



CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE ITINERARY

SECOND ROAD TRIP EXPERIENCE

NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2020





BUDAPEST, HUNGARY

Your road trip experience begins with 3 days in Budapest, Hungary.

Budapest has something for everyone; from dramatic history and architecture, to healing thermal waters and a nightlife that is unrivalled in Europe. You will spend the next 12 days studying, exploring and interacting with the vibrant local community where you will meet people from all parts of the world who have made this city their home.

The Hungarian people are famed for their design flair and innovative thinking. This relatively small nation has produced 13 Nobel prize winners and Harry Houdini and Erno Rubic are among it's most famous citizens!

Start date: 16/11/2020 - End date: 29/11/2020

BUDAPEST - ATHENS

This road takes us south through the Balkans to our final study location, Athens.

This fascinating region showcases the history of modern Europe.

Medieval cities and centuries old Ottoman markets, mix with the stark relics of the communist era and modern street art, giving this still emerging region a unique vibe.

The Balkans also have an astonishing national beauty. Magnificent mountains and tall green forests sit alongside crystal waters and endless white beaches.

DAY 1 NOVI SAD

Our first destination, Novi Sad, is Serbia's second city. Named as European Capital of culture for 2021; the city's culture is showcased by its fascinating history, impressive sites and delicious food.

Visit Petrovaradin Fortress, one of Novi Sad's most popular attractions which rises high above the Danube for great views and then explore the 16 km of subterranean tunnels and underground countermine systems which run below the site.

For an unusual experience, check out the 'drunk clock' on the fortress tower, which runs slowly in summer and faster in winter and also has its hands reversed!

DAY 2 BELGRADE

After spending the morning in Novi Sad, we make the short transfer to the Serbian Capital, Belgrade.

Belgrade is by no means a 'pretty' capital, but its gritty exuberance makes it one of Europe's most happening cities.

While it hurtles towards a brighter future, its chaotic past unfolds before your eyes: socialist blocks are squeezed between art nouveau masterpieces, and remnants of the Habsburg legacy contrast with Ottoman relics and socialist modernist monoliths.

This is where the Sava and Danube Rivers meet; an old-world culture that at once evokes time-capsule communist-era Yugoslavia and new-world, EU-contending cradle of cool.

Start your evening in Skadarlija Street, a small cobblestone alley filled with bohemian restaurants and craftsmen shops and soak up the unique atmosphere of this city.

DAY 3

BELGRADE

A second day in Belgrade provides time to explore!

The city has everything! Imposing royal palaces and mansions sit alongside intricate Orthodox cathedrals and churches and Ancient fortresses rub shoulders with modern buildings.

If you're a history lover, check out the Museum of Yugoslav History and if technology is more your thing head to the Nicola Tesla Museum scientific and cultural institution which is unique in Serbia and the world

Don't miss Sveti Sava; one of the largest Eastern Orthodox temples in the world which vies with Barcelona's Sagrada Familia for the distinction of being famously unfinished.

Finish your day by exploring Kalemegdan, the oldest part of Belgrade where a sprawling fortress stands high above the Danube and Sava rivers.

DAY 4

SARAJEVO

Our next destination is Sarajevo, capital of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Sarajevo is so much more than just a capital city! It's where East meets West, where mountains meet city and where tradition meets modernity. But it's the tragic parts of its past that have shaped how Sarajevo is today.

Sarajevo is one of few cities you can walk to a Catholic church, Orthodox church, synagogue and mosque in a day. There are hookah bars and craft breweries, Turkish coffee and vanilla lattes, 500-year-old markets and modern shopping malls. Sarajevo has the best of both worlds (literally).

Sarajevo is where World War I all began. It's where Bosnian-Serb Gavrilo Princip assassinated Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria, sparking a domino effect that led to Austro-Hungary declaring war.

DAY 5

MOSTAR

A 2- hour drive from Sarajevo is the enchanting town of Mostar.

Known for its immense Ottoman-empire bridge, Stari Most, Mostar is also home to Bosnian restaurants, trinket shops, mosques and incredible scenery; Take the opportunity to explore the cobbled backstreets, visit the bazaar and take the iconic Stari most photograph!

