



Tour:

Discovering Bosnia and Herzegovina

Itinerary:

10-days /9-nights total trip

Specialization:

History, Culture, Civil Justice

DISCOVERING BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA					
Day	Morning	Afternoon	Evening		
1	Outbound, overnight travel to Bosnia and Herzegovina				
2	Arrive Sarajevo, Clear Customs & Immigrations, transfer to Hotel	Hotel Check-in, Welcome, Safety & Orientation Meeting	Food Markets Visit	Welcome Dinner at Hotel	
3	Walking City Tour of Sarajevo - Bascarsija with old Handcrafts Streets, Water Fountain Sebilj, Town Hall, Spite House, Old Orthodox Church, Gazi Husrev Bey Mosque, Cathedral, Jewish Synagogue, Svrzo House, Despida House, Museum of City Sarajevo, Latin Bridge and Ferdinand's Assassination, Museum of City Sarajevo, Markale Marketplace, Sarajevo Roses and more		Free Time	Local Dinner	Bowling Night
4	Visit to Trebević Olympic Mountain with Gondola Ride & Sightseeing		Free Time	Hotel Dinner	Evening Walk
5	Transfer to Mostar City with stop in Konjic while en route	Walking City Tour of Mostar - Old Bridge, Biscevic corner, Koskin Mehmed-Pasha's Mosque, Old Mostar, Kujundziluk Street, Kajtaž House, Karadžoz-Bey's Mosque, Museum of Hercegovina and more		Return to Sarajevo	Local Dinner
6	Transfer to Srebrenica	Srebrenica activities - Museum of Genocide (private tour with guide) + Medresa (Muslim School) visit and Guber Spring		Return to Sarajevo	Hotel Dinner
7	The Museum of Crimes Against Humanity and Genocide	Tunnel of Hope War Museum	Embassy Meeting	Local Dinner	Avaz Twist Tower
8	Bosnian Cooking Lesson	Horseback Riding	Sarajevo Shopping	Hotel Dinner	Game Night
9	The Jewish Museum of Bosnia and Herzegovina	Terme Ilidza Waterpark (year-round hot springs)		Farewell Dinner - Traditional Bosnian Dinner & Music	
10	Depart Bosnia and Herzegovina for home				



As with all sample itineraries, please be aware that this is an “example” of a schedule and that the activities and hotels shown may be variable dependent upon dates, weather, special requests and other factors. Itineraries will be confirmed prior to travel.



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Bosnia and Herzegovina....

Bosnia and Herzegovina is a country situated in the western Balkan Peninsula of Europe. The larger region of Bosnia occupies the northern and central parts of the country, and Herzegovina occupies the south and southwest. These historical regions do not correspond with the two autonomous political entities that were established by the internationally brokered Dayton Accords of 1995: the Republika Srpska (Bosnian Serb Republic), located in the north and east, and the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina, occupying the western and central areas. The capital of the country is Sarajevo and important regional cities include Mostar and Banja Luka.



The land has often felt the influences of stronger regional powers that have vied for control over it, and these influences have helped to create Bosnia and Herzegovina's characteristically rich ethnic and religious mix. Islam, Orthodox Christianity, and Roman Catholicism are all present, with the three faiths generally corresponding to three major ethnic groups: Bosniaks, Serbs, and Croats, respectively.

To understand the history of this country, please read on by visiting Britannica.com.

Day 1

Meals in flight



Day 2

Breakfast & lunch on own during travel, dinner included

Welcome to Bosnia and Herzegovina! Groups will most likely have started their travel on the previous day, arriving in Sarajevo in the early afternoon in most cases. Since there may not be a lot of time between connecting flights, please plan on purchasing appropriate snacks once you have passed through airport security as lunch is seldom served while in flight. Upon arrival, you'll clear Customs & Immigrations and our team will meet you just outside.

Once you arrive, you'll transfer to the hotel, get checked in and refreshed, and have our **Welcome, Safety & Orientation** meeting. Please budget for lunch while traveling today.

Once settled we'll take a **walking tour to explore the Food Markets** today, followed by a Welcome Dinner. Tonight we'll get caught up on sleep because tomorrow is full-speed ahead exploring this beautiful country.

Day 3

Breakfast, lunch & dinner included

Rise and shine Sarajevo! After breakfast at our hotel, we'll embark on a walking tour to get to know this region and their history.



