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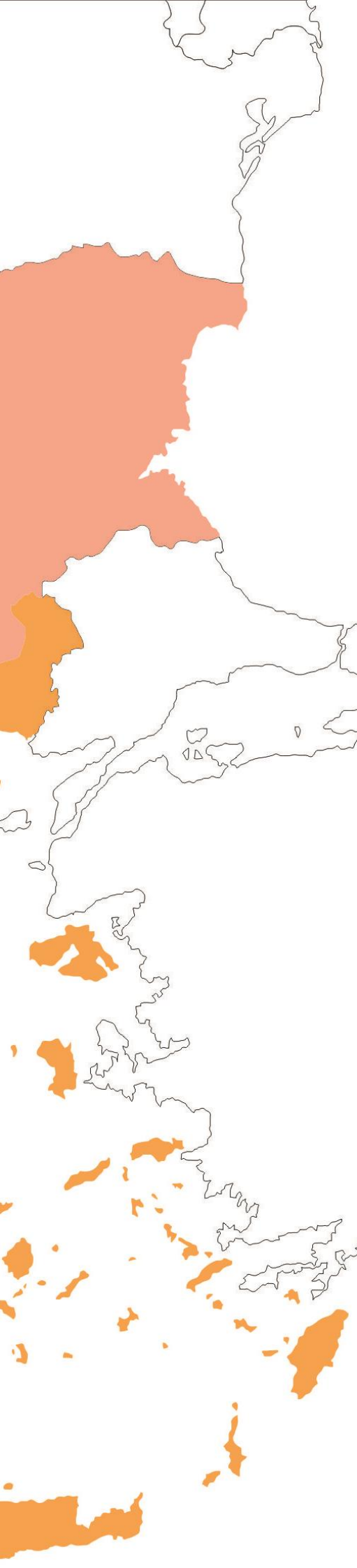
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Dear Adventurers,

Being that the Balkans, affected by various conflicts because of their strategic importance, had been a closed region and isolated for centuries, their natural beauties have been left undiscovered and untouched.

This region – having been subjugated for centuries, and which is an important crossroads of European and Middle Eastern roads, as well as the core for the country of Serbia – is characterized by distinctive mountains and unique flora & fauna.

Since 2012, when Nature Travel Office agency was established, a team of people – inspired by their travels, connected by their passion for nature, as well as their common vision and goals – have been trying to show to our travelers a new view of Serbia and the Balkans.

Among various things of interest to our travelers are different destinations and activities, from cultural and historic heritage of the Balkans to leisurely hikes and lake cruises, or unexplored caves for the curious, and abseiling and canyoning for the brave.

Our trained and educated staff, who take their job seriously, as well as licensed guides with a rich field experience, will give you plenty of inspirational and unforgettable experiences. They will take you to the intact and rarely visited areas of our country, but will above all make sure that your time in nature is safe. Guides at Nature Travel Office agency work with smaller groups (of about 10 people), which presents an opportunity for you to dive deeper into every destination. This guarantees a closer relationship and attention for every traveler.

We spend years building relationships with the amicable people who are our hosts in villages, which helps make your stay there much more pleasant. Of course, excellently prepared homemade food and a glass of rakia are essential. Unique stories from our hosts' lives will bring you closer to our customs, culture, and traditions, and will allow you to experience our country in the best possible way.

We are open to all questions and suggestions because we believe that our success depends on your enjoyment. We want to share our experience, knowledge, and skills with you and to have you back here again for some new adventures.

Current Nature Travel Office team is brought together by a powerful desire to present a different, united Balkans, as well as a country which is part of them – Serbia. We look forward to being the hosts of your next Balkan adventure.



*Welcome to the Balkans,
welcome to Serbia!*

Milan Stojaković
Founder, Chair and CEO





ACROSS SERBIA



In the heart of the Balkan Peninsula, stretching across Southeastern and Central Europe, lies the mystical and still underexplored Serbia. From prehistoric times to the present day, it was and remains the crossroads of the most important travel routes. Observed geographically, politically, and culturally, it has always been between the East and the West, between Byzantium and Rome, the Ottoman Empire and Western Christianity. The Serbs have always remained the East to the West, and they have always been the West to the East, wisely said one of the greatest Serbian saints - Rastko Nemanjić - Saint Sava, 800 years ago.

Centuries of life at the crossroads, a constant target of conquering campaigns, led to frequent migrations and mixing of the population, so today's Serbian society is multi-ethnic and multicultural, and the population has a more versatile education and a more modern approach to life, as well as a great knowledge of the history, traditions, and customs of other people. All this influenced the exceptional hospitality of the people, for which Serbia is widely known.

