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Balkans and the Dalmatian Coast

20 Day Conducted Tour

for **\$6,985** per person twin share
This price includes airport taxes and fuel levies

This is great value for a tour to this area as all of the following is included:

- Return air fares from Sydney into Istanbul with award winning Asiana Airlines, plus a flight with Turkish Airlines from Istanbul to Zagreb.
- A 17 day tour of Croatia, Montenegro, Bosnia Herzegovina, Serbia, Bulgaria and Turkey.
- An overnight stay at an airport hotel in Seoul, South Korea.
- Good accommodation, mainly 3 – 4 star.
- Most meals.
- All entrance fees.
- All transfers and transport.
- Services of local tour guides and if there are 14 or more tour participants there will be an Australian tour escort.



For people without a travel partner wishing to travel at twin share rates we will do our best to match them up with someone else, but this is not guaranteed. For a single room there is an extra cost of \$1,190.



This is a special group tour just for Macleay Valley Travel clients with numbers limited to approximately 25 passengers.

**Tour departs Australia
12th May and returns
31st May 2016**

We try harder to find you the best travel deal

Itinerary for Balkans & Dalmatian Coast Tour

Included meals are indicated as B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner

12.05.16 Australia – Seoul, South Korea

Depart Sydney at 10.30am on Asiana Airlines flight OZ 602, arriving in Seoul Incheon Airport at 7.00pm. Upon arrival we are transferred to the Best Western Incheon Hotel or similar for an overnight stay.

13.05.16 Seoul - Istanbul - Zagreb, Croatia

This morning you are transferred to the airport for your flights to Zagreb. Depart Seoul at 10.20am on OZ 551, arriving in Istanbul at 4.10pm. Then depart Istanbul at 6.20pm on Turkish Airlines flight TK 1055, arriving in Zagreb at 7.25pm. You will be met at the airport and transferred to your hotel in Zagreb.

14.05.16 Zagreb

(B/D) We will explore the city of Zagreb, which is the capital of Croatia. It has 770,000 inhabitants and it is the political and economic centre of Croatia. We will experience the past and present of Zagreb by walking through the streets of the lower and upper town. We visit the Zagreb Cathedral, followed by the lovely atmosphere of Dolac Market. Our walk will also take us to St. Mark's Church and Lotrščak Tower from where noontime is announced by cannon firing. We conclude the day with a tour of Maksimir, the oldest public cultivated park in Europe.

15.05.16 Zagreb - Zadar

(B/D) After breakfast if the weather permits we will visit the UNESCO World Heritage Listed Plitvice National Park. Please note that this visit involves a fair amount of walking at a leisurely pace on some uneven surfaces. A good pair of walking shoes are recommended. Then we will continue the drive to Zadar for an overnight stay.

16.05.16 Zadar - Sibenik - Trogir - Split

(B/D) Today we will explore Zadar, the ancient capital of Dalmatia. The city is located along the Dalmatian coast. It offers a variety of architectures and styles, where Corinthian columns stand alongside Romanesque churches. Zadar was part of Italy until 1947 and one still finds Italian influence. We will also see the Roman Forum from the 2nd century BC, the 9th century pre Romanesque Church of St Donatus and St Elias Church. We then drive to Sibenik, which is a city located in an area of several hundred inlets, spread out to the open blue sea, forming many channels and bays of rare beauty. Our next stop of the day will be at Trogir. This evening we overnight in Split.

17.05.16 Split - Dubrovnik

(B/D) Today we explore the city of Split. Split is a vibrant city of shouting stall owners, in-transit travellers and white-suited sailors who give it a noisy, night-on-the-town feel. At the heart of all this you will find Diocletian's Palace, a crumbling old town and some of the most outstanding classical architecture in the world, which we will enjoy visiting today. This afternoon we drive to Dubrovnik where we have a two night

stay.

