

Pasadena City College Extension presents...

The Balkans

with Optional 2-Night Ljubljana Pre Tour Extension

July 23 – August 7, 2026



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Small Group Travel rewards travelers with new perspectives. With just 12-24 passengers, these are the personal adventures that today's cultural explorers dream of.

16 Days • 23 Meals: 14 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches, 7 Dinners

HIGHLIGHTS... Zagreb, Plitvice Lakes National Park, Sarajevo, Mostar, Dubrovnik, Our Lady of the Rocks, Boka Bay Scenic Sailing, Kotor, Albanian Farm Experience, Tirana, Gjirokastra, Kalambaka, Meteora, Athens

ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2, 3	Boutique Hotel Le Premier, Zagreb
Day 4	The Lyra Hotel Plitvice, Plitvice Lakes
Days 5, 6	Colorsinn Hotel Sarajevo, Sarajevo
Days 7, 8	Hotel Adriatik, Dubrovnik
Days 9, 10	Hotel Cattaro, Kotor
Days 11, 12	Rogner Hotel Tirana, Tirana
Day 13	Hotel Divani Meteora, Kalambaka
Days 14, 15	NYX Esperia Palace Athens, Athens

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Day 1: Thursday, July 23, 2026 Overnight Flight Set off for an adventure to the Balkans, a region where rocky coastlines and towering mountains meet a complex history and medieval cities. On your journey, generations of traditions come to life through local experiences amid stunning backdrops.

Day 2: Friday, July 24, 2026 Zagreb, Croatia Arrive in Croatia's fascinating capital city, Zagreb. As arrival times may vary, there are no scheduled activities today. Spend time as you wish, exploring the city independently. Tonight, gather with your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner. (D)

Day 3: Saturday, July 25, 2026 Zagreb This morning, join a local guide on a walking tour of Zagreb's highlights, from the main square to Upper Town. Enjoy the rest of the day on your own in the city. Perhaps you'll wander through the old town's two medieval settlements, stroll the many open squares and parks, browse the stalls at the Dolac Market, or savor the flavors of Zagreb's exciting culinary scene. (B)

Day 4: Sunday, July 26, 2026 Zagreb - Plitvice Lakes This morning, travel to Plitvice Lakes, one of the oldest, largest, and most beautiful national parks in Croatia. Inspiring scenery abounds at this designated UNESCO World Heritage site as you enjoy a short cruise into the heart of this natural wonder. Tonight, stay at a hotel in the small village near the national park. (B, D)

Day 5: Monday, July 27, 2026 Plitvice Lakes - Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina This morning, continue to Sarajevo - Bosnia and Herzegovina's capital city, where East meets West, and your home for the next two nights. With its centuries-old multiculturalism, experience a city shaped by its rich history and the coexistence of various religious sects. Perhaps you'll join a guided stroll this evening to get acquainted with the area. (B, L)

Day 6: Tuesday, July 28, 2026 Sarajevo With a local expert, uncover the history of Sarajevo, the starting point of the First World War. Meander the storied roadways and take in its blend of religions and architectural styles before enjoying some free time to independently explore the city. During an **Impact Moment**, meet with a local siege survivor, who will uncover more of Sarajevo's past. Spend time in the Sarajevo Tunnel Museum, the site of the "Tunnel of Hope" that connected the besieged city to the outside world. The rest of the afternoon is yours to explore Sarajevo on your own. Tonight, locals welcome you to their home for dinner. Enjoy regional favorites such as *klepe* (meat dumplings) and *burek* (flaky filled pastries). Sip Bosnian coffee as a soundtrack of traditional folk music sets the tone for a truly memorable evening. (B, D)

Day 7: Wednesday, July 29, 2026 Sarajevo - Mostar - Dubrovnik, Croatia This morning, on your way to Croatia, spend time in Mostar, home to the iconic arched Stari Most Bridge (UNESCO). Explore Mostar on a guided walk before lunching on your own in the historic part of the city. This afternoon, be greeted by views of the Adriatic Sea when you arrive in Dubrovnik. As the day comes to an end, perhaps you'll join in an evening stroll. (B)

