

# 12D9N MYSTERY EASTERN BALKANS

Romania . Bulgaria . North Macedonia . Kosovo . Albania

Veliko Tarnovo is a historic city in northern Bulgaria, famous for its hilltop setting, medieval architecture, Tsarevets Fortress, charming old town with narrow streets and traditional houses, and lively cultural events.

TOUR CODE : BALE12

## Tour Highlights

### MEAL PLAN

9 BREAKFAST, 5 LUNCH,  
7 DINNER

### SPECIAL MEALS

TROUT FISH, FOLKLORE DINNER,  
CHINESE MEAL

4-5 ★ HOTEL THROUGHOUT

### MAIN ATTRACTIONS

#### TIRANA (ALBANIA)

- BUNK'ART
- SKANDERBEG SQUARE
- ET'HEM BEY MOSQUE
- PYRAMID OF TIRANA

#### SKOPJE (NORTH MACEDONIA)

- STONE BRIDGE
- OLD BAZAAR
- KALE FORTRESS
- CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION OF JESUS
- MUSTAFA PASHA MOSQUE
- LAKE OHRID (OHRID)

#### PRISHTINA (KOSOVO)

- ÇARSHIA MOSQUE
- MOTHER TERESA BOULEVARD
- SKANDERBEG STATUE
- FATIH MOSQUE

#### RILA (BULGARIA)

- RILA MONASTERY

#### SOFIA (BULGARIA)

- SOFIA MOSQUE
- SOFIA SYNAGOGUE
- ST. ALEXANDER NEVSKI CATHEDRAL
- ZHENSKI PAZAR MARKET

#### VELIKO TARNOVO (BULGARIA)

- TSAREVETS FORTRESS

#### BUCHAREST (ROMANIA)

- THE ARCH OF TRIUMPH
- VICTORY SQUARE
- PIATA UNIRII SQUARE
- PARLIAMENT PALACE
- VILLAGE MUSEUM

#### SINAIA & BRAN (ROMANIA)

- PELES CASTLE
- BRAN CASTLE

#### SIBIU (ROMANIA)

- EVANGELICAL CHURCH
- COUNCIL TOWER
- LIAR'S BRIDGE



## Day 1 SINGAPORE ✈️ TIRANA

Meet up at Changi Airport before embarking on your long-haul journey to Tirana, capital of Albania.

## Day 2 TIRANA (D)

Upon arrival, visit **Bunk'Art**, a massive bunker built during the communist era under the dictatorship of Enver Hoxha, now converted into a museum. Explore the five-story underground complex and walk through its preserved rooms and exhibitions. Afterwards, head to **Skanderbeg Square**, the heart of Tirana, where you can visit the historic **Et'hem Bey Mosque** and continue on to the **Pyramid of Tirana**, one of the city's most iconic landmarks.

## Day 3 TIRANA – OHRID – SKOPJE (B/L/D)

Today, drive across the border to North Macedonia and stop in the beautiful lakeside town of **Ohrid**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site known for its historic churches, cobble streets, and panoramic views over **Lake Ohrid**. Then **Skopje**, the capital and largest city. Upon arrival, enjoy a guided walking tour through the city's most impressive landmarks, including the **Stone Bridge** from the 15th century, the historic **Old Bazaar**, **Kale Fortress**, the **Church of the Ascension of Jesus** with its famous 17th-century iconostasis, and the elegant **Mustafa Pasha Mosque**.

## Day 4 SKOPJE – PRISTINA – SKOPJE (B/D)

After breakfast, head toward **Prishtina**, the capital of Kosovo. Discover some of the city's main highlights, including the 14th-century **Çarshia Mosque** and the fascinating **Ethnographic Museum**, which offers insight into traditional Kosovar life. Stroll along **Mother Teresa Boulevard** to see the **Skanderbeg statue**, named after the Albanian national hero George Kastrioti, who led a successful resistance against the Ottoman Empire. Continue to the historic **Fatih Mosque**, built in 1461, and admire its impressive domed ceilings decorated with blue-and-white tiles. Transfer back to Skopje for overnight.

## Day 5 SKOPJE – RILA – SOFIA (B/TROUT L/FOLKLORE D)

This morning, travel to **Mount Rila** to visit the famous **Rila Monastery**, a magnificent 14th-century Eastern Orthodox complex renowned for its stunning frescoes, valuable icons, thousands of manuscripts, early printed books, and exquisite wood carvings. Afterwards, head to **Sofia** and enjoy a traditional dinner accompanied by **Bulgarian folklore dance**, where lively music and colorful costumes showcase the richness of local culture.



Bran Castle is a historic fortress in Romania, built in the 14th century. It is famously linked to the Dracula legend and today houses a museum dedicated to Queen Marie of Romania. The castle is perched on a hill, offering stunning views of the surrounding Carpathian Mountains.