- 18.05.16 Dubrovnik**
(B/D) In the morning we stroll through the old walled heart of the city. All motor vehicles are banned from the centre and our transport drops us off outside the Pile Gate, where we visit the Franciscan Monastery, housing one of the world's oldest pharmacies, the old harbour, St Laurence Fortress, the Sponza and Rector's Palaces and other points of interest in this best preserved European walled city.
- 19.05.16 Dubrovnik - Budva, Montenegro**
(B/D) Today we have a short drive to arrive at the Montenegro border. We will explore the Adriatic coastal towns of beautiful Montenegro. We will first visit the UNESCO Heritage Listed town of Kotor. After sightseeing in the old town we will continue to Sveti Stefan for a short visit, then we will have dinner and stay in Budva.
- 20.05.16 Budva - Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina**
(B/D) Today we drive inland up the mountains, where we cross the border into Bosnia and Herzegovina. We take a breathtaking drive along the River Neretva and through the Bosnian Mountains. In the afternoon we will tour Mostar, a picturesque town, more than 5 centuries old and made famous by the old Turkish bridge that once was the only means uniting the city over the emerald waters of the Neretva River. The bridge always played a central role in the lives of its inhabitants. The original bridge was wooden, built at the beginning of the 15th century, and it was a very important link of the two parts of Bosnia and Herzegovina, not only strategically but also in respect of trade linking the sea to the interior. This soon brought the urgent need to replace the old unsafe wooden chain bridge with a new bridge that could meet the growing requirements. The construction of the bridge began in 1557 and continued for nine years, making it the masterpiece of Hajrudin, and under the close observation of the Caliph, Suleyman The Magnificent. We have a two night stay in Sarajevo.
- 21.05.16 Sarajevo**
(B/D) We start with a walking tour of Sarajevo. This magical town with all its charms takes us instantly back to the Ottoman days as we visit beautiful Ottoman mosques, old quarters and the authentic Turkish 'carsija', with its oriental sweets shops, cafes and traditional Bosnian food. Sarajevo is also a town in which for more than 400 years mosques, orthodox churches, Roman-Catholic Churches and synagogues have been standing together.
- 22.05.16 Sarajevo - Belgrade, Serbia**
(B/D) Today we will drive to Belgrade, capital of old Yugoslavia and capital of today's Serbia. We have a two night stay in Belgrade.
- 23.05.16 Belgrade**
(B/D) This morning we have a sightseeing tour of the city, starting with St. Sava Cathedral, then we see architectural wonders such as the National Theatre, National Museum, Serbian Academy of Science & Arts in the famous Knez Mihajlova Street. Afterwards we will spend some time at Kalemegdan, where we will see the Danube and Sava Rivers. The afternoon is at leisure in Belgrade.

- 24.05.16 Belgrade - Sofia, Bulgaria**
(B/D) After breakfast, we will drive to Bulgaria, where we have dinner and an overnight stay in Sofia.
- 25.05.16 Sofia - Veliko Tarnovo**
(B/D) This morning we have a city tour of Sofia and visit the Alexander Nevski Cathedral, the Church of St. Sofia, which gave the name to the city and the Round Church of St. George dating back to the 4th century. Afterwards we shall see the Russian Church of St. Nicholas, the buildings of the National Theatre and the Parliament. In the afternoon we depart for Veliko Tarnovo. We will see the medieval capital of Bulgaria and walk in the castle where the Bulgarian kings once lived. Visit the oldest merchant street in the town called Samovodska Charshia where we can see the masters who pursue their crafts according to old traditions. Dinner and accommodation will be in Veliko Tarnovo.
- 26.05.16 Veliko Tarnovo - Edirne, Turkey**
(B/D) Today we drive to the Turkey border, arriving in Edirne. We will see Selimiye Mosque and the bazaars of the former Ottoman capital. Overnight in Edirne.
- 27.05.16 Edirne - Istanbul**
(B/D) This morning we depart by coach for Istanbul. In the afternoon we will visit the Rustem Pasha Mosque, with its exceptional tiles. We also visit the spice market. We have a two night stay in Istanbul.
- 28.05.16 Istanbul**
(B/D) Today we will visit the old city of Istanbul. We will explore the Hippodrome, which is in the heart of the old city. Also see the Blue Mosque, which was commissioned by Sultan Ahmet in 1603, and was constructed with the deliberate intention of rivalling the St. Sophia, which we will also visit. St. Sophia was built by Roman Emperor Justinian and was completed in 537AD. For over 1000 years it was the largest Christian church in the world. Our last stop today in the old city is at the Grand Bazaar.
- 29.05.16 Istanbul - Seoul**
(B) This morning is at leisure to explore this fascinating historical city, part of which is in Europe and part in Asia. In the afternoon we are transferred to the airport for our flights home. All passengers depart Istanbul at 5.30pm on OZ 552, arriving in Seoul at 9.20am the next morning (30.05.16).
- 30.05.16 Seoul – Australia**
Upon arrival in Seoul, we have the day use of nearby accommodation before our evening flight home. Depart Seoul at 8.20pm on OZ 601, arriving in Sydney at 8.20am the next morning (31.05.16).



Conditions for Macleay Valley Travel's Balkans & Dalmatian Coast Tour

Deposits and Payments - A non-refundable deposit of \$600 per person is payable within 7 days of booking. This deposit is not refundable should you later cancel. The balance is payable in full 10 weeks prior to departure.

