



## **WALK & WINE**

#### Walking tour/ History / Culture/ Wine & Gastro/ 2,5 h

In addition to numerous historical landmarks, Niš also offers an authentic walk along the Nišava River, pedestrian zones around King Milan Square, and Niš Fortress.

Begin your experience at the historic King Milan Square, where the echoes of centuries past resonate through magnificent monuments like the Monument to the Liberators of Niš from the Ottoman rule, the Officer's Club, and Banovina - the former building of the old Niš administration and the Cabinet of Prime Minister Nikola Pašić, where the telegram was received on July 28, 1914, formally marking the beginning of World War I. The square also houses numerous other monuments, such as the Monument to Emperor Constantine the Great, Nadežda Petrović, and the regal City Hall. Here, you'll be captivated by tales of valor and intrigue, as you step into the rich tapestry of Niš's past, spanning from the prehistoric ages of Celts, Roman, Ottoman, to Byzantine empires.

Continue your exploration within the formidable Niš Fortress, an architectural masterpiece that stands as a testament to centuries of history. Traverse its paths, where every corner holds secrets waiting to be discovered, from remnants of the Ottoman era to archaeological wonders dating back to the Roman Empire.

Amidst this historical tapestry, indulge your senses at an authentic restaurant nestled within the fortress walls. Indulge in the enchanting ambiance of the summer stage as you savor the finest wines of southern Serbia, with each sip presenting a symphony of flavors that eloquently express the region's rich viticultural heritage.

Discover the allure of awarded local varietals such as the crisp Alal (Chardonnay) from Stari Dani Winery in the Leskovac vineyards, the aromatic Tamjanika, a native Serbian gem from Doja Winery in the picturesque Toplica vineyards, and the platinum award-winning Merlot from Izba Jovanović Winery, renowned for its unparalleled quality, coming from Niš vineyard.

The price includes transportation if needed, a licensed guide, and wine tasting (2 or 3 glasses of wine, and a wine board).

The price does not include personal expenses.



## A WALK THROUGH THE HISTORY OF NIŠ

#### Walking tour/History/Culture/2 hours

In addition to numerous historical sites, Niš also offers a walk along the river promenade, the pedestrian zone of King Milan Square, Obrenovićeva Street, and Tinkers Alley "Kazandžijsko sokače", the only preserved part of the old Niš bazaar, which today houses bars and taverns with traditional cuisine. It is located on Kopitareva Street, which connects Obrenovićeva Street, from the monument dedicated to Stevan Sremac and his characters from the novel "Ivkova Slava" - Kalča and the dog Čapa, with a plateau known for its numerous cafes. In the past, the sound of hoops for barrels, copper pots, pots for rakia, and old-town stories echoed through this alley. Today there is still noise from residents of Niš, domestic and foreign tourists, artists, and business people because everyone finds their place and time for "Kazandžijsko".

The city walk continues along Obrenovićeva Street, The King's Milan Square, City Hall, Officers club, and Banovina, the former building of the old Niš administration and the Cabinet of the Prime Minister of Serbia, Nikola Pasić, in which he received a telegram, on July 28, 1914, by which Austria-Hungary declared war on Serbia, formally marking the beginning of the First World War.

A tour of the Niš Fortress the symbol of the cultural monument of great importance. With its immediate surroundings, it has been under state protection since 1948. Located in the very center of the city on the right bank of the Nišava River, its final shape, after numerous demolitions and renovations, was given in 1723, when the Turks restored it. Inside the fortress, there are buildings not run over by time from the Turkish period, such as the Bali-bey Mosque, arsenal, blacksmiths, and hammam (now the Nišville Jazz Museum). Discovered too are the remains of prehistoric, ancient, Byzantine, and medieval periods, such as an Ancient street, Roman baths, a lapidarium, a palace with an octagon, a bronze head of Constantine the Great, a statue of Jupiter, etc. Even today, the Niš Fortress lives as an inseparable tissue of the city center and the capital of festivals, knightly games, tourists, and good times.

The duration of the tour is 2 hours.

**Inclusions:** The licensed tour guide, and transportation if needed.

Exclusions: Personal costs.

# **NIŠ THROUGH THE PAST**

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#### Culture/History/3hours

Start 10h / 11h/ 12h/ 13h

The city walks from the King's Milan Square (the city center), and the monument to the liberators of Niš city. You'll hear the story about Banovina, the former building of the old Niš administration and the Cabinet of the Prime Minister of Serbia, in which he received a telegram, on July 28, 1914, by which Austria-Hungary declared war on Serbia, formally marking the beginning of the First World War.