Part of the territory of Serbia includes five national parks, 16 nature parks, 16 landscapes of exceptional qualities, 67 nature reserves, 42 protected areas of cultural and historical value and 317 natural monuments.

Serbia today is a modern European country, a member of the United Nations, an official candidate for EU membership and a militarily neutral country.



SERBIA THROUGH THE PAST

Culture & Heritage tour

Location Serbia **Departure** Whole season

Duration 10 days **Group** 18 people max.

Technical requirements 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 **Physical fitness** 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

It is difficult to get to know a country in just 10 days. Nevertheless, with a lot of love, we tried to design a tour that will allow travellers to discover the rich history and culture of beautiful Serbia in such a brief time in the best possible way.

Our trip starts from Belgrade, the capital city. In the following days, we travel through the eras, along the paths of history, wine, and tasty food. You will find out what “southern hospitality” is, you will get to know the mystical East - a fascinating region to explore. Eastern Serbia contains many natural beauties, cultural and historical landmarks as well as protected cultural assets of exceptional importance.

Defiant people of Western Serbia had always fought against the invaders (this part of Serbia had been constantly occupied), so the war history is its main characteristic. Each settlement possesses a rich epic tradition, and the geographical position and natural beauty they turned into modern tourist destinations. The most important parts of those destinations are on our list.

Highlights:

- Mausoleum of Karađorđević royal family on the top of Oplenac hill,
- Viminacium, an exceptional archaeological site,
- Felix Romuliana, UNESCO heritage, a fortified residence of the Roman emperor Galerius,
- Skull Tower - a unique tower in the Balkans,
- Žiža Monastery, where seven Serbian kings are crowned,
- Studenica Monastery, one of the most prominent Serbian monasteries,
- Šargan Eight, Europe's most attractive railway with a narrow track.





TREASURES OF SERBIA

Culture & Heritage tour

Location Serbia Departure Whole season
Duration 6 days Group 18 people max.
Technical requirements 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
Physical fitness 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

"Treasures of Serbia" promises an expedition that goes beyond the ordinary, inviting you to uncover the hidden treasures and cultural marvels that make this Balkan gem truly unique.

Our adventure begins in the vibrant city of Belgrade, where ancient history meets modern allure. Wander through the streets of the capital, where each corner tells a tale of centuries past.

As we traverse to Novi Sad, a city steeped in charm and cultural significance, you'll find yourself captivated by its unique blend of architecture, history, and artistic expression.

The journey takes a romantic turn in the quaint town of Sremski Karlovci, nestled at the footstep of Fruška Gora. Lose yourself in its picturesque surroundings, where history is woven into the very fabric of the cobblestone streets.

Driving along the majestic Danube River, tracing its serpentine path through the Serbian landscape. Discover the ancient secrets of Viminacium, marvel at the archaeological wonders of Lepenski Vir, and stand in awe of the formidable Golubac Fortress. These historic sites, perched along the Danube, unveil the layers of Serbia's past, inviting you to connect with a history that spans millennia.

Join us on this extraordinary voyage, where every step is a revelation, and every moment is a chance to create lasting memories amidst the treasures of Serbia.



SEARCHING FOR THE GRIFFON VULTURE

Mixed activity

A three-day adventure in southwestern Serbia, in the region known as Starovlaška-Raška, the part of Serbia where the oldest cultural and historical monuments and some of the most beautiful natural resources are situated.

Location Zlatar Mountain Departure Whole season
Duration 3 days Group 16 people max.
Technical requirements 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
Physical fitness 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

If you have a passionate desire to see the most amazing wonders of Serbia-meanders of the river Uvac, a famous Ice cave, and a bird of pray-griffon vulture in close-up, this adventure is perfect for you! Besides, you will certainly enjoy the landscapes of Zlatar mountain, tasty, traditional food, and a cordial welcome by friendly hosts.

The special nature reserve of Uvac is one of the most breathtaking places in Serbia. With the construction of three water gates, the valley of the Uvac was flooded 3 decades ago, and three lakes were formed: Uvac, Zlatar and Radoinja. Uvac lakes is 27 km long, with the maximum depth of 108 m. The most beautiful viewpoint on the canyon one can enjoy from the nearby summit Molitva.

Thanks to Nature Travel Office, we met another beauty of Serbia in a magical way. We enjoyed every moment of our trip. "Love for what you are doing is a magical formula for every success" ... even if your energy, commitment, perseverance are, we are sure you will persevere in your plans. Good luck!

"Corsa" group, Serbia





BELGRADE & SURROUNDINGS



Belgrade is the capital and the largest city in Serbia, and one of the oldest cities in Europe, situated at the confluence of the Sava and Danube rivers in central Serbia, where the Panonian Plane meets the Balkans. Besides Athens, it is also the largest urban entity in the Balkans.

