

Sample Itinerary

Bulgaria – Macedonia – Serbia – Montenegro – Bosnia and Herzegovina – Croatia – Serbia – Bulgaria

Monday

Arrive Sofia (approximately 6 PM) Meet the guide. During the drive to the hotel a short presentation on religious history will be made by the guide. The bus will pass through the gypsy quarter near the airport and will proceed through the downtown area of Sofia, where most of the cultural and historical places of interest are located. If the members want they can be given the opportunity to see the Russian church prior to their accommodation in Dedeman Princess Hotel – Sofia. Dinner in the hotel.

Tuesday

Breakfast and departure for Zemen village. Along the way the members will receive some information about the industrial town of Pernik, where now most of the manufacture is strongly reduced and lots of the plants are closed. Arrival in Zemen. Here the group will visit a newly-built farm that runs a closed cycle of production. The ambitious owner has built up a dairy farm with about 80 cows of the Simental breed applying a mixed breeding (in boxes and in open-air). Second to be visited here is the sheep farm (about 800 sheep) - sheds, dairy centre and slaughterhouse. And the third place of interest in Zemen is the milk production centre which is now being established and designed for production of milk foods from the milk gathered by the two farms. The complex has also set up an own network of shops in order to sell its production. During the organized sample the guests will be convinced of the high quality of the nature-friendly farm production. During their visit the members will be accompanied by the proprietor and manager of the complex – Mr. Vasil Nikolov.

- Lunch in Zemen
- Travel to Skopje for meeting with Archbishop Georgevski in late afternoon.
- o/n and dinner in Hotel VIP in Skopje

Wednesday

- After breakfast social issue (NGO working: Orphans in Skopje)
- Lunch in Skopje
- Travel to Novi Pazar in the afternoon
- o/n in Hotel Vrbak in Novi Pazar

Thursday

- Breakfast and travel to Podgorica. On the way we plan to include a visit and a meeting with the administration of a school in the town of Rojaj.
- Lunch in Rojaj
- Arrival in Podgorica and meeting with representatives from the Ministry of Education and science for a presentation and discussion on target questions.
- Dinner and overnight in Hotel Crna Gora in Podgorica

Friday

- Travel to Dubrovnic
In the afternoon sightseeing of Dubrovnik and cultural/history lesson presented by the guide. Dubrovnik is a medieval walled city. Completed in the 13th century, the old city of Dubrovnik remained basically unchanged since. Main street of the old city is called Stradun or Placa, and is the city's main artery, lined with graceful stone palazzos where people both work and live. The city is declared a World Cultural Heritage Site by United Nations. Dinner and overnight

Saturday

- Breakfast and departure in east direction for the town of Mostar.
- Lunch with a glass of wine in the winery Herzegovinavina.
- From Mostar the group will proceed for the village of Siroki Brijeg, where the Lijanovici meat factory will be visited. The members will be welcomed for a presentation and discussion by Mrs. Tena Nagulov – PR manager of the plant.
- Short walking tour of Mostar - cultural and economical center of Herzegovina and the fifth largest city in Bosnia & Herzegovina. It was named after its Old Bridge (Stari most) and the towers on its sides, "the bridge keepers" ("mostari").
- Dinner and overnight in Hotel Bristol in Mostar.

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Sunday

- Breakfast. Travel to Sarajevo.
- Lunch on the way
- Visit the Tunnel of Freedom and tour of Sarajevo (if time)
- Dinner and overnight in Hotel Saraj.

Monday

- After breakfast meeting in the Embassy.
- Meeting and discussion with representatives in the Ministry of Agriculture of B&H.
- Embassy Reception
- Dinner and overnight in Hotel Saraj in Sarajevo

Tuesday

- Breakfast and travel to Split
- Lunch on the way.
- Meeting with a representative of the history department of the University of Split for a history lesson followed by a discussion.
- Mid seminar synthesis in the "Club Coffee shop" conferment hall of Hotel Bellevue.
- Dinner and o/n in Hotel Bellevue in Split

Wednesday

- Free time
- Dinner on their own
- o/n in Hotel Bellevue in Split

Thursday

- Breakfast and travel to Zagreb
- Late in the afternoon the members will have a combined meeting with representatives from Croatian Extension Service and from the University of Zagreb. The meeting will be held in the building of the Faculty of Agriculture.
- Dinner and o/n in Hotel Laguna in Zagreb

Friday

- Breakfast and departure in south direction for the town of Hrvatska Kostajnica.
- Lunch in the town in a nice traditional restaurant, situated on a hill with a picturesque view.
- Meeting and discussions with Mr. Coric /proprietor of the lavender farm nearby/ and other lavender farmers from the region. The discussions will proceed in the lavender farm of Mr. Coric /5 km from Kostajnica/.
- Dinner and overnight in Hotel Central in Hrvatska Kostajnica.

Saturday

- Breakfast and departure for Nis. On the way the group will make a short break in Belgrade. If time a short walking tour of the city can be organized.
- Arrival in Nis. Dinner and overnight in Hotel Panorama in Nis.

Sunday

- Breakfast
- Travel for a visit in Nis Auto Fruit company. Meeting and discussion with Mr. Ivica Dzunic.
- Lunch
- Travel to Sofia
- Synthesis and final festal dinner in Sofia.
- o/n in Dedeman Princess Hotel in Sofia

Monday

- Presentation of religious history (*Synagogue and mosque*)
- Leave for the airport (approximately 11:20 for 1:25 departure time)