



*Bosnia and Herzegovina - History and Culture Tour*

|ESSENTIALS Duration: 8 days; 7 nights

Schedule: Tour 1: 24.06.-01.07.2017. Tour 2: 09.09.-15.09.2017.

Departure Point: Mostar

Departure Time: To Be Defined

Level of Difficulty: Easy

Suitable For: Everyone

Tour Type: Adventure; Cultural

Language: English; Bosnian

HIGHLIGHTS □ The unforgettable Ottoman-era Old Town with the Old Bridge

□ Explore the capital city of Sarajevo

□ Sutjeska National Park

MORE INFORMATION Included: □ Licensed guide □ 7 overnight stays with breakfast in 4\* hotels □ 4 lunches and 1 dinner □ Tour leader and transportation throughout the tour □ 2 wine tastings □ Local tour guides and tickets where applicable □ VAT, surcharge and other fees

Excluded: □ Gratuities (optional) □ Transportation to starting point □ Coffee and other drinks with the meal

Getting around: Private bus; Walking Passport needed: No Payment and cancelation policy: here.  
Minimum people required: 10 Maximum people allowed: -

## *Itinerary*

**Day 1: Mostar Arrival** Arrival to your hotel in Mostar and check-in at your own leisure. Transportation from Split, Zagreb and Dubrovnik can be organized by Lasta Travel on your request. Free evening and dinner at the hotel. Accommodation in double or twin rooms.

### **Day 2: Mostar city tour and wine tasting**

After meeting with the tour guide, we will set off on a walking tour of Mostar. We'll have a chance to see the various eras of the city's development, from modern and communist architecture to Austro-Hungarian style buildings and the unforgettable Ottoman-era Old Town and Old Bridge. After sightseeing, we'll have lunch in restaurant "Labirint," which features a spectacular view of the Old Bridge.

After lunch, we will have some free time before we meet up to go to Domanovidi, a small town near Mostar, which features one of the finest wineries in the country- Vinarija Zadro. We'll tour the winery and its cellars before tasting the wines. We will return to Mostar in the late afternoon, and have the evening free for entertainment and dinner at our own leisure.

### **Day 3: Radimlja - Tvrdoš - Trebinje**

After breakfast, we'll gather and take the bus south to Radimlja, one of the biggest and most important necropoli of "stedak" monuments (medieval tombstones characteristic of this area). Here, we'll have a chance to learn about these unusual and mysterious remnants of local medieval civilization. We'll then head toward Trebinje, the southern-most town in Herzegovina. But before we get there, we'll make a stop at the Tvrdoš Monastery. The Monastery, dating back to the 14th Century, is famous not only because it's one of the oldest and most important Orthodox monasteries in the country, but also because of its famed wine cellars.

### **Day 4: Sarajevo**

We will have breakfast at the hotel and check-out. We'll depart for Sarajevo, the capital of Bosnia and Herzegovina. Along the way, we will stop in Jablanica, where we'll visit a museum dedicated to one of the most famous battles of WWII - "The Battle for the Wounded" or Fall Weiss. After the museum visit, we will continue to Sarajevo. Once there, we will check into our hotel and have some free time before meeting with the local guide, who will take us on a walking tour of the city centre. After exploring the city centre, we'll have a break for lunch and some free time. Our afternoon and evening are free for dinner and entertainment.

**Day 5: Free day** Breakfast at the hotel and a free day for individual exploration.

### **Day 6: Sutjeska National Park**

We will have breakfast at the hotel and then hit the road. We'll first visit the Sarajevo Tunnel, dubbed the "Tunnel of Salvation" by locals. The tunnel was built in 1993 and served as a lifeline for the city during its siege. We'll then leave the city and head to Sutjeska National Park.

The National Park is home to Europe's last remaining rain forest - Perudica. This is the site of another infamous WWII battle. Much like the one in Jablanica, this battle had a feature-length

movie made about it by the Yugoslav government. We'll visit the park and explore its natural beauty and historic monuments, before we take a break for lunch and some free time. We'll return to Sarajevo in the afternoon and have a free evening.

#### Day 7: Konjic

Today's agenda features Konjic, one of the oldest towns in Bosnia and Herzegovina, located on the Neretva River. This typical, Oriental-style old town is known for its long woodcarving tradition, which was nominated for inscription on the UNESCO List of Intangible Cultural Heritage. We will also visit Tito's Bunker ARK D0, a shelter designed and built in the 1970's to safely house Tito and the rest of Yugoslavia's political elite in case of a nuclear fallout. A local guide will show us various parts of the complex and explain each of their functions.

After visiting ARK D0, we'll head to Konjic's town center, where we will have a walking tour and visit the woodcarving workshops. After the walking tour, we'll have lunch and free time before returning to Mostar in the afternoon. Free evening, and dinner at your own leisure.

Day 8: Mostar - Departure Breakfast at the hotel. Departure at your own leisure.