The turbulent history of this fascinating city has 7 000 years long-standing tradition. At the crossroads of the East and the West, it had been invaded and targeted by many people who conquered, destroyed, and rebuilt it. The first settlements appeared in the Middle Neolithic period when Vinca culture flourished, which was the most progressive prehistoric culture of the time, and of an exceptional archeological value.

Belgrade is great as a starting point for exploration of some of Serbia's beautiful monasteries, wineries, farmhouse restaurants, ethno villages, spas, wildlife, mountains, gorges, etc.



WHEN DANUBE TELLS A STORY

Cultural & Heritage tour

The most famous natural attraction is certainly the greatest gorge in Europe, Đerdap, compressing the powerful flow of the Danube River in only 150 m wide gorge at the spot called Kazan. Due to its natural specificity, Đerdap is protected as a National Park.

Location Eastern Serbia

Departure Whole season

Duration 2 days Group 18 people max.

Technical requirements 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Physical fitness 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Unearth the rich narratives etched into the landscapes of the Danube, where each site tells a compelling story of history, nature, and timeless beauty.

Highlights:

- **Viminacium:** Discover the echoes of Roman grandeur in the archaeological marvel of Viminacium, once the thriving capital city of Moesia Superior,
- **Golubac Fortress:** Explore the medieval charm of the 14th-century Golubac Fortress, guarding the entrance to the Đerdap National Park,
- **Lepenski Vir:** Step back in time at a Mesolithic site dating to 9500/7200-6000 BC, revealing the secrets of Europe's oldest urban settlement,
- **Iron Gate Cruise:** Embark on an enchanting cruise through the Đerdap Gorge,
- **Đerdap National Park** hiking tour: Take a rewarding hike to a panoramic viewpoint, offering spectacular vistas of the Danube, Mali, and Veliki Kazan,
- **Rajko's Cave:** A unique underground wonder renowned for its speleological wonders.



VIA FERRATA GORNJAK

Via ferrata

Compared to other parts of Serbia, its eastern part, which is dominated by the branch of the Carpathian Mountains, is less known and visited, although it has unprecedented and wild natural beauties. A visitor with a bit of an adventurous spirit can enjoy the beauty of these areas in a unique way.

Location Gornjak Gorge

Departure Whole season

Duration 1 day Group 12 people max.

Technical requirements 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Physical fitness 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

We take you to the Gornjačka Gorge, a well-known climbing spot in Serbia, where a via ferrata crossing will be organized.

Via ferrata is a mountain trail secured with steel cables and auxiliary footholds in inaccessible terrain. Also known as the Iron Path, it is intended for everyone who wants to climb rocks and be completely safe.

Ferratas are a real tourist attraction worldwide, attracting nature enthusiasts seeking adventure.

Gornjak via ferrata is not overly physically demanding, but it requires a certain level of fitness and agility.

BOBIJA CANYONING

Canyoning & Trekking

High mountain tops are not characteristics of this region (the highest peak among them is Poven, 1346 m), but vastness and hilly surroundings, ascending from the surface of 600 meters. These mountains are well-known for hospitality, raspberries, forests and villages, meadows, and pastures. This area is rich in water, where powerful rivers chiselled some of the most impressive canyons in Serbia.

Location Bobija Departure May – September
Duration 3 days Group 8 people max.
Technical requirements 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
Physical fitness 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Welcome to the Tribuća Canyon!

Tribuća River, seven kilometres long, springs in Bobija Mountain, and it is the main tributary of the Trešnjica River. In the last kilometre and a half, the Tribuća River created a beautiful canyon. Brace yourself for the opportunity to rappel down five waterfalls ranging from 15 to 20 meters in height.

This canyon stands out as the most challenging canyon in Serbia, surrounded by unspoiled nature and cascading waterfalls, making it an ideal destination for any adventure enthusiast.

Considered about the cold waters? No worries. Neoprene wetsuits and socks will keep you warm, complemented by the excitement that accompanies every step of the way. Throughout this exhilarating journey, seasoned professionals will guide you, ensuring an unforgettable and safe adventure.

Thanks for a wonderful weekend and a great experience. You are the best guides and instructors I have met so far. Extremely professional, you instilled in me the confidence and certainty that I can try the canyon. And thank you for all the attention you paid to me as a beginner in canyoning. If it weren't for you, I'd just be waving at people coming down.
Until the next adventure...

Jovana, Serbia



NIŠ & SURROUNDINGS



The city of Niš, miraculous and unusual in all respects, has an extremely favourable geographical position. It is located in the fertile Nišava River basin and is protected by the necks of the proud Suva Planina Mountain, the gentle hills of Seličevica Mountain, the ridges of the Svrlijske Mountains as well as Kalafat Mountain, forming the so-called 130 km long Niš Transversal (long distance hiking tour), which offers nature lovers a magical experience.

