GEEO ITINERARY

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Day 1: Trebinje Arrive in Trebinje at any time. Opt for a transfer from Dubrovnik to Trebinje with a stop at a winery along the way. Meet your group for a welcome meeting around 6:00 or 7:00 p.m., and then set off on a short orientation walk on the way to an optional group dinner.

The program begins in Trebinje, and the nearest airport is **Dubrovnik Airport (DBV)**, also referred to as Čilipi Airport, in Croatia. We can arrange a transfer from Dubrovnik to Trebinje with a stop at a winery along the way (see the "Add-Ons" section). We recommend arriving a day or two early to explore Dubrovnik, adjust to the time zone, and buffer against flight delays.

Hotel Check-in and Welcome Meeting
Hotel check-in is normally between 2–3 p.m. Check with reception for the exact time and location of the group welcome meeting, typically between 6–7 p.m. Please make every effort to attend this meeting. If you're running late, send a message in the group WhatsApp or call the emergency number on your trip voucher so that your tour leader can let you know where and when to meet the group.

Following the welcome briefing, the group will take an evening orientation walk along the Trebišnjica River and into the old walled city—an effective introduction to the history and culture of Bosnia and Herzegovina. The route passes the market square, where an outdoor market operates in the morning. Continue through the old town gate to explore the city's historic squares and 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.

> **Joining Instructions**
> Pre-Booked Transfer (recommended): Pre-book a transfer with us from Dubrovnik to Trebinje, with a stop at a winery along the way. See more details in the "Add-Ons" section.
> Taxi: Taxis are available at the airport, but confirm the price in advance. Not all drivers are willing to cross the Bosnia & Herzegovina border. If you get a taxi from Dubrovnik airport, the standard price is around €60.
> Public Transportation: There is a limited daily bus service from Dubrovnik to Trebinje operated by regional carriers such as Centrotrans and Globtour. Departures are typically once per day in the late morning or early afternoon from Dubrovnik's main bus station. While the actual driving time is around 30–45 minutes, the entire journey can take 1–2 hours including a mandatory border crossing at Ivanica, where delays are possible (passengers remain on the bus while passports are checked). Schedules are not as reliable as Western Europe.

Day 2: Trebinje Visit the local organic market, a family-run apiary, and a multi-generational cheesemaking farm, where a farm-to-table lunch is included.

The morning begins with a guided tour of the local Green (Organic) Market. Starting with the meat and cheese vendors, participants can sample local specialties before moving to the outdoor stalls, where small-scale farmers sell seasonal produce. The group will also meet with women who forage wild medicinal plants and prepare traditional herbal teas.

The group then transfers by private vehicle to a family-run apiary, where a guide introduces the five generations of women behind the farm's development. Participants may suit up in protective gear to observe hive management firsthand and learn about the honey and related products produced on-site.

The final visit of the day is to a farm where cheesemaking has been practiced across more than five generations. After witnessing the cheese production process, the group shares a farm-to-table lunch with the host family. All food — cheese, meat, produce, and bread — is made or grown on the property. The

farm has begun transitioning beyond subsistence farming and affiliating with the Slow Food movement to promote awareness of sustainable, organic food production.

The remainder of the afternoon is unscheduled upon returning to Trebinje.

Meals included: Breakfast | Lunch

Day 3: Trebinje/Čitluk Travel from Trebinje to Čitluk with stops in Stolac and at the Koćuša waterfall. Dinner at a winery is included.

Departing Trebinje in the morning, the first stop is Stolac, where the group visits the town center and the Radimlja necropolis—a UNESCO World Heritage Site featuring hundreds of stećak, the elaborately ornamented medieval tombstones characteristic of this region. The site offers a significant window into the social and cultural life of Bosnia and Herzegovina during the Middle Ages.

Continue to the beautiful Koćuša Waterfall to enjoy the scenery and have time for lunch. Later, travel to the town of Čitluk where you can spend time in the pool or explore the winery before capping off the day with dinner, paired with their locally produced wines.

Approximate travel time: 4–4.5 hrs by private vehicle (with stops)
Meals included: Breakfast | Dinner

Day 4: Čitluk/Mostar Visit the historic sites of Počitelj, Blagaj Fortress, and the Blagaj Tekke Dervish Monastery before arriving in Mostar for a guided walking tour.

Several historically significant sites punctuate the route from Čitluk to Mostar. The first is Počitelj, a fortified Ottoman stone town and functioning artist colony situated along the left bank of the Neretva River. Considered an open-air museum, the site holds considerable architectural and historical value and hosts artists from around the world as part of the longest-operating artist colony in Southeast Europe.

The second stop is Blagaj Fortress, reached by an approximately 20-minute hike. The fortress predates the Ottoman conquest and served as an important seat of regional power. It sits atop a hillside overlooking the source of the Buna River.

The final stop before Mostar is Blagaj Tekke, an Ottoman-era tekke (monastery) constructed in 1520 for practitioners of the Dervish tradition—a mystical branch of Sufi Islam known for its meditative practices and ceremonial movement. The building is situated at the base of a sheer cliff beside a small waterfall, where the spring-fed Buna River emerges with striking blue water.

Upon arriving in Mostar, a local expert guide leads a walking tour of the city’s historic core. The tour takes in the iconic Stari Most bridge—originally built in the 16th century and carefully reconstructed after its destruction during the 1990s war—along with the market alleys and diverse architecture.

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

Day 5: Mostar/Sarajevo Travel by train to Sarajevo. Ascend Mount Trebević by cable car to visit the 1984 Olympic Bobsled Track, then explore the city on a history and food tour.

The journey from Mostar to Sarajevo is made by local train. Upon arriving in Sarajevo, the group ascends Mount Trebević via cable car for panoramic views of the city before visiting the abandoned 1984 Winter

Olympics Bobsled and Luge Track. No longer operational, the structure has become a well-known site of urban documentation and street art, and walking its length offers an unusual perspective on both Olympic history and the legacy of the war.

The afternoon is structured around a history and food tour led by a local expert, combining visits to key landmarks, neighborhood markets, and restaurants. The tour serves as both an introduction to Sarajevo and the group's lunch.

Approximate travel time: 2 hrs by train
Meals included: Breakfast | Lunch

Day 6: Sarajevo A full free day to explore Sarajevo independently.

No activities are scheduled today, so you are free 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.

Take the opportunity to walk around the cobblestone streets of the Old Town (Stari Grad). The neighborhood rewards unhurried exploration—its Ottoman, Austro-Hungarian, and socialist-era architectural layers are best appreciated on foot. It is also a great place to shop and visit markets.

Consider visiting some of the following museums:

- Gallery 11/07/95 *(multimedia documentation of the Srebrenica genocide)*
- Times of Misfortune Tour & Tunnel Museum *(walking tour of Siege-era sites including the Tunnel of Life)*
- 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

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 7: Sarajevo Depart Sarajevo at any time.

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

Meals included: Breakfast

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Where you'll stay

The hotels listed below reflect the properties expected to be used for this program. Final accommodations are subject to change based on group size, availability, or seasonality. The confirmed start and end hotels are listed on your trip voucher:

Day 1 Trebinje (Apr 18): Hotel Integra

Day 2 Trebinje (Apr 19): Hotel Integra

Day 3 Čitluk (Apr 20): Villa and Winecellar Ostojic

Day 4 Mostar (Apr 21): Hotel Almira

Day 5 Sarajevo (Apr 22): Hotel Cosmopolit

Day 6 Sarajevo (Apr 23): Hotel Cosmopolit

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