



Shqiponja Travel

Travel's Passion

it's time to visit
ALBANIA

10 - 17 July,
2026

Day 1 - 10 July, 26

At 07:00am we meet at Malta International Airport for our 09:15am Wizz air flight, departure for Tirane (Rinas International Airport). We arrive in Tirane at 10:55am. Upon arrival, we head straight to Dajti Ekspres Cable Car (included), taking us up to Mount Dajti. Here you can: Breathe in the fresh mountain air, enjoy a coffee with panoramic views over the city of Tirane, or choose to have lunch at your own pace. In the afternoon, we descend and head straight to the capital city for our guided walk through Tirana's vibrant city center, discovering its key landmarks and local charm. We go to our hotel: Tirana International Hotel (4*) – 2-night stay. We proceed with Check-in and have some free time. Dinner will be at Ceren, a renowned traditional slow food restaurant, known for authentic Albanian cuisine. After dinner, we return to the hotel for a well-deserved rest.



Day 2 - 11 July, 26

We set out early at 0500am (packed breakfast will be given) for a full-day adventure to Koman Lake and the Shala River. The journey itself is breathtaking, with stunning views that will leave you in awe. Once we reach Shala, you'll have time to relax, swim in the crystal-clear waters, or, for those seeking a thrill, try out the zip line. In the afternoon, we return to Koman and continue on to Mrizi i Zanave, one of Albania's most renowned slow food restaurants, where a delicious dinner awaits. After this unforgettable culinary experience, we head back to the hotel for the evening.



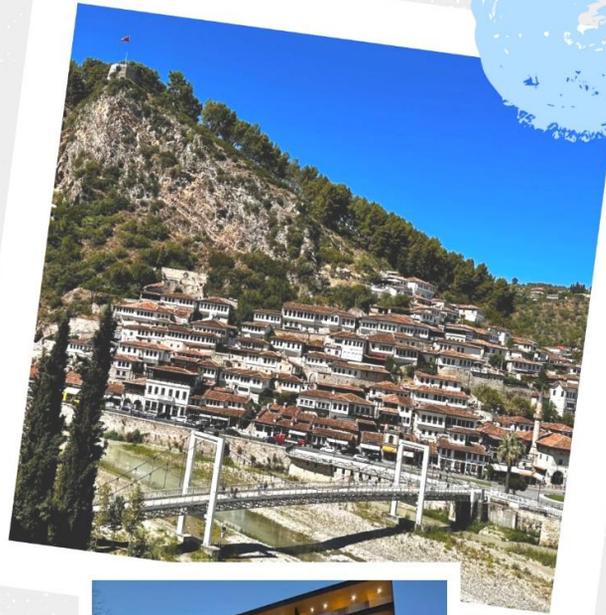
Day 3- 12 July, 26

After breakfast, we check out and begin our journey towards the ancient city of Berat. Along the way, we'll stop in Belsh for a refreshing coffee, a cool drink, or perhaps a scrumptious ice cream.

Upon arrival in Berat (known as the "City of a Thousand Windows" and a UNESCO World Heritage Site), we'll visit the castle (still inhabited today), where history comes alive amid breathtaking views of the city and surrounding landscapes of the Osumi Valley.

You'll also enjoy some free time to explore the Mangalem & Gorica quarters, with their distinctive Ottoman-style white houses. You may walk across the historic Gorica Bridge for panoramic views of the city or simply enjoy a coffee by the river.

Later, we continue our journey to Tepelenë, where we'll stay overnight in the beautiful area of Uji i Ftohtë. The day concludes with a delightful fine-dining experience.

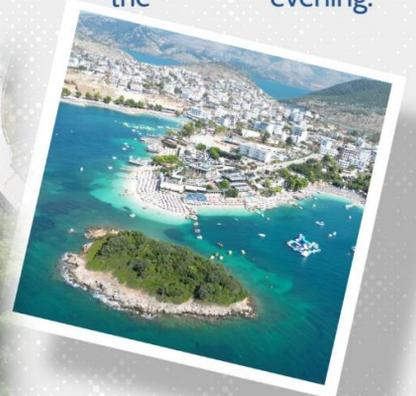
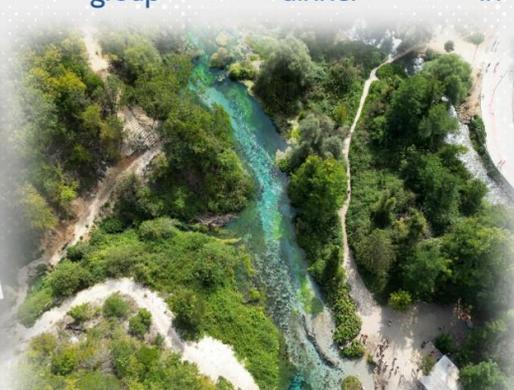
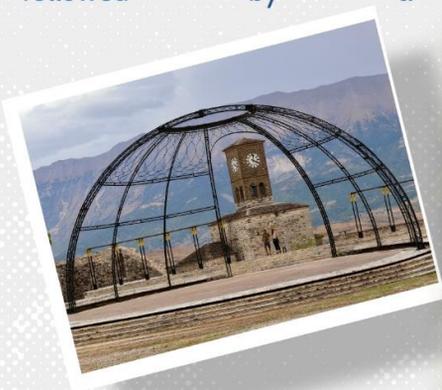


