



ROSE FESTIVAL AND 3 COUNTRIES TOUR

On this 3 countries tour start your journey in Romania, then continue on to Bulgaria where you will visit the spectacular Rose festival and finish your trip in North Macedonia.



DAY 1 (May 31) ARRIVE BUCHAREST - CURTEA DE ARGES – COZIA MONASTERY - SIBIU

After your arrival to Bucharest airport we will set out towards Transylvania, stopping at Curtea de Agres (famous for its Monastery and Cathedral) and Cozia Monastery. Our main highlight today will be Sibiu, nicknamed “The city with Eyes” and one of the most popular tourist destination in Romania. We will visit the Lutheran Cathedral, medieval fortified towers and the historical part of the city. Stay overnight in Sibiu.

DAY 2 (June 1) SIBIU – BIERTAN – SIGHISOARA - BRASOV

We will take in more sights of Transylvania today. First we will visit Biertan, famous for its fortified church. Afterwards we will head to Sighisoara, which is listed on UNESCO World Heritage sights for its well-preserved walled old town. We will end with Brasov, city notable for being the regional capital of the Transylvanian Saxons. We will visit the Old town, Council Square and the famous Black Church.

DAY 3 (June 2) BRASOV – BRAN CASTLE – PELES CASTLE - BUCHAREST

Today we will visit the Bran castle, which is also known as the Dracula’s Castle. After visit of the castle and Dracula themed lunch we will head back towards Bucharest and visit Peles Castle in Sinaia on the way. Peles castle is a Neo-Renaissance castle with a beautiful view of the Carpathian Mountains. Head towards Bucharest where we will enjoy dinner at the famous restaurant with long history Caru cu Bere and admire folk dance performance. Stay overnight in Bucharest.

DAY 4 (June 3) BUCHAREST – VELIKO TARNOVO

We will make a city tour of Bucharest, the capital and largest city of Romania. City has elegant architecture and sophisticated vibe and is often nicknamed “Paris of the East” or “little Paris”. We will visit the old town, the major avenue Calea Victoriei, Romanian Athenaeum and Palace of the Parliament. In the afternoon we



will head towards Bulgaria and stay overnight in Veliko Tarnovo.

DAY 6 (June 4) VELIKO TARNOVO – KAZANLAK

Veliko Tarnovo is often referred as the “City of the Tsars”. We will make a walking tour of the city and visit the magnificent Tsarevets Fortress. Afterwards we will visit the famous Rose valley, which will already be in festive preparation for tomorrow’s event. Today we will visit oil distillery and learn more about rose oil production. Did you know that this area produces over 90% of all rose oil, which is used to make perfumes.

DAY 7 (June 5) KAZANLAK - PLOVDIV

Get an early start, so that we can fully explore this festival. We will start with rose picking demonstration and then continue with the colorful and fun rose parade. Enjoy your lunch together with other participants of Rose festival and then head towards Plovdiv. Overnight in Plovdiv.

DAY 8 (June 6) PLOVDIV – SOFIA

We will start our day with exploring Plovdiv, the second largest city in Bulgaria and the historical region of Thrace. City is famous for its well preserved and charming old town and we will visit the Virgin Mary Eastern Orthodox church, the Synagogue, a protestant church, St George Armenian church and Dhumaya church among other sights. Afterwards we will proceed towards Sofia and make a city tour of the city. We will visit the Cathedral of Saint Aleksandar Nevski, Vitosha Boulevard, Banya Bashi Masjid Mosque before proceeding to nearby Boyana church, which is under UNESCO World heritage. Stay overnight in Sofia.

DAY 9 (June 7) SOFIA – RILA MONASTERY – ST JOAKIM OSOGOVSKI - SKOPJE

After breakfast we will head into Rila National Park, we will visit the UNESCO protected Rila Monastery. Cross the border to North Macedonia and visit two well preserved monasteries along the way to Skopje – Saint Joachim of Osogovo and Bigorski Monastery. Stay overnight in Skopje and enjoy dinner at typical Macedonian restaurant.

DAY 10 (June 8) SKOPJE – HERACLEA - BITOLA

After breakfast we will make a city tour of Skopje, where we will visit Museum of the City of Skopje, located in the former railway station. Continue to Macedonia Street, where we visit Mother Theresa Memorial House. Other highlights that we see include Stone Bridge (the symbol of Skopje); Daut Pasha Hammam (15th century Turkish bath). We will also visit St. Saviour Church (tomb of national hero Goce Delcev) and Kale Fortress. Afterwards we will visit Heraclea Lyncestis, the most preserved ancient city in Macedonia. Stay overnight in Bitola.

DAY 11 (June 9) BITOLA – SAINT NAUM - OHRID



We will start our day with visiting Bitola, where highlights include Sirok Sokak (long pedestrian street), the Clock Tower (built in 17th century) and Bezisten (impressive covered bazaar from the Ottoman Empire). After visit to Bitola we will visit St Naum Monastery, a Byzantine-style church originally built in the 10th century and where peacocks roam around freely. Continue on to Ohrid lake, where you will have some time to walk around charming white washed Ohrid town. Stay overnight on the shores of Lake Ohrid.

DAY 12 (June 10) OHRID - SKOPJE

We saved the best for the last. Lake Ohrid is rightfully nicknamed as “The Pearl of Balkans”. We will start our tour with a cruise on the lake and after that we will take in the old historic part of Ohrid town. In the afternoon we will continue towards Skopje with a photo stop at Matka Canyon, where you will have an opportunity to stretch your legs before taking your flight back home. Depart from Skopje airport or in case you have an early flight the next day stay one more night in Skopje.