Niš is a crossroads, because two important road routes pass through it, one for Sofia and Constantinople known as "Via Militaris", and the other for Thessaloniki better known as "Via Egnatia".

As a city at an important crossroads, it could not avoid any military campaign, any conquering appetite of the occupiers, so in its millennial existence it was conquered, destroyed, and destroyed countless times.





RESAVA TOUR

Cultural & Heritage tour

For such a long-time nature made Beljanica mountain and its wavy slopes, Resava river and its steep canyons, Resava cave and dozens of other springs and waterfalls, endless forests, and meadows.

Location	Eastern Serbia
Departure	Whole season
Duration	1 day
Group	35 people max.
Technical requirements	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
Physical fitness	1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Overwhelmed with the fairytale-like nature, Serbian ruler despot Stefan Lazarević decided to build his legacy, Manasija Monastery, Resava school and to write the poem “Slovo ljubve” right here. Both nature and people were the creators of these surroundings. They did the best they could. They did it with a lot of inspiration and love. And today we can admire it.

Highlights:

- **Ravanica**, Serbian monastery, a spiritual, cultural, literary, and arts centre of Medieval Serbia,
- **Resava Cave**, the best-known and the most visited cave in Serbia,
- **Lisine waterfall**, one of the most beautiful waterfalls in Serbia,
- **Manasija**, one of the most significant monuments of medieval Serbian culture.



SAMAR CAVE ADVENTURE

KALAFAT MOUNTAIN

Caving

At the basin of the Toponica river, and the extraordinary gorge formed by it, on the slopes of beautiful Kalafat Mountain, Samar cave, a beauty of South-Eastern Serbia, is hidden.

Location	Svrljig, Kopajkošara
Departure	April - October
Duration	1 day
Group	12 people max.
Technical requirements	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
Physical fitness	1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Samar cave, also known as Milutin's cave, named after a man who contributed most to its study and presentation to Serbia and the world. Milutin Veljković, a well-known Serbian speleologist, spent 464 days in the cave, thus breaking the world record in bivouacking in an underground space, and entering the Guinness Book of World Records.

The cave is also notable for significant paleontological discoveries of a prehistoric bear and lion. Together with other caves in the area, it forms a unique cave system which is protected as a natural monument.

NOTE: Our passage through the cave depends on precipitation, that is, weather. If conditions allow, we can pass through the whole cave. It takes three hours to pass through the cave and requires adequate equipment and knowledge. **You are not allowed to pass through the cave alone, and without the equipment and guide.**





WHEN A GORGE TELLS A STORY

JELAŠNICA GORGE

*Mixed activity (trekking & climbing)
Team building*

Discover the city of Niš and surroundings. Experience an adventure in a magnificent gorge of river Jelašnica that is recognised as a Special Nature Reserve and highly protected. The gorge of Jelašnicka River represents a unique biodiversity and is one of the most prominent gorges in the Balkans - due to breathtaking landscape, geomorphologic characteristics, natural values, a well-preserved ecosystem, and exclusive flora and fauna.

Location	Jelašnica gorge	Departure	April - October
Duration	1 day	Group	100 people max.
Technical requirements	1 2 3 4 5 6 7	Physical fitness	1 2 3 4 5 6 7



Our little adventure is a unique round tour of the magnificent gorge of Jelašnica. We are taking you on a circuit walk to explore the rock formations and enjoy the geomorphological shapes from proximity.

From some of the best lookouts, your eye's view will reach the rims of Suva planina mountain and a village Jelašnica situated at gorge's end.

For the end, this small adventure has something new and different – everyone will get a chance to try the abseiling technique (a controlled descent down a rock using a rope) on the steep rocks of the gorge, free climbing, zip line and crossing the river with a rope system (traverse).

Sounds interesting?

Come along and try!

The aim of this program is to: visit some well-known landmarks that are gradually getting forgotten; return you to nature to spend some time in it; create adventure by blending a small tourist activity with an exotic destination.



What an amazing experience! We were only two people, and they organized a fun adventure for us with a lovely hike, two climbing routes, abseiling, and telling us all about the place's history, flora, and fauna. It was all topped off with some delicious local food at a nice restaurant.

Would recommend to anyone who enjoys nature and adventure.

Leo Busuttil, NETHERLANDS



POREČJE – VUČJE ADVENTURE

KUKAVICA MOUNTAIN

Canyoning

Amazing adventure at the foothill of Kukavica Mountain in the pristine nature of Porečje region. Abseiling, canyoning, and cultural - historic treasures in the distinctive landscape of south Serbia.

Location Kukavica Mountain, Southern Serbia

Departure May - September

Duration 1 day **Group** 12 people max.