Just outside the city centre you'll find the Tunnel Museum. This museum offers an intimate look into life during the Siege of Sarajevo when a tunnel was built to carry supplies into the city for civilians.

After a day's sightseeing, relax as we travel to Dubrovnic, Croatia.

DAY 6

DUBROVNIK

Our next destination Dubrovnik was famously described by Lord Byron as 'The Pearl of the Adriatic.' Its walled, old town, is one of the finest and most perfectly preserved medieval cities in the world and is also a UNESCO World Heritage Site

Put on your walking shoes and tour the city walls. Two kilometres long, and consisting of 17 towers, 5 bastions, two corner fortifications, and the St. John Fortress, they are Dubrovnik's main attraction.

Visit Europe's oldest working pharmacy. Dating back to 1317, The Old Pharmacy, is located inside a Franciscan monastery where you can take a tour, peruse ancient lab equipment or sample natural rose hand cream.

The city has found fame as the setting for both Games of Thrones and Star Wars! If you're a fan; take a Game of Thrones tour!

DAY 7

BAY OF KOTOR

The Bay of Kotor, in neighbouring Montenegro, is one of the most impressive features along the entire Adriatic coast. Another UNESCO World Heritage Site, it's natural beauty is hard to beat anywhere in Europe. Known as Europe's southern-most fjord, towering limestone mountains sweep down into the clear blue waters of the bay.

Backed by dramatic peaks, the town of Kotor is surrounded by 5km of city walls built into the steep hillside by the Venetians.

Climb the 1350 steps to San Giovanni Fortress, for a panoramic view across the bay; see the frescoes at St Tryphan's Cathedral or learn about the bay's history at the Maritime Museum. A visit to the quirky Cats Museum of Kotor is a must for feline fans!

DAY 8

TIRANA

Our final stop is Tirana; the capital city of Albania.

Having been isolated from the rest of the world for the latter half of the 20th century, Tirana's centre is now unrecognisable from the grey days of communism. The abundance of painted facades, street art, graffiti and murals covering soviet-era buildings give this already lively city an air of fun.

Although Tirana could never be considered beautiful; a visit to this vibrant and often chaotic city is an unmissable experience!

Check out the Bunk Art Museums, converted from a massive Cold War bunker on the outskirts of Tirana into a hub of history and contemporary art; Explore the history of the painted concrete facades and spend the evening in The Block (or Blloku), a trendy section of southwest Tirana filled with bars, shops, and restaurants where Tirana comes to party!

DAY 9

ATHENS

The road trip ends in in one of the world's most historically enchanting cities: Athens, Greece.



ATHENS, GREECE

East meets west and classic meets contemporary in what is one of the oldest continuously inhabited cities in the world. Athens' past and its landmarks are world-famous, but the city offers much more. It is a vivid city of culture and art, to which recent revival has attracted a vibrant mix of artists, curators and digital nomads who mix effortlessly with young entrepreneurial Athenians.

You will spend 2 days exploring this diverse city!

Airport transfers will be arranged accordingly.

We hope you have an amazing 14 days with us!



WHAT'S INCLUDED?

What's included:

- All accommodation.
- All travel and activities stated on road trip experiences (optional activities can be booked at own expense).
- All travel between locations
- Access to co-working spaces in each Study Location
- In person support from your Location Managers.
- Optional online life coaching sessions and study support with our UK based team.
- Volunteer opportunities organised by your Location Managers.

*Please note the itinerary may be subject to change

What's not included:

- Travel insurance.
- Online course fees (if required).
- Visa fees (if required).
- Return flights from the UK.
- Drinks, food and general entertainment/living costs.
- Paid for volunteering experiences.

Pre-travel Preparation:

The Global Grad team are here to help you with everything including visa information, booking flights, organising travel insurance, what to pack, and more. Once you have paid your deposit and secured your place on a semester/ experience with us, we send you a welcome pack with everything you need to know. In addition to this, you will be invited to a pre-departure meet up to allow you to get to know us as well as your fellow Global Grads!





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