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## ***GHIFARI EXCLUSIVE 13 DAYS BALKAN ISLAMIC ESCAPE***

BOSNIA & HERZEGOVINA, CROATIA, SLOVENIA & ITALY



*Spectacular scenery, historical sights, and special experiences await you on this fantastic tour concentrating on Croatia. Along the way, you'll overnight in Zagreb, Opatija, Zadar, Split, and Dubrovnik in Croatia, and in Bosnia capital Sarajevo. If you're interested in historical sights and UNESCO World Heritage Sites, you'll be thrilled: visit Dubrovnik's 15th-century Rector's Palace, built in gothic style with renaissance and baroque elements; the 4th-century Diocletian's Palace in Split, a well-preserved fortress; the majestic cathedral in Zagreb; the Amphitheatre and Temple of Augustus in Pula; and the historical city of Trogir. If you're interested in beautiful scenery, this Croatia tour will delight. You'll enjoy guided walking tours in Plitvice National Park, famous for its lakes, waterfalls, and forests, and in the pretty coastal city of Zadar. You'll experience the beauty of the Dalmatian Coast, with its dramatic limestone cliffs. These are just a few of the many highlights included on this magnificent Balkan tour. It's a once-in-a-lifetime vacation!*

## Day 1 – Sarajevo Adventure

### Breakfast Lunch Dinner

Arrive at Sarajevo Airport and begin your exciting journey in this fascinating city.

Start with a visit to **Vrelo Bosne Natural Park**, a tranquil oasis where the Bosna River springs to life. Stroll along its crystal-clear lakes, surrounded by lush greenery, and watch graceful swans glide by—a perfect spot to relax and enjoy nature's beauty. Indulge in a hearty **Bosnian lunch**, savouring the delicious flavours of the region, from savoury meats to fresh local specialties. Next, embark on a **panoramic tour of Sarajevo**, where you'll discover the stunning views of the city, framed by mountains and rich historical landmarks. The city's charm will unfold before your eyes as you take in its captivating landscape. Dive into Sarajevo's past with a visit to the **Museum Tunnel of Hope**, a powerful tribute to the resilience of the city during the Bosnian War, showcasing the story of the tunnel that connected the city to the outside world during the siege. End your afternoon with a stroll through **Bascarsija Old Town**, a mesmerizing maze of cobbled streets, vibrant markets, and historic mosques. Immerse yourself in the bustling atmosphere as you explore local shops, cafes, and artisan treasures. Relish a traditional **Bosnian dinner** at a cozy local restaurant, where you can enjoy dishes like ćevapi (grilled meat) or a warm, flaky burek (savoury pastry)—a true taste of Bosnia's rich culinary heritage. After an action-packed day, check in to your hotel for a restful night, ready for the next day's adventure in Sarajevo.

## Day 2 – Sarajevo to Travnik & Jajce Adventure

### Breakfast Lunch Dinner

Start your day with a delicious breakfast, energizing yourself for an exciting journey ahead. Hit the road towards Travnik, a charming town full of history and stunning architecture. Along the way, stop by the tranquil village of Ahmići, where you'll have the chance to explore its peaceful surroundings and reflect on its historical significance. Once in Travnik, step back in time as you explore the majestic **Travnik Castle**, which offers panoramic views of the town and the surrounding valley. Discover the rich history of this fortress, dating back to the Ottoman era. Admire the stunning architecture of this Ottoman Mosque, **Sulejmanije Mosque** a true gem in Travnik's skyline. Visit this historical educational institution, **Ibrahim Pasha Medrese** showcasing the Ottoman period's intellectual heritage. Continue to the peaceful Varoš Mosque, a beautiful example of Ottoman architecture in the heart of Travnik. Relax by the serene Blue Water Spring, a crystal-clear source that feeds into a local stream, providing a picturesque and calming stop. Enjoy a delightful lunch at a local restaurant, sampling more delicious Bosnian cuisine. Journey on to Jajce, home to the spectacular **Jajce Waterfall**. Stand in awe as the river cascades down into the pool below, creating a breathtaking natural spectacle. After an unforgettable day of exploration, head back to Sarajevo, reflecting on the rich history and natural beauty you've encountered. End the day with a **delicious dinner** at a local restaurant in Sarajevo, where you can relax and unwind after an action-packed day. Return to your hotel in Sarajevo for a restful night, preparing for the next day's adventure.





