



INSIGHT VACATIONS

TREASURES OF THE BALKANS

April 18 to May 4, 2027

16 Nights | Moderate Pace

Marvel at the magic of the Balkans on an incredible 16-day guided tour through 8 captivating countries. From breathtaking coastlines and ancient history to vibrant cultures and unforgettable landscapes, this journey offers something for everyone. Step into the legends of Bran Castle, famously associated with the story of Dracula, and uncover the myths and mysteries surrounding this iconic landmark. Explore the remarkable Roman ruins of Sofia, and discover Sarajevo's historic Tunnel of Hope. With incredible sights, fascinating stories, and diverse cultures around every corner, this is the Balkans at its very best.

Highlights & Inclusions

- Roundtrip airport transfers from the CAA Thorold office
- Return airfare with taxes, Toronto to Bucharest and Belgrade to Toronto, in economy class
- Visit the countries of Romania, Macedonia, Bulgaria, Albania, Croatia, Serbia, Montenegro, and Bosnia & Herzegovina
- Accommodations in Bucharest, Brasov, Veliko Tarnovo, Sofia, Skopje, Tirana, Budva, Dubrovnik, Sarajevo and Belgrade
- Breakfast daily and nine dinners with gratuities
- Explore Bran Castle After-hours
- City tour of Bucharest, Skopje, Sofia, Tirana, Dubrovnik, Belgrade
- Make Travel Matter Experience in Sarajevo
- Visit Bucharest Palace of Parliament, Sinaia's Peleş Castle, the Church of the Holy Nativity, Tsarevets Fortress, Kotor's Stari Grad
- Gratuities to an Insight Travel Director, local experts & coach driver
- All local transfers
- Services of a CAA Tour Director
- Baggage handling with gratuities

Pricing per person

\$10,069 double | **\$11,999** single

Not Included: Items of personal nature, trip cancellation / medical insurance

JOURNEYS

BY CAA NIAGARA

TREASURES OF THE BALKANS

B= Breakfast L= Lunch D= Dinner

■ SUNDAY, APRIL 18

Fly from Toronto to Bucharest on an over night flight.

■ MONDAY, APRIL 19

D

Arrival in Bucharest, Romania! Tonight join your Travel Director and fellow travellers for dinner at a local restaurant.

Accommodations: Radisson Blue Hotel, Bucharest or similar

■ TUESDAY, APRIL 20

B, D

Explore Bucharest's University Square, former Communist headquarters and the immense Parliament Palace with a local expert. Enjoy a private dinner at Queen Marie's Tea House, followed by an after-hours visit to legendary Bran Castle, which is said to be the inspiration for Bram Stoker's Dracula. Learn about Queen Marie of Romania, the last inhabitant of the castle, visit the torture rooms and relive the tales of the infamous Count Dracula. Dinner included tonight.

Accommodations: Radisson Blue Aurum, Braşov or similar

■ WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21

B

Travel along the Prahova Valley to visit Peleş Castle. Admire the lavish rooms filled with art, armor and tapestries. Return through the Carpathian Mountains to the charming medieval city of Braşov, founded in 1211 by the Teutonic Knights. Walk around the Town Hall Square with a Local Expert. The Square is lined with beautiful red-roofed houses and dominated by The Black Church.

■ THURSDAY, APRIL 22

B, D

Cross the Danube into Bulgaria and continue to Veliko Tarnovo, the City of the Tsars. Perched dramatically along the cliffs of the River Yantra, this picturesque town is considered one of Bulgaria's most beautiful. In the evening, enjoy dinner at your hotel. Dinner included tonight.

Accommodations: Yantra Grand Hotel, Veliko Tarnovo or similar

■ FRIDAY, APRIL 23

B

Meet a Local Expert to explore the ruins of Tsarevets Fortress, a reminder of the town's imperial past, and enjoy sweeping views over Bulgaria's oldest capital and the Yantra Valley. Continue to picturesque Arbanasi to visit a 17th-century merchant's house and the Church of the Holy Nativity before crossing the Balkan Mountains to Sofia. Discover the city's highlights with a Local Expert, including St. Sofia Church, St. Alexander Nevsky Cathedral and the Church of St. George Rotunda.

Accommodations: Grand Millennium Sofia or similar

■ SATURDAY, APRIL 24

B, D

Today enjoy a day at leisure. Perhaps visit the Rila Monastery to enjoy a fascinating insight into the largest and most famous Eastern Orthodox monastery in Bulgaria, or just relax and wander at your own pace. Enjoy an included dinner tonight.

■ SUNDAY, APRIL 25

B, D

Cross the border into North Macedonia and continue on to its capital, Skopje; modern architecture meets the ancient bazaar, with Turkish influence can be seen and felt. Explore the city on a guided tour with a Local Expert. Dinner included tonight.

