

Discover & Experience Europe's Last Secret: Albania

Eight days filled with unique natural landscapes combined with the background story of the country and the influences of various religions and politics.

Day - 5 Saranda

GJIROKASTRA – TRACES OF LORD BYRON – SARANDA (B, L, D)

Drive today into the region of Lunxhëri which is an outstanding example of the coexistence between different cultures and religions. Meet the shepherds and spend some time to learn how to make cheese. You will be invited even to participate and get involved as much as you like during this activity. Then, walk on the traces of Lord Byron between the villages of Qestorat and Tranoshishtë. Lunch is served in a local house. The journey continues towards Saranda. It is astonishing how the landscape changes as you travel in the direction of the Ionian coast. After only few kilometres the dwellings of past pastoral communities and traditional medieval villages, live their place to the characteristic Mediterranean villages set into the mountain sides with their stone houses nestling happily with historical monuments. On the way to Saranda, enjoy the spectacular secluded scenery of the “Blue Eye” spring and park. This spring is unique for its appearance as a deep sapphire blue “hole” beneath the surface of more tranquil turquoise water—a colour scheme typically only observed in saltwater springs. Divers have made it down 50 meters into the water, but its true depth is yet to be revealed. Dinner is organized at a restaurant that lies at the "Lëkursi Caste" on the top of a hill overlooking the bay of Saranda.

Overnight: Saranda

Inclusions

- 7 nights in your chosen accommodation
- Meal as specified in itinerary (B = Breakfast, BR = Brunch, L = Lunch, D = Dinner)
- Activities and excursions according to itinerary

FOR EXAMPLE:

- CityTour of Tirana
 - lakeside walk along Lake Ohrid
 - Food tour in Pogradec
 - Cooking class in Korça
 - Go river walking through the wild beauty of the Langerica River and bathe in the natural thermal pools
 - Hike on the traces of Lord Byron
 - Enjoy a guided tour of Gjirokastra – UNESCO World Heritage
 - Feel the Albanian iso-polyphony folk music – UNESCO World Heritage
 - Visit a shepherd's hut and learn more about the cheese production
 - Visit the ruins of Butrinti - UNESCO World Heritage
 - Hiking & Boat Tour of the Ionian Coast
- Tours and excursions in mini buses/buses or with public transportation according to itinerary
 - English speaking tour guide
 - Admission fees according to itinerary

Exclusions

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