

Peaks of the Balkans



Discover one of the most remote and wild mountain regions of the Western Balkans! With a variety of spectacular scenery of sheer cliffs and green valleys, picturesque traditional villages and crystal clear mountain lakes, it is a true 'hidden treasure' for tourists and nature lovers.

Program: Peaks of the Balkans, trekking, backpacking trip.

Countries: Montenegro, Albania, Kosovo.

Dates: 07/08/2024 - 07/17/2024

Duration: 10 days (including days of arrival and departure), 7 hiking days.

Distance: about 110 km (total elevation difference - about 12,000 m)

Number of participants: 4 -10 people

Difficulty: above medium, for participants in good physical shape, backpacking experience is desirable

Tour cost: from €1100

Prepayment: 25%

Meeting point: Shkoder, Albania/Tivat, Montenegro.

Flights are possible to Tivat, Podgorica or Tirana.

Description

Peaks of the Balkans is the transnational trail that passes through one of the remote and wild mountain regions of the Western Balkans. Along shepherd paths and footpaths, the trail runs through the Alpine mountains at an altitude of up to 2300 meters. Mountain landscapes range from green valleys to sheer cliffs, crystal clear mountain lakes, waterfalls, rivers and remote picturesque mountain villages where time seems to stand still.

Just twenty years ago, this region was almost inaccessible to visitors, making trekking through the mountains of Albania, Kosovo and Montenegro a true cultural experience and adventure!

INCLUDED:

- Guiding services, advice on preparation and equipment.
- Accommodation in mountain shelters/guest houses/hotels*
- Meals: breakfast + dinner, lunch-picnic on the route (except dinners in Shkodra)
- Transfers along the route
- Entrance to national parks
- Cross border permits
- Group first aid kit
- Storing things/suitcases for the duration of the trip.

NOT INCLUDED:

- Flight and airport transfer
- 2 dinners in Shkodra
- Medical insurance
- Optional additional expenses: food (i.e. personal snacks), drinks, souvenirs, etc.

* Accommodation on the trek in the hotels, local guest houses, huts - rooms for 2-4 people, conditions vary, possibly shared rooms and bathrooms.

Day by day program

1 DAY

Arrival, transfer to Shkodër.

Upon arrival, transfer to Shkodër (taxi or bus). Depending on flights, we will meet at the airport or in Shkoder. We will check into the hotel, check our equipment, discuss the details of the route and get to know each other. If we have time left (depending on the arrival time of all group members), we can walk around the town and visit the sightseeings.



2 DAY

Transfer to Theth.

⇔ 12 km ▲ 650 m ▼ 450 m

We will arrive the wonderful settlement of Theth, surrounded by mountains, and trek lightly to the Blue Eye well - beautiful natural attraction, passing an unusual canyon and beautiful Grunas waterfall.

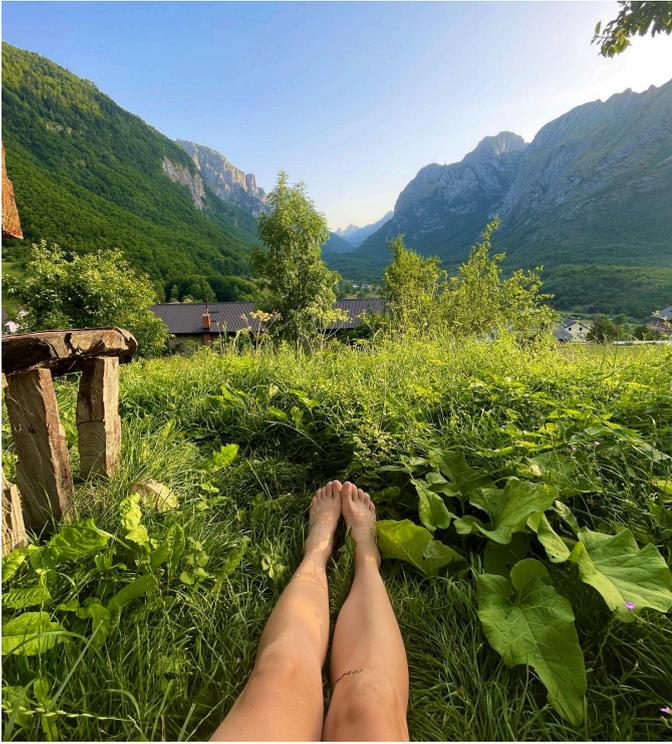


3 DAY

Theth - Vusanje.

⇔ 16 km ▲ 1100 m ▼ 950 m

Today the day is long and not easy, but very beautiful, bringing varied scenery and landscape. Ropojansko lake, Grla waterfall, Peja pass and border crossing to Montenegro.



