



Monastery Tour of Serbia

NIGHTS: Novi Sad (1), Belgrade (1), Kragujevac (1), Vrnjacka Banja (1), Tara Mountain (1), Zlatibor (1), Nis (1), Thessaloniki (1), Night Train (1), Athens (1)

HIGHLIGHTS

Petrovaradin Fortress • Fruska Gora Monasteries • Lesenski Vir • Topola • Visevac Village • Ravanica • Manasija • Zica • Tara Mountain • Sirogojno • Mediana • Zejtinlik • Chilander Monastery • Acropolis

DAY 1 DEPART

Departure to Belgrade.

DAY 2 NOVI SAD

Arrive at Belgrade airport where you will be met by one of our representatives and transferred to Novi Sad. Check into your hotel and then take a guided tour of Petrovaradin Fortress. The remainder of the day is yours to enjoy.

DAY 3 BELGRADE

This morning stop in Fruska Gora Mountain for a guided visit of the Monasteries of Fruska Gora. Arrive in Belgrade and take a sightseeing tour of the city. On the tour see St. Sava Serbian Orthodox Church, Kalemegrad Fortress, and more. From here take a cruise on Danube River. This afternoon enjoy a guided excursion to pre-historic Lepenski Vir, Djerdap Canyon, Djerdap Lake, and Smederevo Fortress.

DAY 4 KRAGUJEVAC

Today depart to Kragujevac. In 1818 this was the capital city of the Serbian Monarchy. Next stop for a guided visit of Topola city. In 1804, this city was made headquarters of the newly formed Serbian army and the seat of all the state institutions. While here visit the fortress and Karadjordjev Konak Museum. End your day with a stop in Visevac village for a guided visit of Serbian hero Karadjordjev's birthplace and a monument in his honor.

DAY 5 VRNJACKA BANJA

Spend the day visiting monasteries in the area. You will take guided tours of Ravanica, Manasija, Studenica, and Zica.

DAY 6 TARA MOUNTAIN

Start your day by heading out to Zlatibor and the Tara Mountain. Today see the monasteries of Mileseva, Uvac, and Raca while on a guided tour of the area. This afternoon take a ride on the sightseeing train and then continue to the Tara Mountains.

DAY 7 ZLATIBOR

Today see Sirogojno while on a guided tour. Visit the open-air "Old Village" museum. This museum represents the village dwelling culture on Mt. Zlatibor. In order to save at least part of the cultural heritage a number of authentic objects and buildings have been transferred to the museum. Here the public can see the past and the items can be conserved and used for research. While here enjoy a traditional lunch prepared in the old world ways.

DAY 8 NIS

Start your day off with a guided visit of the monasteries in the Nis area. This afternoon visit the Roman ruins of Mediana. Constantine the great, ruler of the Roman Empire from 307 to 337 was born in the town of Nis. He built Mediana to show his gratification to the town, while there see the well preserved floor mosaics.

DAY 9 THESSALONIKI

While here take a guided tour of the city and visit the Serbian military cemetery in Zejtinlik. In this complex are the graves of Serbian, French, Italian, English and Russian soldiers killed during World War One.

DAY 10 NIGHT TRAIN

Depart to the Chilandar Serbian orthodox monastery located on the Holy Mountain of Athos. Return to Thessaloniki where you will board an overnight train to Athens.

DAY 11 ATHENS

This morning begin your day with a guided tour of the ancient city of Athens. See the Parthenon on the Acropolis, the Royal Palace, the Temple of Zeus and the Olympic Stadium. The remainder of the afternoon is yours to enjoy.

DAY 12 DEPART

Departure flight from Athens.