



Historical and cultural tours

## Macedonian monasteries



**Day 1: Skopje welcomes you!**  
Our first touch with Macedonia takes place in Skopje - cultural, economic and trade center of Macedonia. On the way from the airport possibility to acquire more information about the tour and getting to know your tour leader. Accommodation in your hotel and light evening walk at the city center with dinner at the Old city. O/N in Skopje



**Day 2: Skopje monasteries**  
In the morning we will visit the most famous church in Skopje - the Church of St.Spas ( the Holly salvation) -17th century, with its famous iconostasis carved in wood. After Skopje's Old city, we continue the tour towards Vodno mountain where another famous monastery is founded - St.Panteleimon. Afternoon is reserved for a place rich with natural beauty - the Matka valley, near Skopje. Time at leisure. O/N in Skopje



**Adventure tours**

**Day 3: West Macedonia**  
Today we will explore the west part of the country. After a refreshing coffee break at Mavrovo national park we will continue to the Monastery of St.Jovan Bigorski, (18th century) built near the cleanest Macedonian river - Radika. O/N at the adapted monastery rooms.



**Day 4: Ohrid - the Macedonian Jerusalem**  
After the breakfast, we continue to Struga where two cave churches are always attractive for visit. Just 15 km from Struga is situated Ohrid, the city with 365 churches. After a light walking across the Old city we will start our Ohrid monastery tour.



**Day 5: St.Naum**  
After a morning visit of the Monastery of St.Naum (10th century) we will have a boat tour to nearby Monastery of St.Mother of God- Zaum - reachable only by boat. Full of unforgettable experiences we are getting back to our hotel.

**Day 6: Prespa lake**  
After the breakfast, we drive towards Pespa lake. Near the village of Kurbinovo, on the slopes of Pelister national park, a small church dedicated to St.George is standing over 9 centuries. Afternoon drive towards Prilep.



**Day 7: Central Macedonia**  
Morning visit of the Monastery St Archangel in Varosh. Optional lunch in a wine cellar located in the Macedonian wine region Tikvesh. In the afternoon, a relaxing drive to east Macedonia and the city of Strumica.

**Day 8: The monasteries in Vodocha and Veljusa**  
Just about 10 km in the northwest, the Monastery Church of the Holy Virgin Eleusa (Tanderness) is located and has subsisted there for centuries. At a distance of 5 km on the northeast of Strumica, in the village of Vodocha, there are the restored walls and domes of the church of St.Leontie. In the afternoon, we continue to Stip, visiting on the way the city of Radovis.



**Day 9: The religious spirit of east Macedonia**  
On the way to Kratovo, we will visit the Monastery dedicated to St.Gavril Lesnovski. Kratovo with its several bridges and the locality Kuklic,i famous by its stone dolls will be our next stop. Late lunch at the fisherman lodge. Late afternoon arrival at the Monastery of St.Joakim Osogovski. O/N at adapted monastery rooms.

### ADVENTURE TOURS

Tour name:  
Macedonian monasteries  
Tour code:  
401  
Duration:  
11 days - from Skopje

**Included:**

- Transport by minibus / coach;
- Accommodation as described;
- 10 HB as per program;
- "Visit Macedonia" tour director;
- Local guides;
- all entrance fees;

**Not Included:**

- Single room supplement
- optional excursions and visits

**Tour price:**  
On request and depending of the number of participants  
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Confidential prices apply only for tour operators upon request

**Day 10: East Macedonia**  
Morning departure to the recently discovered Megalithic observatory Kokino and visit of the Church of St.Georgi in the village of Staro Nagoricane. Arrival in Skopje in the afternoon. Afterwards it will be a pleasure for us to invite you to a farewell dinner. O/N in Skopje.



**Day 11: Departure**  
Transfer to Skopje Airport. Time to take leave of the New Balkan Experience!

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