

Southern Dinarica - Peaks Of The Balkan

The Peaks of Balkans tour explores the beauty of the Albanian Alps, the lushness of the Belegu, Decani and Bogicevica pastures in Kosovo and Montenegro, and everything in between. We will begin with a guided walk in Tirana, the capital of Albania. This day tour of Tirana offers you a different insight about the capital of Albania. Tirana is a city full of energy and adventure. The more time you spend walking the streets of the city, the more experiences you will stumble upon. The mountain-ridge walks between the Valbona Valley and Theth Valley epitomize the Peaks of the Balkans tour. There, at the altitude of 1815 m, you can see the panorama of both valleys before you. Both peaks are considered as the miracle of the Alps. This is going to be a spectacular journey for you.

- Stay in shepherds' huts
- Sample traditional food
- Enjoy nature and the amazing views of Valbona and Theth Valleys
- Feel like an explorer in untouched nature

Day - 1 Tirane

AIRPORT – TIRANA (ALBANIA) (D)

Depending on the arrival the Tour Leader might do a 2 hour guided tour of Tirana.

Day - 2 Tropoje

TIRANA – TROPOJE VILLAGE (B, L, D)

We make an early start to Northern Albania and embark the ferry, which sails through Koman Lake. It takes about 3.30 min to reach the ferry and about 2 hours to sail through Koman Lake. The scenery through Koman Lake is impressive so this is a great time to relax and enjoy the view. Once we disembark we continue driving to the village of Bujan to visit a turret type tower dedicated to the local hero Mic Sokoli. There we will learn more about the local traditions and the characteristic features of these towers which were much more present about 200 years ago. After the visit we can change into walking boots and walk for about 1.5 hours to the village of Tropojë, once the center of Tropoja district.

Overnight: Tropoje village

Day - 3 Sylbica

TROPOJE VILLAGE - SYLBICE (B, L, D)

Today we start walking from Tropoja village to Sylbicë Huts. We start at 360 m and gradually gain elevation up to 1650 m. Today's hike will be mostly along side Tropoja river. So first we walk through unevenly spread houses all the way to Grad watermill for about 1 hour. Next after filling our bottles we begin a steep ascend all the way to a gravel road. From there we walk another 15 min until we reach a small coffee shop, which serves refreshments and

Turkish coffees. We end the day at one of the local huts where even though basic it still connects you with the locals and nature in an amazing way. Luggage transportation by horse. Overnight: Sylbica Huts

Day - 4 Beleg

SYLBICE – BELEGU PASTURE (B, L, D)

Today's walk takes us through the alpine pastures of Sylbica and Beleg in Kosovo. We start our walk at 1650 m and gradually gain elevation to 2200 m at Doberdol Pass. From there we turn right across some isolated huts and climb up to 2227 m at Ali Çela Pass. Along the way we can see the peak where 3 borders of Albania- Kosovo- Montenegro merge. From Ali Çela pass we can see as well Dashi Lake (glacial Lake) and the alpine pastures of Doberdol. After this climb the terrain levels and next we can enjoy a nice picnic lunch near tropoja glacial lake in Kosovo. After lunch we need about 2 hours to complete the day's walk. The hut we will stay in is situated amongst a thick forest of Pine trees which the local praise for its health benefits. Luggage transport by horse.

Overnight: Beleg Huts

Day - 5 Milishevc

BELEGU PASTURE – MILISEVAC (MILISHEVC) (B, L, D)

From Beleg we head to Milishevc passing through a less dense forest all the way to Prilep huts. The trail up to Prilep huts is fairly easy with occasional walks through abandoned gravel roads. In prilep we will stop for a coffee break and lunch. This is another place, which is totally of the beaten track from other fellow travellers following the Peaks of the Balkan trail. So the local hospitality will come as a surprise to most of us. After a relaxed time in Prilep we head to Milishevc huts where our walk ends.

Overnight: Milishevc, hut

Day - 6 Reka e Allages

MILISEVAC – REKA E ALLAGES (B, L, D)

Today we start from 1600 m and hike up to 2150 m for about 6 km. When we reach the summit we can enjoy the views of Roshkodol, Milishevc and Prilep pastures. From there the trails levels out and next we begin a long descent of about 7 km through the forest all the way to Rugova camp. Being a long descent through the forest and sometime muddy trail we will continually take short breaks to relax the foot. In the end of the walk and we will be transferred to Reka e Allages guesthouse.

Overnight: Reka e Allages

Day - 7 Bogë

REKA E ALLAGES - BOGE (B, L, D)

The walk today will take us alongside Hajla Mountain. Basically we are walking along the border with Montenegro since on the other side of Hajla mountain is Montenegro. When the weather is good we can see the whole valley of Rugova.