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Walking City Tour of Sarajevo – Join your private guide on a walking tour to include Bascarsija with old Handcrafts Streets, Water Fountain Sebilj, Town Hall, Spite House, Old Orthodox Church, Gazi Husrev Bey Mosque, Cathedral, Jewish Synagogue, Svrzo House, Despida House, Museum of City Sarajevo, Latin Bridge and Ferdinand's Assassination, Museum of City Sarajevo, Markale Marketplace, Sarajevo Roses and more.

Most of our day will be spent exploring the streets of Sarajevo. In the late afternoon will have free time for rest and relaxation followed by dinner and a bowling night with fun for everyone!

Day 4

Breakfast, lunch & dinner included

Good morning Bosnia and Herzegovina! Today we're off to the stunning mountains!

Trebević Olympic Mountain - Trebević is a mountain in central Bosnia and Herzegovina, located in the territories of Sarajevo and East Sarajevo city, bordering Jahorina mountain. Trebević is 1,627 meters (5,338 ft) tall, making it the second shortest of the Sarajevo mountains. During the 1984 Winter Olympics, Trebević, like the other Sarajevo mountains, was used for several Olympic events, such as bobsledding. Trebević today is important as a tourist destination for citizens of Sarajevo. The mountain is very popular for family picnics, hiking, climbing, mountain biking and it has a downhill track for local and international skiing competitions. Today's adventure will be weather dependent but will hopefully include a Gondola ride with local sightseeing.

This evening we'll enjoy a local dinner and an evening walk through the streets of Sarajevo!

Day 5

Breakfast, lunch & dinner included

Rise and shine Sarajevo! Today we'll explore Mostar City with a stop in Konjic en route.

Konjic - The early history of Konjic dates back 4 millennia, with remains of various settlements dating back 2000 years ago found along the Neretva river. Its existence was first recorded by the Republic of Ragusa in 1382. The city was later incorporated in the Ottoman Empire, which left it Islamic architecture and its Ottoman bridge. During Austro-Hungarian occupation, Konjic adopted a European architectural style which forms a blend with Ottoman architecture as seen in many cities and towns around Herzegovina. After the First World War, Konjic became part of Yugoslavia. During the Cold War, the city was selected by President Josip Broz Tito for his military command center known as Tito's Bunker.

Mostar City - Mostar is the chief city and, historically, the capital of Herzegovina. It is situated in mountainous country along the Neretva River and lies on the Sarajevo-Ploče rail line. First mentioned in 1452, Mostar became a Turkish garrison town in the 16th century. In 1566 the Turks replaced the town's wooden suspension bridge over the Neretva with a stone arch one, whence the name Mostar (from Serbo-Croatian most, "bridge"). This stone bridge had a single arch 90 feet (27 meters) wide and was a masterpiece of Ottoman engineering. In November 1993, during the Bosnian civil war, the bridge was destroyed by artillery fire from Bosnian Croat forces. A major rebuilding project was undertaken to restore the bridge and nearby buildings that had also been damaged;



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the bridge reopened in 2004. The bridge and the surrounding area were added to UNESCO's World Heritage list in 2005.

The town served as a center for crafts and trade, and its reconstructed coppersmith's bazaar is a tourist attraction. While under Austrian rule (1878–1918), Mostar became a center for Serbian scholars and poets and for a strong nationalistic movement.

The region is noted for its quality wines, tobacco, fruit, and vegetables. Počitelj, just south of Mostar, is famous for its Muslim architecture with a mosque, madrasah (school), and Turkish houses. An aluminum works, completed in 1976, processes locally mined bauxite, utilizing power from a nearby hydroelectric plant. Mostar University was founded in 1977. Pop. (1991) 75,865; (2005 est.) 63,500.

Mostar Guided Walking Tour – Explore the Old Bridge, Biscevica Corner, Koskin Mehmed-Pasha's Mosque, Old Mostar, Kujundziluk Street, Kajtaz House, Karadjoz-Bey's Mosque, Museum of Hercegovina and more.

This evening we'll have dinner and free time to either catch up on rest or go exploring!

Day 6

Breakfast, lunch & dinner included

Good morning Bosnia and Herzegovina, today we're off for a heart-wrenching day trip to Srebrenica.

