



## **ALBANIA | Leisure Travel**

### **SAMPLE ITINERARY**

#### **About Albania**

Nestled in the heart of the Balkans, Albania is a gem waiting to be discovered by adventurous travelers. With its rich history, stunning landscapes, and vibrant culture, a trip to Albania promises an unforgettable experience.

#### **DAY 1 & 2 | Tirana: A Vibrant Capital**

Begin your journey in Tirana, the lively capital city of Albania. Here, you'll encounter a mix of Ottoman, Italian, and Communist influences, reflected in its eclectic architecture and bustling streets. Explore the vibrant Blloku neighborhood, once exclusive to Communist party members but now a hub of cafes, restaurants, and nightlife. Don't miss the opportunity to visit the National History Museum to delve into Albania's past, from ancient Illyrian civilizations to modern times.

#### **DAY 3 | Free Exploration**

#### **DAY 4 | the Albanian Riviera**

Head south to the breathtaking Albanian Riviera, where pristine beaches meet crystal-clear waters. Explore the countryside and local villages along the way. Have a 4-hour free break to explore nature delights on your own path to cultural discovery. The Albanian Riviera Locals welcome you.

#### **DAY 5 | Coastal Gems: Saranda**

Head south to the breathtaking Albanian Riviera, where pristine beaches meet crystal-clear waters. Saranda, with its charming promenade and picturesque harbor, serves as the perfect base for exploring the region. Take a boat tour to the nearby UNESCO World Heritage Site of



Butrint, an ancient city with ruins dating back to Greek, Roman, and Byzantine times.

Continue your coastal journey along the scenic Llogara Pass, offering panoramic views of the Ionian Sea and the rugged mountains of the Ceraunian Range. Stop in quaint seaside villages like Himara and Dhërmi, where you can relax on secluded beaches and indulge in fresh seafood.

#### **DAY 6 | Free Exploration**

#### **DAY 7 | Cultural Treasures: Gjirokaštër and Berat**

Immerse yourself in Albania's rich cultural heritage by visiting the historic towns of Gjirokaštër and Berat, both UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Gjirokaštër, known for its well-preserved Ottoman architecture and cobblestone streets, invites you to wander through its ancient castle and explore its fascinating museums.

In Berat, often referred to as the "City of a Thousand Windows," marvel at the unique architecture of its Ottoman-era houses cascading down the hillside. Climb up to Berat Castle for panoramic views of the city and visit the beautifully decorated churches and mosques within its walls.

#### **DAY 8 & 9 | Outdoor Adventures: Albanian Alps and Beyond**

For outdoor enthusiasts, the Albanian Alps offer endless opportunities for hiking, mountain biking, and adventure. Explore the rugged landscapes of Theth and Valbona Valley National Parks, where traditional stone houses dot the mountainsides and pristine rivers flow through lush forests. Trek to the iconic Blue Eye Spring, a natural wonder with water so clear you can see the bottom.

As you journey through Albania, you'll encounter warm hospitality, delicious cuisine, and a sense of authenticity that is truly unique to this Balkan gem. Whether you're exploring ancient ruins, lounging on pristine beaches, or trekking through breathtaking landscapes, an adventure in Albania is sure to leave a lasting impression.



## **DAY 10 | Back to Tirana & Scenic Stops Along the Way**

We head back to Tirana, while embarking on a scenic route alongside coastal towns. We will have a farewell breakfast. This commences our trip together, and you're free to finish exploring Tirana on your own. Safe travels, until next time.