



Itinerary	Beautiful and Sacred Serbia/13 Day Tour
Individual, Family or Group	Dates TBD

### Day 1- Belgrade airport- Belgrade

After our arrival at Belgrade Nikola Tesla Airport, expect a transfer to the hotel. On the first day of our tour, we will visit one of the biggest Orthodox Churches in the World - **Saint Sava Temple**. It is one of most monumental buildings in the city. Dinner in one of Belgrade's famous restaurants. Overnight in Belgrade.

### Day 2- Belgrade- Sremski Karlovci- Krusedol Monastery- Fruska Gora- Belgrade

After breakfast in the hotel, we start our second day by travelling to **Sremski Karlovci**, a small historic town settled on the banks of the Danube. Some of the important attractions are the first Serbian Secondary School established in the Austro-Hungarian Empire. Other attractions include the Patriarchal Palace, St. Nicholas Orthodox Church, the Museum of the City and City Hall. Afterwards we will drive through the scenic **Fruska Gora National Park** to visit **Krusedol Monastery**. We will be welcomed to the Krusedol Monastery and have a tour. After the Monastery, we will go for lunch in a traditional farm house (Salas). After a brief introduction to the farm, we will have a food preparation and cooking adventure: Preparing a Serbian meal the traditional way. After lunch we will return to Belgrade. Dinner in another famous restaurant and overnight in Belgrade.



*Krusedol Monastery*



*Sremski Karlovci*

### Day 3-Belgrade- Viminacium- Belgrade

After breakfast we will drive to the historical **Viminacium Archaeological Site**, a former Roman military camp. There we will tour the excavations. Lunch will be a traditional "Roman" style meal in restaurant, served by hostess in roman dresses or togas. After lunch we will return to Belgrade and visit the **Museum of Nikola Tesla**. Our sightseeing continues to the most important symbols of Belgrade—the mighty Belgrade Fortress, **Kalemegdan Park**, located on the confluence of the two rivers with scenic views from the top of the **Belgrade Fortress**. Dinner in one of the Belgrade's restaurants. Overnight in hotel in Belgrade.



*Viminacium Archeological site*

#### **Day 4- Drina River Canyon- Tara National Park– Zlatibor Mt.**

After breakfast in the hotel, we will drive along a scenic road to Bajina Basta/ Perucac. There we will board a boat and cruise through the magnificent **Drina River Canyon** with lunch on board. Navigating through the canyon, we will enjoy a magical area surrounded by cool green water and forest covered cliffs. After the cruise, we will drive to **Tara National Park** and observe the gorgeous surrounding and the next stop of the tour is the “Biljeska stena” lookout where we can see 3200 ft high cliffs descend down to the river Drina. From the lookout we will have a picturesque view of the lake Perucac and the Drina river Gorge. The view includes the famous Pancic spruce trees. Afterwards, we will drive to Zlatibor Mountain where we will have dinner and overnight.

#### **Day 5- Zlatibor- Mokra Gora- Sirogojno- Zlatibor**

After breakfast we will travel to **Drvengrad**, an ethno village on the northern slopes of Zlatibor Mountain. It was planned and constructed by Serbian film director Emir Kusturica. Drvengrad consists of a number of original refurbished cottages, galleries, cinema, library and shops with folklore items. We will depart and head to an interesting and scenic train ride. It is called **Šargan Osmica Railway**, the biggest attraction on Mokra Gora. The railway climbs the mountain in a figure 8 as seen from the sky, with stops at Ludi Kamen and other places to take wonderful pictures. Lunch will be in a local restaurant. After the train, we will drive to **Sirogojno village**, an open-air ethno museum. Sirogojno keeps the authentic lifestyle of the people from this region and is known for its knitted sweaters. Visit a dairy farm and have a tasting of local cheese spread, kajmak, which is very popular recipe in this region. Return to Zlatibor for dinner and overnight.