## Day 6 SOFIA – VELIKO TARNOVO (B/D)

Today, explore Sofia's major landmarks, including the **Sofia Mosque**, **Sofia Synagogue**, and the magnificent **St. Alexander Nevski Cathedral**. Conclude the day at **Zhenski Pazar Market**, one of Sofia's oldest and most authentic markets. Afterwards, travel to **Veliko Tarnovo** and visit **Tsarevets Fortress**, the city's formidable and most iconic symbol. Dominating the skyline, this reconstructed fortress is one of Bulgaria's most beloved monuments and features the remains of over 400 houses, 23 churches, a royal palace, an execution rock, and more.

## Day 7 VELIKO TARNOVO – BUCHAREST (B/L/D)

Drive to **Bucharest** and continue with a city tour of its most iconic sites, including **The Arch of Triumph**, **Victory Square**, **Roman Square**, and **Piața Unirii Square**. View the **Parliament Palace**, the world's second-largest administrative building, and explore the **Village Museum**, an open-air museum showcasing traditional Romanian village life with authentic houses, churches, and workshops from across the country.

## Day 8 BUCHAREST – SINAIA – BRASOV (B/L/D)

This morning, take a scenic drive to **Sinaia**, the finest alpine town in the Carpathian Mountains and former residence of King Carol I, the first king of Romania. Option into Peles Castle, a magnificent royal palace set amid lush meadows and dense forest. One of the most beautiful castles in Eastern Europe. Conclude the day by transferring to **Brasov**, often called the "Crown of Transylvania," for your overnight stay.

## Day 9 BRASOV – SIBIU (B/L)

Today, heading to **Bran** to visit the famous **Bran Castle**, built in the 14th century and popularly associated with the legend of Dracula; today, it houses a museum dedicated to Queen Marie of Romania. Our journey continues to **Sibiu**. Upon reaching Sibiu, we'll check into our hotel and enjoy a delightful free time.

## Day10 SIBIU – BUCHAREST (B)

Let's experience the magic of **Sibiu** on an enchanting city tour of one of Romania's largest medieval cities. Explore the striking **Evangelical Church**, the towering **Council Tower**, the charming **Liar's Bridge**, and the elegant **Brukenal Palace**, each offering a glimpse into the city's rich history and architectural beauty. Transfer to Bucharest for overnight stay.

### Important Notes:

1. Minimum group size is required for a confirmed departure.
2. Tour is conducted in English/Chinese.
3. Due to local or religious festivals/unforeseen circumstances and weather conditions, the sequence of itinerary may need to be changed or alternative sites substituted at short notice period.
4. We reserve the right to change/amend certain activities/itinerary due to unforeseen circumstances with/without prior notice.
5. In the event of discrepancies between English and Chinese itinerary, please refer to English Version.

### 重要须知：

1. 本团需达到 最低成团人数 方可成行。
2. 行程将以 英语/中文 进行。
3. 因当地或宗教节日、不可预见的情况或天气原因，行程顺序可能会临时调整，或以其他景点替代。
4. 我们保留因不可预见情况 更改或调整部分活动/行程 的权利，可能提前通知，也可能不提前通知。
5. 若中英文行程出现差异，请 以英文版本为准。

## Day11 BUCHAREST SINGAPORE (B)

This morning, free at leisure later, transfer to the airport for your flight home, bringing with your wonderful memories of an unforgettable journey.

## Day12 SINGAPORE

Arrival in Singapore and we hope you have enjoyed your vacation with **Hong Thai Travel**. We look forward to seeing you again for your next tour



## Day 1 新加坡 ✈️ 地拉那

于樟宜国际机场集合，搭乘班机飞往阿尔巴尼亚**地拉那**。

## Day 2 地拉那 (晚餐)

抵达后，参观 **Bunk'Art**，这是一座建于共产主义时期恩维尔·霍查独裁统治下的巨型碉堡，如今已改建为博物馆。探索这座五层地下建筑，漫步其保存完好的房间和展览。随后前往**斯坎德培广场**，这是地拉那的中心，可参观历史悠久的**埃特姆·贝伊清真寺**，然后继续前往**地拉那金字塔**，这是城市最具标志性的地标之一。

## Day 3 地拉那 – 奥赫里德 – 斯科普里 (早/午/晚餐)

今天，穿越边境前往北马其顿，并在美丽的湖畔小镇**奥赫里德**停留，是联合国教科文组织世界遗产，以其历史悠久的教堂、鹅卵石街道以及**奥赫里德湖**的全景美景而闻名。随后前往首都兼最大城市**斯科普里**。抵达后，步行游览，欣赏城市地标，包括建于15世纪的**石桥**、历史悠久的**老集市**、**卡莱城堡**、以17世纪精美圣像墙著称的**耶稣升天教堂**，以及优雅的**穆斯塔法帕夏清真寺**。

