

GRAND BALKAN TOUR

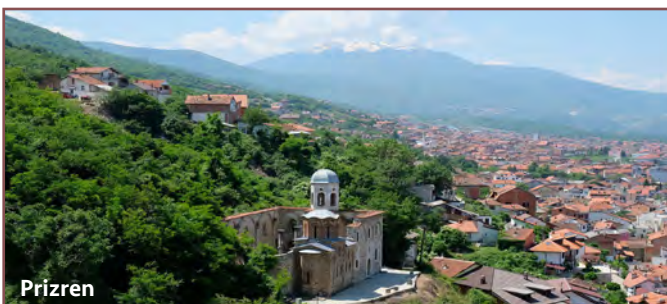
Escorted Private Tour

April 1 - October 31, 2025: Departure any day

10 days / 9 nights: 2 nights in Tirana, 1 night in Berat, 1 night in Pogradec, 1 night in Ohrid, 1 night in Skopje, 1 night in Prizren, 1 night in Shkodra, 1 night in Budva

Accommodation	Meals	Tours	Transportation	Transfer	Also includes
Tirana Hotel Opera 4* or Hermes 4* Berat Berat Mangalemi or Residencia Desaret Pogradec Hotel Perla or Pogradeci Ohrid Hotel Aleksandrija or de Lago Skopje Super 8 Skopje or De Koka Prizren Hotel Theranda or Centrum Shkodra Hotel Carmen or Rozafa Budva Hotel Hermes	Breakfast daily in each city	Professional English speaking driver and guide throughout. Explore Tirana, Kruja, Apolonia, Pogradec, Lake Ohrid, Drillon National Park, Skopje, Prizren in Kosovo and Podgorica - the capital of Montenegro.	Private, air-conditioned car throughout.	Arrival and departure transfers. Additional transfers are available at an additional cost.	Tax & service charge Museum entrance fees included.

GRAND BALKAN TOUR 2025		
10 days / 9 nights		
DATES US\$ Per Person	Land Only	
	Twin	Single
April 1 - October 31, 2025	\$3,956	\$4,610
Option to add 1 additional night in Dubrovnik at the end of the tour (Hotel Labad or similar). Departure transfer included from Dubrovnik. See details below:		
GRAND BALKAN TOUR 2025		
11 days / 10 nights with Dubrovnik		
DATES US\$ Per Person	Land Only	
	Twin	Single
April 1 - October 31, 2025	\$3,499	\$4,199
Minimum 2 people traveling per tour.		



GRAND BALKAN TOUR



DAY BY DAY ITINERARY

Day 1.

Depending on the time of arrival in Tirana, we may do a short city tour. In the evening, we'll have and optional **dinner at a traditional restaurant** and then explore the nightlife of Tirana, walking in the ex-block area known as "forbidden town" where the villas of the communist leaders are still standing next to trendy boutiques, expensive jeweler shops and lively local pubs. Overnight in Tirana.

Day 2.

After breakfast, **drive to Kruja**-known for Albania's national hero Skanderbeg. Visit the Castle and the Skanderbeg and Ethnographic Museums. Explore the Old Bazaar and continue to Durrës, the ancient Greco-Roman port city "Dyrrachium". The visit to the town includes the Byzantine city walls, the Roman Amphitheater and the Archeological Museum. Drive back to Tirana for overnight. **(B)**

Day 3.

Breakfast at your hotel. After breakfast, proceed to the ancient **Greek settlement of Apollonia**, founded in 588 BC. Continue to Ardenica with its medieval monastery surrounded by stonewalls. Visit Mary Church and St. Triadha Chapel. Drive to Berat - another "Museum City" also known as "the city of thousand windows". You will see the painted Mosque of the Bachelors and the Tekke of the Halvetis complex with its beautiful portico. End your day with a visit to Onuphri Icon Museum. Overnight in Berat. **(B)**

Day 4

After breakfast depart to visit Pogradec. Stop at Elbasa to see the beautiful Ottoman walls. **Arrive at Lake Ohrid**, one of the deepest freshwater lakes in Europe - home to a great number of fish and birds found nowhere else in the world. **Enjoy an optional lunch at a local restaurant** in Drilon, decorated with willow trees and streams flowing down to the lake. Nice spot not far from Ohrid Lake which has been a preferred holiday destination for ex-dictator, Hoxha. Overnight in Pogradec. **(B)**

Day 5.