### Day 3 – Sarajevo to Mostar Exploration

#### Breakfast Lunch Dinner

Enjoy a hearty breakfast to fuel up for the day's adventure. After checking out from the hotel, embark on a scenic drive towards **Mostar**, a city renowned for its rich history, stunning architecture, and breathtaking location along the Neretva River. Begin your exploration by visiting the iconic **Old Bridge**, a **UNESCO World Heritage site**. This 16th-century Ottoman bridge is a masterpiece of engineering and a symbol of the city, offering picturesque views of the river and surrounding area. Discover the elegance of **Bey's Mosque**, an architectural gem in the heart of Mostar. Admire the intricate details and beautiful surroundings. Step inside the **Turkish House**, a traditional Ottoman residence that offers a glimpse into the life and culture of the past. Wander through its rooms and learn about its fascinating history. Enjoy a delicious **local lunch** by the Neretva River, where you can savour regional specialties and enjoy the tranquil atmosphere. Continue to wander through the charming streets of Mostar, soaking in the unique blend of cultures, and perhaps shop for souvenirs in the local markets. End your day with a flavourful **Bosnian dinner**, savouring the local cuisine at a cozy restaurant with a view of the river and bridge. Relax and unwind at your hotel in Mostar, reflecting on the beauty and history of this remarkable city.

### Day 4 – Mostar to Dubrovnik: The Pearl of the Adriatic

Enjoy a delightful breakfast before checking out and setting off for your next destination, **Dubrovnik**. Embark on a scenic drive toward **Dubrovnik**, a stunning coastal city that's known for its timeless beauty and rich history. Step into the enchanting world of **Dubrovnik Old Town**, a **UNESCO World Heritage site**, where cobbled streets, majestic buildings, and vibrant culture await you. Begin your exploration by walking along the **Dubrovnik City Walls**, one of the most iconic and well-preserved city fortifications in the world. Admire panoramic views of the sparkling Adriatic Sea and the red-tiled rooftops below, and experience firsthand why Dubrovnik is known as the "**Pearl of the Adriatic.**" Enjoy a delicious **local lunch** at a café within the Old Town, where you can taste the flavours of the Adriatic region while soaking in the beauty of your surroundings. Stroll to the **Onofrio Fountain**, a remarkable historical monument and one of the most famous landmarks in Dubrovnik, fed by an aqueduct that dates to the 15th century. Continue your exploration with a visit to the **Orlando Column**, a symbol of Dubrovnik's medieval independence, standing proudly in the heart of the Old Town. Wander along the **Old Port**, where you can enjoy the lively atmosphere and stunning views of the harbour and surrounding coastline. End your sightseeing with a visit to the magnificent **Rector's Palace**, an exquisite example of Gothic and Renaissance architecture, with beautiful Baroque additions. The palace offers insight into the city's political history and is an architectural masterpiece. Indulge in a delicious **Dalmatian dinner** at a local restaurant, savouring fresh seafood and Mediterranean-inspired dishes. After a day of exploring, enjoy a restful night at your hotel in **Dubrovnik**, reflecting on the beauty and history of this iconic city.

## DAY 5 – DUBROVNIK

### Breakfast Lunch Dinner

Start your day with a delicious breakfast before you'll start your exploration of the famous **Dubrovnik Old Town**, a well-preserved medieval city surrounded by impressive city walls. Walk along the iconic **Dubrovnik city walls**, a remarkable feature that is widely recognized as a symbol of the city. The walls offer panoramic views of the Old Town, the sparkling **Adriatic Sea**, and the beautiful coastline. Admire this historic **Onofrio fountain**, which dates to the 15th century, located near the Pile Gate. A significant symbol of Dubrovnik's independence, the **Orlando Column** stands in the main square. Take a stroll around the **Old Port**, where you'll see traditional boats and perhaps catch a glimpse of local life. Visit the **Rector's Palace**, a stunning blend of Gothic, Renaissance, and Baroque architecture. This palace was once the seat of the Rector of the Republic of Ragusa and now houses the **Cultural History Museum**. Enjoy the evening wandering the charming streets of **Dubrovnik**. Explore quaint cafes or enjoy the vibrant atmosphere of the old town as the sun sets. Wrap up your day with a delicious dinner in one of Dubrovnik's renowned restaurants, perhaps with views of the sea or city walls. Taste local seafood or other Dalmatian specialties. Spend the night in **Dubrovnik**, resting after a day of cultural exploration.

