



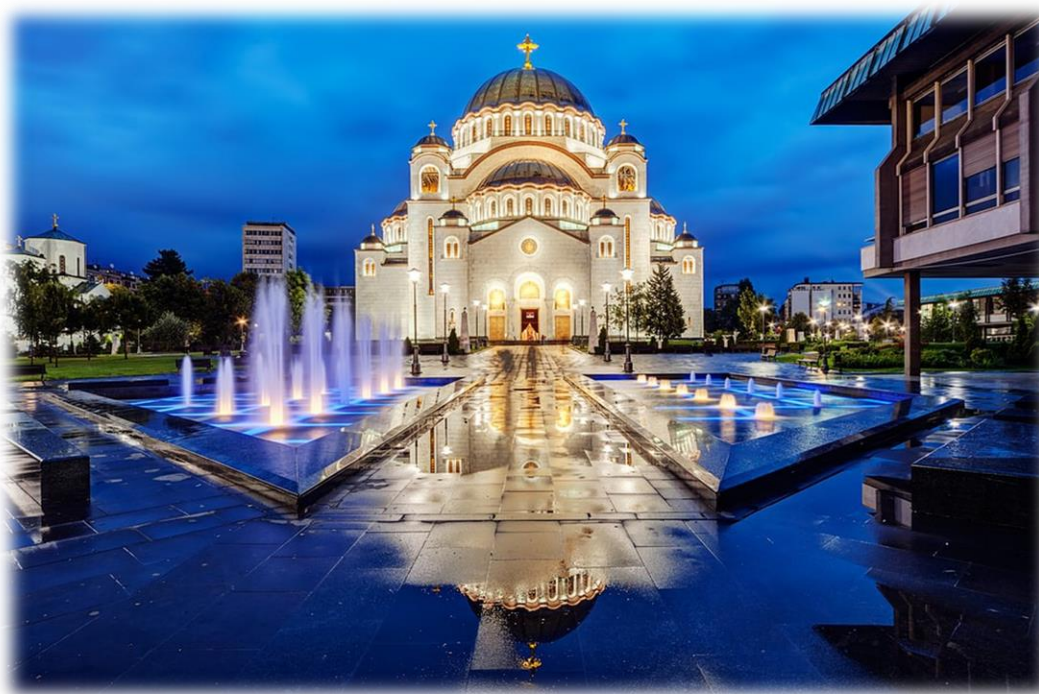
Itinerary	Meet the Balkans/14 Day Tour
Individual, Family or Group	Dates TBD

Day 1 Belgrade

Arrival at Belgrade Nikola Tesla Airport. Transfer to hotel in downtown Belgrade. Traditional dinner with folklore dance entertainment. Overnight.

Day 2 Belgrade tour

After breakfast, visit Nikola Tesla Museum, displaying life and work of Nikola Tesla. Drive to **Saint Sava Temple**, one of the biggest Orthodox Churches in the world. Sightseeing. Lunch included. Afterwards, drive to the **Kalemegdan Fortress**. Walking tour of Republic Square and Knez Mihajlova Street. Dinner, overnight.



St Sava Temple

Day 3 Zica and Studenica Monastery

After breakfast drive to **Zica Monastery**. Lunch. Scenic ride along Ibar River Valley, also known as the lilac valley to **Studenica Monastery**. Monastery was established in the late 12th century by Stefan Nemanja and is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Venerate the relics of Saint Anastasia, Mother of Sveti Sava, and of Stefan First Crowned. Monastic dinner. Overnight.



Day 4 Studenica-Arilje- Zlakusa – Zlatibor Mountain

After breakfast drive through picturesque Golija Mountain Nature. Arrive in Arilje and visit St. Achillius Church. The church is dedicated to St. Achillius of Larissa. Continue drive to Zlakusa village, well known for its clay pottery. Presentation of how to make clay pots followed by local cuisine lunch and folklore program. Drive to Zlatibor Mt. which translates to mountain of golden pine trees. Dinner and overnight.