4 DAY

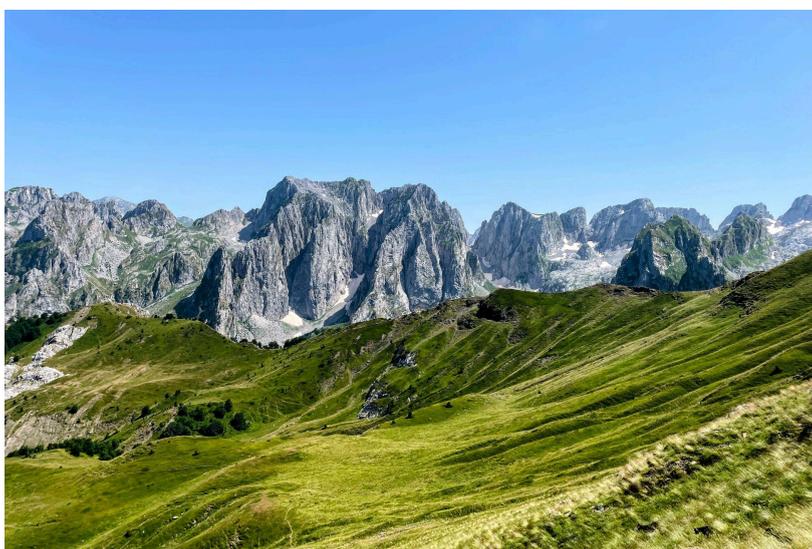
Grebaje Valley, mount Taljanka



⇔ 9 km ▲ 1070 m ▼ 1070

After a short transfer to the Grebaje valley, we will set off on one of the most beautiful treks of our hike trip - to the top of Mount Taljanka with magical panoramic views.

The hike is short in distance, but the ascent and descent are quite steep. Let's go lightly, take our time and enjoy the surrounding beauty to the fullest.



5 DAY

Plav - Babino Polje. ⇄ 17 km ▲ 580 m ▼ 580 m



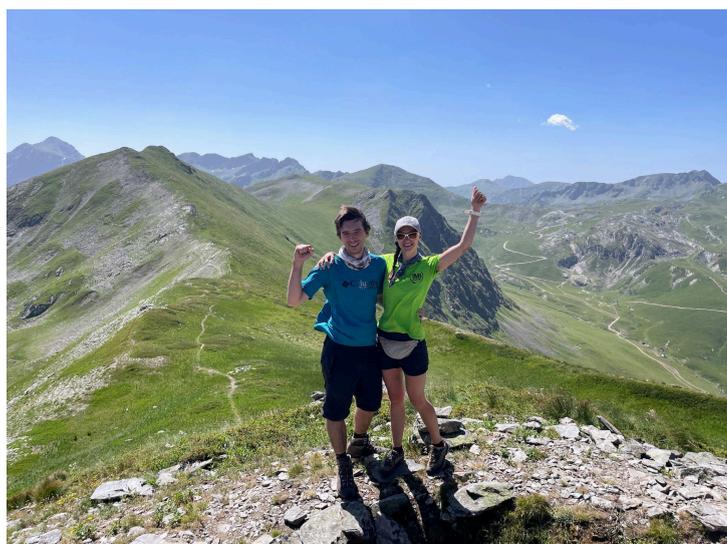
Today we will trek lightly to the most beautiful lake in all of Montenegro. Lake Hridsko, located in a dense pine forest, is an ideal place to relax and refresh after hiking.



6 DAY

Babino Polje - Doberdol. ⇄ 14 km ▲ 1100 m ▼ 850 m

Again we will have a hardish day, which is worth the effort - a beautiful mountain range on the border with Kosovo, and a descent into Albania. Doberdol - a remote settlement surrounded by mountains and green meadows - will certainly win your heart.

