

Zagreb, Croatia



# 11DZAGBUH GEMS OF THE NORTHERN BALKANS

11 days in Zagreb, Belgrade, Drobeta-Turnu Severin, Sibiu, Brasov, and Bucharest.



## INCLUDED CITY TOURS

- Zagreb
- Belgrade
- Novi Sad
- Horezu
- Sibiu
- Sighisoara
- Brasov
- Bucharest

## INCLUDED FEATURES

- First-class hotels
- Arrival transfer from Zagreb airport on Day 1
- Departure transfer to Bucharest airport on Day 11
- Daily breakfast, 1 lunch and 7 dinners
- Professional English-Speaking Tour Director
- Licensed Local Guides
- Touring with modern air-conditioned motor coach
- Whisper technology for enhanced touring
- Luggage handling (1 piece per person)
- Service charges and hotel taxes
- Entrance fees included where indicated in bold

# TRIP ITINERARY

B - Breakfast | D - Dinner

Entrance fees included where indicated in bold.

## Day 1 - Saturday: Arrive in Zagreb

You will be met at the airport and transferred to your hotel. The rest of the day is free before meeting your fellow travelers and Tour Director for a Welcome Dinner. (D)

## Day 2 - Sunday: Explore Zagreb

In the morning, enjoy a city tour of Zagreb including the historic Upper Town, St. Mark's Church, St. Catherine's Church, the **Cathedral**, Parliament, and Government Palace. The rest of the day is free to explore the winding streets of the old town or take an optional excursion to the countryside. (B)

## Day 3 - Monday: Journey to Belgrade

After breakfast, we will drive you to Belgrade - the capital of Serbia. Enjoy dinner and an overnight stay. (B, D)

## Day 4 - Tuesday: Excursion from Belgrade

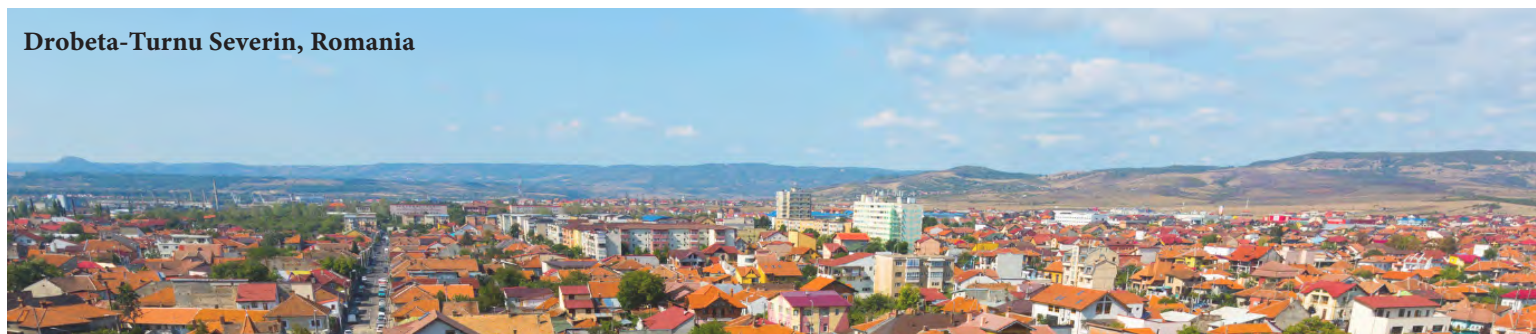
Embark on a full-day excursion from Belgrade. Our first stop is **Krusedol Monastery**, founded in the early 16th century and considered one of Serbia's most significant monasteries. Continue to the picturesque town of Sremski Karlovci - known for its baroque and neoclassical architecture. After an orientation tour, we will visit one of the famous local wineries for lunch and wine tasting. Afterwards, explore the intriguing **Petrovaradin Fortress**, with its underground trenches and tunnels. Our last stop is the city of Novi Sad, where you'll have a quick orientation tour and some free time before returning to your hotel in Belgrade. (B, L)

