



## INDIVIDUAL TRIP, 15 DAYS MIDDLE AND SOUTH ALBANIA PROPOSAL OF TRAVEL PROGRAM

The program presented here is an example. All elements of the program can be changed. Travel amount € 900 per person based on bed & breakfast, return flights from European airports are included.

Car rental is not included. You should expect to hire in Albania approx € 50 per day for a mid-range (all inclusive, all kilometers free).

You can leave at any time.

### DAY 1

Flight to Albania. Pick up the rental car. You stay in a pleasant and quiet hotel in the center of Tirana (travel time approx 40 minutes).

Night 1 in Tirana.

### DAY 2

Exploration of Tirana on your own. You might use a guide, whom we gladly arrange for you (not included).

Night 2 in Tirana.

### DAY 3

From Tirana to the lively port of Durres: Amphitheatre, the historic city wall, the Archaeological Museum, the promenade. Visit of beach in Durres Plazh if you appreciate this.

Night in Durres Plazh.

### DAY 4

From Durres to the archaeological site of Apollonia and to Berat. 'The city of a thousand windows' is one of the historic cities of Albania. The citadel above the city is still inhabited. Very special paintings of the sixteenth-century artist Onufri.

Night 1 in Berat.



Tirana



Tirana

### DAY 5

You stay in Berat and environment. We will inform you about options like wine tasting or sports activities such as rafting or mountain biking.

Night 2 in Berat.

### DAY 6

Across the beautiful Llogara Pass to the Mediterranean – looking port city of Vlora. You stay in a nice hotel on the coast, just south of the city. The hotel has a private beach

Night 1 in Vlora.

### DAY 7

Visit to Vlora with its beautiful center, the 16-century mosque and several museums. Vlora was the city where, in 1912, was proclaimed the independence of Albania from the Turkish Empire. More recently (in the years 1996-1997), the city was the scene of violent riots. From here left the boat refugees towards Italy.

Night 2 in Vlora.

### DAY 8

From Vlora following the Albanian Riviera coastal road to Saranda. A scenic drive with spectacular sea views. You might have lunch in one of the smaller towns along the Riviera. You stay in a nice hotel in the center of bustling Saranda. The Greek island of Corfu is very close. If you like you could meet the music and dance ensemble Zeri i Bilbilit " ("The Voice of the Nightingale", not included).

Night 1 in Saranda.

### DAY 9

Today you will visit the unique excavation of Butrint, south of Saranda with Greek, Roman and Venetian remains. You have a marvelous view over the lagoon with views on Corf. Afterwards, have your lunch in the restaurant next to the excavation.

Night 2 in Saranda.

### DAY 10

To the natural phenomenon Syri Kalter (Blue Eye), and the historic mountain town Libohova (where lunch) you go the historic city of Gjirokaštër. Gjirokaštër is Unesco heritage and rightly so. It is a fascinating city with an ancient history. The location at the foot of the huge castle (visit is possible) is unforgettable. You visit the old Ottoman quarter (Pazari i vjeter) and several museums. In one of them the dictator Enver Hoxha was born. You will stay in an authentic Ottoman hotel.

Night 1 in Gjirokaštër.



Durrës



Coast South of Vlora



Butrint



Thee Blue Eye, near Saranda

### DAY 11

Visit to Gjirokaštër and environments.  
Night 2 in Gjirokaštër.

### DAY 12

Today you will travel to the music town of Permet to the city of Korça. The trip is very adventurous through the rugged mountains with deep gorges and green slopes. In the village Erseka you can stop for lunch and then proceed to Korça, a city with style and of a great historical importance. Since some years Korça has a brand new Orthodox cathedral. Korça has a high, airy location and the surroundings are suited for trips and walks in the area.

We recommend a dinner in a traditional taverna in the center of town.

Night in Korça.

### DAY 13

From Korça to Podradec along the beautiful Lake Ohrid and after lunch (try the excellent local trout *koran*) to the city of Elbasan. You will visit the historic center with mosque and Roman bath.

Night in Elbasan.

### DAY 14

From Elbasan, depending on traffic because of road works, to Kruje, either via Tirana or via Durrës. In the hills you will find the beautiful Ottoman bazaar and the museum about the national hero Skanderbeg. Visit the Bektash Temple. Night in Kruje.

### DAY 15

Depending of the time of check-in and departure from the airport there is still an opportunity to view the bazaar (souvenirs!), visit the museum or take a walk around the area. To the airport; returning the rental car and return to your home destination.



Korça, Orthodox Cathedral



Ohrid Lake



Kruje, Old Bazar



Durrës Plazh

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