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BALKAN COASTS



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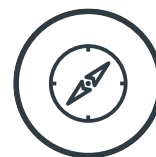
Topdecker, MEET EUROPE

We're taking you from Dubrovnik to Bucharest on this bulked out trip through the Balkans. This trip's got it all: beaches, beers, beautiful scenery and loads more. Ready to roll? Let's go!

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.

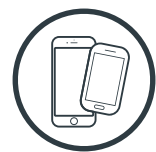
WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



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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)

- + Visit Ruse
- + Visit to Matka Valley
- + Visit Kotor
- + Local guide in Dubrovnik

MORE INCLUSIONS

- + Walking tour of Dubrovnik with a local guide
- + Visit Kotor
- + Visit the Monastery of Saint Naum
- + Visit Valley Canyon
- + Visit the Rila Monastery
- + Visit Ruse

YOUR TRIP WILL START

PICK UP:

Dubrovnik
Europe

YOUR TRIP WILL FINISH

DROP OFF:

Bucharest
Europe

Trip currencies

- + Croatia - HRK
- + Montenegro - EUR
- + Albania - ALL
- + Macedonia - MKD
- + Bulgaria - BGN
- + Romania - RON

Your Itinerary



DAY 1 | DUBROVNIK, CROATIA

It doesn't get much better than this. Say hi to Dubrovnik before you meet the group for a walking tour to kick things off. Travelling solo? You won't be for much longer. Exciting times ahead.



MEALS:

- + Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Walking tour of Dubrovnik with a local guide

DAY 2 | DUBROVNIK

Yay! A free day in Dubrovnik! Spend some time checking out the residential homes further up in the Old Town for some awesome views, then enjoy a cold beer on the wall as the sun sets over the Adriatic. Alternatively, take to the turquoise water with a spot of optional sea kayaking around the city walls. This is the good life. There's also a Game of Thrones tour to get stuck into if that's your jam.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast



OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES:

- + Sea kayaking around the Dubrovnik Walls
- + Game of Thrones tour in Dubrovnik

DAY 3 | DUBROVNIK TO TIRANA, ALBANIA VIA KOTOR, MONTENEGRO

Say bye to Croatia because we're off to Albania via a pit stop in Kotor, Montenegro. That's right! Three countries in one day. Check you out! Seeing the world like a boss.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Visit Kotor

DAY 4 | TIRANA TO OHRID, MACEDONIA

Today we're off to Ohrid. Think: medieval churches, monasteries, ruins and a lake so blue you'll forget what stress even is.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast
- + Dinner

DAY 5 | OHRID

We've got a free day in Ohrid today. Checking out historic monuments one minute and lying on a deck chair with your toes in the water the next. It ain't so bad here. This afternoon we've got a visit to the Monastery of Saint Naum. The views here over Lake Ohrid are impressive AF.



MEALS:

- + Breakfast



INCLUDED TODAY:

- + Visit the Monastery of Saint Naum

DAY 6 | OHRID TO SKOPJE

Back on the coach for a drive to Macedonia's capital, Skopje (pronounced SKOPE-yey.) Before we hit the big city, we're stopping for a dose of daily greens at Valley Canyon. Think: 5000 hectares of forest, monasteries and cool rocks. Get ready because there are plenty of photo ops of the Matka Canyon.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast



INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Visit Valley Canyon

DAY 7 | SKOPJE TO PLOVDIV, BULGARIA

And, we're off this morning. Destination = Plovdiv, Bulgaria's second largest city. Get caught up in the history and architecture and be amazed at the Rila Monastery. Dinner's up to you tonight so be sure to seek out somewhere awesome to round up your day.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast
+ Lunch



INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Visit the Rila Monastery

DAY 8 | PLOVDIV TO BURGAS

To the beach! Today we're off to Burgas for a dose of sun and sand in this super cute seaside town.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast

DAY 9 | BURGAS

Free days are the best days. Today you have two options: flick your towel out on the beach or don your best boots for exploring.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast

DAY 10 | BURGAS TO BUCHAREST, ROMANIA

Another day, another country. We're off to Bucharest, but first, a pit stop at Ruse. This Viennese inspired UNESCO town is sure to set your Insta feed on fire. Spend a few hours here and then wave bye to Bulgaria as we cruise into Romania.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast
+ Dinner



INCLUDED TODAY:

+ Visit Ruse

DAY 11 | BUCHAREST

Welcome to Bucharest. Despite what its name suggests, today there's no rest allowed. You have a mission: cheap beers and hunting vampires. For those wanting to wander, the Palace of Parliament and the Cismigiu Gardens are highly recommended. Psst: ten points if you find the Mini Arc De Triomphe. 10,000 steps? Too easy.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast

DAY 12 | BUCHAREST

Say goodbye to your group today, number swap and prepare for the next adventure.



MEALS:

+ Breakfast

Meals

Breakfasts are included every day in the hotel (except on the first morning). They are usually 'continental breakfasts', which are typical in most European countries. A typical breakfast may consist of cereals with milk or yoghurt, bread, croissants, cold meats, cheese and a range of spreads, with fruit juice, tea or coffee to drink. It is rare to get a hot breakfast in continental Europe, though on some occasions there may be some hot food available as well.

Included evening meals are in local restaurants or accommodation places, and are either two or three courses. In most cases table water is provided with the meals, and if you wish to purchase additional drinks you can do so at your own expense.

If you have any dietary requirements we will make every effort to cater to your specific needs as long as you advise your travel agent or Customer Service Consultant when you book, or make note of this in the Topdeck App when you check in (refer below). However, please be aware that although we will do everything in our power to arrange it, we cannot guarantee that every restaurant we use will be able to cater to all dietary needs, particularly in Eastern Europe. We also cannot cater for tastes or dislikes, as most of our included evening meals feature a set menu.

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!