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Fall 2019 September 16th – 26th

Spring 2020 May 20th – 30th

Day 1 Arrive in Belgrade: Transport to Hotel & Orientation Dinner.

Described by Lonely Planet as outspoken, adventurous, proud, and audacious, Belgrade is one of the most happening cities in Europe. During our 2 nights in Belgrade you will stay at the prestigious Hotel Moscow which will provide a “soft-landing” into Serbian life with its English speaking staff and non-smoking lobby.

Day 2 Historical Tour of Belgrade

Belgrade has a large pedestrian walkway through the heart of the city which will take you from Hotel Moscow to the Kalemegdan Fortress at the confluence of the Danube and Sava Rivers. During our walk you will learn about Belgrade’s tumultuous history from its origins as one of the largest prehistoric cultures of Europe to its seat as the capital of the former Yugoslavia. As you experience the sights, sounds and tastes of Belgrade you will understand why it is quickly becoming a coveted tourist destination.

Day 3 Experience Life in the Village & Transfer to Rajski Konaci

From the bustle of Belgrade you will transition to tranquil Rajski Konaci, a traditional Serbian homestead, nestled in the undulating hills of central Serbia where you will spend the next 3 nights and enjoy the wholehearted hospitality of the Serbian people. On your way visit Bogovagja, the village home of Nesh’s mother where you will experience a true farm-to-table lifestyle and consume a traditional home cooked meal.

Day 4 Hike Kablar Mountain and Explore Medieval Monasteries

An hour ride from Rajski Konaci you will enter the oak and birch forests of Ovcarska Gorge, home to over 100 bird species. Here you will hike the trails linking the medieval monasteries that provided refuge for the Serbian Orthodox monks during the Byzantine and Ottoman eras. You will meet the monks and nuns residing in the monasteries, enjoy the spectacular views and if lucky be treated to coffee, rakia, and sweets by our monastic hosts.

Day 5 A Day of Choice at Rajski Konaci

Rajski Konaci and the surrounding area have a rich history and little known story to tell. During World War II over 400 downed U.S. pilots were given safe harbor at Rajski Konaci and many other homesteads in the area. You can hike to the village Pranjani to learn more about the Halyard Mission and visit the location of the make-shift runway, used to rescue the pilots, constructed mostly at night by the local people. Or, you can choose to sit back, relax and enjoy the restful ambiance at Rajski Konaci.

Day 6 Transfer to Zlatibor & Enjoy a Free Afternoon

Your next four nights will be spent in Zlatibor, the popular resort town known for health tourism, hiking, and skiing. Along the way you will stop to see how local pottery is made. After checking into your lovely, small apartment at Natural Woods on the outskirts of Zlatibor, you may choose to relax and enjoy the views, take a hike to town, visit one of the many spas, or spend the afternoon, like the locals, in a coffee shop by the lake.

Day 7 Morning Hike, Sirogojno Museum & Stopica Becina Cave

Begin your day with a hike in the alluring forest and hills of western Serbia. Zlatibor is a popular health tourism destination where visitors come to benefit from the confluence of sea, mountain and desert winds that blow through the area. In the afternoon you will visit the open-air museum Sirogojno to experience how the Serbian people lived in the 19th century. You will also take a short hike to the Serbian National Monument Stopica Becina cave with its unusual bath formations.

Day 8 Drvengrad, Historic Train Ride & Evening Hike

You will start the day with a visit to Drvengrad, the lovely ethno-village built by Emir Kusturica, the Serbian film producer. This picturesque village, with its amazing views, was built to have all the luxuries of a modern city including a movie theatre. After lunch at Drvengrad you will take a scenic ride on the historic Shagran Eight called the wonder of the railways. Back in Zlatibor explore another of the many hiking trails before dinner.

Day 9 Visegrad & Boat Ride Down the River Drina

Have your passport ready as you depart Serbia and enter Bosnia. You will visit Visegrad at the confluence of the Drina and Rzav Rivers and walk across the Ottoman-era Mehmed Pasa Sokolovic Bridge, a UNESCO world heritage site. From Visegrad you will board a boat which will take you down the River Drina and back across the Serbian border. Along the way you will marvel at the moods of

the green Drina River as you sip Serbian wine, drink rakia, and dine on the fresh catch of the day. Did you know Robert DeNiro was so inspired by the beauty of the River Drina it became the namesake for his adopted daughter?

Day 10 Return to Belgrade

In the morning you return to Belgrade and arrive in time to partake any Belgrade sites yet unseen. You may choose to visit the National Museum, the Tesla Museum or just stroll the pedestrian walkway before dinner.

Day 11 Depart Belgrade

You will be transported to Nicola Tesla airport for your flight home.