
GEEO ITINERARY

Bosnia and Herzegovina for UNC

Day 1: Trebinje Arrive in Trebinje at any time. Meet your group for a welcome meeting around 6:00 or 7:00 p.m., and then go on an orientation walk in the evening.

The program begins in Trebinje, and the nearest airport is **Dubrovnik Airport (DBV)**, also referred to as Čilipi Airport, in Croatia. We recommend arriving a day or two early to explore Dubrovnik. GEEO/UNC can help arrange accommodation at the **Akademis Academia** hotel in Dubrovnik at the participant's expense. The group will meet in Dubrovnik and transfer together to Trebinje, which normally takes around 30 minutes.

Check-in at the hotel is usually around 2:00-3:00 p.m in Trebinje. There are no planned activities until an intro meeting around 6:00 or 7:00 p.m., usually in the hotel lobby. Check for a sign or ask at the reception desk about the exact time and location of the group meeting. Please make every effort to arrive in time for this meeting. If you are delayed and will arrive late, please inform us. Your tour leader will then leave you a message at the front desk informing you of where and when to meet up tomorrow.

After the welcome briefing, set off with your group leader on an evening orientation walk along the river and into the old town. Trebinje boasts beautiful views of the Trebišnjica River and the old walled city, a great way to be introduced to the history and culture of Bosnia and Herzegovina. Walk around the wall to the market square to see where you can go in the morning to get some fresh fruit and other food, then walk into the old town via the gate off the market square. Explore the old city's various squares and the mosque, and then choose to get dinner at a nearby restaurant with your traveling companions and your tour leader to further get to know one another.

Accommodation: Hotel Integra (*or similar*)

Day 2: Trebinje Explore the local organic market in Trebinje, and then visit two local farms. First, explore a family-run apiary that specializes in honey and related products. Then visit a sustainable Slow Food farm that specializes in cheesemaking, where you will enjoy a farm-to-table lunch with the family.

Begin this morning with a tour of the local Green (Organic) Market, starting with the meat and cheese vendors, where you can sample some options and learn about the local specialties. Then wander over to the outdoor market and try seasonal fruit and vegetables grown by small-scale farmers. Meet with women who gather wild plants and prepare traditional medicinal teas.

Next, transfer on the group's private vehicle to a family-run apiary to learn about the five generations of women who built the farm into what it is today. Suit up in protective gear should you wish, and see how they manage the hives. Enjoy the farm and see some of the honey and related products made by the family.

Finally, continue to another farm that has specialized in cheesemaking for multiple generations. Witness the cheese production at the farm, and then share a delicious farm-to-table lunch with the family. The cheese and meat are produced on-site, fruits and vegetables are grown on the farm, and the bread is homemade. The farm is moving beyond subsistence farming and joining the "slow food" movement to build awareness about organic food production.

After returning to Trebinje in the afternoon, the rest of the day will be free.

Accommodation: Hotel Integra (*or similar*)

Meals included: Breakfast | Lunch

Day 3: Trebinje/Čitluk Depart Trebinje for Čitluk. Along the way, visit Stolac and the Kravica and Koćuša waterfalls. Enjoy an included dinner at a winery in Čitluk.

Depart Trebinje in the morning, stopping first in Stolac to see the town center. Visit Radimlja, a stećak necropolis and UNESCO World Heritage Site with monumental tombstones, to get a glimpse of the region during the Middle Ages. The necropolis consists of hundreds of elaborately and richly decorated tombstones.

Continue to the spectacular Kravica waterfall, arguably one of the most beautiful natural sites in Bosnia and Herzegovina, surrounded by poplar trees and other greenery.

Then see the less famous but still spectacular Koćuša Waterfall near the village of Veljaci on the Trebižat River. Take time for lunch (there is a restaurant on-site) before continuing to Čitluk for the night.

Cap off the day with dinner at a winery, paired with their locally produced wines.

Approximate travel time: 4–4.5 hrs by private vehicle (with stops)

Accommodation: Villa and Winecellar Ostojeć (*or similar*)

Meals included: Breakfast | Dinner

Day 4: Čitluk/Mostar Learn more about Bosnian history today with a visit to the historic urban site of Počitelj, the Blagaj Fortress, and the Dervish Monastery, before continuing to the city of Mostar for a guided walking tour.

Enjoy several stops today while en route from Čitluk to Mostar. First is the walled town of Počitelj, a medieval Ottoman fortified town and artist colony. Located along the left bank of the Neretva river, the site is considered an open-air museum and holds significant architectural and historic value. Artists gather from around the world to be part of the longest-operating artist colony in Southeast Europe.