*This day is packed with incredible sights, historical landmarks, and the beauty of Dubrovnik, making it a perfect way to experience this Adriatic gem.*

## DAY 6 – DUBROVNIK – STON ISLAND

### Breakfast Lunch Dinner

Begin your day with a hearty breakfast before embarking on a spectacular adventure from **Dubrovnik** to the **Pelješac Peninsula** and beyond. Journey to the charming island of **Korčula**, the legendary birthplace of **Marco Polo**. Stroll through its medieval streets, with their Venetian influences, and immerse yourself in the island's rich history and culture. Next, visit the historic town of **Ston**, renowned for its ancient city walls and salt pans. Wander through this picturesque town and experience its timeless beauty, from the fortress to the local delicacies. After a day full of exploration and discovery, return to **Dubrovnik** for a relaxing evening. Spend the night in the heart of Dubrovnik, reflecting on your journey through history and nature.

## DAY 7 – DUBROVNIK - ZADAR

### Breakfast Lunch Dinner

After breakfast, set off on a scenic drive to the historic city of **Zadar**, where ancient history meets modern charm. Immerse yourself in Zadar's rich past with a guided tour of its most iconic landmarks. Step back in time as you explore the Ancient **Roman Forum**, a glimpse into the city's imperial past. Admire the majestic exterior of this Romanesque church, **Church of St. Anastasia** the largest in Dalmatia. Discover the stunning Byzantine-style **Church of St. Donatus**, a unique architectural gem that dates to the 9th century. After sightseeing, enjoy some free time to wander through Zadar's charming streets. Explore the local shops, cafes, or take a peaceful stroll along the waterfront. Savor a delicious dinner at a local restaurant, indulging in the flavours of the region. After dinner, transfer to your hotel for a restful night in **Zadar**, ready for the adventures that lie ahead.

## DAY 8 – ZADAR - PLITVICE

### Breakfast Lunch Dinner

Start your day with a delicious breakfast before embarking on your journey to the natural wonder of **Plitvice Lakes**. Travel through scenic landscapes as you make your way to the stunning **Plitvice Lakes National Park**. Upon arrival, immerse yourself in the breathtaking beauty of **Plitvice Lakes**, a **UNESCO World Heritage site**. Discover its cascading waterfalls, crystal-clear lakes, and lush forests on an unforgettable tour. Entrance to **NP Plitvice Lakes** – Entrance 1, where you'll embark on your exploration of this natural paradise.

- **Weather Advisory:** Please note that in case of inclement weather, boat and train rides may be cancelled. Dress in comfortable clothing and sturdy shoes for a comfortable experience, as the terrain can be uneven.

After a day of awe-inspiring natural beauty, spend the night in **Plitvice**, soaking in the peaceful atmosphere of this extraordinary location.

## DAY 9 – PLITVICE LAKE – POSTOJNA – LJUBLJANA

### Breakfast Lunch Dinner

Begin your day with a hearty breakfast before heading off on an exciting adventure. Depart for **Postojna Cave**, one of the most impressive natural wonders in Europe.

- **Weather Advisory:** Please be aware that in case of bad weather, boat and train rides may be cancelled. Ensure you're dressed in comfortable clothing and sturdy shoes for a smooth experience.

Enjoy a scenic drive to the charming seaside city of **Rijeka** on the Adriatic coast. Delight in a delicious lunch at a local restaurant, savouring the flavours of the region. After lunch, continue your journey back to **Postojna**. Learn about the **Postojna Cave**, an extraordinary 24,340-meter-long karst cave system, created by the **Pivka River**. This natural wonder is Slovenia's second-longest cave system and one of its top tourist attractions. Explore its stunning formations and take in the grandeur of this underground world. After your cave exploration, transfer to **Ljubljana**, Slovenia's vibrant capital, for an evening of relaxation.

## DAY 10 – LJUBLJANA - BLED LAKE

### Breakfast Lunch Dinner

Enjoy a delicious breakfast before setting off to discover one of Slovenia's most picturesque destinations. Journey to **Lake Bled**, a stunning alpine lake surrounded by lush greenery and home to a medieval castle perched on a cliff.

Explore the enchanting **Lake Bled**, where you can admire its emerald waters, visit the iconic **Bled Island**, and take in the breathtaking views of the surrounding mountains and lush landscapes. Indulge in a traditional Slovenian lunch at a local restaurant by the lake, savouring fresh, regional flavours. After lunch, enjoy some free time to explore at your own pace. You can stroll along the lakeside, take a traditional pletna boat to **Bled Island**, or simply relax and take in the beauty of this serene spot. After a day of exploration, return to **Ljubljana** for an overnight stay in the vibrant capital.

