



Serbia & Montenegro

'Lighting Candles to Pray for Light' Footsteps of St. Nikolai Velimirovic 26 June to 05 July, 2009

01 Day, NEW YORK

Depart New York on overnight flights to Belgrade via London. In-flight dinner and breakfast served by Virgin Atlantic.

02 Day, BELGRADE

Arrive at Nikola Tesla airport, Belgrade, transfer to Hotel Royal in the heart of the "Old Town" section of Belgrade. Free time to settle in or stroll and shop on Knez Mihajlova Street. Welcome dinner and overnight at the hotel.

03 Day, BELGRADE

Breakfast at the Hotel Union: Walking tour of the city. We'll start at the Patriarchy of Serbian Orthodox Church, the baroque style cathedral Saborna crkva, later we'll visit Kalemegdan an - Belgrade park and a cultural and historical complex, Ruzica Church, Shrine of the birth of the Holy Virgin Mary, between the Upper and Lower Town, Chapel of St. Parasceva was built in 1937 her relics kept in the Church, The water well under the Church with a cupolais considered to be curative even in the present. Afternoon bus tour sightseeing Belgrade, Theatre and Museum, Parliament House, White Palace, Kosutnjak with Cathedral St Sava. Dinner and overnight at the Hotel Union.

04 Day, BELGRADE-VALJEVO-ZLATIBOR

Breakfast at the Hotel Union. Drive to Valjevo "region full of history and poetry" prominent Nenadovic family, great Serbian poetess Desanka Maksimovic, Duke Zivojin Misic, Bishop Nikolaj Velimirovic and jeromonk Justin Dr. Popovic, ve we'll visit old part of town "Tesnjar", Monastery Lelic " Serbian Jerusalem", Monastery Celije founded in a period of King Dragutin (1280). Drive to Ljubovija, Monastery Soko City -Monastery St. Nikolaj one of the youngest Monastery in Serbia & Mt. Povlen to Mt. Zlatibor. Dinner and overnight at the Villa Romantika.

05 Day, ZLATIBOR-ZLATAR-PRIJEPOLJE-PODGORICA-NIKSIC

Breakfast Villa Romantika- Sightseeing tour Mt. Zlatibor 3300ft above sea level, the first Serbian air spa boasts an exceptional climate and rich vegetation. Short visit Institute for prevention, treatment and rehabilitation of thyroid gland disorder, metabolic disorder, obesity and loco-motor system. We'll make stop at Mt. Zlatar 4000ft above sea level, in southwest Serbia. The local climate is Alpine, with cool summer. There is Balneogical Institute for cardiovascular & arterial diseases. Monastery Mileseva monastery was founded between 1234 and 1236 by Serbian King Vladislav. The monastery is situated in a valley of the Mileseva river, near Prijepolje. Mileseva is one of the most important Serbian sanctuaries and spiritual centers. In 1236, Vladislav moved the relics of his uncle Saint Sava from Trnovo in Bulgaria, where he died, to Mileseva. The second important event took place in 1377, when the coronation of Tvrtko I as the King of Serbia and Bosnia took place in Mileseva. The Monastery Moraca was raised on the right bank of the River Moraca, not far from Kolasin. This church was built in 1252 by Stefan Nemanja, son of king Vukasin, and grandson of Nemanja, which can be seen on the inscription, which is situated above the doors on the west entrance. This mystical sacral edifice is

surrounded, like a medieval fortress, with high stonewall inside which there are sleeping quarters which can tell you some legend from this area. According to one legend, which is present among the local people, this monastery was made of special yellow stone, which is found in the area very far from the place where the monastery actually is. According to this legend people from this area made a column, which was tens of kilometers long, and in that way turned the stone from hand to hand from the place called Tusine, the place where the stone was located, to the present monastery Moraca. Dinner in Hotel Onogost.

06 Day, NIKSIC-MOJKOVAC-NOVI PAZAR

Breakfast Hotel Onogost- we'll be at morning liturgy at the Monastery of Ostrog is a monastery of the Serb Orthodox Church placed against an almost vertical background, high up in the large rock of Ostroška Greda. It is dedicated to Saint Basil of Ostrog. The Monastery was founded by Vasilije, the Metropolitan Bishop of Herzegovina in the 17th century. He died there in 1671 and some years later he was sainted and proclaimed a miracle-worker. His body is enshrined in a reliquary kept in the cave-church dedicated to the Presentation of the Mother of God to the Temple. It represents the meeting place of all three confessions: the Orthodox, the Catholics and the Muslims, because it is believed that the enshrined body of Saint Basil of Ostrog makes miracles work. According to the stories of pilgrims, by praying by his body, many have been cured and helped in lessening the difficulties in their lives. On the way from Montenegro to Raska we'll visit Monastery Sopocani presents the world heritage and is under the protection of UNESCO. The fresco painting of the year 1270 presents the top achievement of the Byzantine painting as a whole and the "Komnen Renaissance" epoch. The monastery was built by King Uros, the grandson of Stefan Nemanja and the son of Stefan Prvovencani in 1263. The crypt contains his holy relics. Also, Ana Dandolo, his mother from a well-known family from Venice was buried there. Dinner & overnight in Hotel Atlas.