Day 8: Thursday, July 30, 2026 Dubrovnik Dubrovnik's ancient streets share their history and timeless appeal during a tour of the city. Then, let the city continue to reveal itself to you because **it's your choice!** Take a harbor cruise for magnificent views of Dubrovnik's medieval city walls and visit Lokrum Island **-OR-** get a bird's-eye view of the city by cable car, riding up to Srd Hill, a breathtaking vantage point to look over the Old Town below and the Adriatic Sea. With the remainder of your day free, you do you - Croatia-style. (B)

Day 9: Friday, July 31, 2026 Dubrovnik - Kotor, Montenegro It's "Dovidenja" to Croatia as you head to Montenegro. Set sail on a private boat* for the islet of Our Lady of the Rocks. Visit the church before coasting through the breathtaking Kotor Bay towards the Old Town of Kotor (UNESCO). Complete your visit to Kotor with a locally guided tour before you settle in your hotel located within the historic walls of Kotor town. (B, D)



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IMPORTANT CONDITIONS: Your price is guaranteed once deposit is received and booking confirmed by Collette. Your price is not subject to increase after the deposit is received and booking confirmed, except for charges resulting from increases in government-imposed taxes or fees. (See registration form for consent.)

Day 10: Saturday, August 1, 2026 Kotor Today, have fun exploring Kotor your way. Perhaps you'll go on an optional excursion to Njeguši, a quiet and peaceful village located on the slope of Mount Lovcen about 900 meters above sea level. Soak in the views from a cable car and get a tasty local lesson on the traditions of prosciutto and homemade cheeses famously produced here – and, of course, sample these specialties. Learn more about Montenegrin history while visiting the royal town of Cetinje. Upon return, the remainder of the day is yours to explore the hidden corners of Kotor. (B)

Day 11: Sunday, August 2, 2026 Kotor - Fishtë, Albania - Tirana Cross another border today and arrive in Albania! A unique blend of traditional Albanian hospitality and cultural experiences awaits in the picturesque rural setting of one of Albania's best-regarded agritourism destinations, located in the village of Fishtë. Enjoy a farm-to-table lunch of authentic dishes made from organic, locally sourced ingredients, and take a stroll through the farm and learn about traditional Albanian agriculture. Continue your travel day on your way to Tirana, the capital city of Albania. Explore its history and architecture on a locally guided tour while learning more about Albania's intriguing past. Visit a former top-secret nuclear bunker, now a museum dedicated to the victims of one of most controlling communist regimes in Europe. (B, L)

Day 12: Monday, August 3, 2026 Tirana Today, explore Tirana as you wish. Perhaps you'll decide to join an optional excursion to the coastal ancient city of Durrës, where the Roman Amphitheater of Emperor Hadrian stands as the city's most prominent attraction. Join a local guide to see the historic city's

ruins, and later, get an introduction to the viticulture in the region while enjoying a wine tasting paired with local specialties at a prominent winery. No matter how you fill your day, experience the best of the local cuisine and a show of rich folk traditions during dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Day 13: Tuesday, August 4, 2026 Tirana - Gjirokastra - Kalambaka, Greece Soak in the beauty of the countryside with its winding roads and stretches of green on your way to Gjirokastra in southern Albania. Perhaps one of the steepest cities in the world, explore its unique architecture and glorious history. After having some free time in this fascinating town join your local guide on a tour of Gjirokastra's dominant castle on the hill. Cross into Greece, your last border on this travel journey. Arrive in Kalambaka** in the late afternoon in time to freshen up for dinner at the hotel. (B, D)

Day 14: Wednesday, August 5, 2026 Kalambaka - Metéora - Athens This morning, explore Metéora. Visit one of the remote monasteries*** situated in a unique landscape, where limestone rock "towers" extend nearly 900 feet into the air. Over 600 years ago, Byzantine monks built their monastic community perched atop these rocks. Later, learn how Byzantine icons are created by visiting an icon-painting workshop in Kalambaka. Watch some of the process at this atelier, where icons are made using traditional methods. Spend some time on your own in this enchanting town before continuing your journey to Athens. Tonight, gather with your fellow travelers to savor a delicious Greek dinner and celebrate all you've experienced. (B, D)