Refunds and Cancellations - Cancellations after final payment will result in a refund limited to whatever we can recoup from the airline.

Insurance - Adequate travel insurance is essential. We can arrange this for you if desired. Macleay Valley Travel offers Suresave Travel Insurance. Please note that we can only process your travel insurance when we have received full payment for the insurance and the signed Suresave Travel Insurance application form, located on the last page of the Suresave Travel Insurance information booklet. Until this time the travel insurance cannot be processed and will not be valid. Macleay Valley Travel will bear no responsibility for any consequences that may occur as a result of an incomplete insurance application.

Passports - All travellers require a current passport with at least 6 months left on it at the end of the tour. Non-Australian passport holders require a re-entry visa for Australia. An E-VISA is required for Turkey and must be obtained prior to travel at www.evisa.gov.tr Current cost is \$60 USD per person, subject to change.

Basic Tour Price and Taxes - Air taxes and Fuel Levies are included in the basic tour price if the tour is paid in full on or before the due date on the final invoice. Macleay Valley Travel reserves the right to charge for any increase in Air taxes and Fuel Levies if the tour is not paid in full by the due date.

Not Included in the Cost - All items of a personal nature such as telephone calls, drinks, excess baggage, tips, meals, (except those specified in the itinerary), travel insurance etc.

Similarly, credit card payments can only be accepted if 2% is added to the price to help defray the heavy merchant fees charged to us by the credit card companies. There is a 3% surcharge for Diners Club.

Breakaway Fee - All fully inclusive prices are based on group travel and any deviation from the set itinerary will incur a breakaway fee. The breakaway fee for most deviations including a post-tour extension on this tour is \$105 per person. Please inquire with our office for prices on any pre-tour extensions.

Health and Fitness - Macleay Valley Travel recommends that the passenger is reasonably healthy and/or fit to participate in this tour. Persons with a disability requiring special assistance must be accompanied by a companion. Macleay Valley Travel and their representatives cannot provide this service. Macleay Valley Travel reserves the right to accept/decline or terminate a passenger's participation in the tour under certain circumstances. Macleay Valley Travel is legally not permitted to provide medical advice as to vaccinations/injections which you may require for this tour and advise you to consult your local medical practitioner for specific medical advice. There are no compulsory injections required for this tour.

Booking through other Agents - As we keep the cost of our tours as low as possible, there is insufficient margin for us to be able to pay commission to other travel agents, so some bookings can only be accepted if the client pays the other agent's commission.

Accreditation - Macleay Valley Travel is a fully accredited travel agency under the AFTA (Australian Federation of Travel Agents) ATAS - AFTA Travel Accreditation Scheme. As such, you are assured of a consumer focused and quality assured business, ensuring professional conduct and ethical business practices. We are happy for any prospective traveller with us to check us out with your local Consumer Affairs (Fair Trading) department.

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Macleay Valley Travel reserves the right to modify the itinerary or the accommodation if circumstances make this necessary, provided that the amended itinerary is of equal value or greater value than that of the original program.

MACLEAY VALLEY TRAVEL - BOOKING FORM

PLEASE PRINT DETAILS CLEARLY IN BLOCK LETTERS AND ALSO

A PHOTOCOPY OF YOUR PASSPORT MUST BE SENT WITH BOOKING FORM

Name of Tour : _____ Departure Date: _____

Passenger 1 (as written in passport) _____

Title: **Mr. Mrs. Ms. Miss. Dr.** _____ Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Passenger 2 (as written in passport) _____

Title: **Mr. Mrs. Ms. Miss. Dr.** _____ Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Postal Address: _____

_____ **PostCode** _____ **Email** _____

Telephone / Fax Number: _____ **Mobile** _____

Passport Number: _____ Expiry Date: _____

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Passport Nationality: _____

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(Passport must have 6 months validity from the time of tour completion)

Single room / Twin Beds or Twin Share / Double bed: (Room type is subject to availability)

Circle which airport you wish to depart from: SYDNEY

Do you have any existing medical conditions?: _____

Special Dietary Requests: _____

Optional Extensions: _____

Would you like receive details of our travel insurance?: YES / NO (Please Circle)

In case of emergency, please notify :

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Please return this sheet with your non-refundable deposit of \$600 per person.

DECLARATION. I have read and understand fully the booking conditions and I accept them.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

A copy of passport is required to verify spelling of name; If this is not provided and the information we have for the airline is incorrect and ticket is issued, then the airline will charge a reissue fee.