

13D10N Insights of Eastern Balkans

Romania . Bulgaria . North Macedonia . Kosovo . Albania

TOUR CODE : BALE13

Tour Highlights

MEAL PLAN

10 BREAKFAST, 8 LUNCH, 8 DINNER

SPECIAL MEALS

VLAD DRACUL LUNCH, 5 COURSE
BULGARIAN DINNER, HISTORICAL
RESTAURANT DINNER, ROSE CUISINE,
CHINESE MEAL

4-5 ★ HOTEL THROUGHOUT

ENTRANCES INCLUDED:

OHRID LAKE BOAT RIDE, VELIKO TARNOVO
TSAREVETS FORTRESS, BUCHAREST
PARLIAMENT PALACE, VILLAGE MESEUM,
PELES CASTLE, BRAN CASTLE (DRACULA
CASTLE)



1 2 Overnight stay

○ Featured destinations

Day 1 SINGAPORE ✈ OHRID

Meet up at Changi Airport before embarking on your long-haul journey to Ohrid, North Macedonia.

Day 2 OHRID (HOTEL D)

Upon arrival, head towards the UNESCO-recognized Lake Ohrid. Explore Samuil's Fortress and stroll along its historic walls dating back to the 4th century, then see the Ancient Theatre of Ohrid, which showcases Hellenistic architecture. Ascend to the cliff-top Church of St. John for a breathtaking panoramic view of the lake and the surrounding mountains, followed by a delightful boat ride on the lake. Afterward, transfer to the hotel to relax and recharge.

Day 3 OHRID – TIRANA (B/LOCAL L/ CHINESE D)

After breakfast, crossing border toward Tirana - capital of Albania. Start from Skanderbeg Square, the heart of Tirana, surrounded by landmarks like the National Museum and the Et'hem Bey Mosque. Next, visit the Pyramid of Tirana, a unique, pyramid-shaped structure with a controversial history. Continue to Mother Teresa Square, a serene spot near Tirana University. Enjoy lunch at Taiwan Plaza, a lively area with fountains and modern attractions. Afterward, stroll along Martyrs of the Nation Boulevard, a prominent street showcasing historical and government buildings. End your tour with outlook on the Prime Ministry Office, reflecting Albania's political history.

Day 4 TIRANA – PRISHTINA – SKOPJE (B/L/HOTEL D)

Today, embark to Prishtina's Old Town, where you can explore its delightful streets, historic mosques, and vibrant local markets. Afterward, take a leisurely walk along Bill Clinton Boulevard, which features a statue of the former U.S. president. Continue stroll down George W. Bush Street, representing Kosovo's gratitude for U.S. support. Next, visit the Youth and Sports Center, a lively hub known for its modern architecture. Finally, wrap up your tour at the National Library, renowned for its distinctive, striking design and cultural importance. Transfer to Skopje for overnight stay.

Day 5 **SKOPJE – RILA – SOFIA (B/TROUT L/5 COURSE BULGARIAN D)**

Start our tour at **Kale Castle**, a historic Turkish fortress offering panoramic views of the city. Next, visit the **Statue of Brother Saint Cyril**, honoring the co-inventor of the Slavic writing system. Continue to the iconic **Stone Bridge**, a landmark that connects Skopje's historic and modern districts. End your tour at the **Birthplace of Mother Teresa**, a memorial house dedicated to the Nobel Peace Prize laureate. Then, proceed to **Rila Monastery**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site nestled in the Rila Mountains. Admire its stunning frescoes, arched walkways, and intricate woodwork. Visit the monastery church with its colorful icons and the tower of Hrel'yo, a medieval defensive structure. Take a moment to enjoy the serene surroundings of Bulgaria's most famous monastery. Tonight, savor a fine **Bulgarian dinner** featuring traditional dishes

Day 6 **SOFIA – VELIKO TARNOVO (B/L/ROSE CUISINE D)**

Explore the breathtaking beauty of **Alexander Nevski Cathedral** and be awed by its grandeur. Take in the stunning sights of the **St. George Rotunda**, **St. Sophia Church**, and other notable landmarks such as the **National Theatre**, **Royal Palace**, **National Revival Art Gallery**, and the **Ethnographic Museum**. Don't miss the chance to visit the interior of the UNESCO-recognized **Boyana Church**. Later, immerse yourself in the intriguing history of **Tsarevets Fortress** and stroll through the charming streets of **Veliko Tarnovo's old town**. Thereafter, indulge in the delicate flavors of rose cuisine, a specialty of Bulgaria's Rose Valley region.

