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Insights of Eastern Balkans

Romania . Bulgaria . North Macedonia . Kosovo . Albania

TOUR CODE : BALE13

Tour Hightlights

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.

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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 Hrelyo, 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 **Peleș 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 **Peleș 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 **Sighișoara**, 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 Argeș 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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Day 1 新加坡 ✈ 奥赫里德

在新加坡樟宜机场集合，乘坐长途航班飞往北马其顿-**奥赫里德**。

Day 2 奥赫里德 （酒店晚餐）

抵达后，前往联合国教科文组织认定的**奥赫里德湖**。探索**萨穆伊尔堡垒**，沿着可追溯至公元4世纪的历史城墙漫步。接着参观**奥赫里德古剧场**，欣赏其希腊化建筑风格。登上悬崖上的**圣约翰教堂**，在这可以欣赏到湖泊和周围山脉的壮丽全景。随后，享受一段愉快的湖上**游船**，感受宁静氛围。之后，前往酒店放松休息。

Day 3 奥赫里德 - 地拉那 （早/午/中式晚餐）

早餐后，穿越边境前往阿尔巴尼亚首都**地拉那**。从**斯坎德贝格广场**开始游览，周围有许多地标，如**国家博物馆**和**埃特姆·贝伊清真寺**。接着参观**地拉那金字塔**，这座独特的金字塔形建筑有着争议的历史。继续前往**母特丽莎广场**，隔邻**地拉那大学**。在**台湾广场**享用午餐，这里是一个充满活力的区域，有喷泉和现代化的景点。之后，沿着**民族烈士大道**漫步，这条街展示了许多历史和政府建筑。最后，外观**总理办公室**，了解阿尔巴尼亚的政治历史。

Day 4 地拉那 - 普里什蒂纳 - 斯科普里 （早/午/酒店晚餐）

今天，前往**普里什蒂纳**的老城区，探索其迷人的街道、历史悠久的**清真寺**和充满活力的**本地市场**。之后，悠闲漫步在**比尔·克林顿大道**，有一座前美国总统的雕像。继续沿着**乔治·W·布什街**，这条街也象征着科索沃对美国支持的感激之情。接着，参观**青年与体育中心**，这是一个以现代建筑而闻名的活跃中心。最后，外观**国家图书馆**，该图书馆以其独特、引人注目的设计和文化重要性而著称。前往**斯科普里**过夜。

Day 5 斯科普里 - 里拉 - 索非亚 （早/鳟鱼午餐/5道式保加利亚风味晚餐）

从**卡莱城堡**开始旅程，这座历史悠久的土耳其堡垒提供城市的全景。接着观赏**圣西里尔兄弟雕像**，以纪念斯拉夫文字系统的共同发明者。续程前往标志性的**石桥**，这座桥连接着斯科普里的历史与现代区域。参观**圣母特雷莎的诞生地**，这座纪念馆致力于纪念诺贝尔和平奖得主。随后，前往**里拉修道院**，这座联合国教科文组织世界遗产位于里拉山脉。参观修道院的教堂，欣赏色彩斑斓的圣像和中世纪防御结构——**赫雷利奥塔楼**。身感深受里拉修道院宁静的环境。今晚，品尝一顿精美的保加利亚晚餐，体验传统的保加利亚菜肴。

Day 6 索非亚 - 维利科·塔尔诺沃 （早/午/玫瑰风味晚餐）

探索令人叹为观止的**亚历山大·涅夫斯基大教堂**，其宏伟壮丽的建筑有所震撼。欣赏**圣乔治圆顶教堂**、**圣索非亚教堂**以及其他著名地标的美景，如**国家剧院**、**皇家宫殿**、**民族复兴艺术画廊**和**民族学博物馆**。不能错过参观联合国教科文组织认定的**博亚纳教堂**的机会。之后，沉浸在**察列维茨堡垒**的迷人历史中，并漫步在**维利科·塔尔诺沃古城**的迷人街道上。最后，品尝来自保加利亚玫瑰谷地区的独特玫瑰美食，享受那细腻的风味。