Technical requirements 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Physical fitness 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Open your senses, let the adrenaline flow through your body as you rope into the magnificent canyon of the Vučjanka River.

On its way to Vučje, the Vučjanka River passes through a two-kilometre-long canyon in the final part. The canyon's descent of 300 m makes it remarkably interesting – full of waterfalls, cascades, and whirlpools. The most impressive among them are Đoka's whirlpools.

Aside from exploring the scenic natural landscape, we will visit cultural-historic landmarks abundant in this area. The most important among them is a medieval Skobaljić town. Magnificent town ruins, on a hill above the river, date from late XI century.

We went canyoning in river Vučjanka and it was amazing. This is great tour for beginners in canyoning although we experienced all that makes canyoning interesting. We went down with the rope (abseil), jump from the rocks in the river (some of us from high rocks), sled on the natural toboggan etc.

All in all, it was great experience, guides were amazing (professional, patient, and helpful) and this tour is something I would highly recommend. We hope we will go for more tours with Nature Travel Office.

Tamara, Serbia





THE BALKAN MOUNTAINS

The Balkan Mountain range (Balkan) lies partially in Serbia, and mostly in Bulgaria. It is about 600 km long, and from 30 to 50 km wide. It stretches from Vrška Čuka on the north to the Black Sea on the east and is the extension of the southern Carpathians.

Harmoniously blended intact nature, interesting history, and rich tradition have made the mountain a perfect place for vacation. Especially attractive and significant natural sights on Balkan include the Bigar stream valley, Midžor (the highest peak), the impressive rocks of Babin Zub, the Temštica River meanders, etc.

The Stara planina (Balkan) Mountain is a protected area, and it is classified as a National Park.

Village's landscapes resemble dreamlike images, such as the ones of a long-forgotten paradise!

Through our adventures enjoy lush landscapes, pastures, meadows, hills, and the alluring play of wild horses at sunset! Discover the beauty of mountain rivers and clear streams that suddenly transform into untamed waterfalls often above 60 meters high. Climb a smaller peak, or go down a cave, simply for the joy of it. The braver can rappel down a cliff, and the bravest down a river canyon.

Meet wild, pristine, exceptional nature. Yes, meet Balkan, the mountain that gave its name to the Balkan Peninsula.





IN THE EMBRACE OF THE STARA PLANINA MOUNTAIN

Meet the untouched nature, experience the Stara Planina Mountain, its extraordinary beauty, power, and charms hidden in intertwined natural and anthropogenic motifs.

Hiking & Kayaking & Caving

Location Dojkinci Departure Whole season Duration 4 or 5 days Group 8 people min.
 Technical requirements 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 Physical fitness 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

This realm of waterfalls, far from civilization, is still rarely visited and precisely because of that, it is so special. During this adventure, the Stara Planina Mountain will welcome us into its embrace and allow us to experience the power of water, visiting its waterfalls, peering into the belly of the mountain through the magnificent Vladikine Ploče cave, enjoying the view from the highest peaks and famous viewpoints. Paddling through the Zavojsko Lake, a unique pearl of Stara Planina National Park, we will set out in search of a stone village.

Vladikine Ploče Cave is in the gorge of the same name, in the municipality of Pirot, between the villages Rsovci and Pakleštica. The cave system Vladikine Ploče is interesting for the remains which suggest that prehistoric man lived in it.

An unbelievably beautiful adventure on a lake of exceptional beauty!
 The kayaks are of excellent quality, and the equipment is nice. The visit to the village is interesting.
 Raph, France

No journey through Serbia is complete without savoring its delectable cuisine. Delight your taste buds with a medley of traditional dishes flavors. Let the warmth of Serbian hospitality embrace you as you indulge in local delicacies, each bite a celebration of the country's culinary prowess.





MAGICAL STARA

Visit the Stara Planina Mountain and discover its natural beauties.

Hiking & Jeep tour

Location Dojkinci Departure Whole season
Duration 1 day Group 8 people min.
Technical requirements 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
Physical fitness 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

One day jeep adventure in the very heart of the Stara Planina Mountain.

The upper part of the Dojkinačka River – known as Arbinje – is regarded as the most beautiful river valley in Serbia. We start the hour-long hike to the Arbinje waterfall. Afterwards, we return by the same path to the cross-country vehicles. Transport to Ponor.

Ponor is one of the most magical places in the entire National Park Stara Planina. It is a karst depression without a surface water flow.

We will also visit Tupavica and Draganov Vir waterfalls and finish this magical tour.



ARBINJE'S FAIRY TALE

Go with us to the most magical part of the Stara Planina Mountain.