## Day 5 - Wednesday: Explore Belgrade

Start your morning with a sightseeing tour of Belgrade, including a visit to the imposing **Kalemegdan Fortress**, strategically located at the confluence of the Sava and Danube Rivers. Discover Republic Square, Knez Mihailova Street, Saint Sava Temple (the largest Orthodox Church in the city), and Tito's Memorial. Continue to Avala. The rest of the day is free for you to explore at your own pace. In the afternoon, you have the option to join an excursion to Topola, where George Petrovic, also known as Karadjordje, was chosen as the leader of the First Serbian Uprising against the Ottoman Empire in 1804. A short drive away is St. George's Church, also known as Oplenac, the burial place of the Ducal and Royal Family of Serbia and Yugoslavia. After a lunch break (not included), we will return to Belgrade. The evening is yours to enjoy. (B)

## Day 6 - Thursday: To Drobeta-Turnu Severin

Drive towards the Golubac Fortress, located on a hill slope overlooking the Danube River, to visit this fortified ten-tower town. Afterward, embark on a cruise through the gorge, witnessing the most beautiful sections of the Danube. Cross the border into Romania and head to Drobeta-Turnu Severin for dinner and an overnight stay. (B, D)



Drobeta-Turnu Severin, Romania





Belgrade, Serbia



Bucharest, Romania



Sibiu, Romania

#### Day 7 - Friday: To Sibiu

Continue your journey through Hunedoara, where you will visit one of the largest castles in Europe, the **Corvnesti Castle**. Enjoy dinner and an overnight stay in Sibiu. (B, D)

#### Day 8 - Saturday: Sibiu, Sighisoara & Brasov

Take a sightseeing tour of Sibiu, once the richest town in Transylvania. Explore Huet Square, the Great Square, the Evangelical Cathedral, and the famous Liar's Bridge, among other attractions. Continue to Sighisoara, the best-preserved medieval city in southeastern Europe and a UNESCO World Heritage site. Visit the **Clock Tower Museum** on a city tour. Then, travel to Brasov for a walking tour including the **First Romanian School Museum**, which houses an impressive collection of rare books, documents, and art. (B, D)

#### Day 9 - Sunday: Brasov & Bucharest

Head to Bran for a visit to **Bran Castle**, made famous by Bram Stoker's novel as the residence of the sinister vampire, Count Dracula. Continue toward Bucharest, stopping in Sinaia to visit **Peles Castle**, built as the summer residence of King Carol I. Afterward, visit the beautiful 17th-century **Sinaia Monastery**. End the day in Bucharest - known as *Little Paris*. (B, D)

#### Day 10 - Monday: Explore Bucharest

Get acquainted with the Romanian capital on a sightseeing tour. Visit the Parliament Palace, one of the largest buildings in the world and a National Treasure. Learn how the Romanian people finally succeeded in toppling the last communist dictator in Eastern Europe at the Revolution Square. The tour will also bring you to the Romanian Athenaeum, the Opera House, the National Military Club, the Military Academy, Triumphal Arch, and the **Village Museum**. Celebrate your Balkan Adventure tonight with a Farewell Dinner and folklore show. (B, D)

#### Day 11 - Tuesday: Depart Bucharest

After breakfast, check out from your hotel and transfer to Bucharest airport for your departure. (B)

**Note:** Because of the narrow and cobbled streets, walking is the primary way of getting around. Please make sure to pack comfortable walking shoes.

### INCLUDED HOTELS

- **Zagreb** - Zonar (F) or similar
- **Belgrade** - Hotel Moskva/ Courtyard by Marriott (F) or similar
- **Drobeta-Turnu Severin** - Continental Drobeta (SF) or similar
- **Sibiu** - Continental Forum/ Golden Tulip (ST) or similar
- **Brasov** - Aro Palace (F) or similar
- **Bucharest** - Hilton Garden Inn (F) or similar

### DATES & TOUR PRICING - 1.. ZAG H

Start:	End:	Per Person in Twin:
April 20	April 30	\$2,799
June 1	June 11	\$2,799
July 13	July 23	\$2,799
August 24	September 3	\$2,799
October 5	October 15	\$2,668
Single Room Supplement		\$879