Day 7 维利科·塔尔诺沃 - 布加勒斯特 （早/午/历史餐厅晚餐）

早餐后，前往**布加勒斯特**，旅程从**凯旋门**开始，这是罗马尼亚独立的象征。接着参观壮丽的**罗马尼亚音乐厅**，被誉为“艺术的殿堂”。继续前往**革命广场**，1989年革命的发生地，并参观前共产党的总部，现在是**内政部**。进入令人印象深刻的**议会宫**，世界上最重的行政建筑，并探索**村庄博物馆**，一个展示罗马尼亚农村遗产的露天博物馆。结束行程后，在充满活力的老城区悠闲漫步或享用晚餐。

Day 8 布加勒斯特 - 锡纳亚 - 布拉索夫 （早/午/酒店晚餐）

今天，漫步于佩莱什公园，这片宁静而美丽的区域环绕着著名的**佩莱什城堡**。随后，欣赏带有历史的**火车站**，这座火车站象征着锡纳亚与罗马尼亚王室的紧密联系。途经充满魅力的**市政厅**，展示当地特色风格的迷人建筑。最后，探索**佩莱什城堡**，这座新文艺复兴风格的杰作建于19世纪末，是卡罗尔一世国王的夏季行宫。城堡以其奢华的内部装饰、精美的木雕和精致的彩绘玻璃窗而闻名，是建筑和艺术的瑰宝。

Day 9 布拉索夫 - 锡吉什瓦拉 - 锡比乌 （早/布朗家族故居餐厅/酒店晚餐）

今早，前往布兰，参观著名的**布兰城堡**，这座城堡因与德古拉传说而闻名。在城堡的走廊和房间中游览，感受历史的神秘魅力。随后，我们将前往**锡吉什瓦拉**，探索其迷人的老城区，这是一处联合国教科文组织世界遗产，以鹅卵石街道和色彩斑斓的中世纪建筑而著称。欣赏著名的**钟楼**，了解当地的历史，并在**弗拉德三世（穿刺者）**的故居享用午餐。之后，漫步于热闹的**城堡广场**，这里遍布商店和咖啡馆，同时欣赏城堡的城墙，包括**裁缝塔**和**锡匠塔**，并沉浸在周围群山的美景中。

Day10 锡比乌 （早）

早餐后，开始锡比乌之旅，探索标志性的**塔楼**，并可自行选择登上议会塔楼欣赏全景。漫步于上城区，参观**罗马天主教堂**，并欣赏**布鲁肯塔尔宫**中展示的艺术作品。别忘了停留在**撒谎者桥**，感受**金匠广场**的热闹氛围。旅程将在宏伟的**锡比乌路德教堂**结束。下午，您可以选择额外参观图尔达盐矿，这是一座非凡的罗马尼亚盐矿，被改造为迷人的地下综合建筑。这里有宽阔的矿洞、令人叹为观止的盐岩构造，以及多种独特的景点，带来独一无二的体验。

Day11 锡比乌 - 布加勒斯特 （早/午餐）

今天，踏上一段风景如画的旅程前往**布加勒斯特**。途中将在**库尔泰亚·德阿尔杰什修道院**短暂停留。这座修道院是罗马尼亚中世纪建筑的杰出代表，以其精美的设计和“建筑师马诺莱”的传说而闻名。此外，这里也是罗马尼亚历代国王的安葬地。抵达布加勒斯特后，可以自费在当地餐厅享用晚餐，并欣赏民俗音乐表演，感受城市的独特风味。最后，前往舒适的酒店办理入住，结束美好的一天。

Day12 布加勒斯特 ✈ 新加坡（早餐）

早餐后，自由活动，然后前往机场乘机返回新加坡。

Day13 新加坡

抵达新加坡, 希望您与**康泰旅行社**共享美好回忆,身心康泰。

注：*倘若原定的景点不对外开放，将由其他景点取代。
*行程顺序如有更改，恕不预先告知。
*重大活动举行期间，酒店住宿可能无法按照行程指定城市安排。
*中文行程若出现出入，将以英文版本为依据。

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