

## Balkan Express (M-ID: 2420)

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**from €999.00**

Dates and duration (days)

On request

9 days

05/07/2022 - 05/15/2022 9 days

09/02/2022 - 09/10/2022 9 days

09/24/2022 - 10/02/2022 9 days

05/06/2023 - 05/14/2023 9 days

09/01/2023 - 09/09/2023 9 days

09/23/2023 - 10/01/2023 9 days

**This festival of curves goes through Slovenia, Croatia, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Serbia, Montenegro, and Albania, and at the Balkan XXL even further to Macedonia and back to Albania.**

For many motorcyclists, the Balkans represent a so far unexplored mystery. Wild and pristine, an unpolished natural jewel. And again and again, you ask yourself the question: Is this even possible with my road bike?

Yes, it is! And it is sensational! Incredible roads, breathtaking panoramas, and open, friendly people.

The tour takes us from Austria via Slovenia, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Serbia, and Montenegro to Albania. We return via Montenegro and the unique coastal road of Croatia back to Austria. What we experience here is fantastic: Whether the cultural diversity of Sarajevo, the medieval city of Mostar, the largest gorge in Europe, or the incredibly majestic landscape along some stretches, the Balkans hold treasures to be discovered!

This tour combines the right amount of culture with motorcycle routes that are second to none. Some mountain roads wind around the mountains like masterfully woven gift ribbons and offer a landscape of curves that will make any motorcyclist's heart beat faster. The stages are balanced and varied. They lead through towns and villages, through mountains and gorges, overpasses, along rivers, lakes, and the coast.

This tour is especially suitable for frequent cyclists who want to experience a lot in a short time. Sightseeing and cultural stops are limited here, the riding experience is clearly in the foreground and some days are a bit longer. If you want more sightseeing and shorter days, we recommend our Balkan XXL Tour (15 days, escort vehicle, rest day at the sea)!

Tour dates:

From Graz area approx. 3,000 km, medium to high

difficulty, short unpaved sections or sections without asphalt possible, with mountain passes incl. serpentines, city trips, and highway stages.

Our exclusive travel program

Day 1: Graz (AUT) - Slovenia - Croatia - Banja Luka (BiH), 380 km

Meeting at the agreed starting point near Graz. After a first short meeting, we start our journey together. Mainly on the motorway, we go directly to Bosnia & Herzegovina to the capital of the constituent republic Srpska, to Banja Luka. Our hotel is located in the center. After arrival, we take a relaxing stroll through the old town. Overnight stay in Banja Luka (BiH).

TIP: There is a hotel at the starting point of the tour. For participants who have a further journey to Graz, it is advisable to arrive the day before and spend the night there. And for those who want to come to the start of the trip with a car and motorcycle trailer, the car can be parked at the hotel during the tour.

Day 2: Banja Luka (BiH) - Sarajevo (BiH), 270 km

Following the course of the river Vrbas southwards we leave Banja Luka. On the way, we visit picturesque watermills and an old railway bridge until we arrive in the afternoon in the capital of Bosnia: Sarajevo. During a German-speaking guided walk through the historic old town, we will learn about the history and culture of this very special and impressive city. Overnight stay in Sarajevo (BiH).

Day 3: Sarajevo (BiH) - Mokra Gora (SRB), 290 km

The Visegrad Bridge, UNESCO World Heritage Site, is the cultural highlight of the day. The route there along picturesque gorges is in no way inferior to this until we finally reach the border with Serbia. The communist past is still visible and tangible in some places. The mixture with the modern development makes the special flair of Serbia. Overnight stay in Mokra Gora (SRB).

Day 4: Mokra Gora (SRB) - Bosnia & Herzegovina - Kolasin (MNE), 290 km

We leave Serbia very early and head for Montenegro: Shortly after Mokra Gora, we cross the border back into Bosnia & Herzegovina. Around noon we finally reach the Montenegrin border. Why this country was called Montenegro (Black Mountain) is impressively demonstrated to us here. The Dumitor National Park (it goes up to 1.900 m above sea level) and the deepest gorge in Europe will inspire us. In the early evening, we move into our hotel in Kolasin. Overnight stay in Kolasin (MNE).

Day 5: Kolasin (MNE) - Shkodra (ALB), 250 km

With Albania, we reach the southernmost country of this tour. But before that, we enjoy the winding mountain roads in the southeast of Montenegro until we arrive in Shkodra in the afternoon. During a guided city walk (German language) we learn a lot about the city and Albania, which is so foreign to us. Overnight stay in Shkodra (ALB).

Day 6: Shkodra (ALB) - Kotor (MNE) - Dubrovnik (CRO), 310 km

Today we start early because there is a lot to see and two national borders to cross. Shortly after Shkodra, we come to the border with Montenegro and soon reach the world-famous Adriatic coastal road "Jadranska Magistrala" for the first time. After a short detour into the Montenegrin hinterland, we experience the famous Bay of Kotor (MNE) and later cross the border into Croatia. In the evening there is still time for a short walk in Dubrovnik. Overnight stay in the Dubrovnik area (CRO).

