

# A Taste of Macedonia, Albania, with Croatia Cruise 2026



## TRAVEL WITH ME EXCLUSIVE JOURNEY

Join Travel with Me on this Exclusive Travel with Me Journey and travel through Macedonia, Albania and Montenegro and experience this incredible part of the world before everyone catches on, and the crowds descend.

**Price from \$10450 pp Twin Share/Lower Deck  
and from \$13970 Solo/ Lower Deck**

**23 Days/22 Nights**

**2 May to 24 May 2026**

### Inclusions

- Exclusive Travel with Me Journey fully escorted ex Perth
- 15 Nights Hotel Skopje to Split Port
- 7 night Croatia Coastal Private Cruise/MS Adriatic King,
- Meals/Touring & Experiences as per itinerary
- Deposit of \$1000 required in 7 days
- 2nd Deposit of \$2500 due 10 Aug 2025
- Finals due 31 Jan 2026

*Price and Itinerary are subject to change at any time*



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# ITINERARY

## Day 1: 2 May - Transfer from airport to hotel

Upon arrival, meeting with the local guide and transfer to the hotel. Overnight in Skopje.

 *Ibis Skopje City Centre (D)*

## Day 2: 3 May- Skopje City Tour

In a morning light walking tour in the city center with visit to the Old part of the city. We will start with Skopje bazaar with its unique Ottoman monuments and unique architecture. Several inns and Turkish baths (Hammams), together with the biggest mosque in Skopje from 15th century will be combined with visit to St Spas (the Holly Salvation) church, with its magnificent wood carved iconostasis from 19th century.

Enjoy some free time in the old Bazaar to explore some fabulous shops and grab a quick lunch.

Afternoon visit to Skopje fortress and the new part of the town, with the main square with its statues and monuments, the Memorial house of Mother Teresa (born in Skopje in 1910)

 *Ibis Skopje City Centre (B)*

## Day 3: 4 May - Nature around Skopje

Morning visit to Matka lake and gorge, in the vicinity of Skopje. Light walking to Matka lake and boat tour to the entrance of cave Vrelo, the deepest underwater cave in Europe. Afternoon visit to rural area near Skopje and traditional Macedonian village. You will be invited for welcome coffee at home made sweets at local family house. The hosts will serve home made vegetable pie, local produced cheese and vegetables.

 *Ibis Skopje City Centre (B/L)*

## Day 4: 5 May - Wine and Culture of Macedonia

Leaving Skopje and drive towards the central part of Macedonia and the famous Tikvesh wine region. On the way visit to Stobi archeological site from 1st century AD, the biggest Roman site in Macedonia. Stop at the local town of Kavadarci considered as center of the wine region.

Free time in the city center. Afternoon drive towards Demir Kapija (Iron gate) small town with the biggest wine production and wineries.

Dinner with wine tasting at the winery restaurant.

 *Popova Kula Hotel & Winery (B/D)*

## Day 5: 6 May - South Part of Macedonia

Morning drive towards Prilep with stop at coffee break in the city center. Later on transfer with minibuses to the unique monastery Treskavec, located high above the city, on the top of the local rocky mountains.

Light lunch at local restaurant in Prilep.

Afternoon drive towards the highest town in Macedonia – Krusevo. Visit to the Makedonium memorial

Dinner at the hotel restaurant – selected local traditional meals

 *Hotel Montana-Krusevo (B/L/D)*

## Day 6: 7 May - Tour to Bitola from Krusevo

Drive and visit to Bitola, the second biggest town in Macedonia. Visit to Heraclea Lynkestis ancient site established by father of Alexander the Great, Philip II. Later on city tour by walking and visit to the old part with the bazaar, main square, Yeni mosque and the Clock tower.

Free time in Bitola city center.

Late 3 course lunch at the local winery Ciflik [www.ciflikwinery.com](http://www.ciflikwinery.com) accompanied with locally produced wine (1 glass of white and 1 glass of red wine + mineral water 0.5l per person included)

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## Day 7: 8 May - Land of Lakes

Breakfast at the hotel. Drive towards the second biggest natural lake in Macedonia – Prespa lake. Visit to the unique Folklore museum at village Podmochani, the richest private collection of folk costumes and items in Macedonia.

Lunch will be at local restaurant at village of Ljubojno - traditional meals.

Afternoon drive across Galichica NP located between the two lakes, with panoramic views of both Prespa and Ohrid lake. Arrival in Ohrid and accommodation at the hotel/Dinner at local restaurant by the lake

Overnight in Ohrid

 *Garden Hotel (B/L/D)*

## Day 8 - 9 May - Ohrid and Ohrid Lake - UNESCO Sites

Full day tour in Ohrid visiting the most famous Ohrid sites. Walking tour starts in a morning with visit to the Holy area of Plaoshnik, St Sofia Cathedral church and the unique church of St John Kaneo. 1 hour catamaran tour “Ohrid by the lake side” with unlimited wine and cheese tasting. Afternoon at leisure in Ohrid

 *Garden Hotel (B)*

## Day 9 - 10 May - Free day at beautiful Ohrid

A fabulous day today to take some time and enjoy Lake Ohrid. This is one of the oldest lakes in the world and it bordered by Macedonia, Greece and Albania. It is the major draw card in Macedonia so a perfect chance to enjoy it before it is overrun by tourism.

Late afternoon transfer to Etno restaurant Sv. Petka. Cooking classes and dinner with folklore program.