Hiking

Location Dojkinci Departure Whole season
Duration 1 day Group 8 people min.
Technical requirements 1 2 3 4 5 6 7
Physical fitness 1 2 3 4 5 6 7



Transfer from Dojkinci village by a terrain vehicle to Arbinje, the most beautiful river valley in Serbia. We set out on the circular hiking tour to Tri Čuke peak, one of the most beautiful peaks of Balkan Mountain.

Over the Arbinje waterfall, we arrive at Tri Kladenca, the mouth of the Dojkinačka River. Climbing up the waterfall to the river's mouth is one of the most attractive parts of the Balkan Mountain trip.



Over the mountain ridge, from which a wonderful view on neighbouring Bulgaria extends, we arrive at Tri Čuke (1933 m) peak, wherefrom, by the forest track, we return to Arbinje. A terrain vehicle drive to Dojkinci village.

ACROSS THE BALKANS

The Balkan is a peninsula at the south of the European continent.

Gods have given this part of the Earth more than they had and could. They have surrounded it by five seas, namely Ionic, Adriatic, Mediterranean, Aegean, and Black. They have gifted its continental part with the richness of waters, mountains, forests, meadows, and sunshine. They have given it life, designated it to be the cradle of the earliest civilization, dating back to prehistory, from ice age and first human cave communities, which is testified by rich archaeological sites that reveal only a small portion of the secret of life in these lands, the secret of human existence through the Neolithic Period, Bronze and Iron Ages, Archaic Period, Roman Period, Middle Ages, and so on.

Although endowed by many blessings, the Balkan Peninsula is also followed by a curse: to be a link between Europe and the rest of the world, to be fought for and over by both big and small empires, to be a place where many civilizations would, over centuries, leave marks of their presence, preserved at various archaeological sites. Therefore, there is not a smaller place with more history of human life, a history that is so complex, layered, still incomprehensible and secretive, but nevertheless attractive to learn about, and explore.

Rich cultural inheritance, breathtaking mountain sights, pristine magnificent nature, urban hedonism of its capitals, seductive rhythm and delicious authentic local dishes and hospitality, charming, picturesque villages, tradition, and deep religion show true beauty of the Balkans. Discover how it won the hearts of many tourists. Capture the spirit and soul of the Balkans.





ONCE UPON A TIME THERE WAS A COUNTRY

THE BIG TOUR OF THE BALKANS – EX YU

Cultural & Heritage tour

Location Slovenia – Croatia – Bosnia & Herzegovina – Montenegro – Albania – North Macedonia – Serbia – Croatia

Departure Whole season **Duration** 22 days **Group** 35 people max.

Technical requirements 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 **Physical fitness** 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Once upon a time there was a country on the hilly Balkan Peninsula, spanning from Vardar to Triglav. It had the most beautiful of everything. The most beautiful seas, mountains, rivers, the most beautiful wheat fields, vineyards, orchards. It was a cultural capital and a sports titan, a platform for film festivals, music events, poetry, and science. A country that people were happy to visit and where they were happy to stay. It has not existed for a long time, because new borders were set up within its own borders and new countries were created, but it still has the most beautiful of everything and people are still happy to visit. A tremendous tour titled “Once upon a time there was a country” will show you this.

This tour entails visits to all seven countries that became independent in the 90s (Slovenia, Croatia, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Montenegro, North Macedonia, and Serbia), the seven countries that once made up the great Yugoslavia, the symbol of an era.

We also added Albania to this tour, both because of better coordination and set up of the tour, as well as because of its huge influence in the history of this region. We will see and visit some of the most significant cities, national parks, and natural beauties of these countries, accompanied by our excellent local guides' stories.





THE HIGHEST SUMMITS OF THE BALKANS

Hiking

Location Serbia – Bosnia & Herzegovina – Montenegro – Serbia – North Macedonia – Albania – Greece – Bulgaria – Serbia

Departure Whole season **Duration** 16 days **Group** 15 people max.

Technical requirements 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 **Physical fitness** 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

The climb to the highest summits of these seven Balkan countries is a unique adventure in the beautiful mountain landscape of the Balkan Peninsula. It is recommended that participants have previous climbing experience and can endure days of hiking and walking long distances.

Besides getting to enjoy climbing to the highest summits of the Balkans with a bird's-eye view of those countries, you will also get to see surreal landscapes of the peninsula, taste some homemade traditional food, meet our lovely hosts, and hear the stories of our local guides.

During this tour you will climb following summits:

- Maglić (2386 m), the highest summit of Bosnia & Herzegovina,
- Zla Kolata (2534 m), the highest summit of Montenegro,
- Đeravica (2656 m), the second highest summit of the Dinarides,
- Golem Korab (2764 m), the highest peak of Macedonia and Albania,
- Mytikas (2917 m), the highest peak of Greece,
- Musala (2925m), the highest summit of Bulgaria and the entire Balkan Peninsula,
- Midžor (2169 m), the highest peak of the Stara Mt in Serbia.





