

## "OFF THE BEATEN TRACK"

Around Serbia in 8 days

### NOTES:

**Difficulty level:** demanding



**Languages:** Serbian English

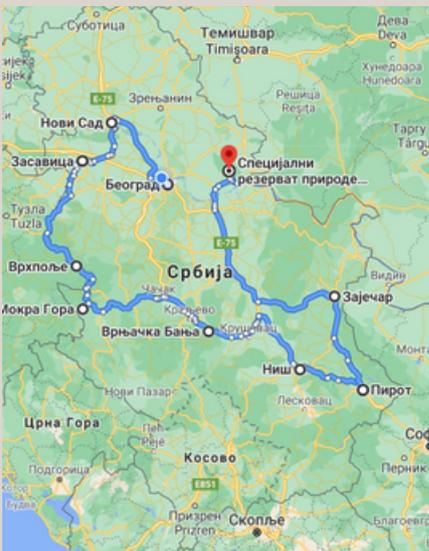


Other languages available on request

THE PROGRAM IS INFORMATIVE,  
THE PRICE DEPENDS ON THE  
DATE AND NUMBER OF  
PASSENGERS

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Stepping out of the main roads and main tourist areas
- Zasavica Nature Reserve
- Canyon and valley of Drina river with Perucac Lake and stunning viewpoints in surrounding hills
- Uvac river canyon
- City of Pirot in southeastern Serbia
- The Old Mountain
- Stone house village of Rajacke Pimnice with their unique wine production
- Deliblato Sands – the only European desert



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### DAY 1 BELGRADE

On the first day of tour we will explore Serbia's capital through a bit of a different perspective stopping at various viewpoints around the city while visiting the important historical landmarks in between.

We start with a short trip to the outskirts of town where we will visit Avala Tower and a Monument to an Unknown Hero, dedicated to heroes of World War I battles. We will have a coffee break at the tower café enjoying the views of Central Serbia on one side and Belgrade on the other.

As we head back to the city center we will stop at Kosutnjak Park at a place that is an actual ski slope, right here in the city with great panoramic views of Belgrade Old Town, The Bridge Over Ada and a Hippodrome. Next up is Tito's House of Flowers, followed by a visit to St. Sava Church – with a possibility of climbing the main cupola and the open terrace on top.

During the remainder of the tour we will visit the Gardos Tower, located in the Zemun district above the Danube river, the 25th floor of the Usce Business Center at the confluence of Danube and Sava rivers, and finally the Kalemegdan Fortress in the old city center where we can enjoy the sunset with a view of Belgrade rivers, The Great War Island and New Belgrade. Overnight in Belgrade.



### DAY 2 BELGRADE – NOVI SAD – FRUSKA GORA – ZASAVICA NATURE RESERVE – BELGRADE

Breakfast. A full day tour to the northern province of Vojvodina, with a visit to Serbia's 2nd largest city Novi Sad, Fruska Gora mountains and a very special Nature Reserve of Zasavica.

In Novi sad we will take a walk through the old city center, taking a closer look at landmarks such as the Cathedral, the Freedom Square, the Republic Square, City Hall, before crossing the river and climbing the Petrovaradin Fortress.

Next up is a drive to Fruska Gora mountain, where we will visit the Krusedol Monastery, built in 15th century and holding one of the largest collections of frescos and icons of Serbian Orthodoxy.

For afternoon relaxation and battery recharge we head to Zasavica – a vast nature reserve and a farm on the right bank of river Sava with numerous endemic and rare animal and floral species. In this beautiful natural setting we will take a moment to indulge in some domestic culinary specialties for lunch.

Return to Belgrade in the late afternoon.

Overnight.

### DAY 3 BELGRADE – VRHPOLJE – PERUCAC LAKE- MONASTERY RACA – BAJINA BASTA

After breakfast departure towards Western Serbia. We will take a ride by the beautiful river Drina, which makes the border between Serbia and Bosnia & Herzegovina and reach the ethno village of Vrhpolje.

Located on the right bank of Drina, the beautiful natural landscapes of this village are only a sign of things to come during the day. After a coffee break with some local snacks, we continue further down the river and reach the Perucac Lake. Perucac is an artificial lake created by a dam at river Drina, on the border with Bosnia & Herzegovina. It is part of the National Park Tara, a stunning mountain landscape with intact nature. We will climb towards the Banjska Stena viewpoint, with spectacular views of the lake that lays underneath and the surrounding hills. During the tour we will visit a nearby monastery Raca, built in 13th century.

In the late afternoon we reach the small town of Bajina Basta. Visiting a local rakia distillery. Overnight.



