

# Via Dinarica Montenegro & BiH

The Best of Via Dinarica: An eight-day hiking  
adventure through Montenegro and Bosnia and Herzegovina



## Itinerary - 8 Days

## Trip Details

### Day 1 - Arrival: Podgorica Airport & Transfer to Zabljak, Durmitor National Park

After a welcome from your guide, we depart from Podgorica for the 2 hour drive to Zabljak through scenic terrain. Upon arrival in Zabljak, check in to the Javorovaca Mountain Lodge and enjoy a light snack before heading out for an acclimatization hike around the Black Lake in Durmitor National Park. In the evening, enjoy a "welcome" dinner with delicious home-cooked specialties such as local cheese, potatoes and lamb. A guide briefing for the trip will follow.

*-Easy walk / 2-3hrs walk / 250Δh / 6Km*

*-Dinner / Javorovaca lodge - Zabljak, Durmitor national Park, Montenegro*

### Day 2 - Ascent from Zabljak to Botun pass (1,877m), descent to Skrcko lake

Depart after an early breakfast for a short transfer to the trail. The hike today is 16.5 km with 1,000m ascent and 900m descent and approx eight hours hiking via the Botun pass, descending to the mountain hut at Great Skrcko lake. Part of the trail is scree with exposed and steep or narrow paths in some areas. Clients will be required to carry a backpack with overnight gear, a sleeping bag and packed lunch as well as a small share of the food needed for the overnight mountain hut stay.

*-Challenging walk / 8hrs walk / 1000Δh / 16.5 km*

*-Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner / Mountain Hut Skrka - Durmitor National Park, Montenegro*

### Day 3 - Hiking from Skrcko to Susicko lake and Nedajno Village

Today's hike continues onwards from Skrka mountain hut via the Skakala waterfall to Susicko Lake, finishing at the village of Nedajno where transport will take you to your overnight stay. Today's hike is total of 19 km with rocky, mountain terrain descending to plateau and forested trails, amazing views and stunning peaks surround us.

*-Challenging walk / 7hrs walk / 600Δh / 19 km*

*-Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner / Sokolina Guesthouse, Durmitor National Park*

### Day 4 - Hiking to Brstanovica & Tara Rafting to Scepan polje, Cross border

Hiking from Crkvicko Polje to Brstanovica – a 90-minute descent into the spectacular Tara canyon, where rafts will await you for the next part of your adventure.

The Tara is one of the four beautiful whitewater rivers in Bosnia and Herzegovina that offer professionally guided rafting tours.

Explore the Via Dinarica in Montenegro and Bosnia, an area that is yet to be discovered by many hikers. On this adventure, you'll find a playground for active travelers: Spectacular limestone peaks; the Tara Canyon--a UNESCO Nature site; glacier lakes; amazing views; colorful wildflowers; medieval villages; and gracious, welcoming culture.

Come and explore Durmitor & Sutjeska National Parks: two stunning areas located at the heart of Dinaric Alps. During the excursion, you'll ascend Maglic (2,386m)--the highest peak of Bosnia, raft the Tara river, a UNESCO protected site and Europe's deepest canyon, and visit Sarajevo, Bosnia's capital city, which hosted the 1984 Winter Olympics. Sarajevo offers an ancient mix of European and Near Eastern culture and living history.

This will be an unforgettable week of exploring.

Tara river ranks among Europe's best for classes II – IV. This Tara River Rafting Tour will pleasantly surprise you with its stunning wilderness and unforgettable landscapes. A jewel amongst the world's natural heritage spots, the Tara River boasts the deepest canyon in Europe. The river follows the natural border between Bosnia & Montenegro most of the time. Near the end of the rafting, we enter Bosnia & Herzegovina. The 1,300-meter canyon has created some of the best rafting and kayaking in Europe.

*-Moderate walk / 2-3hrs walk / 900Δh / 9Km, II-IV class rapids, 3-4 hours of Rafting*

*-Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner / Bungalows at Highlander Camp, Tara river*

### Day 5 - Sutjeska National Park and Hike to Donje Bare lake & Ugljesin peak (1,858m)

In the morning we transfer to our hotel in Sutjeska National Park, before continuing to the tranquil lake of Donje Bare. After lunch we walk through a beech forest and open mountainous terrain to the summit of Ugljesin Peak (1,858m), for one of the best panoramic views of the Zelengora peaks and the rock-face wall of Volujak. We continue the stunning circuit back to Gornje Bare lake via the Tovarnica ridge (1.5 hours) with Bosnia's highest peaks a constant companion on the horizon. We will be transferred back to the hotel in Tjentiste valley, before an early dinner.

*-Moderate walk / 4-5hrs walk / 400Δh / 9Km*

*-Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner / Hotel Mladost - Tjentiste, Sutjeska National Park, Bosnia and Herzegovina*

## Day 6 - Ascent of Maglic Mountain (2,386m), Bosnia and Herzegovina's highest peak

We transfer to Lokva Derneciste (approx. 1 hour) and head for Bosnia's highest peak, Maglic Mountain (2,386m), through forest and open mountainous terrain. The ascent itself will take approximately four hours over fairly well maintained mountain trails with steep cliffs and is by far the most demanding part of today's trek. Please note it is not recommended for anyone suffering from vertigo. Each step takes us further above the surrounding peaks until we reach the summit.

Here we have lunch and enjoy wonderful views over Montenegro and of our next stop, the emerald green waters of Trnovacko Lake. After descending to the lake in the afternoon we head for Prijedor where we meet our transfer to the hotel in Tjentiste.

*-Challenging walk / 9hrs walk / 700Δh / 14Km*

*-Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner / Hotel Mladost - Tjentiste, Sutjeska National Park, Bosnia and Herzegovina*



### Quotes from Travelers

**“Green Visions provides both an affordable and unforgettable hiking experience. The guides are extremely knowledgeable, welcoming, cheerful, thoughtful and experienced.”**

## Day 7 - Transfer to Sarajevo with Walking City tour and Free afternoon

Transfer to Sarajevo, at the heart of the Balkan Peninsula. After a tour of the major historical, cultural and war sites, which will help to piece together the complex and fascinating history, we are free to explore the city at our own pace.

*-Breakfast, Dinner / Pension Kandilj, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina*

### Trip Highlights

- Emerald glacier lakes of Durmitor National Park, UNESCO heritage
- Rafting through the Tara Canyon, Europe's deepest canyon
- Scale Maglic, the highest peak in Bosnia
- Visit Sarajevo, the Jerusalem of the Balkans



## Day 8 - Departure

Depending on your departure time, you will have some last-minute shopping opportunities. After, you will be transferred to the Sarajevo International Airport.

*-Breakfast*

### Quick Facts

**Dates** | Jun 16 - 23, 2015  
| Sep 16 - 23, 2015

**Trip Cost** | 4 - 7 members 810 EUR  
2015 | 8 - 15 members 700 EUR

*-Price is per person, double occupancy*  
*-Single rooms are available on a request basis at certain places*  
*-All travelers will be paired with a same gender roommate when a roommate is available*  
*-If a roommate is not available, a EUR 80 forced single supplement will be charged*

**Group Sizes** | 4 - 15

*See special terms and conditions for this adventure.*

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### About

#### Via Dinarica Adventures

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You'll explore fascinating, off - the - beaten - path places with top guides.

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