SULTANS TRAIL

SERBIA & BULGARIA

Hiking

Location Serbia & Bulgaria **Departure** Whole season

Duration 12 days **Group** 16 people max.

Technical requirements 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Physical fitness 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Follow a part of the Sultans trail from Niš to Sofia passing through pitoresque landscapes and discover true kindness and hospitality of local people.

Sultans trail is named after sultan Süleyman Kanuni, also called Suleiman the Magnificent, ruler of the Ottoman Empire, who led Ottoman armies to conquer Belgrade and most of Hungary, then marched on Vienna, where his invasion was checked at the Siege of Vienna. He started out from Istanbul on May 10, 1529, and arrived at the gates of Vienna after 141 days on September 23, 1529. It was to be the Ottoman Empire's most ambitious expedition to the west, but the Austrian garrison inflicted upon Suleiman his first defeat. A second attempt by the sultan to conquer Vienna failed in 1532. In 1566, at the age of sixty, the sultan led his army towards Vienna for the last time, but he died close to Szigetvár in Hungary, before reaching his goal. The Sultans trail roughly follows the route of sultan Suleiman on his way to Vienna.

In contrast to its past the Sultans trail nowadays forms a path of peace, a meeting place for people of all faiths and cultures. The trail starts at St. Stephen's Cathedral in the center of Vienna; the bells of this church were ever casted of the metal of captured Ottoman cannons. The trail ends at the tomb of Sultan Süleiman in Istanbul.

The Sultans trail is developed by volunteers from the Netherlands-based NGO Sultans Trail - A European Cultural Route.



BEAUTIES OF WESTERN SERBIA, EASTERN HERZEGOVINA AND NORTHERN MONTENEGRO

Multi-active

Location Serbia & Bosnia and Herzegovina & Montenegro

Departure Whole season **Duration** 10 days

Group 16 people max.

Technical requirements 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

Physical fitness 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

So, you are thinking about the holiday... You have been working hard, and you want to go on a deserved vacation. You do not know where, when, or how. You want something different. We recommend you go on a holiday where each day will be different from the previous one.



Highlights:

- Ovčar-Kablar Gorge,
- Tara National Park (Banjska stena viewpoint, Šargan's Eight ride),
- Tara River rafting,
- Ride through one of the most beautiful panoramic routes in Montenegro (Crkvičko Polje – Trsa – Sedlo – Žabljak),
- Durmitor National Park,
- Uvac Nature Reserve (Griffon vulture up close, an amazing view of the meanders of Uvac from the Molitva viewpoint, as well as the Ledena Cave)
- Novi Pazar (Đurđevi Stupovi and Church of Holy Apostles Peter and Paul, which is the oldest monument of church architecture in Serbia),
- Oplenac, mausoleum and memorial complex of the Karađorđević royal family.



Milan Stojaković

He spent his whole life in touch with nature, having traveled across the beautiful landscapes of Serbia and Montenegro since early childhood. The return to nature is the return to yourself, to health, to wholeness, Milan points out. This idea encouraged him and led to establishing "Nature Travel Office" agency, the one synonymous with a life in nature and enjoying nature's endless challenges.

Over 20 years of working in the tourism industry, as well as the experience of living in various cities in Europe, North America, Australia, and Asia have been built into Nature Travel Office. His formal education makes him a history professor.

He wants the world to see the beauty of Serbia and the Balkans the way that he sees and experiences them!



Vladimir Pavlović

He grew up in western Serbia, in the untouched nature of Valjevo Mountains, only a few hundred meters away from some of the most beautiful canyons in Serbia. He is an excellent and charming leader with endless energy, and an incredible desire to show the world even the most remote corner of the Balkans, in a way only he can.

While he was studying at University in Niš, where he received a master's degree in environmental protection, Vladimir spent all his free time on the rocks of Jelašnička and Sićevo gorges.

All the experience he got in nature, his resourcefulness, and the energy he has – earned him the position of the leading guide at Nature Travel Office for all adventures with the most adrenaline.



Aleksandra Zdravković

She was born in Niš and has been working as a tour guide since 2014.

During the years of studying at the Faculty of tourism, she realized she was in love with history.

She joined together her passion for history with knowledge from tourism and incredible energy and became one of the most interesting local tour guides.

Some of the stories can be heard only during Aleksandra's tours. Aleksandra loves her country's history and culture and she wants her tour members to experience life in Serbia and Niš.

