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## Ohrid Active Archaeology Day of Adventure (DOA)

Situated on the shores of Lake Ohrid, the town of Ohrid is one of the oldest human settlements in Europe, with continuous urban life beyond 3 millenniums. Here, on every step, various artifacts are revealing to the visitors the layers of history, rich in culture, art and tradition, in the same time challenging them to go deeper, taking an active role in solving the mysteries of time. This adventure provides an active edutainment experience, to: explore this precious UNESCO's cultural site, see how Ancient theater was converted into a Roman arena, feel like a scholar of the first Slav University, learn to make and print a medieval book, smell the mysterious Byzantine spirit coming out of the old frescoes and icons and have a look into the centuries old handicraft techniques.



### Detailed Itinerary:

### Day of Adventure (DOA)

**09:00** The adventure begins with a pick up from the Conference site – Inex Gorica Hotel, at 09:00 h. Transfer by mini van to the main square. We continue on foot with a guided sightseeing of the old town core with: Roman theatre-arena; numerous Byzantine churches with stunning frescoes; fortified upper city with early Christian churches; and some very nice 18/19<sup>th</sup> century Macedonian (Turkish-influenced) houses, one or two of which are now museums. Built mainly between the 7<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries, Medieval Ohrid has the oldest Slav University at Plaoshnik hill and more than 800 Byzantine-style icons and valuable frescoes, dating from the 11<sup>th</sup> to the end of the 14<sup>th</sup> century. In the Cathedral St. Sophia some unique frescoes from the 11<sup>th</sup> century have strong Renaissance elements that couldn't be seen in Europe before 14<sup>th</sup> century.

At the archaeological sites and museums we'll have expert lecturing and introduction to the conservation and preservation practices.

**12:30** Time for lunch, chance to taste local fish delicacies and to learn the recipes to prepare traditional fish soup and lake fish "the Ohrid way". The lunch will be served at the oldest fish restaurant in the town, situated in a 200 years old traditional house.



**13:30** After the lunch and refreshment we'll continue our exploring. We'll be introduced to the old authentic local crafts, such as: The manufacture of the "Ohrid Pearls" and silver filigree, the art of woodcarving and the medieval printing technique on handmade paper. Some of the best masters will demonstrate these old techniques that have been well kept between their families for centuries.

**16:00** Our tour ends around 16:00 h, by dropping you at your hotel in Ohrid.



**Total duration of the Adventure:** 1 day / 0 nights

**Starting location, date and time:** Conference Site - INEX Gorica Hotel, Ohrid, 10.05.2016, 09:00 h

**Ending location, date and time:** Hotel in Ohrid, 10.05.2016, 16:00 h

**Minimum / maximum number of pax:** Minimum 4 pax, Maximum 12 pax

**Difficulty rating:** Easy

**Cost per Guest:** 98 EUR / 126 USD

#### What is included in the price

- Transfers by mini-van
- 1 x lunch, including cookery demonstration
- Water, soft drinks and refreshments
- Guiding and escort by licensed guide-narrator
- Expert lecturing at the archaeological sites and museums
- Entrance fees for the visited museums and archaeological sites
- Contribution for the Handicraft shops for using their resources and facilities

#### What is not included

- Personal gear and equipment
- Alcoholic drinks, unless they are served by the hosts for degustation
- Non mentioned services or activities, personal expenses and tips

**Guide:** Mrs. Tanja Lilic, licensed national guide (English speaking).

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