

Nature, Culture And Adventure Through The Land Of Eagles

Experience the lively capital of Tirana. Enjoy Kruja - the city of artisans and admire the traditional way of wool processing. Visit the ancient and modern city of Durrës, its Roman amphitheater and the archaeological site of Apollonia. Admire the unique city of a thousand windows - Berat and enjoy a wine tour and tasting of typical wines and other products of the Berat region. Meet the locals and be their guests. Wander through authentic villages to feel life off the beaten path. Enjoy a tour of Gjirokastra - UNESCO World Heritage Site. Feel the Albanian iso-polyphonic folk music - UNESCO World Heritage. Admire the archaeological ruins of Butrinti - a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Hike along the beautiful Ionian coast. Jump aboard a boat to discover the hidden treasures of the Ionian coast and relax on the white pebbled beaches.

Day - 2 Berat

TIRANA - KRUJA - ADVICE (B, D)

The day starts with the transfer to Kruja. It sits on a mountain 600m above sea level and has an ancient history. It was the capital of Albanopolis, inhabited by the Illyrian tribes of the Albanians, was the capital of the Principality of Arber, is the city in which the history of Skanderbeg began. The city has resisted various Ottoman attacks and only came under Ottoman rule after the death of Skanderbeg. The city is rich in monuments of culture and ethnography. The castle of Kruja is located on a hill and the view from there is great. The castle dates from the VI - VII century and was rebuilt by the Byzantines and later by the Ottomans. The main remains of the castle are the Clock Tower, St. Andrew's Church, the Fatih Mosque and the Medieval Baths. Within the castle ruins are two important museums that we will visit: the Museum of the National Hero and the Ethnographic Museum. The tour of Kruja ends with a walk on the crafts market built about 400 years ago. You will have the opportunity to visit a workshop and observe the traditional way of wool processing and. After lunch, the journey continues to Durrës. Located in western central Albania, Durrës is Albania's most important port city and of great importance to the country's economy. Durrës is one of the oldest cities in the whole Adriatic region. It was in 627 BC. As Epidamnus, founded by Greek colonists from Corinth and Corfu. In the year 280 BC Chr., The Illyrian king Monun coined the first coins with the new Illyrian name of the city, Dyrrah. The city became one of the starting points of Via Egnatia, which connected the Adriatic Sea with Byzantium. Durrës is one of the first cities in the Balkan Peninsula, and indeed in Europe, to host a Christian community. The tour of Durrës begins with a visit to the ruins of the market complex (Macellum) of the late Roman and early Byzantine era. The circular area within a

colonnade in the center provided a space for more formal activities. Then we will visit the Roman Amphitheater, one of the largest monuments of antiquity built in the first decades of the II century, probably during the reign of the Roman Emperor Hadrian. Unlike other amphitheaters of the time, which are built exclusively on flat terrain, it is partly based on a hill, and partly on level ground with a facade that looked to the main part of the city. After the visit, transfer to Berat - dinner.

Overnight: Berat

Inclusions

- 8 nights in your chosen accommodation
- Meal as specified in itinerary
(B = Breakfast, BR = Brunch, L = Lunch, D = Dinner)
- Activities and excursions according to itinerary
- Tours and excursions in mini buses/buses
or with public transportation according to itinerary
- FOR EXAMPLE:
 - visit of Kruja
 - Wine tasting in Berat
 - Visit the archaeological site of Apollonia
 - Visit the National Park in Llogara
 - Hike to the Sankt Andre book
 - Boat trip to Grama Bay and Pirate Cave
 - Hike from Kudhës to Qeparo
 - Cultural discovery Butrint
 - Visit to Gjirokasta - UNESCO World Heritage Site
- 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