

The Balkans: Culture, History & Service

A COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY IN BOSNIA AND CROATIA

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Presented by D-E 360° International in partnership with Rustic Pathways

Explore the rich history of the Balkans region by visiting small towns and big cities. Meet local people and learn their stories along the way. Engage with history, past, and present, and learn about the complexities of this crossroads of civilization. Contribute to meaningful community service in areas still recovering from years of war and conflict. Encounter local traditions and sample cuisine from the Dalmatian Coast to the Bosnian Mountains.

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Trip Itinerary Highlights include:

- Exploring Sarajevo, the capital of Bosnia and Herzegovina, culturally diverse towns, where East meets West and the major religions of the world are represented.
- Visiting the bazaars of Bašćaršija to sample dishes influenced by the Ottoman empire and shopping for souvenirs in its cobblestone alleys.
- Getting to know Mostar, and sites that bear witness to the history of the Balkans. Mostar is a beautiful city with bridges and valleys. Learn about traditional life from local performers, participate in a coffee workshop, and hear local staff's personal histories.
- Touring the medieval town of Pocitelj, Doviđenja and Zbogom.
- Traveling to Split to experience history firsthand through the ages including influences of the Romans, Venetians, Austrians, and Communist that once ruled this small coastal town.
- Hiking to the top of the Marjan Hill and sample the food of the Dalmatian coast and enjoy an evening visit to Diocletian's Palace.
- Supporting the local community through community service initiatives: Partner with a local grassroots NGO who help support local schools. Work alongside local students and get your hands dirty as you work on sustainable community service projects to build infrastructure and promote peace in the region.
- Participating in Rustic Ties, a unique and powerful activity that allows students to capture the memories and learning moments of their program to process and share with their communities back home.

Total trip costs \$5,550

Early registration is encouraged and allows us to guarantee D-E 360° offerings as soon as enrollment is sufficient.

Registration deadline is **December 1, 2019**.

A \$1,000 non-refundable deposit must be submitted at the time of registration. Balance due by March 1, 2020. Cost does not include trip cancellation insurance.

An Important Note about Schedule Changes: D-E 360° reserves the right to change, alter, or amend the daily itinerary for this trip at any time. Changes can be made for various reasons including changes in flight or program schedules, changes in the schedules of various external operators or partner organizations, changes due to weather or safety concerns, the addition of new activities into a trip, or the substitution of a new activity for an old activity. The itinerary shown here provides our best projection of the daily schedule for this program. As with any travel program, some changes may occur.

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