Next, hike for about 20 minutes to the Blagaj Fortress, an important regional palace and fort that predates the Ottoman conquest. The fortress sits atop a hill, inaccessible to outsiders with scenic views of the source of the Buna River below.

The third and final stop before arriving in Mostar is Blagaj Tekke, an Ottoman-era building built in 1520 for the Dervish, a mystic branch of Sufi Islam known for their ritual dances involving various forms of whirling. The monastery is located at the base of an enormous cliff next to a small waterfall, with stunning blue water that is said to contain mystic properties.

After you arrive in Mostar, join a local expert guide on a walking tour of the beautiful city and its historic buildings and landmarks. See the iconic old bridge, a reminder of the tenacity of Bosnians in recent times. The bridge was constructed in the 1600s and was meticulously rebuilt after its destruction during the Bosnian War.

Wander the narrow alleys lined with shops and market stalls, passing buildings still riddled with bullet holes, and then visit a 17th century Turkish house to enjoy a coffee while hearing all about the storied history of the city.

Approximate travel time: 1.5 hrs by private vehicle (with stops)

Accommodation: Hotel Almira (*or similar*)

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 5: Mostar/Sarajevo Visit the Atomska Ratna Komanda (ARK), nicknamed Tito's Bunker, while traveling from Mostar to Sarajevo. Go on a food tour of the city in the evening to learn more about Sarajevo's history.

Transfer from Mostar to Sarajevo today, stopping at Tito's Bunker along the way. Explore the Cold War-era nuclear bunker and military command center built in the 1950s for Josip Broz Tito, the communist revolutionary and esteemed leader of Yugoslavia. Located near Konjic, the top-secret bunker was designed to be an underground complex that could provide security for the leader and up to 350 members of his inner circle in the event of an atomic conflict.

Continue to Sarajevo, the capital of Bosnia and Herzegovina and one of the most beautiful and diverse cities in the region. Enjoy the local culinary scene in the evening during a history and food tour that will serve as a great introduction to the city and a delicious dinner. During the tour, explore some important landmarks, tiny alleys, local restaurants, and hawker markets with a local expert.

Approximate travel time: 3 hrs by private vehicle (with stops)

Accommodation: Hotel Cosmopolit (*or similar*)

Meals included: Breakfast | Dinner

Day 6: Sarajevo Take an included tour of the "Tunnel of Life" and Bobsled track. Spend some free time exploring the Stari Grad section and look for "Sarajevo Roses" or visit some of the city's museums to fill in some gaps in your knowledge.

Today, we will have a tour of the "Tunnel of Life," which played a crucial role in the survival of the people of Sarajevo during the civil war of the mid-to-late 1990s. Visit the airport and the house of a brave Bosnian who allowed the smuggling of supplies. Hear firsthand accounts of the horrors of war and the resilience of the people of Sarajevo. Drive into the mountains and learn more about the somber history. We will also visit the abandoned 1984 Sarajevo Olympic Bobsleigh track. Falling apart and covered in graffiti, you can walk on this historic track and admire the artwork.

You will have the afternoon to explore Sarajevo on your own. You can visit the famous Latin Bridge, the site where the Archduke of the Austro-Hungarian Empire, Franz Ferdinand, was assassinated, leading to the start of World War I. We recommend visiting Gallery 11/07/95, a modern art gallery with artistic & documentary multimedia content memorializing the Srebrenica massacre. Take the opportunity to walk around the cobblestone streets of the Old Town (Stari Grad) and take in the architecture of diverse places of worship. This is also a great place to shop and visit markets. UNC recommends considering some of the following museums:

- [Gallery 11/07/95](#)
- Siege of Sarajevo Museum
- [War Childhood Museum](#)
- [History Museum of Bosnia and Herzegovina](#)
- [National Museum of Bosnia and Herzegovina](#)
- [Museum of the Jews of Bosnia and Herzegovina](#)
- [Sarajevo Museum 1878 - 1918](#)
- Museum of the City Hall
- [The Museum of Gazi Husrev Bey's Library](#)
- [Sarajevo VRX Immersive Museum](#), etc.

Accommodation: Hotel Cosmopolit (or similar)

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 7: Sarajevo Depart Sarajevo at any time, or extend your stay by booking post-trip accommodation.

There are no planned activities today, so you may depart at any time. The tour ends in Sarajevo, and the nearest airport is **Sarajevo International Airport (SJJ)**. If you wish to extend your stay in Sarajevo, consider booking post-tour accommodation at Hotel Cosmopolit with us.

Please note that check-out time from the hotel is usually mid-morning, but luggage storage services are available at the reception desk.

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Meals included: Breakfast

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