

## ALBANIA – MOUNTAINS, LAKES & TRADITIONAL VILLAGES

8-day / 7-night GUIDED walking and sightseeing tour

**NEW FOR 2026**



The small Balkan nation of Albania was isolated for many years and has only recently come onto the tourist map. Its coastline on the Ionian and Adriatic Seas has become popular but its mountainous interior is still largely undiscovered. Albania is an ideal destination for those looking for diverse landscapes, spectacular scenery, traditional villages and exquisite cuisine. On this guided walking and sightseeing holiday, we walk along the shores of Lake Ohrid, Europe's deepest lake which borders North Macedonia, and along the ancient Roman way Via Egnatia. We spend time in peaceful Galicica National Park and the charming city of Korçë, and we are treated to a cookery demonstration in Voskopojë. We stay in carefully chosen hotels in Tirana, Korçë, Voskopojë and Ohrid, and each evening we delight in Albanian cuisine, which melds Mediterranean and Balkan flavours and uses the bountiful local ingredients including seafood and lamb. Coffee (either espresso or Turkish-style) and the potent spirit *raki*, a fruit brandy, are the most common beverages, consumed morning, noon and night.

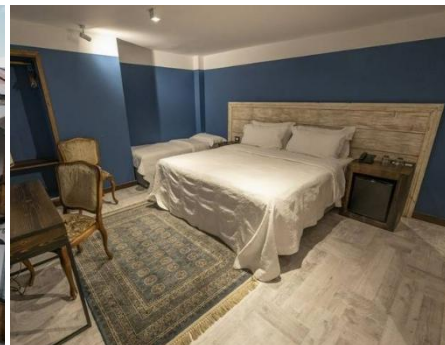
**Cost from:**     **\$2875** per person twin share     Single room supplement from \$325 (limited availability)

**Departures:**    5 May, 2 June, 15 September, 6 October, 2026

**Includes:**        7 nights' accommodation in hotels and guesthouses, 7 breakfasts, 7 dinners, guided walks and sightseeing with local leaders, local transport.

**Not Included:** Meals & drinks not mentioned, personal expenses. Transfers from/to Tirana airport can be pre-booked at extra cost – ask for details when booking.

**Trip Grading:** Moderate. Walks follow generally good paths with some rough sections. Daily walking distances 8-13km with up to 565m of ascent/descent. Warm weather can make the walks more challenging.



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## Suggested itinerary:

### Day 1: Arrival day

Arrive in Tirana (ask about joining the transfer from Tirana airport at a set time, at extra cost). This evening meet your leaders for a briefing and get to know your fellow walkers over dinner.

### Day 2: Via Egnatia

**walking @ 8km**

An early start as we transfer to the small village of Polis for our walk along the historic Via Egnatia. Originally constructed by the Romans in 2BC, this ancient trail began on Albania's Adriatic coast, headed into the mountains and continued through what is now North Macedonia and Greece to the city of Byzantium, now Istanbul. Our walk is led by a local guide who is happy to share more about the history of this ancient Roman road. We continue by bus to Voskopojë, where we stroll around the village before a cookery demonstration, learning how to make *lakror*, a traditional pie. We have *lakror* this evening for dinner at the Pashuta Guesthouse, where we stay two nights.

### Day 3: Villages & valleys of Voskopojë

**walking @ 11km**

Today's walk is a circular route from the village centre along the riverside and up to the traditional village of Shpëskë. We take a break to admire the newly restored church before returning to Voskopojë. It's a steep but rewarding descent offering expansive views over the streams and forests of the valley. The afternoon is yours at leisure. In the evening, we visit a traditional village house and dine at a local restaurant.

### Day 4: Morava Mountain

**walking @ 11km**

Our walk starts from Voskopojë, passing the Church of the Archangels on a path within the beautiful Morava massif. We learn about nearby military tunnels, built during the communist period, and see the "Soldiers' Fountain". At our highest point of the day, we pause to take in the view of Valamara Mountain. After descending we join the transfer to Korçë, where we are treated to a guided tour of this ancient city with its charming, cobbled streets and market quarter. We stay one night at the boutique hotel Hani i Pazarit, in the midst of Korçë's bazaar.

### Day 5: Galicica National Park

**walking @ 6km**

It's an early start today, but we break for coffee at St Nau before we reach Galicica National Park where our walk begins. Joined by an expert local guide, we start at a high point between Lake Ohrid and Lake Prepsa and ascend through the forest, emerging to Magaro Peak, which offers magnificent views of the surrounding mountains. We descend via a different route and then join our transfer to Ohrid. Here we stay in the Sky Corner Hotel for two nights. There is time for refreshments this afternoon before dinner at a local restaurant.

### Day 6: Raçë & Lake Ohrid

**walking @ 13km**

Another day spent largely in Galicica National Park. From Raçë, we pass through remote villages such as Konjsko and Eleshec, with panoramas of Lake Ohrid. Our local guide tells us more about how this area was affected by World War II, as we pass thought-provoking ruins and monuments. Back in Ohrid, we have some afternoon free time before a walking tour of the city and dinner at a local restaurant.

### Day 7: Gracen, Pajengë, Terbaç & Tirana

**walking @ 10km**

Our transfer takes us alongside Lake Ohrid, then westwards on a panoramic route over the crest of Krasta, Albania's highest town. Our last walk takes us through the villages of Gracen, Pajengë and Terbaç, where we can see Ottoman-era stone houses, before a lunch break. Arriving in Tirana in the afternoon, we tour the country's capital on foot with a local guide, seeing some of the key sights, such as Skanderbeg Square. This evening we have a farewell dinner at a local restaurant.

### Day 8: Departure day

Tour ends after breakfast. Transfer at set time to Tirana airport available at extra cost.



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