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

After breakfast, proceed to **Bucharest** and begin our tour at **Arcul de Triumf**, a symbol of Romanian independence, before visiting the stunning **Romanian Athenaeum**, known as the "Temple of Arts." Continue to **Revolution Square**, the site of the 1989 revolution, and see the former Communist Party Headquarters, now the Ministry of the Interior. Enter the impressive **Parliament Palace**, the world's heaviest administrative building, and explore the **Village Museum**, an open-air display of Romania's rural heritage. End your day with a relaxing stroll or dinner in the vibrant Old Town.

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

Today, take a leisurely stroll through **Peleş Park**, a tranquil and beautiful area surrounding the famous castle. Then, admire the architecture of the historic **Train Station**, which symbolizes Sinaia's ties to the Romanian royal family. As you walk, pass by the charming **City Hall**, a lovely example of local architectural style. Finally, explore **Peleş Castle**, a stunning masterpiece of neo-Renaissance design. Constructed in the late 19th century as a summer retreat for King Carol I, the castle is celebrated for its luxurious interiors, intricate wood carvings, and exquisite stained-glass windows.

Day 9 **BRASOV – SIGHISOARA – SIBIU (B/VLAD DRACUL L/HOTEL D)**

This morning, we embark on a journey to **Bran** to visit the famed **Bran Castle**, closely linked to the Dracula legend. As we wander through its corridors and chambers, let the historical mysteries enchant us. Next, we will head to **Sighişoara**, where we will explore the charming Old Town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, characterized by its cobblestone streets and vibrant medieval architecture. Admire the famous **Clock Tower** and uncover local history before enjoying lunch at the birthplace of Vlad the Impaler. Afterward, stroll through the bustling **Citadel Square**, filled with shops and cafes, while appreciating the fortress walls, including the **Tailors' Tower** and **Tinsmiths' Tower**, all while soaking in the scenic views of the surrounding hills.

Day 10 **SIBIU (B)**

After breakfast, kick off our **Sibiu** tour by discovering the city's iconic towers and taking in the panoramic views from the **Council Tower** (own expense). Stroll through the **Upper Town**, visit the **Roman-Catholic Church**, and appreciate the art displayed at the **Brukenthal Palace**. Make sure to stop at the **Liars' Bridge** and soak in the lively atmosphere of **Goldsmith Square**. Tour will wrap up at the magnificent **Sibiu Lutheran Cathedral**. In the afternoon, you can opt for an additional tour to Salina Turda, an extraordinary salt mine in Romania that has been transformed into a captivating underground complex. It offers a unique experience with its vast chambers, breathtaking salt formations, and various attractions.

Day 11 **SIBIU – BUCHAREST (B/L)**

Today, embark on a picturesque journey to **Bucharest**. We'll make a photo stop at the **Curtea de Argeş Monastery**, a stunning example of Romanian medieval architecture, renowned for its elaborate design and the tale of "Architect Manole." This monastery also serves as the burial site for Romanian kings, adding to its historical importance. Upon reaching Bucharest, you can enhance your dining experience at a local restaurant featuring folklore music performances, allowing you to savor the city's flavors for an additional cost. Finally, we'll head to our cozy hotel for check-in.

Day 12 **BUCHAREST ✈ SINGAPORE (B)**

After breakfast, spend the free at leisure till departure transfer to airport for your flight back to Singapore.

Day 13 **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

Remarks

- * If a place of visit is closed to visitors, it will be replaced with an alternative.
- * During major events, accommodation may not be in the city mentioned.
- * Sequence of itinerary is subject to change without prior notice.

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