



TRAIL TO THE BALKAN SLOPES



TRIP CODE:

ELBSHS-9

Topdecker, MEET EUROPE

Travel to the Balkan slopes for some shredding action on this adventure from Budapest to Sofia. Check off Timisoara and Bucharest on your way to Sofia where you can take the option to go and ski in a nearby resort. Pro or beginner, this trip is for you. Let's do this.

WORTH NOTING...

A Sector trip is part of a larger journey, meaning your new friends might continue on or after you leave, or you might be joining a trip already in progress.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



Limited Editions



Nights



Android/iPhone app download info



This is a sector trip.

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We really appreciate your decision to travel with us, and rest assured that the entire Topdeck team will be pulling out all the stops to make your trip an unforgettable one.

Now it's time to get excited and get ready for a fantastic holiday!

From all the crew at Topdeck Travel

ABOUT YOUR TRIP NOTES

These Trip Notes contain everything you need to know before your trip departs, including where to meet, what to bring and what you can expect on your trip of a lifetime! Also, you can easily download and print this document off so you can check off the lists or bring it with you when you travel.

Please do bear in mind though, some points should be taken as a guide only - after all, everyone's different! For example, daily spending money and clothing lists can vary greatly from one person to the next so don't be alarmed if you don't expect to spend (or even wear) so much! However, we're sure you'll find the information in general to be very useful.

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PLEASE NOTE: We strongly urge you to refresh this document as close to the time of your departure as possible to ensure you have the most up-to-date accommodation list and information available.

ON THE BUCKET LIST (INCLUDED)

- + Driving and walking tours of Bucharest
- + Walking tour of Sofia

MORE INCLUSIONS

- + Walking tour of Timisoara
- + Bucharest driving and walking tour
- + Visit Veliko Târnovo
- + Walking tour of Sofia

YOUR TRIP WILL START

PICK UP:

Budapest
Europe

YOUR TRIP WILL FINISH

DROP OFF:

Sofia
Europe

Trip currencies

- + Hungary - HUF
- + Romania - RON
- + Bulgaria - BGN

Your Itinerary



**AWESOME TRIP
LEADER**



DRIVER

DAY 1 | BUDAPEST, HUNGARY

YES! You're in Budapest, baby! Ready for a wintry Balkan adventure? Good news – you've come to the right place. Meet your Topdeck trip mates at dinner tonight and gear up for an awesome couple of weeks. Excitement levels: 1000/10.



MEALS:

+ Dinner

DAY 2 | BUDAPEST TO TIMISOARA, ROMANIA

Next stop, Timisoara. Quick fact: some call it 'Little Vienna'. Today we'll get the lay of the land on a walking tour before hitting up the Old Town neighbourhood. Don't miss the Romanian Orthodox Cathedral – especially after dark.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast



INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Walking tour of Timisoara

DAY 3 | TIMISOARA TO BUCHAREST, ROMANIA

We're off to Bucharest. To get your bearings, we've got a driving and walking tour on the cards today. Later tonight, enjoy a group dinner and share travel stories. Get stoked, you've got a free day in buzzing Bucharest tomorrow.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast

+ Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Bucharest driving and walking tour

DAY 4 | BUCHAREST

Day four is a free day. Our suggestions? The Palace of Parliament (it's pretty big – you can't miss it), the Cismigiu Gardens (if the lake is frozen over, get your skates on) and the Bucharest Arc de Triomphe. So. Much. To. See!



MEALS:

+ Breakfast

DAY 5 | BUCHAREST TO SOFIA, BULGARIA

The charming and historical Sofia is up next on our Balkan bucket list. But to break up the day, we're stopping at Veliko Târnovo for some pics. It's one of Bulgaria's oldest towns and houses the impressive Tsarevets Fortress. Once in Sofia, become best friends with the city on a walking tour and work up an appetite for dinner this evening.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast

+ Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Visit Veliko Târnovo

+ Walking tour of Sofia

DAY 6 | SOFIA

Free day to explore this gem of a capital city. Hot tip: get on down to the Alexander Nevsky Cathedral and make sure you go inside too. You can thank us later. But for the main event, let's go skiing (optional). We'll make our way to Borovets ski resort where you can hit the slopes, whatever your ability. Ready to shred?



MEALS:

+ Breakfast



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

+ Skiing in Bulgaria

DAY 7 | SOFIA

Survived the après-ski and want a second day skiing? We've got you covered (optional). For non-skiers, take a scenic open-air lift ride and hike to the Seven Rila Lakes in Rila Mountain (optional). It'll be a view to remember. There's also the chance to visit the beautiful Rila Monastery (optional). Talk about spoilt for choice!



MEALS:

+ Breakfast



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

+ Skiing in Bulgaria
+ Visit Rila Monastery
+ Open-air lift ride and hike to the Seven Rila Lakes, Rila Mountain

DAY 8 | SOFIA

This trip ends here! Say goodbye over breakfast. We won't blame you if you wanna stick around and explore some more though...



MEALS:

+ Breakfast

Topdeck Travel App

Our travel app is **AVAILABLE TO DOWNLOAD BEFORE YOU TRAVEL**. With a range of cool features including a Currency Converter, Budget Planner, Check-In tool and Social Timeline (so your next #TravelEnvy post is never too far away) you can plan your trip like a pro.

Think of it like your very own Topdeck Trip Leader, always on call with the latest info, weather, maps and city guides to give you the trip of a lifetime, all in the palm of your hand.

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Passenger safety

One of the best parts of travelling is experiencing the nightlife and entertainment each city has to offer. However, amidst the fun and excitement, it's important to be aware of your surroundings and personal safety as well. Before you hit the road with us, be sure to familiarise yourself with the following safety information.

When you're on a night out, remember to avoid walking alone, particularly through deserted areas like beaches and back streets. Always stick together, take a registered taxi where possible, and keep a note of your accommodation details so you can find your way back to your fellow Topdeckers if you become separated. It's also a good idea to get your Topdeck trip mates' mobile numbers in case you need to get hold of them while out and about.

In some countries, alcoholic measures can be considerably larger than what you may be used to. Try to keep track of what you're drinking, and if you see one of your trip mates looking a little worse for wear, take them back to your accommodation. Never leave your drink unattended.

It's also important to be aware that what you might consider harmless flirting may be interpreted differently in some countries. Be yourself and have fun, but stay savvy – you don't want to find yourself in an uncomfortable situation.

OTHER INFORMATION



THAT'S IT!