A tour of the Niš Fortress, a symbol of the city and one of the best-preserved fortresses in the Balkans, with preserved buildings from the Ottoman Empire and archeological excavations from the period of the Roman Empire. Located in the very center of the city on the right bank of the Nišava River, its final shape, after numerous demolitions and renovations, was given in 1723 when the Turks restored it. Even today, the Niš Fortress lives as an inseparable tissue of the city center and the capital of festivals, knightly games, tourists, and good times.

Transfer to Skull Tower, the unique monument in the world of great importance testifies to the tragic history of the Serbs after the battle of Čegar in 1809.

Short drive to the archaeological site **Mediana**, a Roman settlement created at the end of the 3rd or early 4th century, consisting of a complex of summer residences such as urban villas and a large farm by the road that led to Serdica and Constantinople. Mediana is declared an immovable cultural asset of exceptional importance. It used to be a residential villa of the Roman emperor Constantine the Great, who was born in Niš. Among the researched buildings, the following stand out: a villa with a peristyle, baths, a wine cellar, a palace with an octagonal tower, two early Christian churches, a necropolis, and beautiful floor mosaics.

An optional visit to the 110-year-old wine cellar Malča recognizable and unique in Serbia for wine aging in amphorae, just like in Roman times. Lunch break at the terrace of the winery restaurant just next to the vineyards.

**Inclusions:** Transportation, licensed travel guide, museum tickets.

Excluded: Personal costs.









# TRACES OF ROMAN AND OTTOMAN EMPIRES

BLEISURE DMC

SEASON 2024/2025

#### Culture/ History / 4 hours

Departure at 10:00

Visit the National Museum, which today has over 40,000 items in its holdings, in the fields of archeology, history, art history, numismatics and epigraphy, and ethnology. The most significant artifacts found in Mediana are kept in the museum.

The city walks via Obrenovićeva Street to the King's Milan Square (the city center) and the monument to the liberators of Niš city. You'll also hear the story about Banovina, the former building of the old Niš administration and the Cabinet of the Prime Minister of Serbia, in which he received a telegram, on July 28, 1914, by which Austria-Hungary declared war on Serbia, formally marking the beginning of the First World War.

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After visiting Medina wine lovers will be able to experience a unique journey through wine time, and experience different wine preparation from the Roman ages to the present day, in the over 110-year-old wine cellar. What makes the Malča cellar recognizable and unique in Serbia is the wine that is aged in amphorae, just like in Roman times. Lunch break at the winery restaurant just next to the vineyards.

The duration of the tour is 4 hours plus lunch.

**Inclusions:** Transportation if needed, licensed travel guide, museum tickets.

**Excluded:** Wine tasting, lunch, and personal costs.









## NIŠ THE CITY OF TREMENDOUS HISTORY

**BLEISURE DMC** 

SEASON 2024/2025

### Half day tour/ Culture/ History/ 5 hours

Start at 09:00 h.

The city walks via Obrenovićeva Street to the King's Milan Square (the city center) and the monument to the liberators of Niš. You'll also hear the story about Banovina, the former building of the old Niš administration and the Cabinet of the Prime Minister of Serbia, in which he received a telegram, on July 28, 1914, by which Austria-Hungary declared war on Serbia, formally marking the beginning of the First World War.

A tour of the Niš Fortress, a symbol of the city and one of the best-preserved fortresses in the Balkans, with preserved buildings from the Ottoman Empire and archeological excavations from the period of the Roman Empire.

Visit concentration camp "12th February", an authentic World War II memorial museum that testifies to the tragic history of Nis and south Serbian citizens.

A short drive to Čegar monument the place where many Serbian insurgents died together with the commander Duke Stevan Sindjelic for the liberation of the Turks in 1809.

Transfer to Skull Tower, the unique monument in the world of great importance that testifies to the tragic history of the Serbs after the battle of Čegar.

Short drive to the archaeological site Mediana, a Roman settlement created at the end of the 3rd or early 4th century, consisting of a complex of summer residences such as urban villas and a large farm by the road that led to Serdica (Sofia) and Constantinople (Istanbul). Mediana is declared an immovable cultural asset of exceptional importance. Among the researched buildings, the following stand out: a villa with a peristyle, baths, a wine cellar, a palace with an octagonal tower, two early Christian churches, and a necropolis.

The duration of the tour is 5 hours and could be tailor-made according to the available time of the group.

**Inclusions:** Transportation if needed, licensed tour guide, museum tickets.

Exclusions: Personal expenses.







