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**Regions of the Balkan Peninsula**

<b>Region</b>	<b>Location</b> (countries it covers)	<b>Description of Region</b> (facts about the terrain and/or wildlife)
<b>Danube Delta (Delta Dunarii)</b>	Romania; Ukraine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Europe's most extensive wetland</li> <li>• The world's largest reed habitat</li> <li>• Home to a thousand different plants</li> <li>• Home to over 4,000 animal species, including pelicans and mosquitoes</li> </ul>
<b>Dobrudza</b>	Bulgaria; Romania	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Steppes (vast grasslands)</li> <li>• Includes fertile fields and fallow ground</li> <li>• Wild poppies and cornflowers appear in May</li> <li>• Farmers don't use pesticides and use little fertilizer</li> </ul>
<b>Durmitor</b>	Montenegro	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mountains</li> <li>• Thick forests with black pines</li> <li>• Remote and wild region</li> <li>• Species include: Wolves, honey buzzards, brown bears and Balkan lynx</li> </ul>
<b>Kopacki Rit</b>	Croatia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One of Europe's most extensive and important wetlands</li> <li>• Includes one of the largest and oldest river forests along the Danube</li> <li>• Home to over 260 species of birds</li> <li>• Large parts of the forest are flooded by seasonally rising water for about three months each year</li> </ul>
<b>Skadar Lake</b>	Albania; Montenegro	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Its landscape includes peaks and water</li> <li>• Largest lake in the Balkans (about 30 miles long and 9 miles wide)</li> <li>• Includes many islands, many of which have ruins of monasteries and fortresses</li> </ul>
<b>Tara River</b>	Montenegro; Bosnia and Herzegovina	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Called "Europe's tear" because its water is blue and clear like teardrops</li> <li>• The Tara River Canyon is almost 10,000 feet deep and 50 miles long and is the deepest and longest canyon in all of Europe</li> <li>• Hiking paths and hostels are being built for limited tourism</li> </ul>
<b>Tikves</b>	Macedonia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tikves is the Balkans last stronghold of vultures</li> <li>• Griffon vultures live in the rocky mountains of Tikves</li> </ul>