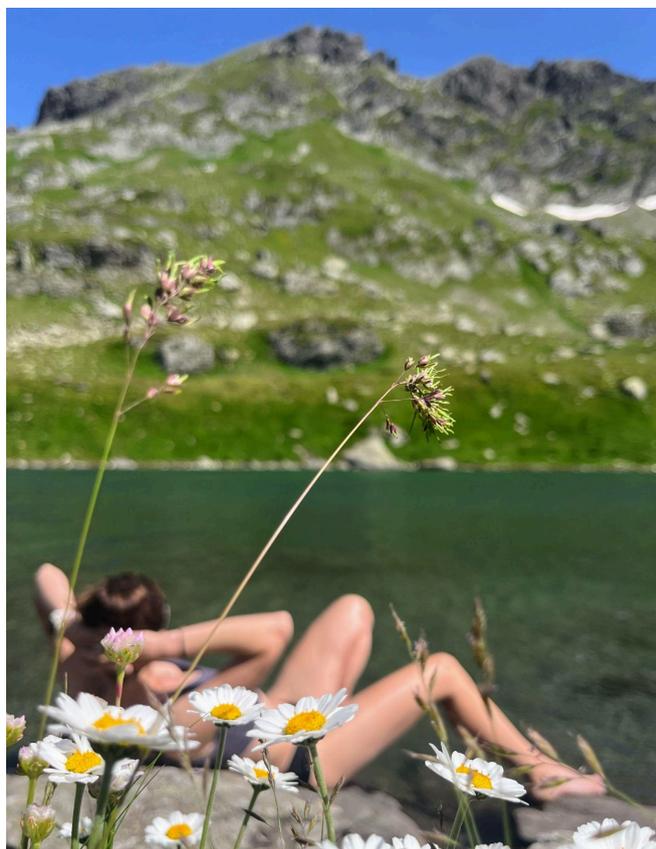


7 DAY

Gjeravica

⇔ 18,5 km ▲ 1160 m ▼ 1160 m

Today we are going to hike to Kosovo to visit its highest peak, Gjeravica, 2656 meters high. On the way there is a crystal clear high-altitude alpine lake where you can swim and refresh during the hike. We travel lightly; if you wish, you can also take a rest day instead and enjoy Doberdol.



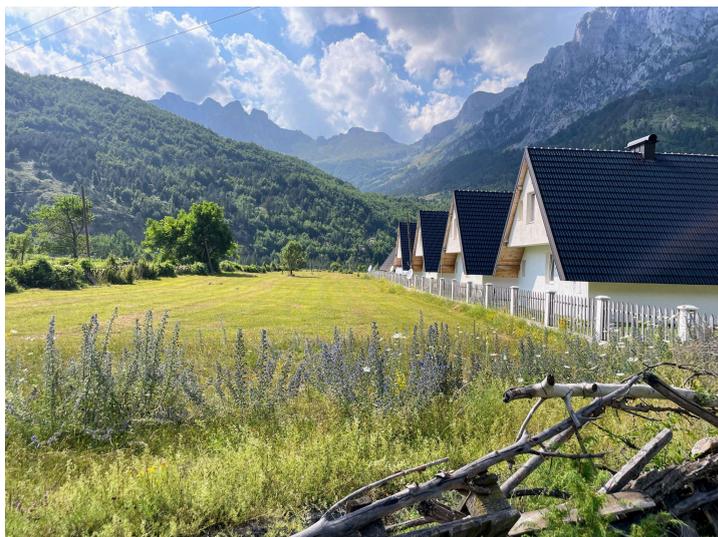
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Cerem, Valbona.

⇔ 15 km ▲ 420 m ▼ 1080 m

Trek to the village Cerem through enchanting forests and flowering meadows, Vranica pass with panoramic views.

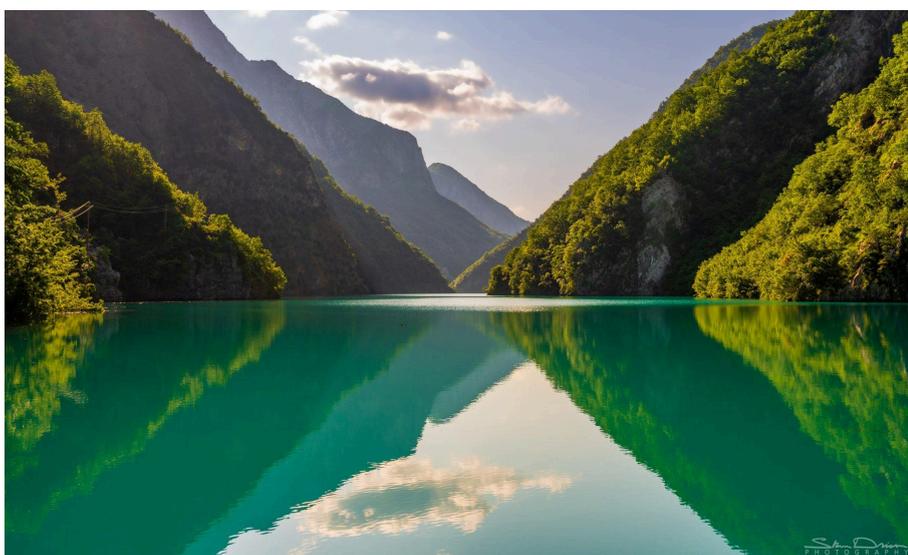
Transfer to Valbona or Fierze.



9 DAY

Komani Lake

On the final day of our tour, we will take a pleasant ferry ride on the famous Lake Komani, which is called Albanian fjords for its resemblance to the fjords of Norway and mesmerizes visitors with its beauty. Return to Shkodra and, if time is left, walk around the city and local attractions. Last dinner together.



10 DAY

Departure

The tour ends with breakfast at the hotel and transfer to the airport.

* The trip is subject to slight changes. The exact description and layout of the route will be updated depending on the reservation of accommodation and transfers.