphere and proceed to our hotel. Dinner and overnight stay at our hotel.

### Gün 2 — Day 2 — Belgrade – Sarajevo         

After our breakfast, we depart for Sarajevo, the capital of Bosnia and Herzegovina. Upon our arrival, we will explore the cultural capital of the Balkans for centuries, which has historically been marked as the place where World War I broke out after the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria-Hungary by Serbs in 1914. In the 1992 war, it suffered great devastation due to the destructive wars between Serbs, Croats, and Bosniaks, but Sarajevo has managed to largely preserve its beauty. During our panoramic city tour, we will see the famous Baščaršija, the historical Ottoman inn Morica Han, the Catholic Cathedral reflecting the city's religious cosmopolitanism, Synagogue, Hüsrev Bey and Ferhadiye Mosques, the Latin Bridge where the assassination of Franz Ferdinand took place in 1914, the Old Library, and the western-style buildings formed during the 40 years of Austro-Hungarian rule. After our tour, we transfer to our hotel. Dinner and overnight stay at our hotel.

Belgrade - Sarajevo: 294 km

### Gün 3 — Day 3 — Sarajevo – Mostar – Blagaj – Počitelj – Sarajevo      

After our breakfast, we depart from Sarajevo. Our first stop will be Mostar, famous for its historical, cultural, and architectural richness. Here, we will see the Mostar Bridge, built in 1557 by Architect Hayreddin, one of the students of Mimar Sinan, which is considered one of the most beautiful examples of Ottoman architecture. This bridge was destroyed during the war in 1992 but was rebuilt in its original form in 2004 with significant contributions from the Republic of Turkey and has since become a symbol of Mostar again. Surrounding this bridge, which elegantly connects both banks of the Neretva River, we will have the opportunity to explore the historical bazaar and stone streets. After discovering the enchanting atmosphere of Mostar, we will visit the Koski Mehmet Pasha Mosque, one of the city's most important religious structures. Here, we will examine the architectural details from the Ottoman period and enjoy the magnificent view of the Mostar Bridge from the mosque's courtyard. Next, we head to Blagaj, known for its natural beauty and tranquil environment. Blagaj is an impressive settlement established at the source of the Buna River, the strongest water source in Europe, where history and nature intertwine. After a short free time here, we proceed to Počitelj, which carries the past to the present with its stone houses and historical texture. In Počitelj, which is largely preserved and known as the Turkish Village, we will have the opportunity to see the works built by the Ottomans in the 16th century up close and feel the unique atmosphere of the region. After our tour, we transfer to our hotel. Dinner and overnight stay at our hotel.

Počitelj Tour Included! | Blagaj Tour INCLUDED! | Mostar Tour INCLUDED!

Sarajevo - Mostar: 120 km | Mostar - Blagaj: 12 km | Blagaj – Počitelj: 22 km | Počitelj - Sarajevo: 150 km

Total distance to be covered: 304 km

### Gün 4 — Day 4 — Sarajevo – Višegrad – Mokra Gora – Zlatibor – Niš       

After our breakfast, we leave our hotel and head towards Niš. Our first stop along the way will be Višegrad, located on the banks of the Drina River and notable for its historical texture. Here, we will see the Drina Bridge, built by Mimar Sinan for Sokollu Mehmet Pasha, which is listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. After a photo break around this historical bridge, which is one of the important works of Ottoman architecture in the Balkans, we continue our journey towards Serbia. After completing our border crossing procedures, we arrive at Mokra Gora, located between the Tara and Zlatibor mountains. In this area, known for its green slopes, traditional wooden houses, and natural beauty, we take a short break to explore the peaceful atmosphere and take photos. After our visit to Mokra Gora, we head to Zlatibor, one of Serbia's important mountain tourism centers. After a short tour of Zlatibor, which welcomes visitors with its mountain views and lively center, we give free time. During this time, you can take a walk around, relax in cafes, and explore local products. We meet at the time determined by our guide and continue our journey to Niš. After our arrival in the evening, we transfer to our hotel. Dinner and overnight stay at our hotel in Niš.

Višegrad Tour INCLUDED! | Mokra Gora Tour INCLUDED! | Zlatibor Tour INCLUDED!

