

Macedonia Tour Guide

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Travellers Information

Essential Travel Information for North Macedonia & The Balkans

Welcome! Planning your journey with Epic Travel Story - Macedonia Tour Guide means experiencing North Macedonia and the broader Balkans through a lens of storytelling, authentic local culture, and seamless comfort. Here is everything you need to know to prepare for your trip.

Entry Requirements & Visas

Passports: Must be valid for at least 3 months beyond your planned date of departure.

Visas: Citizens of the EU, US, Canada, UK, Australia, and many other countries do not require a visa for short-term tourist stays up to 90 days in North Macedonia. If your multi-day tour extends into neighboring Balkan countries (like Kosovo, Albania, or Greece), passport validity and individual country entry rules apply.

Currency & Payments

Local Currency: Macedonian Denar (MKD).

Cash vs. Cards: Major hotels, restaurants, and shops in larger cities accept credit cards. However, having some local cash is essential for traditional village shops, small family-run wineries, roadside markets, and tipping.

Tipping: Gratuities for your driver-guide are entirely optional and appreciated based on exceptional service, typically handled in cash at the end of the tour.

Weather & What to Pack

Climate: North Macedonia features a diverse climate ranging from Mediterranean influences in the south (Ohrid/Dojran) to continental mountain climates in regions like Mavrovo, Galičica, and Shar Planina.

Footwear: Comfortable walking shoes or light hiking sneakers are a must, as exploring historical sites, cobblestone old towns (like Ohrid or Prizren), and nature trails involves

uneven terrain.

Layers: Weather can shift between valleys and mountain passes. Dressing in breathable layers is always recommended, along with a light jacket or windbreaker for cooler evenings.

Health & Safety

Medical Care: Tap water is generally safe in major towns, but bottled water is widely available. Pharmacies (аптека) are easy to find in urban centers.

Insurance: We strongly recommend securing comprehensive travel insurance covering medical emergencies, trip interruptions, and personal belongings prior to your arrival.