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Traditional Kosovo
7 days – 6 nights
Pristina, Peja, Desan, Gjakova, Rahovec, Prizren, Gracanica, Novo Brdo
Discovery, Culture, History

This program may be operated for individual or for groups This is a suggested itinerary – Please call us to customize

Immerse yourself in the history and traditions of Kosovo, focusing on its major historical sites, including its monasteries. This tour takes you through the country's emblematic towns and countryside, while including nature & culture stops. And that's not all, because in the middle of the gorges, mountains and caves that characterize the Montenegrin landscapes, hide other lesser-known treasures

### Day 1: Pristina

Arrival at the airport, transfer to Pristina and check-in at the hotel. Rest of the day at leisure. Dinner at the hotel. [D]

### Day 2: Pristina

This morning we visit Pristina, Capital of Kosovo, the youngest country in Europe. This panoramic walking tour will allow you to discover a vibrant and ever-changing city. Explore the political and economic capital of Kosovo and discover an architectural contrast never before seen in Europe. During the tour, visit the Pristina Library, Mother Teresa Cathedral, Skanderbeg Square, the Old Town, the Great Mosque, Clock Tower and end at the Pristina market. The rest of the day is free for you to discover your preferred spots on your own. Dinner and overnight at the hotel. [B/D]

### Day 3: Pristina, Peja

After breakfast, depart for Peja, the largest town in western Kosovo located at the foot of the Rugova mountains and gorges. Reach the Drin Blanc waterfall, stroll to the top where you will reach the "Sleeping Beauty" caves for an interior visit of the galleries carved for centuries by the force of the water. Lunch in a traditional restaurant in Peja. After lunch, visit the Patriarchal Monastery of Peja, one of the strongholds of the Orthodox religion in the region. Admire its many well-preserved frescoes as well as the calm and serene atmosphere present in this place. Visit the Ethnological Museum of Peja where you will immerse yourself in the traditional life of the 20th century Kosovars. Then drop off your luggage at the hotel and enjoy your hotel Spa. Dinner accompanied by traditional Albanian music and dances before returning to the hotel for overnight. [B/L/D]

### Day 4: Peja, Desan, Gjakova, Rahovec, Prizren

After breakfast, set off towards Visoki Decan Monastery, a monument dating from the 14th century and classified as a UNESCO heritage site. You can admire the frescoes that constitute one of the peaks of Serbian art, powerfully inspired by Byzantine art, in particular by the Church of Saint Savior of Constantinople. You will then go to a "Kula", a traditional Albanian house to discover Albanian culture. Lunch in Oda, a traditional place where Albanians used to meet for meals. Take the road and stop in Gjakova, a charming town with its authentic old center and many craft stalls. Meet with local craftsmen who practice trades that no longer exist in Western Europe. Discover makers of "Pli" (traditional Albanian hat), "diep" (wooden cradles) as well as Albanian seamstresses. Continue to Prizren and stop in the town of Rahovec famous for its vineyards. Discover the wine-growing world of Kosovo by visiting a family-owned business and tasting several internationally recognized local wines. Finally arrive in Prizren and check into your hotel for dinner and overnight. [B/L/T/D]

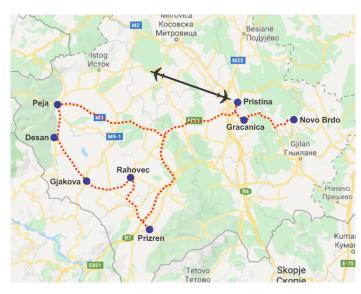
#### Day 5: Prizren, Gracanica

This morning we visit Prizren, the cultural and historical capital of Kosovo. Surrounded by mountainous landscapes, discover the old Ottoman center of the city where the Lumbardhi river passes. Then we drive to Prizren Fortress for a breathtaking view of the city. After lunch in a traditional

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restaurant in Prizren, set off towards Gracanica through the Sharr Mountains making a stop in a village for a tasting of Sharr cheese. Continue on to the Marble Grotto or Gadime Grotto. underground Discover an world stalactites, breathtaking stalagmites aragonites, which formed over 200 million years ago. Blue, red, white and yellow elements abound along the cave ceilings, walls and floors, providing an extraordinary experience. You will then reach Gracanica, a Serbian village located 10 minutes from Pristina. Check-in at the hotel and free time in a beautiful natural setting. Dinner and overnight in Gracanica. [B/L/T/D]



