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### Day 1: Arrival in Skopje and Kale Fortress

Start Time: 10:00 | End Time: 18:00

Welcome to North Macedonia! Begin your journey with a relaxed walk through the heart of Skopje. Visit Kale Fortress, which offers panoramic views of the city and a glimpse into the centuries of Ottoman and Byzantine heritage. Walk along the Old Bazaar, one of the oldest in the Balkans, and end the day with traditional Macedonian dinner.



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### Day 2: Skopje Museums and Matka Canyon

Start Time: 09:00 | End Time: 19:00

Visit the Museum of Macedonian Struggle and the Archaeological Museum to understand the depth of the region's history. After lunch, head out to Matka Canyon for a boat ride or hike in one of Skopje's most scenic natural areas.



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### Day 3: Kokino Observatory and Kumanovo

Start Time: 08:00 | End Time: 17:00

Drive to the ancient megalithic Kokino Observatory, a UNESCO-recognized site. Enjoy the mystical ambiance and views. In the afternoon, explore Kumanovo and its surroundings before returning.



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### Day 4: Stobi Archaeological Site

Start Time: 08:30 | End Time: 16:30

Head south to visit Stobi, one of North Macedonia's most important Roman and early Christian archaeological sites. Discover the amphitheater, mosaics, and the ancient synagogue. Overnight in nearby Veles or continue to Bitola.



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### Day 5: Heraclea Lyncestis and Bitola

Start Time: 09:00 | End Time: 18:00

Explore the city of Bitola, with its Ottoman architecture and vibrant Shirok Sokak street. Visit Heraclea Lyncestis, an ancient city with outstanding mosaics and a Roman theater. Optional visit to the Bitola Museum.



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### Day 6: Prilep and Marko's Towers

Start Time: 08:00 | End Time: 17:00

Travel to Prilep to hike up to Marko's Towers, an atmospheric medieval fortress. Visit the city center, old churches, and sample local cuisine.



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### Day 7: Treskavec Monastery and tip

Start Time: 08:30 | End Time: 18:30

Visit the remote and breathtaking Treskavec Monastery. Continue east to tip to explore the Isar Fortress and local monasteries. Enjoy dinner in tip.



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### Day 8: Ohrid - Arrival and Old Town Tour

Start Time: 10:00 | End Time: 18:00

Arrive in Ohrid and begin exploring the Old Town. Visit the Church of St. John at Kaneo, and stroll by the lake. Relax with a lakeside dinner.



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### Day 9: Ohrid - Plaonik and Samuel's Fortress

Start Time: 09:00 | End Time: 17:00

Visit Plaonik, the archaeological site and home of the early Christian basilica. Head to Samuel's Fortress for spectacular lake views and walk the ancient city walls. Explore the Church of St. Sophia in the afternoon.



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### Day 10: Bay of Bones and Departure

Start Time: 08:00 | End Time: 14:00

Wrap up your North Macedonia tour with a visit to the Bay of Bones Museum and St. Neum on Lake Ohrid. Explore this unique over-water archaeological reconstruction before heading to the airport for departure.