



Albania: The Soul of the Balkans

29th October – 5th November, 2026

Itinerary Overview: Day 1 – Departure to Tirana

We will meet our tour leader at Malta International Airport at 20:00hrs to complete check-in procedures for our flight, scheduled to depart for Tirana at 22:10hrs. Upon arrival in Tirana, we will be transferred to a resort near the airport for an overnight stay.

Itinerary Overview: Day 2 – Discovering UNESCO Heritage: The City of Berat

After breakfast, we will depart for Berat, one of Albania's most charming and frequently visited towns, recognized by UNESCO for its outstanding architectural heritage. In Berat, we will visit the impressive Berat Castle, a unique site where life continues within its ancient walls, as residents still inhabit traditional homes just as their ancestors did centuries ago. The castle once housed over 40 churches, with 7 remaining today, including St. Mary's Church, now home to the Onufri Museum. The museum is dedicated to Onufri, a renowned master of icon painting celebrated for his distinctive use of rich red tones in Orthodox churches across Albania and Greece. From the castle, we enjoy panoramic views of the Osum River, as well as the historic quarters of Gorica and the iconic Gorica Bridge. Enjoy some leisure time to explore the city at your own pace before settling in for an overnight stay in Berat.

Itinerary Overview: Day 3 – Osumi canyons and Skrapar

This morning, after breakfast we enjoy a scenic drive to Osum Canyon, the longest and one of the deepest canyons in Albania. The first stop will be at a panoramic viewpoint overlooking the canyon, offering breathtaking views of the valley, the Osum River, and the dramatic rock formations carved over centuries. The surrounding hills, dotted with beehives and walnut trees, create a serene and picturesque landscape.

Enjoy time to take photos and soak in the natural beauty before returning to Berat for an overnight stay.

Itinerary Overview: Day 4 – Berat and Durrës

Following breakfast and check-out, we will continue the journey northward to the coastal city of Durrës. Here, we visit the impressive Durrës Amphitheatre—one of the largest in the Balkans—and enjoy a walk along the ancient city walls, rich in history and character. In the afternoon, we travel inland towards the

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peaceful village of Shiroka, beautifully set along the shores of Lake Shkodra. After check-in at your hotel, the rest of the day is at leisure to relax and soak in the tranquil lakeside atmosphere.

Itinerary Overview: Day 5 - Lake Cruise & Venetian Masks

After breakfast we will start the day with a peaceful morning walk along the scenic shores of Lake Shkodra, enjoying the fresh air and tranquil surroundings. Afterwards, we embark on a relaxing boat ride across the lake, offering a unique perspective of the beautiful landscapes. Along the way, we stop to experience a traditional carpet weaving demonstration—an authentic glimpse into the region's rich artisanal heritage. In the afternoon, we continue to the city of Shkodër, where you will visit a local Venetian mask showroom and enjoy free time along the lively pedestrian street, known for its cafés, shops, and vibrant atmosphere.

Once we return to Shkodër for a relaxed evening at leisure by the lake. Overnight in Shkodër.

Itinerary Overview: Day 6 – Historic Kruja & Arrival in Tirana

After breakfast and checkout, we begin our day with a visit to the historic village of Kruja, nestled in the Albanian mountains. Known as the birthplace of national hero Skanderbeg, Kruja offers a rich cultural experience. We will explore the charming old bazaar, filled with traditional crafts and souvenirs, stroll through the historic Kruja Castle, and stop at the Skanderbeg monument for photos and insight into Albania's fight for independence. From there, we continue our journey with a drive to the capital city, Tirana. Upon arrival, we check in at our hotel in the heart of the city, after which you will have free time to explore Tirana at your leisure—whether that's relaxing in a café, or taking a walk through its lively streets. Overnight in Tirana.

Itinerary Overview: Day 7 – Exploring Tirana & Dajti Mountain Panorama

After breakfast, we will proceed to the cable car station for a scenic ascent of Mount Dajti. We will enjoy a relaxing ride as you make your way up to one of the most beautiful viewpoints in the region. From the summit, we can take in spectacular 360° panoramic views over Tirana, with vistas stretching across the city, surrounding hills, and—on clear days—even reaching the Adriatic Sea. We will Return to the city, where the afternoon is at leisure for you to explore at your own pace. Overnight in Tirana.

Itinerary Overview: Day 8 – Farewell Albania

After an early breakfast and check-out, we set off on a guided walking tour through the vibrant heart of Tirana, uncovering the city's rich layers of history, politics, and culture. Highlights include a visit to the former residence of Enver Hoxha, the Parliament building, and fascinating remnants of Albania's communist era, such as a preserved bunker and a section of the Berlin Wall. You will also see the striking Pyramid of Tirana. Continue to the iconic Skanderbeg Square, view the National History Museum from the outside, and pass by several historic mosques and cathedrals. The tour then takes you through the revitalized Tirana Castle area.

Enjoy some free time for last-minute shopping at Toptani Shopping Center before transferring to the airport for your return flight, scheduled to depart at 19:45hrs.

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Tour Pricing and Inclusions

Adult in a single room	€1250
Adult in a twin/double room	€1050
Adult in a triple room	€970

Price includes:

- Direct WIZZ Air flights – Malta - Tirana – Malta
- 20kgs checked in luggage and small bag
- Accommodation in 3* and 4* hotel
 - Te Stela Resort or similiar
 - Hotel Colombo or similiar in Berat
 - Hotel Colosseo or similar in Shkoder
 - Hotel Austria or similar in Tirana
- Daily breakfast
- All transfers mentioned in the itinerary
- All excursions mentioned in the itinerary
- Experienced English-speaking tour guide through the whole tour
- Entrances fees
 - Durres Amphitheatre
 - Venice Art Mask Factory
 - Boat tour in Shkodra
 - Cable car to Dajti Mountain
- Service of a Maltese speaking Kercem A' Tours tour leader
- Insolvency Fund Certificate

Not included

- Meals

NB. The itinerary may be subject to slight adjustments due to unforeseen circumstances that may occur.

The booking is confirmed upon payment of €350 deposit.

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