

Topdeck

BALKAN ADVENTURER



TRIP CODE:

ELBSSH-9



Topdecker, MEET EUROPE

This trip will have you ticking off some of the greats that the Balkans has to offer. Starting in Budapest, you'll travel through Timisoara, Bucharest, Sofia, Belgrade, Sarajevo and Plitvice Lakes National Park before finishing up back in Budapest. Did we mention you'll also get the chance to ski? Yup you heard. Beginner or pro, don't miss your chance to opt in and hit the powder. See you on the slopes.

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



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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)

- + Entry to Plitvice Lakes National Park
- + Visit the Srebrenica Memorial

MORE INCLUSIONS

- + Walking tour of Sofia
- + Walking tour of Belgrade
- + Walking tour of Sarajevo
- + Visit the Srebrenica Memorial
- + Entry to Plitvice Lakes National Park
- + Driving tour of Budapest

YOUR TRIP WILL START

PICK UP:

Sofia
Europe

YOUR TRIP WILL FINISH

DROP OFF:

Budapest
Europe

Trip currencies

- + Bulgaria - BGN
- + Serbia -
- + Bosnia and Herzegovina - BAM
- + Croatia - HRK
- + Hungary - HUF

Your Itinerary



**AWESOME TRIP
LEADER**



DRIVER

DAY 1 | SOFIA, BULGARIA

Are you ready for this? Your Balkan Adventurer trip starts here! Tick off the must-sees (hello, Aleksander Nevski Cathedral) before meeting the Topdeck crew later today. With a welcome dinner included, you'll all be best Balkan buds in no time.



MEALS:

+ Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Walking tour of Sofia

DAY 2 | 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 3 | SOFIA

Survived the après-ski and want a second day of 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 4 | SOFIA TO BELGRADE, SERBIA

Serbia here we come! Curl up on the coach as we cruise into Belgrade. Once we arrive, we'll show you how to explore this city like a pro. Later, why not hit the town? YOLO is the motto after all.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast
+ Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Walking tour of Belgrade

DAY 5 | BELGRADE

Why not take a trip along the banks of the mighty Danube and into Belgrade's Old Town district to investigate the local hot spots? Belgrade Fortress, the bohemian hub Skadarlija and Republic Square are also waiting to be explored.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast

DAY 6 | BELGRADE TO SARAJEVO, BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA

This morning we'll pay a sobering visit to the Srebrenica Memorial (which honours the victims of the 1995 genocide) before we move on to Sarajevo. Here, we'll follow our local guide and learn all about the city's war-torn past. Tonight, discuss everything you've learned over dinner. This one's on us.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Walking tour of Sarajevo
- + Visit the Srebrenica Memorial

DAY 7 | SARAJEVO TO PLITVICE LAKES, CROATIA

On our way to one of the most beautiful parts of Eastern Europe today. Get ready for 300km squared of awesomeness at Plitvice Lakes National Park.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast

DAY 8 | PLITVICE LAKES

Get excited – on day eight, we'll make our way to one of the most beautiful parts of Eastern Europe. Yep, we're looking at you, Plitvice Lakes National Park! In the right conditions, the park's waterfalls freeze over and the trees get covered in a blanket of snow, turning it into a real-life winter wonderland.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Entry to Plitvice Lakes National Park

DAY 9 | PLITVICE LAKES TO BUDAPEST

Tear your heart away from the beautiful Plitvice Lakes as we make tracks to Budapest. See the sites on an included driving tour before tucking in to one last dinner with your travel pals.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Driving tour of Budapest

DAY 10 | BUDAPEST

When day ten comes, it's Splitsville. Quick, let's be Facebook friends!



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!