 *Garden Hotel (B/D)*

## Day 10: 11 May - Drive around Ohrid Lake to Tirana

Morning drive along the lake to St Naum monastery. Visit to the monastery established in 9th century. 30 min boat tour with row boats in the national park above the spring of Black Drim river. Border crossing to Albania and drive on the Albanian side of the lake towards Tirana.

Lunch at local restaurant

 *Hotel Tirana International (B/L/D)*

## Day 11: 12 May - Kruje

Morning guided visit to Kruje and the museum dedicated to the Albanian hero Skender bay. Free time in Kruje. Lunch own arrangements with time to check out the local bazaar. / Afternoon at leisure in Tirana

Dinner at local restaurant Piazza in Tirana

 *Hotel Tirana International (B/D)*

## Day 12: 13 May - Tirana - Shkodra - Podgorica

Drive towards north part of Albania with stop at city of Shkoder. Border crossing to Montenegro and arrival at Podgorica. Walking in the city center. Free time for lunch at Shkodra.

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## Day 13: 14 May - Podgorica - Tara Canyon

Drive from Podgorica towards Montenegro mountains and Tara river canyon, with stop by the famous Tara bridge.

Free time for lunch

In the afternoon arrival at Zabljak, Durmitor NP. Light walk to the Black lake.

 *Enigma Zabljak (B/D)*

## Day 14: 15 May - Zabljak - Kotor Bay - Budva

Drive towards Kotor bay with panoramic views and stops.

Free time at lunch.

Time to explore the old town in Budva, easy walk from your hotel

 *Hotel Budva (B)*

## Day 15: 16 May - Budva - Dubrovnik

Today we cross the border into Croatia and straight to our hotel in Dubrovnik. There will be time in the afternoon to visit the old town which is about a 20 minute walk from the hotel.

 *Hotel Lero (B)*

## Day 16: 17 May - Dubrovnik to Split

Coach Transfer from Hotel Lero to vessel in Split. Transfer to the MS Adriatic King, your home for the next 8 days.

Split walking tour in the afternoon.

Welcome Dinner tonight

 *MS Adriatic King (B/D)*

## Day 17: 18 May - Split to Sibinek

Our first stop will be at Sibinek, where you can enjoy some time in this very authentic and beautiful city on the Croatian Adriatic, options to visit beautiful Krka national Park, one of the prettiest places in Croatia, will be available.

Walking Tour of Sibinek included/ KRKA National Park Excursion included

 *MS Adriatic King (B/L)*

## Day 18: 19 May - Sibinek to Galesnjak to Zadar

Galesnjak Island, also known as Lover's Island or Love Island, is a small heart-shaped island in Croatia. It is located in the Pašman Canal of the Adriatic Sea, between the islands of Pašman and the town of Turanj on mainland Croatia. You can walk across the island in less than 10 minutes.

A short swim stop in the stunning Adriatic for all guests before lunch. Zadar is the urban centre of northern Dalmatia, situated just at the heart of the Adriatic sea. Often shadowed by more famous destinations along the Croatian coast, it's a city of exceptional history with a modern and welcoming attitude. In the peninsular Old Town traces of the past are still visible in the streets layout and in the Mediterranean architectures and Roman ruins popping up among cosy cafes and traditional eateries. Zadar is also the ideal departure point to discover the beautiful surroundings.

Walking Tour of Zadar included.

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## Day 19: 20 May - Zadar to Sali to NP Kornati to Primosten

Composed of 89 of the Kornati's 140 islands, Kornati National Park shelters part of the largest and densest archipelago in the Adriatic. Due to the typically karstic terrain, the islands are riddled with cracks, caves, grottoes and rugged cliffs. The evergreens and holm oaks that used to be found here were long ago burned down. Far from stripping the islands of their beauty, the deforestation has highlighted startling rock formations, whose stark whiteness against the deep-blue Adriatic is an eerie and wonderful sight.

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## Day 20: 21 May - Primosten to Bisevo to Vis

Your first stop today will be the spectacular Blue Cave on the island of Bisevo. The cave's natural underwater entrance creates a magical deep blue light that engulfs the interior. (Optional excursion)

This morning, head to enigmatic and unspoilt island of Vis. For many years Vis was used as a strategic military base and until 1989, it had been closed off to the general public. As a result the island has retained a remarkable untouched charm. Upon arrival, spend an afternoon at leisure to experience the island's natural beauty first hand.

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## Day 21: 22 May - Vis to Hvar to Starigrad

Today we enjoy the island of Hvar, one of the longest and sunniest of Croatia's islands. Along the way enjoy a refreshing swim stop at the Paklinski islands.

Enjoy some free time on the stunning island of Hvar, considered the sunniest island of Europe.

After, there is time to explore the town of Stari Grad, a quaint little place away from the hustle and bustle of everyday life and the oldest town in Croatia (located on Hvar Island).

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## Day 22: 23 May - Split

Depart Stari Grad in the morning and cruise north towards the mainland. Enjoy a swim stop at one of the beautiful coves and bays that dot the coast of Brač Island before having lunch on board. Then, continue to the ancient city of Split.

Get acquainted with the incredible Diocletian's Palace and learn about the rich heritage of the area. As the economic and cultural capital of the Dalmatian coast, Split offers plenty to see and do for all travellers alike.

Swim stop at Golden Horn Beach, Bol, constantly rated one of the most beautiful beaches in the world.

Farewell Dinner on board tonight.

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## Day 23: 24 May - Split

Your cruise concludes after breakfast and with a group departure transfer for your onward journey.



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