

# Macedonian Folk Tour 2022

June 2022 – 13 Days – Dates TBD

Led by Vlasto Petkovski

**\$4,199 USD (Double occupancy; Single occupancy add \$299 USD)**

**Land Only \$3,199.00 USD (Double occupancy; Single occupancy add \$299 USD)**

Deposit of **\$199 USD by Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021** (non-refundable)

First instalment of **\$2,000 USD by February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

Remaining balance (full payment) of **\$2,000 USD by March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022**

**Price includes:** Round-trip air, city tours, tour guide, hotels, hotel taxes, three meals daily, transfers, all museum entrances, performance fees, air-conditioned tour bus, and service charges.

## **Day 1:**

Departure from Toronto to Skopje on Austrian Airlines (one stop – transfer in Vienna).

## **Day 2:**

From the airport, departure to Skopje. Lunch at 14:00 at a local restaurant. After lunch, check-in to hotel **Holiday Inn** in Skopje and free time until dinner. Welcome dinner at 19:30 with a folk dance presentation with Children's Cultural Center - Karpos at the hotel restaurant. Overnight in the hotel.



## **Day 3:**

Breakfast at 07:00. Departure to Ohrid at 09:00 travelling through Mavrovo, Debar and Struga. Break time at Vrutok. Stop for lunch at Monastery St. Jovan Bigorski at 13:00. After lunch, departure to Ohrid. On the way visit Struga and river Drim. Check-in to hotel **Sileks**. Free time until dinner. Dinner at the hotel at 19:00. After dinner, international dancing and Ilina Arsova presentation at the hotel at 20:30. Overnight in the hotel.

\*Note: Itinerary is subject to change without notice.



#### Day 4:

Breakfast at 07:00. In Ohrid you will have a scenic walk by the lake, visit St. Sofija church, Robevci house-museum, Ancient theatre, Gallery of icons, Upper gate, Samuel's fortress, St. Clement - Plaosnik church, Church of St. John at Kaneo, The old bazaar – Charshija, The 900 year-old “Chinar” tree, etc. Lunch at 13:00 at a local restaurant. After lunch, free time until dinner. Dinner at 19:00. After dinner, folk dance workshop with Vlasto Petkovski and international dancing at 20:30. Overnight in the hotel.



#### Day 5:

Breakfast 07:00 am. Departure to St. Naum Monastery by boat at 09:00. Lunch at St. Naum Monastery hotel at 13:00. Return back to the hotel by boat. Free time until dinner. Dinner at 19:00. After dinner, free time to explore Ohrid. Overnight in the hotel.

#### Day 6:

Breakfast at 07:00. Departure to Bitola at 09:00 through Galicica mountain, and Resen. On the way visit Etno Museum in Podmocani. Visit Heraclea (Ancient ruins), Sirok sokak and Bitola museum. Lunch at 13:00 at a local restaurant. Check-in to hotel **Epinal** in Bitola. Dinner at the hotel at 19:00. After dinner, folk dance group Pletenka performance. Overnight in the hotel.



#### Day 7:

Breakfast at 07:00. Departure for Prilep at 08:30. Visit Krusevo, Tobacco museum in Prilep and St. Arhangel Mihail Monastery. Lunch at 13:00 at a local restaurant in Prilep. Back to Bitola. Dinner at 19:00. After dinner, folk dance workshop with Kire Cibaleski at 20:30. Overnight in the hotel.



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### Day 8:

Breakfast at 07:00. Departure to Strumica at 08:00. On the way, visit winery Tikves in Kavadarci. Lunch in Kavadarci at 13:00. After lunch, departure to Dojran. On the way, visit Monastery Vodocha, and lake Dojran. Back to Strumica. Check-in to hotel **Sirius**. Dinner at 19:00 at the hotel, followed by a folk dance workshop with Vlasto Petkovski at 20:30 Overnight in the hotel.



### Day 9:

Breakfast at 07:00. Departure to Skopje. Visit Smolarski falls. On the way to Skopje, visit Stobi ruins. Lunch at 13:00 on route. Arrive in Skopje. Check-in to hotel **Holiday Inn**. Dinner at 19:30. After dinner, folk dance workshop with Snezana Balkanska at 20:30. Overnight in the hotel.

### Day 10:

Breakfast at 07:00. Skopje City Tour at 08:30 – Gate Macedonia, Main Square Macedonia, Grand Fountain of Alexander the Great, Stone Bridge, Square Philip II, the museum Macedonian Struggle for Independence, the Holocaust Memorial Center, the Old Bazaar with its Byzantine and Ottoman architecture and multitude of small craftsman shops, Daut Pasha Hammam, Suli Han, Mustapha Pasha Mosque, Archaeological and Ethnological museums. Lunch at a local restaurant at 13:00. Free time after lunch until dinner at 19:00 at the hotel. After dinner, a traditional instrument presentation by Stojance Kostovski from Ensemble Tanec at 20:30. Overnight in the hotel.



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**Day 11:**

Breakfast at 07:00 am. Skopje City Tour at 08:30 – Visit Pedestrian shopping street Makedonija, Memorial house of Mother Theresa, Old Railway Station, Museum of Skopje. Visit Ancient observatory Kokino. Lunch at 13:00 in village of Ginovce. Return to Skopje. Free time until dinner at 19:00 at the hotel. After dinner, free time to explore Skopje. Overnight in the hotel.

**Day 12:**

Breakfast at 07:00. Skopje City Tour at 08:30 – Visit the Millennium Cross, Makedonsko Selo (Ethnic Village), St. Pantelejmon church. Lunch at Ethnic Village at 13:00. Back to hotel and free time after lunch until dinner at 19:00 in the hotel. After dinner, a local folk dance group performance by Studio Folklor at 20:00. Overnight in the hotel.

**Day 13:**

03:00 Early morning departure to Alexander the Great airport for flight back to Toronto. Breakfast provided on route to airport.



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