Accommodations: Skopje Marriott Hotel or similar



Map of Itinerary



Palace of Parliament , Bucharest



Tsarevets Fortress, Bulgaria



Skopje, Macedonia

■ **MONDAY, APRIL 26**

B, D

Making your way to the border, stop by the scenic Lake Ohrid for lunch. Cross into Albania and journey to Tirana, renowned for its friendly locals. Continue to the landmark Skanderbeg Square for an insider's look at the Albanian capital with a Local Expert. Dinner included tonight.

Accommodations: Hilton Garden Inn Tirana or similar



Skanderbeg Square, Tirana

■ **TUESDAY, APRIL 27**

B

Soak up Montenegro's natural beauty as you drive towards Budva where you will have the day to explore. Head to Stari Grad, the Old Town, surrounded by 15th-century ramparts to explore its labyrinthine lanes and small squares. You can choose to sit back, relax and watch the world go by.

Accommodations: Hotel TQ Plaza Budva or similar

■ **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28**

B

Journey through the spectacular scenery of Montenegro to the Old Town of Kotor, known as Stari Grad a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Located beside a beautiful bay near the limestone cliffs of Mt. Lovćen.

Accommodations: Hotel Kompas Dubrovnik, Croatia or similar



Dubrovnik, Croatia

■ **THURSDAY, APRIL 29**

B, D

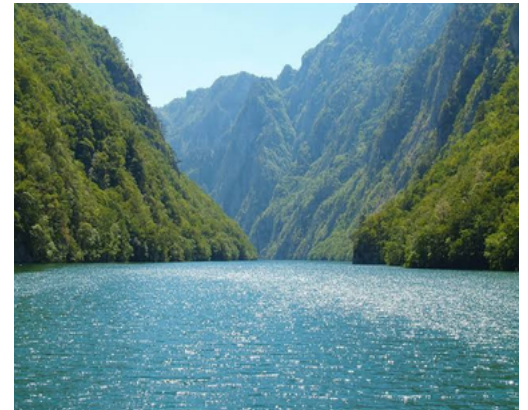
Join a Local Expert and explore Dubrovnik's historic streets, seeing Onofrio's Fountain, the Rector's Palace, city walls and historic monasteries. Enjoy free time to discover the city. This evening, choose from a fine selection of restaurants for your Dine-Around evening.

■ **FRIDAY, APRIL 30**

B, D

Journey to Mostar and explore the iconic Stari Most, the 16th-century Ottoman Old Bridge, with your Local Expert. Wander the cobbled Old Town before continuing to Sarajevo for a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience, sharing an authentic meal with a local family and hearing stories of the city's resilience and heritage. Dinner included tonight.

Accommodations: Swissotel Sarajevo or similar



Drina River

■ **SATURDAY, MAY 1**

B

Explore Sarajevo where you can choose to meet an expert on the Bosnian War for a visit to Sarajevo's astonishing Tunnel of Hope. Alternatively, join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience for a nature walk to the spring of the Bosna River, a protected park just beyond the city, led by a conservation guide. The afternoon is free to explore as you wish.

■ **SUNDAY, MAY 2**

B

Travel along the Drina River, that lies on the border of Serbia, Bosnia & Herzegovina. Take in beautiful landscapes of lush, green mountains creating magical forest canyons, as you make your way to Belgrade.

Accommodations: Radisson Collection Hotel, Old Mill Belgrade or similar

■ **MONDAY, MAY 3**

B, D

Explore Belgrade with a Local Expert, seeing Terazije Street, Republic Square, St. Sava Church and Kalemegdan Fortress at the confluence of the Sava and Danube. Enjoy a free afternoon before a farewell dinner with your fellow travelers.



Kalemegdan Fortress, Belgrade

■ **TUESDAY, MAY 4**

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Today we say goodbye to our Balkan adventure and make our way home.

Terms and Conditions

How to book: Reservations may be made through any CAA Niagara office with a travel agent. A non-refundable deposit of \$1,000 per person is due at time of booking. Balance of payment is due December 19, 2026. CAA strongly recommends the purchase of travel insurance. Ask for details.

Cancellation charges: Should it be necessary to cancel your trip prior to departure, the following penalties will apply:

Prior to December 19	Deposit paid non-refundable
December 19 to January 17	50% non-refundable
January 17 to April 18	100% non-refundable

The day of departure is excluded when calculating cancellation charges. CAA strongly recommends the purchase of cancellation insurance.

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Moderate Pace: Tour requires average physical activity. Traveler should be in good physical health, able to climb stairs, be comfortable standing, and walking moderate distances including uneven surfaces. Itineraries typically include more longer than shorter days.

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