An excerpt from Wikipedia:

The **Srebrenica massacre**, also known as the Srebrenica genocide, was the July 1995 killing of more than 8,000 Bosniak Muslim men and boys in and around the town of Srebrenica, during the Bosnian War. The killings were perpetrated by units of the Bosnian Serb Army of Republika Srpska (VRS). The Scorpions, a paramilitary unit from Serbia, who had been part of the Serbian Interior Ministry until 1991, also participated in the massacre.



Prior to the massacre, United Nations (UN) had declared the besieged enclave of Srebrenica, in eastern Bosnia, a "safe area" under UN protection. However, the UN failed both to demilitarize the Army of the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina (ARBiH) within Srebrenica and to force withdrawal of the VRS surrounding Srebrenica. UNPROFOR's (UN Protection Force) 370 lightly armed Dutchbat soldiers were unable to prevent the town's capture and the subsequent massacre. A list of missing or killed people during the massacre compiled by the Bosnian Federal Commission of Missing Persons contains 8,372 names. As of July 2012, 6,838 genocide victims have been identified through DNA analysis of body parts recovered from mass graves; as of July 2021, 6,671 bodies have been buried at the Memorial Centre of Potočari, while another 236 have been buried elsewhere.

Some Serbs have claimed that the massacre was retaliation for civilian casualties inflicted on Serbs by Bosniak soldiers from Srebrenica under command of Naser Orić. These 'revenge' claims have been rejected and condemned by the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY) and UN as bad faith attempts to justify the genocide.

Today we'll also have the opportunity to visit a Medresa (Muslim School) and Guber Spring.



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Guber Spring - Apart from being known for its natural beauties, Bosnia and Herzegovina is a country that boasts numerous springs of mineral and thermal water, which have been used for centuries for healing. The most famous, and also considered the most therapeutic spring, is Guber Water, which is located in Srebrenica. The first mention of Srebrenica's healing waters dates back to the second half of the 17th century, when Turkish travel writer Evliya Celebi wrote that in that region there is a silver mine with a small, magical spring of water, and later on the people named it Srebrenica voda (Silver Water). The first doctor who drew attention to its healing properties was Dr. Hans Duller at the beginning of the 19th century and from then on, the re-telling of the story of the magical properties of Srebrenica's water has not ceased.

Guber Water got its name after it was confirmed that Srebrenica's springs are particularly successful when it comes to healing various types of skin diseases, especially leprosy; there was an epidemic of it in almost the entire region where the Austro-Hungarian monarchy ruled. Those with the disease started getting better after only a couple of treatments, and the lumps, swelling and other skin changes would disappear. Since the time of the first successfully treated patients, numerous analyses have been conducted, and they are still being done today.

This evening we'll have dinner in our hotel followed by free time.

Day 7

Breakfast, lunch & dinner included

Rise and shine Sarajevo, today we'll continue on with dark humanity and explore the Museum of Crimes Against Humanity and Genocide. ***Please let us know if you prefer not to include this in your itinerary; it is not suitable for all ages and groups.***

The Museum of Crimes Against Humanity and Genocide - The Museum of Crimes Against Humanity and Genocide abounds in rich archival material and offers a multidisciplinary approach to learning and researching events in the territory of Bosnia and Herzegovina in the period 1992-1995. Nothing is sugar-coated in this confronting museum covering the many atrocities that took place throughout Bosnia during the 1990s war. Video footage combined with photographs, artifacts and personal testimonies illustrate the horror and brutality of the times.



The Tunnel of Hope War Museum - The Sarajevo Tunnel, also known as the Tunnel of Hope, was a tunnel constructed between March and June 1993 during the Siege of Sarajevo in the midst of the Bosnian War. It was built by the Bosnian Army in order to link the city of Sarajevo, which was entirely cut off by Serbian forces, with Bosnian-held territory on the other side of the Sarajevo Airport, an area controlled by the United Nations. The tunnel linked the Sarajevo neighborhoods of Dobrinja and Butmir (giving it the name "Tunnel D-B"), allowing food, war supplies,



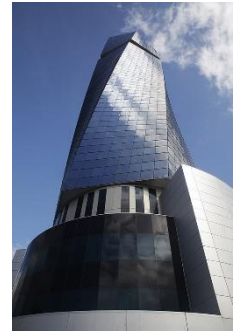
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and humanitarian aid to come into the city, and allowing people to get out. The tunnel became a major way of bypassing the international arms embargo and providing the city defenders with weaponry. Later in the day we'll meet with the Embassy if allowed and approved,, have a local dinner and then a visit to Avaz Twist Tower to wrap up the night on an upbeat note!