*Drvengrad*



*Tara National Park*

### **Day6- Zlatibor- Uvac Nature Reserve- Zlatibor**

After breakfast drive to the **Uvac Nature Reserve**, the largest natural habitat of griffin vultures in the Balkans. This nature reserves is the location of the world famous Uvac River Canyon. We will go to the lookout for a view of the canyon from above. Lunch in Prijepolje. We proceed our trip to Mileseva Monastery and visit one of the most beautiful European fresco painting from 13<sup>th</sup> century – White Angel on the Christ tomb. Afterwards, we will return to Zlatibor and visit an authentic Zlatibor house to learn how to smoke meats. We will have a tasting of smoked delicacies. Dinner in Zlatibor and overnight.



*Uvac River Canyon*





### Day 7- Zlatibor- Ovcar- Kablar Gorge- Studenica Monastery

After breakfast, drive to Ethno Village Terzica Avlija in Zlakusa for a workshop on Pottery and lunch. Afterwards, we will head to the **Ovcar-Kablar Gorge**, known locally as the Serbian Mount Athos with over 10 monasteries located in the Gorge on the Western Morava River. We will board a raft to visit the St Nicholas Monastery- Nikolje Monastery from the 15<sup>th</sup> Century. Drive to **Studenica Monastery**, the most important mediaeval monument in Serbia. It is under protection of The **UNESCO World Heritage**. We will have a Monastic Dinner in Studenica dining room and overnight in the dormitory.



*Studenica Monastery*

### Day 8-Studenica Monastery

We will participate in the morning prayer then have breakfast. Afterwards, we will drive to **Hermitage of St Sava** located in a cave on the Radocelo Mountain located above Studenica Monastery. Lunch in rural house hold. In the afternoon we will drive through lilac valley to **Zica Monastery**. Zica was built by the first Serbian King and had coronations for 7 Serbian Kings. Drive back to Studenica Monastery. At the end of the day, we will participate in the Evening prayer then have dinner and overnight.

### Day 9-Studenica Monastery- Sopocani- Pec

After breakfast drive to **Sopocani Monastery**, located 17 km west from the town Novi Pazar, endowment of Serbian King Stephan Uros I Nemanjic. Sightseeing. After visit we will visit NoviPazar. Traditional lunch. After lunch, drive to Kosovo and Metohija with a stop to visit **Sokolica Monastery**, located near Kosovska Mitrovica. Dinner and overnight in Pec.



*Sopocani Monastery*

#### **Day 10- Pec Patriarchate – Decani – Prizren**

After breakfast we will drive to **Pec Patriarchate**, a complex of four Medieval Churches known for their wonderful frescoes and unique architecture. Drive to **Visoki Decani Monastery**, the most magnificent Serbian medieval monastery. Afterwards, drive **Velika Hoca** village, one of Serbian enclave, where we will have traditional lunch. Then we will drive to Prizren for dinner and overnight.



*Visoki Decani*

#### **Day 11- Prizren – Gracanica–Gazimestan -Nis**

After breakfast, we will have a walking sightseeing tour of Prizren to see the Old Town, the most beautiful town in Kosovo and Metohija. Also a visit to the **Holy Virgin of Ljevis Church**, a UNESCO Heritage site. Afterwards, we will drive to **Gracanica Monastery**, to have a tour of its beautiful Byzantine architecture and have lunch. We will continue to Gazi Mestan and visit the Monument of the Battle of Kosovo. Drive to **Niš**. Visit the Nis Fortress, located on the Nisava River, by night. Dinner and overnight.





## Day 12-Nis - Ravanica Monastery – Topola- Belgrade

After breakfast, visit the **Cele Kula**, a tower of Skulls constructed by the Turks after the first Serbian Uprising. Then drive to visit **Ravanica Monastery** where you can venerate the relics of Tsar Lazar. Drive to Topola. We will have lunch and tasting of homemade brandy and natural juices in rural house hold. Drive to visit Oplenac, royal complex, near Topola. The endowment of King Petar I contains of the church of St. Djordje, Petar's house and Karadjordje's fortified town. All this represent the unique monument of the cultural- historical heritage of the Serbian people. We will return to Belgrade for dinner and overnight.



*RavanicaMonastery*

## Day 13- Belgrade- Belgrade airport

Breakfast at the hotel and transfer to Belgrade Nikola Tesla Airport for departure.