After breakfast, visit Drillon National Park on the shores of Lake Ohrid. **Cross the border into Macedonia** and visit the Monastery of St. Naum. Continue to the other side of the lake to Ohrid. Visit the 11th century castle and other important ancient churches and schools. Orthodox Byzantine monks brought Christianity to Ohrid in the 10th century from Greece through the efforts of St. Cyril and Methodios, who crafted the Cyrillic alphabet. Overnight in Ohrid. **(B)**

Day 6.

Skopje was an important city for the Ottomans from the end of the 14th century. The Skopje of today retains that influence and is a thriving modern city. The largest Turkish bath in the Balkans is located here and is now an Art Museum. **We will visit the Turkish Bazaar and the National Museum.** Overnight in Skopje. **(B)**

Day 7.

After breakfast, **drive to Prizren in Kosovo**, a true open air museum and one of the most beautiful towns in Kosovo, situated on the slopes of the Sharr Mountains and on the banks of the river Bistrica. The craftsmen of Prizren are well known for their beautiful gold and silver items. Optional dinner and overnight in Prizren. **(B)**

Day 8.

After breakfast, tour the old part of Prizren. Then cross the border to Albania to visit Shkodra. It has been an important city for over 2,000 years. Once part of the Venetian Empire, Italian influence is evident everywhere. Visit Rozafa Castle. **Optional dinner and overnight in Shkodra. (B)**

Day 9.

Tour the old town of Shkodra, then cross the border to Montenegro. **Drive to the capital Podgorica for a short city tour.** Continue to Budva, one of the oldest settlements on the Adriatic, now the most famous summer resort of Montenegro. Visit Old Town and listen to legends about the Theban King Cadmus and the development of the city from the Greek period to turbulent Middle Ages and the devastating 1976 earthquake. Overnight in Budva. **(B)**

Day 10.

Breakfast at the hotel. Afterwards, private car transfer to the Dubrovnik airport via the Scenic Kotor Bay. This is the end of your tour. **(B)**

TERMS & CONDITIONS

PRICES, TARIFFS AND EXCHANGE RATES:

* The rates quoted in this brochure are based on tariffs and foreign exchange rates effective as of November 15th, 2024, and are subject to change without notice.

TAXES, SERVICE CHARGES:

* Most tours and package prices include government and local taxes, and service charges as specified in the itinerary.

* In some cities in Europe, local city or resort taxes apply, which are not included in the package price (even if it says tax included) and are payable at the spot.

NOT INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE:

* Tour prices do not include charges for passports, visas and meals not specified in the itinerary.

* Personal and accident insurance, beverages, telephone calls, all items of personal nature or any service not specifically mentioned as "included" in the brochure.

* Having a valid passport and visa is the responsibility of each individual traveler.

* Gratuities are NOT included.

* Entrance fees are NOT included in the price of private sightseeing tours (or in private transfers) except when specified as an "included item".

* Luggage handling is NOT included in transfer rates, packages, or tour rates, unless otherwise specified.

* Transfers are NOT included with packages and tours, unless otherwise specified.

* Train tickets do not include seat assignment except where specified as "included" item. Train seat assignments may be arranged for an extra charge.

DEPOSIT AND PAYMENTS

All bookings require a minimum 15% deposit at the time of the reservation. The deposit amount is nonrefundable.

With certain packages and tours, a higher deposit may apply.

Nonrefundable airline tickets, hotels and or rail tickets require advance payment beyond and above the initial deposit.

* Full payment is due 45 days prior to departure for any package, tour, or hotel reservation.

* Reservations made within 45 days; full payment is due within 2 days of booking.

* Reservations made within 14 days prior to departure from the U.S. or Canada: full payment and late booking fee is due at the time of booking.

* Airline tickets, rail tickets and cultural program tickets require payment at the time of confirmation.

* Tradesco Tours accepts Travel Agent's company check, Visa, MasterCard, Discover Card and American Express as payment for services.

* Documents for any services will be released only once full payment has been received.

* Please note: if full payment is not received by the due date, reservations may be cancelled.

LATE BOOKING FEE: If your reservation is made within 14 days of US departure date, then a \$30 processing fee will be charged, any special delivery expenses are additional. Canadian reservations are subject to an additional courier fee.

THEATRE TICKETS: Confirmed theatre tickets are nonrefundable and not exchangeable.

All theatres reserve the right to change their published program without notice.

CHANGES IN RESERVATION: First change of reservation is free of charge. Second change – and each subsequent change thereafter is subject to a \$25 handling fee per service segment.

Tradesco Tours recommends that all travelers purchase a travel protection plan to help protect themselves and their trip investment. Unforeseen events such as flight delays, baggage loss or even a sudden sickness or injury could impact your travel plans. For your convenience, we offer a Travel Insurance Services protection plan to help protect you and your travel investment against the unexpected. For more information on the available plans [click here](#) or contact Travel Insurance 800-228-9792 and reference location number 05-1785.

