

GRAND BALKANS & *Eastern Europe*

03 - 19 September 2027

Escorted By Craig Boyt

Tour Highlights

- Explore UNESCO-listed Butrint, Gjirokastër and Berat
- Hands-on Albanian cooking class with lunch
- Iso-polyphony folk singing over dinner
- Wine tastings at family wineries in Albania and Kosovo
- Farm-to-table feast at Mrizi i Zanave
- Meet the students of a Tirana school
- Mount Dajti cable car and Matka Canyon
- Rila Monastery and Sofia's "Square of Tolerance"
- Ruse - "Little Vienna" on the Danube
- Grand boulevards of Bucharest and a farewell dinner

For centuries the Balkans sat at the crossroads of empires - Greek, Roman, Byzantine, Venetian and Ottoman - and each left its mark on the towns, food and people of the region. This escorted journey takes you from the stone-built UNESCO towns of Albania, the mountains of Montenegro and the bazaars of Kosovo and North Macedonia, to the great monasteries of Bulgaria and the grand boulevards of Bucharest. Your Pukekohe Travel escort travels with you from Auckland, an English-speaking guide is with you throughout, and your own coach takes care of the rest. Don't miss this chance to discover seven countries in one unforgettable, hassle-free journey.

Cost Per Person (Athens to Bucharest)

Twin \$11,813

Single \$13,499

Early Booking Discount (If deposit paid by 01 December 2026) \$150

Previous Pukekohe Travel International Tour Client Discount \$100

Full inclusions, terms and conditions can be found in the full tour brochure. Contact us today for your copy or to secure your place on the tour. Numbers are limited.



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Date	Route	Highlights	Meals
Fri 03	Athens - Corfu	Short flight to Corfu and your first taste of Greek island life.	B
Sat 04	Corfu - Butrint - Sarandë	Ferry to Albania. Explore Butrint National Park, relax at Ksamil, dinner at the marina.	B L D
Sun 05	Sarandë - Blue Eye - Gjiro-kastër	The sapphire Blue Eye spring. Albanian dinner with UNESCO-recognised iso-polyphony singing.	B D
Mon 06	Gjirokastër	The "City of Stone" and its hilltop castle, then a hands-on cooking class and lunch.	B L
Tue 07	Gjirokastër - Berat - Tirana	Berat, "City of a Thousand Windows", Onufri Museum and winery lunch with tasting.	B L D
Wed 08	Tirana	School visit with Albanian students, then the Mount Dajti cable car for lunch with a view.	B L D
Thu 09	Tirana - Shkodër - Kolašin	Farm-to-table lunch at Mrizi i Zanave, silver filigree artisans, into Montene-gro's mountains.	B L D
Fri 10	Kolašin - Prizren	Scenic mountain drive into Kosovo. Fortress, Ottoman stone bridge and old bazaar.	B D
Sat 11	Prizren - Rahovec - Pris-tina	Wine tasting and lunch at Stone Castle Winery, then Kosovo's youthful capi-tal.	B L D
Sun 12	Pristina - Skopje	Skopje's Stone Bridge and Old Bazaar, Macedonian lunch and scenic Matka Canyon.	B L
Mon 13	Skopje	Mustafa Pasha Mosque, Mother Teresa Memorial House and Kale Fortress views.	B D
Tue 14	Skopje - Rila Monastery - Sofia	Into Bulgaria to Rila Monastery, then Sofia's Alexander Nevsky Cathedral.	B D
Wed 15	Sofia	St Sofia Church, Roman Serdica, the "Square of Tolerance" and Central Mar-ket Hall.	B
Thu 16	Sofia - Ruse	North to "Little Vienna" on the Danube, with views across the river to Roma-nia.	B D
Fri 17	Ruse - Bucharest	Cross the Danube into Romania. Guided introduction to Bucharest.	B L
Sat 18	Bucharest	Revolution Square, Calea Victoriei, National Village Museum and farewell dinner.	B D
Sun 19	Bucharest	Enjoy a relaxing final day and reflect on the wonderful experiences of your tour.	B



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