



# ASTAKOS

TRAVEL & EVENTS

## SERBIA & MONTENEGRO RELIGIOUS TOUR

- DAY 01:** BELGRADE  
Arrival, transfer to hotel. If time of arrival allows sightseeing tour in Belgrade could be organized. Dinner in Skadarlija (the Bohemian quarter of the capital).
- DAY 02:** BELGRADE – KRUŠEVAC - VRNJAČKA BANJA  
After breakfast departure from Belgrade to Krusevac.  
Monastery Resava (Manasija); near Despotovac, is a foundation of despot Stefan Lazarević, son of knez Lazar Hrebeljanovic, 15<sup>th</sup> century. It has the best preserved *medieval fortification* in the country. It's high defensive walls were once additionally protected by 12 towers and a series of hanging machicolations. Within this fortified enclosure there are today: the ruins of the old *Refectory*, the reconstructed *monastic residence* with a valuable *private library* and the *Church of the Holy Trinity* with its exceptionally fine fresco paintings.  
Monastery Ravanica; 11 km eastern from Ćuprija; foundation of knez Lazar; 14<sup>th</sup> century. It is the most typical example of what is called the *Morava school* of Serbian medieval architecture. A transparent coffin containing relics of the great and highly devoted Prince Lazar, killed in the battle of Kosovo in 1389 and soon afterwards declared saint, is now displayed in this church (the relics can be seen only on Sundays).  
Lunch in Kruševac local national restaurant GEDŽA  
Monastery Ljubostinja is foundation of kneginja Milica, knez Lazars wife; 14<sup>th</sup> century. There is official wine basement of Patriarchy, where we can taste and buy honey and wine.  
Vrnjačka banja, dinner, overnight at hotel Breza
- DAY 03:** Vrnjačka banja – Kraljevo – Novi Pazar  
Breakfast at hotel Breza  
Monastery Žiča; 5 km southwestern from Kraljevo in Kruševica country; foundation of king Stefan Prvovencani; 13<sup>th</sup> century.  
Monastery Studenica; 11 km from Ušće; foundation of Stefan Nemanja; 12<sup>th</sup> century; lunch at motel Studenica, interesting- they have excellent trout in their own pond(it is said to be better than trout from Ohrid); under protection of UNESCO.  
Monastery Gradac; 12 km western from Brvenik; foundation of Queen Jelena Anžijska (special interesting for people from France), wife of King Uroš, mother of two Serbian Kings Milutin i Dragutin; 13<sup>th</sup> century.  
Monastery Đurđevi stupovi; 4 km from Novi Pazar; foundation of great župan Stefan Nemanja; 12<sup>th</sup> century; under UNESCO protection.  
Dinner and overnight at hotel Tadž
- DAY 04:** Novi Pazar – Berane – Bjelo polje – Mojkovac – Kolašin – Podgorica  
Breakfast at Tadž hotel  
Monastery Sopoćani; 15 km western from Novi Pazar; foundation of King Uros Nemanjić the first; 13<sup>th</sup> century; under protection of UNESCO

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Kolašin, lunch at restaurant Savardak (3 km from Kolašin, on the way to the ski centre).

Monastery Morača; foundation of Stefan, son of King Vukan, grandson of Nemanja, 13<sup>th</sup> century.

Podgorica, hotel Podgorica, dinner, overnight

## DAY 05:

Podgorica – Ostrog – Cetinje – Beograd

Breakfast in hotel Podgorica,

Monastery Ostrog, The Monastery was founded by Vasilije, the Metropolitan Bishop of Herzegovina in the 17<sup>th</sup> century. He died there in 1671 and some years later he was sainted and proclaimed a wonderworker. His body is enshrined in a reliquary kept in the cave-church dedicated to the Presentation of the Mother of God to the Temple. The orthodox Monastery of Ostrog is the most frequent visited one on the Balkans.

Lunch in restaurant Koliba

Monastery of Saint Petar Cetinjski; Monastery was first built in 1484 by Ivan Crnojević and destroyed many times through history. In it were cherished the spiritual and historical heritage, the first school was opened in the Monastery (1834), as well as the first Montenegrin print shop after the Crnojevici one (1833). The Monastery symbolizes the Montenegrin spirituality, history and the love of freedom and tradition and enlightenment.

Night flight to Belgrade. Overnight in Belgrade

## DAY 06:

Belgrade

Breakfast at hotel, free time till departure. Transfer to the airport.



- Departures on request only.
- The tour can be combined with our Belgrade tour packages.
- Entrance to Churches and Monasteries on our tours requires **appropriate attire**. Please remember to be properly dressed: no shorts, no uncovered shoulders.

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