## Day 6: Gracanica (Novo Brdo)

After breakfast, visit the UNESCO-listed Gracanica

Monastery. You will set off towards the Bear Sanctuary or "Sanctuary of the Bears", a park in which many captive bears in Kosovo and Albania were released. Then leave for Kukaj, a small village rebuilt as it originally was, located in the mountains where you will enjoy a traditional Albanian meal like Flija (pie made up of several layers of pancakes covered with cream). After lunch, head to Novo Brdo Castle located on the heights of a plateau offering a splendid panoramic view of the region. (4-hour hike possible for a group limited to 20 people). Return to your hotel in Gračanica at the end of the day. Dinner and overnight in Gracanica. [B/L/D]

## Day 7: Gracanica, Pristina, USA

Breakfast at the hotel. Depending on the time of your flight, you may take advantage of possible free time to wander one last time in the city and, maybe get some souvenirs. At the appointed time you'll be picked-up and driven to the airport to board your flight back home. [B]

[B] = Breakfast | [D] = Dinner | [B/L] = Lunch and Dinner | [B/L/D] = Breakfast Lunch and Dinner | [B/L/T/D] = Breakfast Lunch, Wine Tasting and Dinner

#### Your Tour includes:

- Round-trip airfare USA-Vienna-Pristina
- Arrival and departure transfers
- 6 nights' accommodation:
  - o Pristina 2 nights
  - o Peja 1 night
  - o Prizren 1 night
  - o Gracanica 2 nights
- Meals:
  - o Breakfast daily
  - o Lunches
  - o Dinners
  - o Wine tasting in Rahovec
  - o Cheese tasting in the Sharr Mountains
- Sightseeing of Pristina
- Drin Blanc waterfall
- Monastery of Peja
- Traditional Albanian music & dances
- Visoki Decan Monastery
- Gjakova crafts center
- Sightseeing of Prizren

- Prizren Fortress
- "Sleeping Beauty" caves
- Gracanica Monastery
- Kukaj traditional village
- Novo Brdo Castle
- Entrances to monuments
- English-speaking driver-guide for the tour
- English-speaking local guides where required
- A/C. vehicle for the tour
- All taxes

#### Tour does not include:

- Any taxes related to airfares or airports
- Meals not mentioned under inclusions
- Travel Insurance
- Visas
- Tips to guides or drivers
- Expenses of a personal nature
- Any item not mentioned as "Included"

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Hotels in your Tour:

City	Hotel Name	Tripadvisor
First Class		
Pristina	Swiss Diamond Hotel Prishtina	4.5
Peja	Hotel Dukagjini	4.5
Prizren	Hotel Tiffani	4.5
Gracanica	Emerald Hotel	4.5

Hotels will be confirmed at time of booking

#### **Tour Prices:**

# From: \$1,475 including airfare

Add-ons available from all US gateways.

Prices are per person and may change without notice

These programs can be customized for individuals and for groups

Changes to this program may be requested by phone (1855-55-TOURS) or using the web FIT Quote Request

#### Airfare

We also be glad to add the necessary airfare from your gateway so you take advantage of our special discounted leisure fares

### • Program

You may add or remove;

- o Trip days
- o Cities and sites
- o Meals

#### Other options

- o The program was designed with private services; however, we may substitute shared sightseeing where available
- o If you prefer deluxe services we may operate this program including private driver, private guide and concierge service.

#### Quotation

Once we have designed the program the way you want we'll give you a quote within 2 business days.

#### Tour Code: KV02PRN21VT

## **Options:**

- Lunches and dinners can be arranged for individuals, families and groups at top restaurants or any restaurant requested by you.
- We can revise the itinerary to spend more time and provide more depth in those areas that you are interested on.
- Any other changes to the itinerary will be accommodated depending on the facilities available in the area.

# **Group Quotations**

- If you wish to use these programs for your group or as the basis for a customized journey please either call us (1-855-55-TOURS or use the web Group Quote Request.
- In either case our specialists will work with to refine all the details and they will get you a quote with 2 business days. Quotes may be obtained for the air and land portions of just for the lad





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journey.

• Booking both air and land with us will represent savings for you because of our buying power and longtime relationship with the airlines.

We will also may have the choice between regular fares and special leisure fares not available to the public.