Avaz Twist Tower - The architectural masterpiece of Faruk Kapidžić - Avaz Twist Tower, is the tallest building in the region and one of the most spectacular buildings in all of Europe. A special attraction of Avaz Twist Tower is the observation deck on the 36th floor of the beautiful skyscraper, offering a magnificent view of Bosnia and Herzegovina from a height of 142 meters. Getting to the very top is made possible with the help of several super-fast elevators, two of which are closed and three are panoramic, which represent an unforgettable ride at a speed of five meters per second. The ride and the view from the elevator cabins as you go to the top is a special experience.



Day 8

Breakfast, lunch & dinner included

Good morning Bosnia and Herzegovina! Today we'll enjoy some simple Bosnian culture with a specialized group **Cooking Class** followed by an afternoon of **Horseback Riding** and then topped off with time for **Shopping in Sarajevo**. Tonight's dinner will be at our hotel, followed by a **Game Night**.

Day 9

Breakfast, lunch & dinner included

Rise and shine Sarajevo! Today's our last full day in this beautiful country. We'll kick off the morning at a museum and then go play in the afternoon!



The Jewish Museum of Bosnia and Herzegovina – Situated in the oldest synagogue in Bosnia and Herzegovina in the old temple, the synagogue was built 1581. Civil engineers, art historians, as well as the visitors of the temple, admire its elegant and pure, a bit rustic architectural shape. The synagogue is, by its look, architectural value and, especially, the atmosphere, one of the prettiest museum places in this part of the Balkans. It was opened in 1966 on the occasion of the 400th anniversary of the Jewish arrival to Sarajevo. The exhibition is composed of some ritual synagogal objects, parts of inheritance of prominent scientists, artists and social activists of Jewish origin, photographs, documents, paintings and maps, objects of glass, metal, textile and wood.

Ilidža Thermal Riviera - The largest thermal complex in this part of Europe has been developed at the hot springs of Ilidža. In an area of 15 hectares, the center offers guests relaxation and an active day at the indoor and outdoor pools with year-round hot springs and thermal pools, waterslides & more.



For our final evening we'll enjoy a **Traditional Bosnian Dinner with Music!**



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Day 10

Breakfast included, dependent upon hotel serving times and required departure times

Hello Sarajevo! After breakfast at our hotel and dependent upon our departure time, we'll transfer to the Sarajevo International Airport to start our journey home, taking home smiles, a great learning of history, and hopefully as new love for this part of the world.

Journey on!



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Booking Numbers:	Minimum 20 students
What's Included:	Round-trip international flights to Sarajevo, Bosnia & Herzegovina Airport transfers and transport to included activities for trip duration 8-nights' accommodation Breakfasts, lunches & dinners daily starting with dinner on arrival and ending with breakfast on your day of departure, dependent upon travel times Food Market Tour Walking Tour of Sarajevo with all major points of interest Bowling adventure Trebevic Olympic Mountain with Gondola Ride & Sightseeing Mostar City Visit & Walking Tour Konjic City Visit Srebrenica City Visit Museum of Genocide with Private Tour Visit to Medresa (Muslim School) Guber Spring Adventure Museum of Crimes Against Humanity & Genocide Embassy Meeting Tunnel of Hope War Museum Avaz Twist Tower Bosnian Cooking Lesson Horseback Riding Adventure Sarajevo Shopping Time Game Night Jewish Museum of Bosnia & Herzegovina Terme Illidza Waterpark (year-round hot springs) Personal Tour Director

What's Not Included:	Fully comprehensive insurance (mandatory) Luggage fees if not included with airline ticketing Meals & beverages during travel time other than those provided by airlines Transfers to/from home airport Cost of visas, full or collective passports Cost of inoculations or medication required for travel Sightseeing / Entertainment options not shown in Itinerary Hotel incidental deposits & bills, mini-bar items, purchases Any gratuities – shuttle drivers, local guides, Tour Director
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As always, our staff are always available to you to answer any questions you may have regarding programming. If we may serve you in any way, please do not hesitate to contact us.