[Get your personalized Travel Insurance quote today.](#)

The product descriptions provided here are only brief summaries and may be changed without notice. The full coverage terms and details, including limitations and exclusions, are contained in the insurance policy. Travel Insurance Services, Inc. CA Agency License #0D10209. Insurance coverages underwritten by individual member companies of Zurich in North America, including Zurich American Insurance Company (NAIC #16535, state of domicile: New York), 1299 Zurich Way, Schaumburg, IL 60196. Certain coverages not available in all states. RETWEB

CANCELLATION (by the client) for any Land Program**:

Beyond 45 days

* If a reservation is cancelled 45 days (or more) prior to departure, your cancellation fee is your non-refundable deposit plus all revocable charges made by airlines, hotels, land operators and other suppliers.

Between 20 – 45 days

* Cancellation of an ESCORTED TOUR within 45 days, there will be no refund.

* Cancellation of an individual tour, hosted tour, hotel package – the cancellation fee is your non-refundable deposit, plus an additional \$250 per Person, plus 1 night hotel charge in each city, plus the price of any cultural program tickets, airline tickets or rail tickets, which have been already purchased and issued plus all revocable charges made by airlines, hotels, land operators and other suppliers.

Between 10 – 20 days

* Cancellation of an individual tour, hosted tour, hotel package – the cancellation fee is your non-refundable deposit, plus an additional \$350 per Person plus 2 nights hotel charge in each city, the price of any cultural program tickets, airline tickets or rail tickets, which have been already purchased and issued plus all revocable charges made by airlines, hotels, land operators and other suppliers.

Within 10 days

* Cancellation within 10 days prior or "no show" are subject to the full cost of the package, tour or hotel reservation. * There is no refund for any unused portion of a tour or package.

It is the client's responsibility to check each country's current entry policy.

CANCELLATION BY TRADESCO TOURS: Tradesco Tours reserves the right to cancel any tour, cruise or package departure for any reason, and has the right to withdraw any person at any time if their action impose upon or disturb other members of the tour.

RESPONSIBILITY OF TRADESCO TOURS: Tradesco Tours and/or their agents act only in the capacity as agents for the passenger in all matters connected with hotel accommodations, spa treatments, sight-seeing tours and transportation, whether by rail, air, bus, automobile, ship or any other means, and as agents hold themselves free of responsibility for any accident, damage or inconvenience occasioned from any cause whatsoever. Tradesco Tours and/or their agents will not be responsible for any damage, expense or inconvenience caused by late arrivals or departures, change of schedule, strikes or any other conditions, nor will they be responsible for the loss or damage to baggage or any of the passenger's belongings. Tradesco Tours reserves the right not to accept or retain any person of a tour at any time before and during the tour. Travelers are advised that itineraries cannot be altered, however Tradesco has the right to book other hotels within the same or upgraded category than stated in this brochure even if the travel documents have already been issued.

Tradesco is not responsible for any delay, accident, or cancellation of flight or train. Regarding excess baggage and weight, please see the carrier or your travel agent for regulations. Once an air ticket is issued it is nonrefundable and not changeable.

RAIL TICKETS AND RAIL PASSES: Any refund is subject to a 20% cancellation charge plus supplement fees.

Refund requests must be made in writing within 30 days of cancellation. The written request must include necessary information and the unused voucher, ticket or other documents to process the request. Once travel has commenced, there will be no refunds for unused portions of travel. Please allow a minimum of 4 weeks to process refunds.

PRICES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. In the event of a price increase, the client will be subject to the increase unless the reservation is paid in full. Any changes made to a reservation for which the price has been guaranteed will result in the booking being re-priced at the prices in effect at the time the change is made.

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS: Please check all airline tickets and travel vouchers carefully and notify us if you see any discrepancy. Please re-confirm all airline flight numbers and times with the carrier 24 hours prior to the departure.

FARES AND SCHEDULES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE. ALTHOUGH EVERY EFFORT HAS BEEN MADE TO CHARGE THE CORRECT FARES AND PROVIDE THE CORRECT SCHEDULES BEFORE THE PARTICIPANT'S DEPARTURE, NEITHER FARES NOR SCHEDULES ARE GUARANTEED.

Tradesco Tours Inc.
info@tradescotours.com
www.tradescotours.com
www.africawelove.com
Reservation for Travel Agents only:
1-800-448-4321 (USA & Canada)