Sarajevo – Višegrad: 113 km | Višegrad – Mokra Gora: 25 km | Mokra Gora – Zlatibor: 35 km | Zlatibor – Niš: approximately 262 km

Total distance to be covered: 435 km

### Gün 5 — Day 5 — Niš – Pristina - Prizren         

After our breakfast, we leave our hotel and head towards Pristina, the capital of Kosovo. Upon our arrival in Pristina, we will start our panoramic city tour, where we will explore the modern and historical aspects of Kosovo. During our tour, we will also visit many valuable structures from the Ottoman period. We will see the Fatih Sultan Mehmed Mosque and the 18th-century Yaşar Pasha Mosque. During our visit to the historical heritage of the city, we will have the opportunity to visit the Tomb of Sultan Murad Hüdavendigâr, who was killed in the Kosovo Plain as a result of the Battle of Kosovo in 1389, commemorating this important historical event and its place in Ottoman history. After our tour in Pristina, we head to Prizren, known as the cultural capital of Kosovo. Upon our arrival, we begin to explore the narrow streets of Prizren, which remind us of the Anatolian Ottoman city with its architecture and shop signs filled with Turkish inscriptions. In the city, we will visit the Sinan Pasha Mosque, one of the most important structures of Ottoman architecture. Additionally, the Halveti Tekke, Bayraklı Mosque, and Mehmet Pasha Bath are among the other important Ottoman works to be seen. After our free time in Prizren, we transfer to our hotel. Overnight stay and dinner at our hotel in Prizren.

Pristina Tour INCLUDED! | Prizren Tour INCLUDED!

Niš – Pristina: 296 km | Pristina – Prizren: 83 km

Total distance to be covered: 379 km

### Gün 6 — Day 6 — Prizren – Tirana - Ohrid         

After our breakfast, we leave our hotel and head towards Tirana, the capital of Albania. In this beautiful city, rich in historical and cultural aspects, an impressive tour awaits us to explore Tirana, considered the center of Bektashism in Europe. Upon our arrival in Tirana, we will visit the Ethem Bey Mosque, one of the most important symbols of the city, which began construction in 1789 and was completed in 1923. We take a short break at Skanderbeg Square, where we see the statue of Skanderbeg proudly rising in the center of the square. The Clock Tower of Tirana, built by Ethem Bey in 1821, is also one of the highlights of our tour. During this tour, the modern face of Tirana and its historical past will come together to create unforgettable memories. After free time, we head towards Ohrid. Breathtaking views will accompany us along the way. Upon our arrival in Ohrid, we will conduct a tour introducing the historical city of Ohrid, which has been one of the important bases of the Ottomans in the Balkans. Among the places we will see during our tour are the monument of Saints Cyril and Methodius, 9th-century Byzantine monks believed to have developed the Cyrillic alphabet, and the Church of St. Sophia. We will also have the opportunity to stroll around Çınar Square, the heart of the city, and explore the old Turkish Bazaar from the Ottoman period. Here, you can visit the Halveti Tekke and feel the cultural texture of the city up close. Afterward, we will visit the New Bazaar and Ohrid Market, witnessing the daily life of the local people. Finally, the famous lake of Ohrid and its breathtaking views will accompany our tour. After our tour, we have free time and transfer to our hotel. Overnight stay and dinner at our hotel. After dinner, you can enjoy the enchanting atmosphere of Ohrid in the silence of the night, take a short walk by the lake, or retreat to your rooms to rest.

Tirana Tour INCLUDED!