Day 5 Mokra Gora – Sirogojno – Zlatibor Mountain

After breakfast drive to Mokra Gora and ride the Sargan 8 train, a narrow-gauge heritage railway in Serbia, running from the village of Mokra Gora to Sargan Vitas station. The train slowly climbs the mountain by making a figure 8. Lunch in Wooden town. Visit a dairy farm and have a tasting of local cheese spread, kajmak, which is very popular recipe in this region. Drive to **Sirogojno village**. Visit traditional wool sweater production and see the unique open air museum, which represents traditional Serbian countryside lifestyle from the 19th century. Drive back to Zlatibor hotel. Dinner. Overnight

Day 6 Uvac Canyon-Mileseva Monastery – Durmitor National Park

After breakfast drive to **Uvac Nature Preserve**, and ride in off road vehicles to the viewpoint “Molitva”. There you will see the Griffin vultures, an endangered species common to this area. Welcome by local villager who makes homemade honey and cheese. Drive to Prijepolje. Lunch along Lim River with beautiful view. Visit **Mileseva Monastery**, well known by White Angel Fresco. Founded in 13th century. Local lunch. Drive to Montenegro, Zabljak town, located in **Durmitor National Park**. Dinner, overnight.



White angel fresco

Day 7 Durmitor – Ostrog Monastery – Cetinje – Budva Riviera

Early breakfast. Drive to **Black Lake** which is glacial lake located in Durmitor National Park. After short hike through the forest and scenic ride we will arrive at **Ostrog Monastery**, located high up in the mountain of Ostroska Greda, dedicated to St Basil of Ostrog. Venerate the relics of the Saint. Lunch in Bogetici, below Ostrog Monastery. Drive to **Cetinje Monastery**, where the relics of St Peter of Cetinje hold the right hand of St John the Baptist, and where the icon of Philermos the Mother of the God have been kept. Drive to Adriatic coast. Hotel accommodation. Overnight.



Day 8 Budva Riviera

After breakfast, free time for individual activities. Beaches and restaurants nearby the hotel and most everything is within walking distance. If not taxis can be arranged to local sites. Free lunch. Dinner in hotel. Overnight.

Day 9 Kotor – Trebinje

After breakfast drive to **Kotor**, UNESCO town museum and sightseeing. Walk through historical downtown Kotor. Drive along the most beautiful fjord in the Adriatic Sea to Perast and Risan towns, both UNESCO heritage site. Boat ride to Holy Virgin on the Rocks Church, situated on an island in the bay of Kotor and sightseeing. Lunch. Drive to **Trebinje**. Hotel accommodation. Overnight.



Lady On the Rock – Kotor Bay

Day 10 Trebinje – Mostar

After breakfast drive to **Tvrđos Monastery** and Nova Gracanica Church where Jovan Ducic is buried. Lunch with traditional cuisine. We then continue our drive to Mostar, the most beautiful town in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Sightseeing of Mostar. Visit Blagaj village, situated at the spring of Buna River and historical tekke (Dervish Monastery) – OPTIONAL. Hotel accommodation. Dinner. Overnight.



Mostar – Old bridge



Day 11 Sarajevo

After breakfast, drive to Sarajevo. Walk along Bascarsija, the oriental quarter plentiful with restaurants and sightseeing of the preserved architecture: The Old Bazaar and the City Hall. Traditional lunch. Free time in Sarajevo. Dinner. Overnight.

Day 12 Sarajevo - Valjevo – Lelic Monastery – Novi Sad

After breakfast drive to Valjevo. Visit Tesnjar, the old bohemian quarter of Valjevo from 19th century. Lunch. After Valjevo, continue drive to **Lelic Monastery**, where the famous Serbian Bishop Saint Nikolaj Velimirovic lies in repose. He was the one of the most influential Bishop of the Serbian Orthodox Church. Drive to Novi Sad. Dinner. Hotel accommodation. Overnight.

Day 13 Novi Sad – Fruska Gora–Novi Sad

After breakfast drive to **Sremski Karlovci**, the spiritual and cultural center of the Serbs during the Austria-Hungary Empire. Walk through beautiful baroque center and pedestrian area of Sremski Karlovci – Patriarchal Residence, Saint Nicholas Church, Gymnasium and Four Lions Fountain. Drive along the slopes of Fruska Gora, visit **Krusedol Monastery** (optional Grgeteg Monastery), one of the 17 Medieval Monasteries in Fruska Gora. Traditional cuisine lunch. Drive to **Petrovaradin Fortress**, military fortification along Danube River. Back to the hotel. Free time in Novi Sad and farwell dinner. Overnight.



Petrovaradin Fortress Novi Sad

Day 14 Transfer to Belgrade Airport for return home. End of program.