

## 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 - 6 Dhërmi

#### **SARANDA – BUTRINT – HIKING TOUR – DHËRMI (B, L, D)**

Visit the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Butrint in the morning. The site is well known since the 7th century B.C. as the most important city of Epirus. After the visit, drive along the scenic Ionian coast road. The Albanian Ionian Coast runs from Vlora to Saranda, in the south, opposite Corfu. The coast line is famous for its small bays, pebbly beaches and crystal-clear waters. The Riviera is one of Albania's natural beauties and certainly one of the most picturesque places in the whole Mediterranean. Since ancient times, the Albanian Coast has seen different cultural influences come and go, leaving behind a host of archaeological and historical treasures, such as ancient sites, Roman or Greek cities, hillside castles and fortresses, walled towns, monasteries, churches, mosques and other interesting jewels. Stop in Kudhës, a very traditional village with cobblestone alleys and stone houses. Enjoy your lunch with a local family and taste some traditional homemade products. Follow then the path which is wide and rocky in some parts and a small trail in others, to the village of Upper Qeparo. From the old traditional village the hike continues downhill, until you reach the bus again. A coffee break is planned in Porto Palermo Bay. It is one of the most beautiful places of the entire Ionian coast. Its harbour has been one of the most important military bases during the Cold War. The tunnel entrance, where submarines used to anchor, is visible from the road. The magnificent castle of Ali Pasha lies on a small island just in the middle of the bay.

**Overnight:** Dhërmi

### 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