Prizren – Tirana: 180 km | Tirana – Ohrid: 135 km

Total distance to be covered: 315 km

### Gün 7 — Day 7 — Ohrid – Resne – Bitola - Skopje

After our breakfast, we set off for our tour of Resne and Bitola, famous for their magnificent nature and historical riches. Our first stop in Resne is the Palace of Resneli Niyazi Bey, an important figure who made a mark on Balkan history, which we see panoramically. Resne offers a captivating atmosphere with both its nature and Ottoman traces. After a short break here, we head towards Bitola, once one of the most important cultural and trade centers of the Ottoman Empire. Upon our arrival in Bitola, we visit the Military Academy where the great leader Atatürk studied and the Atatürk Museum from the outside. In this magical city, we will also explore historical Ottoman artifacts such as the Turkish Bazaar, Bedesten, İshak Pasha Mosque, and the New Mosque. While feeling the historical texture of Bitola, you will have the chance to take a pleasant walk in the nostalgic streets of the city. After our visit, we head towards Skopje, accompanied by lush green mountains. Breathtaking views of Macedonia will accompany us along the way. Upon our arrival in Skopje, our first stop is the Mustafa Pasha Mosque, one of the largest and most magnificent mosques in the city, built in 1492. Then we visit the Murat Pasha Mosque, built in the 15th century, which is particularly notable for its decorations and architecture from the Ottoman period. Continuing our tour, we will see Kapan Han and Sulu Han, located in the heart of Skopje. These structures, beautiful examples of Ottoman-era inns, were once important centers where merchants stayed and traded. Next, we visit the Stone Bridge, which has become a symbol of Skopje. This bridge was built in the 15th century and connects both banks of the Vardar River. Walking from the Stone Bridge, we continue our tour by seeing the Turkish and Jewish neighborhoods along the banks of the Vardar River. During our riverside walk, we pass through Macedonia Square, the largest and most central point of Skopje, surrounded by modern buildings. Here, we will encounter the statue of Alexander the Great and other monuments. Then, we see the Ottoman Bridge from the 15th century from the outside and visit the Davut Pasha Bath to feel the grandeur of the Ottoman period once again. We continue to explore the city by walking towards Skopje's Turkish Bazaar. Before reaching the bazaar, we see the Clock Tower, one of Skopje's symbolic structures built in the 16th century. Here, we will visit the Sultan Murat Mosque and the Isa Bey Mosque, which are among the early period mosques of the Ottoman Empire. The mosques are an important part of the city's Islamic heritage and stand out with their architecture. Finally, we have free time in the Turkish Bazaar. In this bazaar, you can find many products from traditional handicrafts to souvenirs. After spending enjoyable time in the bazaar, we transfer to Restaurant Gardenia for the Balkan Night. Afterward, we transfer to our hotel and then retire to our rooms. Overnight stay at our hotel in Skopje.

Dinner: An unforgettable dinner awaits you accompanied by traditional Balkan music and local dance performances. You will have the opportunity to explore Skopje's entertaining and cultural side during this special Balkan night, hosted at one of the region's finest venues, Restaurant Gardenia. With live performances by our artists, all of whom are conservatory students and teachers, presenting the best music and folklore of the Balkans without playback, we will turn this night into an authentic experience. We will be delighted to host you at our own Restaurant Gardenia Skopje. Overnight stay at our hotel in Skopje.

Resne Tour INCLUDED! | Bitola Tour INCLUDED! | Balkan Night INCLUDED!

Ohrid – Resne: 34 km | Resne – Bitola: 31 km | Bitola – Skopje: 169 km

Total distance to be covered: 234 km

### Gün 8 — Day 8 — Skopje - Istanbul

After our breakfast, we leave our hotel. Free time until the time determined by our guide. After free time, we head to Skopje Airport. After arriving at the airport and completing the boarding procedures, we will fly to Istanbul Airport at 20:50 on Turkish Airlines flight TK1006. After a comfortable flight, we arrive in Istanbul at 00:20, marking the end of our tour. We bid you farewell, hoping to see you again on your next trip.

## Fiyata Dahil Olanlar / Olmayanlar

## Dahil Olanlar

- Included Services:
- • Round-trip airline ticket from Istanbul Airport to Belgrade / Skopje to Istanbul Airport with Turkish Airlines
- • Total of 7 nights accommodation in 4 and 5-star hotels; 1 night in Belgrade, 2 nights in Sarajevo, 1 night in Niš, 1 night in Prizren, 1 night in Ohrid, 1 night in Skopje
- • Breakfasts
- • Dinners
- • All transfer services included in the program
- • Organization of city tours specified in the program
- • Balkan Night event enriched with meals, entertainment, and folklore shows
- • Visit to Pristina
- • Visit to Prizren
- • Visit to Resne
- • Visit to Bitola
- • Visit to Višegrad
- • Visit to Mokra Gora
- • Visit to Zlatibor
- • Visit to Tirana
- • Visit to Mostar
- • Visit to Blagaj
- • Visit to Počitelj
- • Customs duties
- • Mandatory professional liability insurance

## Hariç Olanlar

- Excluded Services:
- International exit fee
- Travel insurance
- Lunches
- Hotel extras and personal expenses
- City and hotel taxes: (City tax, checkpoint fees, local service charges, handling fees, bus entry fees, and operational service expenses totaling 20 Euros per person, which will be collected in cash by the guide on the first day of the tour)

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