Eat



Pray



Love

## DAY 4 BAJINA BASTA – MOKRA GORA – UVAC RIVER – VRNJACKA BANJA

After breakfast, departure towards the Mokra Gora mountain and the ethno village of Mecavnik, also known as Drvengrad (eng. Wooden city). A creation of Serbia's famous movie director Emir Kusturica, the village was initially built as a movie set but being located at such a unique location it has become a popular getaway spot for those in search of peace and quiet, far from the busy city life.

The tour continues and we head towards the incredible Uvac river. On the way we will stop in a village of Mackat for lunch break – roasted lamb is a local specialty that is a must try for anyone passing through these areas.

We reach the Uvac river in the afternoon – a boat ride through the Uvac meanders and a climb to the viewpoints on the hills above.

In the early evening we will reach the spa town of Vrnjicka Banja. Overnight.



## DAY 5 VRNJACKA BANJA – LJUBOSTINJA MONASTERY – NIS – PIROT – STARA PLANINA

Breakfast and departure from Vrnjicka Banja. Our first stop of the day is a visit to Monastery Ljubostinja, built in 14th century by Princess Milica of Serbia.

After visiting the monastery, we continue towards southeast Serbia and reach the city of Nis, a town of many contrasts, with horse-carriages riding alongside new cars, modern busy everyday life, hip live music scene and pop-up markets. It is also an important historical place, dating back to antique times (lat. Naisus), it was an important town in Roman Empire and the birthplace of the famous emperor Constantine the Great, who established Christianity as official religion of Roman Empire. During the city tour we will see the Nis Fortress and the Skull Tower as some of the most important historical landmarks of the city.

The tour continues towards the town of Pirot – famous for 3 things: food (local special sausage in particular), production of special design Pirot rugs, and a third which is best told in person.

Lunch break in Nisavska Dolina – a picturesque ethno complex with great local culinary specialties.

Arrival in the evening to mountain Stara Planina (eng. Old Mountain) where we will relax, recharge our batteries with a fresh breeze in the foothill of the Black Peak.

Overnight.

## DAY 6 STARA PLANINA – ZAJECAR/FELIX ROMULIANA – RAJACKE PIMNICE – KLADOVO

Breakfast and departure from the Old Mountain towards the city of Zajecar. In Zajecar we will visit the archaeological site of Felix Romuliana, a Roman settlement from late 3rd / early 4th century, and also a UNESCO World Heritage Site. As we continue the tour we will hear stories about the area of Eastern Serbia, which apart from its beautiful intact nature, good wine and food is also known as a place where certain local women practice magic.

We will make a lunch break in the village of Rajacke Pimnice, a unique village with wine cellars made entirely of stone, giving it a true fairy tale look. Local specialties and local wine sort Tamjanika await us.

In the late afternoon we arrive in the city of Kladovo, located on the right bank of Danube river, on the border with Romania.

Overnight.



## DAY 7 KLADOVO – LEPENSKI VIR – GOLUBAC FORTRESS – RAM FORTRESS – DELIBLATO SANDS - BELGRADE

Breakfast. Departure back towards Belgrade. Along the way we will visit some important historical sites and delve into the beautiful nature of Deliblato Sands. Our first stop is the archaeological site of Lepenski Vir - an excavation of a settlement dating back to 9500 – 6000 BC, one of the world's oldest civilizations. The site holds various artefacts, tools and other objects from the time, as well as displaying their first homes.

Next up is the stunning fortress of Golubac – a medieval fortress located on Danube river at the entrance to the Djerdap Gorge. Though it is unclear who initially built it, it is first mentioned as a fort of Hungarian army in the early 14th century, and has ever since had a significant strategic role for both Turkish and Hungarian Empires.

Further down the river, another fortification awaits us – Ram Fortress, a fort on the right bank of Danube, though the first record of the fortress dates back to 12th century when the Byzantines fought the Hungarians in these areas, it was officially built in late 15th century by the Turks during the times of war against Austro-Hungarian Empire. A fully restored fortress is located on a steep hill above the river, with great views of the surrounding landscape.

Finally, after a trip through history, we take a special ferry across the Danube river and head to the Nature Reserve of Deliblatska Peshchara (eng. Deliblato Sands). An area of around 300km<sup>2</sup>, this is the only European desert, although it has in its entirety been afforested. This is a rare spot where you can see mountain trees in the middle of a plain, as well as bright green dunes. We will take a sunset walk along the gentle slopes of Deliblato Sands.

Return to Belgrade in the evening and overnight.



## DAY 8 BELGRADE

Enjoy your last day of the tour in Belgrade with a visit to the museum of Nikola Tesla or the Museum of Modern Art, followed by a relaxing lunch by the river, underneath the Belgrade Fortress.

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