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Day 15: Thursday, August 6, 2026 Athens Later this morning, explore the sights of Athens on a locally guided walking tour. From Syntagma Square and the Monument to the Unknown Soldier, wander through the streets, soaking in the essence of this iconic city and savoring its charm and energy. Visit the new Acropolis Museum, considered one of the most important museums in the world, to trace the story of the ancient city. Located within a short walking distance of the Acropolis, the museum houses archeological treasures from the Acropolis and offers wonderful views on the ancient site. The rest of the day is yours to explore more of Athens on your own before joining your fellow travelers to toast to the end of your journey. (B)

Day 16: Friday, August 7, 2026 Athens - Tour Ends Your tour ends today. (B)

Important Tour Information:

The overall activity level of this tour is a level 3. This means you're an on-the-go traveler. You don't want to miss a thing, so walking and standing for longer periods of time (2-3 hours) isn't a big deal. A moderately paced two-and-a-half-hour walking tour, covering several miles, hills, and uneven surfaces, is no problem for you. Walking four miles over the course of a day is very doable, as is climbing into and out of various modes of transportation (tuk-tuk, cable car, zodiac, etc.). You can climb three flights of stairs easily and handle altitudes between 6,000 and 9,000 feet. Expect some longer days with early mornings or late nights balanced with free time to recharge or set out on your own adventure. This level is not a fit for travelers who require mobility assistance devices.

Travel with an average of 16 people (maximum of 24).

If you choose to walk the Dubrovnik city walls, expect climbs up to 50 steps at time, sudden changes of elevation, and limited shade.

The visit to the monastery at Meteora requires you to climb approximately 140 steps.

Sailing Boka Bay requires you to use a non-stationary gangway that requires some agility.

If you require any special assistance while on tour, please make us aware at time of reservation so the necessary request form can be sent to your attention.

In Dubrovnik, you may expect some uneven and slippery pavement and steep, narrow side streets.

This tour includes three days with long transfers of 8+ hours, broken up by visits to cities and time for lunch.

The days and order of sightseeing may change to best utilize your time on tour.

***At the monastery, women are required to wear long skirts and have their shoulders covered; men are required to wear long pants, and have shoulders covered as well.

*The boat tour to Our Lady of the Rocks and Kotor is weather dependent. In the event of bad weather, the sailing schedule may be cancelled.

Plitvice Lakes, Dubrovnik Old Town, Meteora, and Athens may be crowded with visitors during the months of June, July, and August.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis. Single rate subject to change based on availability. Triple rooms are not available.

Coaches which may not be lavatory equipped may be used on this tour. In this case, stops are made during travel periods.

To complete your tour, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of purchasing these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

Air travelers will arrive into Zagreb, Croatia and depart from Athens, Greece.



For air-inclusive reservations, the name provided at time of booking must match your government-issued ID that will be used during travel. Name changes are subject to penalties.

Please be advised many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.

Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.

Travel Requirements:

IDENTIFICATION

Passports are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require that your passport be valid at least 6 months beyond the dates of your travel. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit www.travel.state.gov for the U.S. State Department for the latest details about passports and visa requirements.

IMPORTANT: We recommend that travelers take a photocopy of their passport and applicable visas. It should be packed separately from your actual passport and visa. We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your emergency contact.

Please note the border-crossings. Travelers should keep their passports handy.

ETIAS visa waiver requirements are anticipated to begin during the last quarter of 2026, for a fee, when visiting a Schengen Area Country. To identify Schengen Area Countries and to complete the ETIAS application, please visit https://travel-europe.europa.eu/etias_en

A deposit of \$698 per person is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the seat reduction date of December 17, 2025 are based upon availability. Final payment due by April 24, 2026. Deposits are refundable up until December 24, 2025.

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