Day 7: Dubrovnik (CRO) - Mostar (BiH) - Makarska (CRO), 300 km

The day begins with leisurely cruising on the Croatian coastal road until we re-enter Bosnia & Herzegovina at Neum (BiH). Along narrow country roads, we ride to the world-famous city of Mostar (BiH) and visit the UNESCO World Heritage-listed "Old Bridge" Stari Most. After this cultural highlight, we return to Croatia and ride along the coastal road to the Makarska Riviera. Overnight stay on the Makarska Riviera (CRO).

Day 8: Makarska (CRO) - Crikvenica (CRO), 360 km

To enjoy the most beautiful part of the Jadranska Magistrala, we bridge the distance around the densely populated areas of Split and Sibenik on the motorway. North of Zadar we leave the motorway and then have about 150 km of "cruising along the coastal road" at its best and with breathtaking views of the Adriatic Sea ahead of us. In the late afternoon, we reach the last hotel of our exciting

Balkan round trip and can celebrate the end in convivial company. Overnight stay in the Crikvenica area (CRO).

Day 9: Crikvenica (CRO) - journey home, 360 km

Unfortunately, it is time to say goodbye today. Your guide will accompany you to the Croatian-Slovenian border at Rupa, from where you will travel home with many beautiful memories in your luggage, either independently or with other participants in the group. Your guide will be happy to help you find a great route home. End of the tour.

TIP: Additional nights in Graz and/or Croatia are possible on request! Please contact us for an offer!

Category	Motorcycle Tour
Terrain	Onroad
Vehicle	your own motorcycle motorcycle rent optional
Tourguide / Coach	yes (guided)
Accommodation	Hotel / B&B or similar
Flight to / from	no, not incl.
Support vehicle (luggage/service)	no
Level of difficulty	medium difficult
Customer payment protection	yes
* PRICING	Minimal without optional extras, see pricing

## Pricing

PRICES: 24.09.2022 - 02.10.2022

Per rider/per person in shared twin/double room: €999.00

Per rider/per person in a single room: €1,268.00

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PRICES: 07.05.2022 - 15.05.2022

Per rider/per person in shared twin/double room: €1,099.00

Per rider/per person in a single room: €1,149.00

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PRICES: 02.09.2022 - 10.09.2022

Per rider/per person in shared twin/double room: €1,239.00

Per rider/per person in a single room: €1,379.00

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PRICES: 23.09.2023 - 01.10.2023

Per rider/per person in shared twin/double room: €999.00

Per rider/per person in a single room: €1,268.00

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PRICES: 06.05.2023 - 14.05.2023

Per rider/per person in shared twin/double room: €1,099.00

Per rider/per person in a single room: €1,149.00

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PRICES: 01.09.2023 - 09.09.2023

Per rider/per person in shared twin/double room: €1,239.00

Per rider/per person in a single room: €1,379.00

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\*Rental motorcycle can be booked on request: Harley-Davidson Pan America, Benelli TRK 502 X, Royal Enfield Himalayan. Please inquire if you are interested.

\*1/2 double room available on request

## Included

9 day guided motorcycle tour over some of the most beautiful roads in southeast Europe

German-speaking tour guide with motorbike from Graz (AT) area to Crikvenica / SLO border

Morning tour briefing before departure

Daily tour guide on all day tours

8 nights in double room in simple and good middle-class hotels (shower, WC)

With breakfast

All-evening organization for the physical well-being with dinner in specially selected locations, in order to get to know the Balkans also from its culinary side closer.

City tour with local German-speaking guide in Sarajevo, Skodra.

## Not included

Luggage transport

Catering except breakfast

Petrol + oil

Rental motorbike (optional, please inquire)

Tolls

Personal expenses

Admissions

Tips

Furthermore, all services which are not expressly listed as included in the package

Also not included, but strongly recommended: Travel insurance with cancellation protection.

## More details

A frank word among bikers:

On guided motorcycle tours with your own motorcycle, riders and passengers from different countries of origin and with different motorcycles meet for a joint trip. As different as the participants are, as different will usually be the motorcycles, which makes for a fun and interesting trip. As with all group activities, these trips require a certain team spirit and a certain adaptation of the individual to the group, so that everyone can enjoy the trip and their motorcycle holiday.

#### Terms of Travel:

Our special conditions for this trip apply, for more information, please ask us. Minimum number of participants: 10 persons. If the minimum number of participants is not reached, we reserve the right to cancel the trip up to four weeks before departure.

#### Special notes for this trip:

Travel insurance with foreign health insurance incl. return service (ambulance jet, or home transport) and accident insurance is a prerequisite for participation in the tour. In addition, a "motor vehicle return insurance" (e.g.: protection letter) is also required for all motorcycles. The motorcycles must be in technically perfect condition (tires!) before departure. Technical assistance or spare parts service in the event of breakdowns or damage is only possible to a limited extent on site. In the worst case, a breakdown can result in the participant having to abandon the tour and return home independently.

Optional extra nights before the start of the tour / at the end of the tour, at the hotel at the starting point in Lannach:

- In shared twin/double room €43 per person, breakfast and local taxes included.
- In single room (surcharge) €23 per person.

(Return to the hotel at about 2 p.m., at the end of the tour)