## DAY 11 – LJUBLJANA – VENICE

### Breakfast Lunch Dinner

Start your day with a delightful breakfast before embarking on your journey to the enchanting city of **Venice**. Travel from Ljubljana to Venice, the city of canals and timeless beauty. Arrive in Venice and enjoy a **private boat trip** that takes you directly to the heart of the city, **St. Mark's Square**. Feel the excitement as you glide through the canals and approach this iconic landmark. Once you arrive at **St. Mark's Square**, you'll have some free time to explore at your leisure. Take in the atmosphere of this unique city, known for its waterways, historic architecture, and vibrant culture. After free time, embark on a guided walk-through Venice's historic heart. Discover the stunning **Doge's Palace**, a symbol of Venetian political power and architectural grandeur. Admire the famous **Rialto Bridge**, one of the oldest and most recognized structures spanning the Grand Canal. Explore **must-see spots** and hidden gems in the former capital of the Adriatic, immersing yourself in its rich history and vibrant ambiance. After a day of exploration, transfer to **Mestre** for an overnight stay, resting before another day of adventure.

## DAY 12 – VENICE FREE DAY

### Breakfast at hotel

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast in Mestre before embarking on a full day of discovery. Today is yours to explore **Venice** at your own pace. Wander through the labyrinth of narrow streets and canals, visit hidden squares, and enjoy local Venetian delicacies. You can also explore:

- **Gallerie dell'Accademia**: A world-class art museum.
- **Bridge of Sighs**: Another of Venice's most iconic landmarks.
- Or simply relax in a café along the **Grand Canal**, watching the world go by.

After a day of exploring, return to **Mestre** for a restful night.

## DAY 13 – VENICE MARCO POLO AIRPORT

### Breakfast at hotel

After breakfast, enjoy your final morning in Venice. Enjoy some last moments to soak in the beauty of Venice. You have time for one last stroll or a leisurely coffee at a local café before you begin your departure. At the appropriate time, transfer to **Marco Polo Airport** for your departure, carrying unforgettable memories of your Venetian adventure.





### **ACCOMMODATIONS 4\*\*\*\***

**Sarajevo (2N)** : Ibis Styles or similar  
**Mostar (1N)** : Hotel Bristol or similar  
**Dubrovnik (3N)** : Hotel Adria or similar  
**Zadar (1N)** : City Premium Zadar or similar  
**Plitvice (1N)** : Hotel Jezero or similar  
**Ljubljana (2N)** : A Hotel Ljubljana or similar  
**Mestre (2N)** : Novotel Venezia Mestre or similar

### **WHAT'S INCLUDED IN THE PRICE**

- # 11 nights' accommodation at choice of hotel with daily breakfast
- # PVP transfer airport - hotel – airport A/C minivan or coach 2019-2021
- # Admission and/or sightseeing as stated in itinerary
- # All sightseeing places according to itinerary with all entrance fees (**Entrance Fees for the mentioned places in the itinerary (Jajce Waterfalls, Travnik Castle, Plitvice National Park Entrance, Bled Castle)**)
- # Arabic and Turkish cuisine Halal meals **10X Lunch / 10X Dinner**
- # Muslim tour leader/driver
- # Allocated time for prayer

### **WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED IN THE PRICE**

#### **# International Airline from Singapore & return**

- # Porterage
- # Tipping Driver
- # Postojna Cave Predjama Castle 40 EUR
- # Skywalk finicular 16 EUR (raund)
- # Bled lake pletna (boat) 12 EUR
- # Bled Island Church 6 EUR
- # Tekija Mostar 5 EUR
- # Any Cable Cars fee
- # Personal Expenses
- # **Travel Insurance**
- # Peak Period / Festive Season Surcharge
- # Any extra meals & drinks not mentioned in program
- # Other items not mentioned in the program

### **Exclusive Land Package: (Twin Sharing)**

- 2 pax: \$3,950 per person**
- 4 pax: \$3,650 per person**
- 6 pax: \$3,450 per person**
- 8 pax: \$3,050 per person**
- 10 pax: \$2,850 per person**
- 15 pax & above: \$2,650 per person**

**Package Valid till Nov 2025 & no booking is being made unless package payment is made.**