Day 4 - 13 July, 26

Today offers a wonderful blend of history, nature, and the beach. After check-out, we begin with a visit to the castle of Gjirokastër (largest in the Balkans), known as the "City of Stone." Inside, we'll explore its fascinating history. From the outer courtyard, one can enjoy spectacular views of the city, beautifully framed by surrounding mountains.

Next, we walk through the Ottoman-era bazaar, with its cobblestone streets laid out in a carpet-like design and artisan shops offering local crafts, souvenirs, and handmade carpets. After some free time to wander and shops, we continue south to the marvellous Blue Eye Spring, a natural wonder where we'll pause to take in the scenery and enjoy some leisure time.

Our journey then brings us to the stunning beach of Ksamil, famous for its crystal-clear waters—perfect for a refreshing swim or simply relaxing on the shore. Later, we check in at our hotel Bougainville Bay resort 5*, followed by a group dinner in the evening.





Day 5 - 14 July, 26

We proceed to check out . Our first stop will be at Borsh waterfall for a relaxing coffee break. We continue towards the Albanian Riviera, Albania's most iconic coastal region along the Ionian Sea. The Riviera is famous for its crystal-clear waters, dramatic mountain backdrops, and charming seaside villages.

From there, we continue to Porto Palermo of Ali Pasha, where we pause to admire the fascinating triangular Venetian style fortress, rich in history and charm. Next, we visit one of the Riviera's most unique beaches; Palase, where mountains meet the sea. Here, you'll enjoy free time to swim, relax, or simply soak in the surroundings.

In the afternoon, we ascend towards Cika Mountain, passing through Llogara Pass, known for offering some of the best panoramic views in Albania. We'll stop here to capture the moment with photos before proceeding to our hotel for the night. Nestled in the mountains, the hotel offers options for a short woodland trail, feeding the deer, or simply breathing in the crisp mountain air. In the evening, we gather for a group dinner at the hotel.

Day 6 - 15 July, 26

After breakfast, we check out and drive to Vlora, the historic city where Albania declared its independence. Upon arrival, we head directly to the port to embark on a full-day excursion to Sazan Island and the Karaburun Peninsula. Both destinations boast splendid beaches and crystal-clear waters, giving us plenty of time to swim and relax in paradise-like surroundings.

When we return to port, we head straight to Hotel Vlora International 4* for check-in. After some free time to unwind, we gather for a set menu dinner at the hotel's restaurant. The evening ends with the option of a pleasant stroll along the Lungomare promenade, enjoying the vibrant atmosphere of the seaside city.



Day 7 - 16 July, 26

After breakfast, we check out and begin our first excursion to the ancient city of Apollonia. Apollonia was once a major cultural and economic center, famous for its philosophy school where even the Roman Emperor Octavian (later Augustus) studied. Today, visitors can walk among the impressive ruins, including temples, colonnades, and monuments that echo its grandeur. One of the site's main highlights is the ancient theater, which once seated around 10,000 spectators. From Apollonia, we continue to Durrës, Albania's second-largest city and an important port with over 2,500 years of history. During the city tour, we explore landmarks such as the Amphitheater of Durrës—the largest Roman amphitheater in the Balkans—alongside its lively boulevards and seaside promenade.

After some free time to roam the city, we head to our final hotel, the BW Adriatik 5*. The rest of the afternoon is at leisure to enjoy the hotel's private beach or relax by the pool. In the evening, we gather for our farewell dinner at the hotel restaurant.

Day 8 - 17 July, 26

We proceed to our final check-out at 04:15 AM, with packed breakfast provided. From there, we transfer to Rinas Airport for our return flight from Tirana at 06:50 AM, arriving in Malta at 08:40 AM.





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