MEET our leaders

Proficient leaders, fueled by both fervor and profound expertise in their respective domains, significantly enhance your overall experience. Diligently attending to every detail, they facilitate your enjoyment of each moment. These leaders exhibit mastery in various fields, whether as naturalists, photographers, or mountaineers, showcasing an exceptional ability to impart knowledge and unveil exclusive locales not featured in conventional guidebooks. While our leaders excel as seasoned professionals, they also exude warmth, boundless enthusiasm, and an unwavering dedication to ensuring your enjoyment. Allow us to introduce a part of our exceptional leaders. See our full team at: <https://naturetraveloffice.com/en/o-nama/>



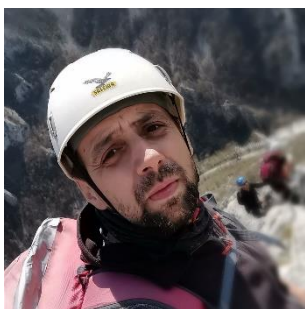
Pavle Đorđević

He was born and grew up in Niš, but he spent every summer vacation and free time on Vlasina, where he discovered wild, pristine nature, mountains, and water.

At the age of nine, he started kayaking on wild waters. As a member of the Serbian national team, he was the state champion and vice-champion of the Balkans for several years in a row.

He is actively involved in climbing and mountaineering. He completed his summer alpinism training and speleology course. He was a member of the Mountain Rescue Service (MRS) of Serbia.

Pavle unselfishly shares his rich experience and knowledge with travelers during our adventures.



Mirko Nićiforović

He was born and lives in Jagodina. He is a mechanical engineer by profession, but his real and greatest love is staying in nature, which is the main reason that he started to do landscape photography and to hike.

He completed numerous courses within the Mountaineering Association of Serbia, but the most important for his work are courses for a mountain guide in summer and winter conditions, as well as for guiding on secured climbing routes (via-ferrata) for which he has a license as a sports mountain guide.

He participated and led numerous high mountain expeditions throughout Europe, where he gained invaluable experience in the field of mountaineering, which is also his greatest passion.



Danijel Aleksić

The untouched nature of Eastern Serbia, which surrounded him from an early age, greatly influenced his interests and shaped him as a nature lover. Even today, he always spends his free time surrounded by the beauties of Južni Kučaj and Lazar's canyon with the Zlot caves near Bor, where he lives.

A successful combination of passion and moderation, and the modesty with which he captivates through a smile, accompanies him in all his endeavors. He is a member of the MRS of Serbia for more than a decade.

There is almost no place in Serbia around which he will not tell the whole story behind the secret passages, cracks, and rocks, but also share with you his enthusiasm and endless desire for adventure.

TOUR GRADES

The difficulty of the tours is shown on two scales from 1 to 7 for recommended physical fitness and technical requirements, which should give participants an insight of which tours are in accordance with their form and abilities and help in choosing the appropriate adventure.

Of course, everyone who has an adventurous spirit, is a lover of nature and loves challenges, is welcome to try himself in adventures of various levels.

1. EASIEST

Physical fitness:

The easiest tours are suitable for people of all ages, who are in poor physical condition. No previous experience is required.

Technical requirements:

On these tours, you can expect short, relaxing walks (up to an hour's walk) without climbing and without additional equipment.

2. EASY

Physical fitness:

They are suitable for people of all ages, who are in poor physical condition. No previous experience is required.

Technical requirements:

Short walks (up to two hours of walking) with a slight ascent, without the use of additional technical equipment.

3. MODERATE

Physical fitness:

It is recommended for people who are in average good physical condition, and previous experience is required for the given activity.

Technical requirements:

The hikes on these tours are uphill (from two to four hours of walking). It is possible to use additional technical equipment.

4. MEDIUM

Physical fitness:

Those tours are designed for people who are in good physical condition and who are familiar with the accompanying activities.

Technical requirements:

Expect hikes (three to five hours of walking) on steep terrain with climbs. It is possible to use additional technical equipment on these tours.

5. STRENUOUS

Physical fitness:

These tours are intended for people in exceptionally good physical condition, who are familiar with the accompanying activities and have previous experience.

Technical requirements:

On these tours, there are half-day hikes (from four to eight hours of walking) with stronger ascents. It is possible to use additional technical equipment.

6. VERY STRENUOUS

Physical fitness:

Excellent physical condition is required on these tours, as well as previous experience.

Technical requirements:

Be prepared for all-day hikes (from five to ten hours of walking) with stronger ascents on steep terrain. The use of additional technical equipment is mandatory.

7. EXTREME

Physical fitness:

The tours are exclusively intended for people who are in extremely good physical condition and who have many years of experience in the given activities.

Technical requirements:

On tours with the highest degree of technical difficulty, expect multi-day hikes (from five to ten hours) on steep terrain, stronger ascents with quite demanding segments and large height differences. The use of additional technical equipment is mandatory.

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