

K804 ~ FROM ATHENS TO DUBROVNIK

10 days from Athens, Kalambaka, Ohrid and Tirana to Dubrovnik

INCLUDED FEATURES:

- × First class hotels, rooms with private facilities
- × Service charges and hotel taxes
- × Breakfast daily and 5 dinners
- × Arrival and departure transfers
- × Touring by modern air-conditioned motor coach
- × Professional English speaking tour director
- × Luggage handling
- × Headsets will be provided for included sightseeing tours, so you can easily hear your guide's commentary

SIGHTSEEING TOURS INCLUDED:

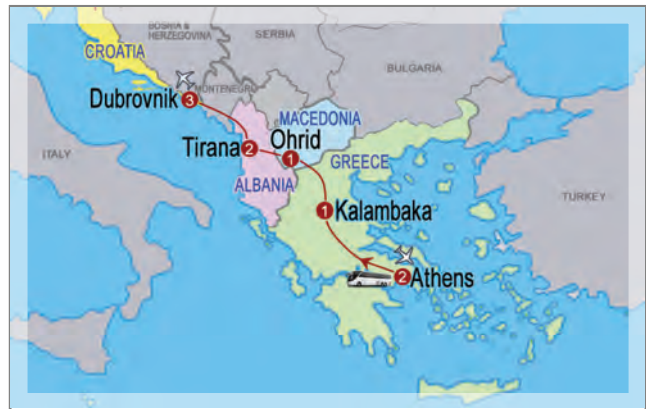
- × Athens
- × Tirana
- × Meteora
- × Dubrovnik
- × Ohrid

Day 1, arrive Athens, Saturday

You will be met and transferred to your hotel. Enjoy a welcome dinner in a traditional Greek tavern in Plaka, the old part of Athens. (D)

Day 2, in Athens, Sunday

See the highlights of Athens this morning on a sightseeing tour. This cosmopolitan and bustling capital city is set amidst reminders of a long and glorious past: graceful temples, centuries-old monasteries, and ornate Byzantine churches. Visit the immortal **Acropolis**, the Parthenon, the Erechtheion with the Porch of the Maidens, the Temple of Athena Nike and the Wingless Victory. Below the Acropolis



lies the ancient Agora and the Theaters of Dionysus and Herodus Atticus. Your afternoon and evening are free. (B)

Day 3, to Delphi and Kalambaka, Monday

Your first stop this morning is Delphi, where the famous oracle foretold the destiny of men. The **Temple of Apollo**, in which the oracle functioned, was built in the 6th century B.C. Also see the Sacred Way, the Stadium and the Castilian Fountain, where pilgrims cleansed themselves in preparation for consulting the oracle. Visit the **Archaeological Museum** of Delphi, which contains an impressive collection of finds from the site, including the beautiful "Bronze Charioteer," before continuing on to Kalambaka. (B, D)

Day 4, to Ohrid, Tuesday

After breakfast, admire the fantastic landscapes of **Meteora**, known as "the rocks that fell from the sky." Here monks built their rock-top monasteries, far away from civilization. Of the 13 large and 20 small monasteries and hermit's cells, only 4 are now active. The most important is **Megalo or Great Meteoro**, of peculiar architecture with its tall and intricate dome, 12 sides and fine frescoes. Continue across the border to Macedonia, and on to Ohrid. (B, D)

Day 5, Ohrid to Tirana, Wednesday

The lakeside resort of Ohrid is an important cultural and spiritual center, classified as a UNESCO World Heritage site. Start your morning sightseeing tour with a walk through the cobblestone streets of the

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old town. Visit the **Cathedral of St. Sofia**, containing some magnificent frescoes from the 10th century. In the early afternoon, travel to Tirana, the capital of Albania. (B, D)

Day 6, in Tirana, Thursday

On a morning sightseeing tour, see the Skanderbeg Square, the Mosque of Et'hem Bey, the Clock Tower, and the statue of G.K. Skanderbeg, Albania's national hero; the Palace of Culture, built with Soviet assistance; and the National History Museum, with a mosaic on its facade portraying Albanian history. Your afternoon is free to continue exploring on your own, shop, or just relax. (B)

Day 7, to Dubrovnik, Friday

After breakfast, depart Tirana and travel to the town of Shkodra, a cultural center and one of Albania's oldest cities. See the ruins of Rozafa Castle, set on a hill high above the city, then cross the border into Montenegro and on to Croatia and beautiful Dubrovnik. (B, D)

Day 8, in Dubrovnik, Saturday

There is a walking tour of "Old Dubrovnik" this morning; the **Rector's Palace**, Bell Tower Clock, Orlando's Column and the Sponza Palace. You will also see the Dominican Monastery and Franciscan Monastery with its **pharmacy**, one of the oldest of the world. The rest of the day is at leisure. (B)

Day 9, in Dubrovnik, Sunday

Today, full day is at leisure to relax, shop or explore on your own. (B)

Day 10, depart Dubrovnik, Monday

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your departure flight. (B)

HOTELS:

- × **Athens:** Divani Palace Acropolis (F)
- × **Kalambaka:** Divani (F)
- × **Ohrid:** Metropol (F)
- × **Tirana:** Sheraton (DLX)
- × **Dubrovnik:** Lapad (F)

TOUR K804	
STARTING DATES:	TERMINATION DATES:
12-May	21-May
09-Jun	18-Jun
23-Jun	02-Jul
07-Jul	16-Jul
18-Aug	27-Aug
01-Sep	10-Sep
15-Sep	24-Sep
29-Sep	08-Oct
PRICES:	
Per person in twin:	\$ 2,198
Single room supplement:	\$ 748