Overnight: Bogë

Day - 8 Babino Polje

BOGE – BABINO POLJE (B, L, D)

Today we start driving to Kuqishte huts for about 12 km. From there we start hiking up the forest all the way to Kuqishte Lake. After a short break there we resume hiking on our left side to another small lake. Next we begin a gentle climb leaving behind the forest and hiking along meadows while enjoying the rich flora around us. We take a lunch break along a mountain pass where the views are fantastic. After lunch we continue along side the border between Kosovo and Montenegro and then begin our descent to Babino Polje, Montenegro.

Overnight: Babino Polje

Day - 9 Hrid Lake

BABINO POLJE – HIRD LAKE (B, L, D)

We start walking from the guesthouse through a forest track until we reach the road track. From there we walk all the way to the end of the village until we enter the forest again. The path is well marked leading to Hrid Lake. At the lake we can enjoy swimming and some quite time if the weather is good. After the lake we continue walking through a series of hills until we reach the city of Plave. Today's walk is one of the longest with about 22 km in total. Luggage transport by car.

Overnight: Hrid Lake

Day - 10 Vuthaj

PLAV – BOR PEAK – VUTHAJ (VUSANJE) (B, L, D)

Today we will be transferred through the asphalted road and then gravel road all the way to the start of our walk. From there the trail leads us through a forest of beech trees and then meadows. After a short break and a water stop we start climbing Bor Peak up to 2100 m. From this peak we can see the whole valley of Gusinje, Plav and the mountain range of Kosovo and Albania. We can even see the highest mountain of Kosovo, Gjeravica. The next part of the walk follows a nice path through blueberry field where in front of us we can see the backside of Zla Kolata, the highest mountain in Montenegro.

Overnight: Vuthaj

Day - 11 Valbona

VUTHAJ – JEZERCA - VALBONA (B, L, D)

Today as well we will be using off road cars to transport us and the luggage to Zastan huts. From there we continue hiking to Jezerca lakes whereas the horses with our luggage will take a slightly different route. The path leading to the lakes passes through a dense forest so on hotter days we might sweat considerably. That's why it is very important that we have enough water with us since there aren't any water sources along this trail.

Overnight: Valbona

Day - 12 Rubik

VALBONA – PRIZEREN – RUBIK VILLAGE (B, D)

Today we travel from Valbona valley toward Kosovo first and visit the old town of Prizren. Starting at 8:30 from Valbona we will reach Prizren around 11:00. In Prizren we will do a guided tour of the city including The League of Prizren, Sinan Pasha Mosque and the old town centre. After the visit and lunch in Prizren we drive again for about 2 hours to the small village of Rubik. After being accommodated in the hotel we will take a short walk of about 2 hours through the village.

Overnight: Rubik

Day - 13 Tirana

RUBIK – TIRANA AIRPORT (B)

Today we start from Rubik and head to Tirana International Airport for those on group departure. It takes about 1.15 min to reach the Airport from Tirana. end of Service.

Inclusions

- 12 nights in your chosen accommodation
- Meal as specified in itinerary
(B = Breakfast, BR = Brunch, L = Lunch, D = Dinner)
- Activities and excursions according to itinerary
- Transport and transfer on the days 1, 2, 11, 12, 13
- Luggage transportation by horse on days 4, 11
- Luggage transportation by car on days 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11
- Local transport on day 2, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11
- English speaking guide for 13 days
- Local guides during the walks on days 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11,
- Ferry tickets on Koman lake
- Border Crossing assisted
- Luggage transport by horses on the forth day
- English or german speaking tour guide
- Admission fees according to itinerary

Exclusions

- International and Domestic flights
- Meals other than mentioned in the itinerary
- Tours and Excursions other than mentioned in the itinerary
- Early check-in and late check-out at hotels
- Personal travel insurance
- Personal expenses and tips for driver/guides
- Visa fees

Payment Details:

Group from 6 persons and
more starting from (p.P)

USD 1710

Private tour for 2 persons
starting from (p.P.) USD 2279

Booking Availabilities

Booking in between : **14th February 2020 & 31st December 2020**

★★★ Star Hotel

Single Supplement	: USD 196.00
Double Room Price(per person)for the 1st + 2nd person	: USD 2279.00
Double Room Price(per person)for the 3rd + 4th person	: USD 1710.00
Double Room Price(per person)for the 5th + 6th person	: USD 2011.00

Guesthouse

Single Supplement	: USD 196.00
Double Room Price(per person)for the 1st + 2nd person	: USD 2279.00
Double Room Price(per person)for the 3rd + 4th person	: USD 2146.00
Double Room Price(per person)for the 5th + 6th person	: USD 2011.00