07 Day, NOVI PAZAR-RAS-USCE

Breakfast Hotel Atlas- Old Ras was one of first capitals of the medieval Serbian state of Raska. Founded sometime btw 9th and 10th centuries, and deserted in the 13th, Ras sat in the middle of the growing empire, on the crossroads between the Adriatic and the state of Zeta, with Bosnia in the west and Kosovo in the east. On a hill above Novi Pazar we will visit Monastery Djurdjevi Stupovi and St Peter's church. . Drive along the valley of the Ibar River in southwest Serbia was at the heart of the empire of the Nemanjic Dynasty and therefore natural home to the glorious endowments built by wealthy kings at the height of their power, now known as "The Valley of the Kings". Afternoon we will visit Monastery Gradac and church of Our Lady (1270) was built as a mausoleum for Queen Helen of Anjou, wife of King Uros I. Monastery Studenica, UNESCO World Heritage Sites, was the most prominent and revered monastery of medieval Serbia, having served as the residence of Stefan Nemanja, the founder of Nemanjic Dynasty, and his son Sava, the first Serbian Archbishop. Dinner and overnight Hotel Studenica.

08 Day, USCE-VRNJACKA BANJA-KRUSEVAC-PARACIN

Breakfast Hotel Studenica- Morning visit Monastery Zica, was built btw 1206 and 1220 by King Stefan the First crowned on a spot that was said to have been chosen by St. Sava, Serbia's patron saint, after returning from Mt. Athos. Zica was the first seat of the autonomus Serbian Archbishops and was the location of the crowning of almost all Serbian kings. We will continue to Vrnjacka Banja Spa is the largest contemporary health spa resort in Serbia and is an attractive centre for both holidays and recreation set at the foot of Mt. Goc. Steeped in history, the beneficial effects of the Vrnjacka Banja spa springs have been known since beginning of Christianity. Today, some of its past still remains including a Roman Well dating back to the second century. Monastery Ljubostinja a female monastery (15th century), charitable foundation of Empress Milica (the wife of Serbian Prince Lazar) which is one of most important monuments of the Morava school. Last tour site is Village Djunis, where the church of the Holy Mother is situated. It is the pilgrim place of many believers. It is also beloved to have healing powers of the Holy Mother. Alternate program discover Monastery Lazarica was built in Morava style by Prince Lazar. Dinner and overnight at Hotel Petrus Paracin.

09 Day, PARACIN-DESPOTOVAC-TOPOLA-BELGRADE

Breakfast Hotel Petrus- Drive on road to the town of Despotovac is the early 15th century endowment of Despot Stefan, Manasija Monastery, also known as Resava. Building of the church and grandiose fortification lasted from 1406-1418. The shape of the church base is of the Morava style, whereas the façade it done with elements of western styles. The frescos in Manasija Monastery (church) were done by some of best painters in Byzantine world in the first half of the 15th century. Drive to northern part of Sumadija to the small town of Topola. Here we'll see the Mausoleum church of St. George, the charitable foundation of King Petar I Karadjordjevic, where there is also a family crypt of Serbian Royal family Karadjordjevic, filled with beautiful mosaic frescoes from Serbian monasteries. We'll visit on of the famous King's Cellar at the Royal Vineyard. Back to Belgrade, farewell dinner with live music in the Bohemian district of Skadarlija. Overnight at the Hotel Union.

10 Day, BELGRADE-LONDON-NEW YORK

Transfer from Hotel Union to airport Belgrade, flight via London to New York.

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Belgrade Hotel "Union"

Zlatibor Hotel Villa "Romantika"

Niksic Hotel "Onogost"

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Studenica Hotel "Studenica"

Paracin Hotel "Petrus"

Breakfast & Dinner daily

Twin-bedded rooms in hotel listed or similar

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English & Serbian speaking a professional Tour Guide

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Tour rate including air from New York \$ 1,880.00

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