## Day 4 斯科普里 – 普里什蒂纳 – 斯科普里 (早/午/晚餐)

早餐后，前往科索沃首都**普里什蒂纳**。游览城市的主要景点，包括建于14世纪的**恰尔希亚清真寺**以及引人入胜的**民族博物馆**，该博物馆生动展现了科索沃传统生活方式。漫步在**特蕾莎修女大道**，参观**斯坎德培雕像**；斯坎德培是阿尔巴尼亚民族英雄乔治·卡斯特里奥蒂，他曾成功领导对奥斯曼帝国的抵抗。随后前往历史悠久的**法提赫清真寺**，该清真寺建于1461年，欣赏其蓝白色瓷砖的宏伟穹顶天花。之后返回斯科普里入住。

## Day 5 斯科普里 – 里拉 – 索菲亚 (早/鲑鱼/民俗表演晚餐)

今晨前往**里拉山**，参观著名的**里拉修道院**。这座建于14世纪的东正教修道院建筑群宏伟壮观，以其精美的壁画、珍贵的圣像、数以千计的手稿、早期印刷书籍以及精致的木雕艺术而闻名。随后前往**索菲亚**，享用一顿传统晚餐，并欣赏保加利亚民俗舞蹈表演；欢快的音乐与色彩斑斓的服饰充分展现了当地文化的独特魅力。

## Day 6 索菲亚 – 大特尔诺沃 (早/晚餐)

今天，游览索菲亚的主要地标景点，包括**索菲亚清真寺**、**索菲亚犹太会堂**，以及宏伟壮观的**亚历山大·涅夫斯基大教堂**。随后前往**日恩斯基集市**，这是索菲亚最古老、也最具地道风情的市场之一。之后前往**大特尔诺沃**，参观**察列维茨要塞**——最具代表性、气势恢宏的象征。重建后的要塞高踞天际线之上，是保加利亚最受喜爱的历史古迹之一，内有400多座房屋遗址、23座教堂、皇家宫殿、行刑岩以及众多历史遗迹。

## Day 7 大特尔诺沃 – 布加勒斯特 (早/午/晚餐)

驱车前往**布加勒斯特**，进行城市观光，游览多处标志性景点，包括**凯旋门**、**胜利广场**、**罗马广场**和**统一广场**。外观**议会宫**——世界上第二大的行政建筑，并前往**乡村博物馆**参观。这是一座露天博物馆，集中展示罗马尼亚传统乡村生活，馆内陈列着来自全国各地的真实民居、教堂和手工作坊。

## Day 8 布加勒斯特 – 锡纳亚 – 布拉索夫 (早/午/晚餐)

今早，前往**锡纳亚**，这里是喀尔巴阡山脉中最精致的高山小镇，曾是罗马尼亚首任国王卡罗尔一世的居所。可自费参观佩莱什城堡，这座宏伟的皇家宫殿坐落于郁郁葱葱的草地与茂密森林之中，被誉为东欧最美丽的城堡之一。随后前往**布拉索夫**——素有“特兰西瓦尼亚之冠”美誉的城市入住。

## Day 9 布拉索夫 – 锡比乌 (早/午餐)

今日前往**布朗**，参观著名的**布朗城堡**。该城堡建于14世纪，因与德古拉传说密切相关而广受欢迎，如今这里设有罗马尼亚玛丽王后的博物馆。随后，前往**锡比乌**。抵达后，入住酒店，并享受轻松愉快的自由活动时间。

## Day10 锡比乌 – 布加勒斯特 (早餐)

让我们感受**锡比乌**的独特魅力。这座城市是罗马尼亚规模最大的中世纪城市之一。游览引人注目的**福音派教堂**、高耸的**议会塔**、别具风情的**“说谎者之桥”**，以及典雅的**布鲁肯塔尔宫殿**，每一处都展现了这座城市深厚的历史底蕴与建筑之美。随后返回布加勒斯特，入住过夜。

## Day11 布加勒斯特 ✈️ 新加坡 (早餐)

今早自由活动，随后前往机场，乘机返回温馨的家，同时带回此次难忘旅程的美好回忆。

## Day12 新加坡

抵达新加坡，衷心希望您在**康泰旅游社**的陪伴下度过了一个愉快的假期。期待在您的下一次旅程中再次与您相见。

### SERVICE FEE & ADDITIONAL EXCURSIONS

- Service Fee + Hotel City tax
- Rila Monastery
- Bran Castle

TOTAL : EUR350

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