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North-Albanian Alps

TIME TRAVEL TO THE HAUNTED MOUNTAINS.

Explore the gorges of the Balkans on Karl May's tracks. The North of Albania is characterised by dramatic mountain scenery and unspoiled fairytale forests and by the heart-felt hospitality in the picturesque mountain villages. Your hiking experience starts in the 2500-year old Shkoder, then a crossing of the fjord-like Koman reservoir leads you directly into the heart of the haunted mountains. From there you hike along caravan routes and discover on foot the two most stunning valleys of the Albanian Alps. The final highlight of this tour takes you into the busy capital Tirana, which will not fail to enthrall you. Clear blue skies, never-ending green beech forests, steep karst peaks and the honest open hearts of the mountain farmers and their hospitality are all part of this exciting mountain hiking tour set in this still unexploited mountain area.

Mountain Hiking



8 Days / 7 Nights



Self-guided Tour



Minimum of participants: 2 persons

To the online version



Itinerary

DAY
1

Arrival in Shkoder

Shkoder embodies the long and volatile history of a country situated at the border of two major cultural environments. The castle Rozafa steeped in legend, was built by the Illyrians, from there you can enjoy magnificent panoramic views across the biggest lake of the Balkans and the foothills of the Albanian Alps. Experience the mediterranean flair in the busy pedestrian area of North Albania's capital and sample delicacies of the local cuisine.

DAY
2

Shkoder – Valbona/Rragam

Transfer through the gorges ‚Drinschluchten‘ to the ferry dock in Koman in the early morning. You get attuned to your hike ahead during the boat ride lasting several hours. The route through the Valbona valley leads you to your comfortable accommodation for the next two nights, through beautiful beech forests and along a crystal clear river with several opportunities for a swim.



approx. 3.5 hours



7 km



250 m



0 m

DAY
3

Round trip to the Rama hut

Today's route gives you a lovely overview of the entire valley. You walk along mule tracks across colorful meadows up to an idyllic alpine pasture located high above the valley. Marvel at the majestic peaks and their sheer beauty. During the optional extension of the tour you reach the Montenegrin border and on the way back you stop off at some mountain farms.



approx. 5.5 hours



12 km



750 m



700 m

DAY
4

Valbona/Rragam – Theth

Short transfer to the village of Rragam, the starting point of today's hike, where everything is moved onto a packhorse. Then you ascend through open woodland to the Valbona pass, the only connecting route between the two villages. At the ridge you can enjoy panoramic views across both valleys, and on the way back you descend through ancient beech forests in the shade down into the valley, right in the center of the Alps.



approx. 6.5 hours



15 km



750 m



1.130 m

DAY
5*Round trip Peja Pass & Denelli pastures*

After breakfast it is decision time: will you go for the steep caravan route leading to a karst field at the end of the valley or will you choose the shepherd's route to a remote high-alpine pasture with a view across the entire valley? Both routes actually offer spectacular views onto the surrounding peaks. At the end of the tour you return to your accommodation.

 approx. 6.5 hours  10 km  990 m  990 m

DAY
6*Theth – Nderlysa*

During a sightseeing tour of the village Theth you get to explore the special places and landmarks of the valley, the Catholic church, the vendetta tower, the Grunas waterfall, ravine and terraces. After that a bridle path leads you downstream into the traditional village of Nderlysa, where you get to enjoy the unspoilt scenery, for instance whilst indulging in a refreshing swim.

 approx. 3.5 hours  8 km  150 m  400 m

DAY
7*Nderlysa – Tirana*

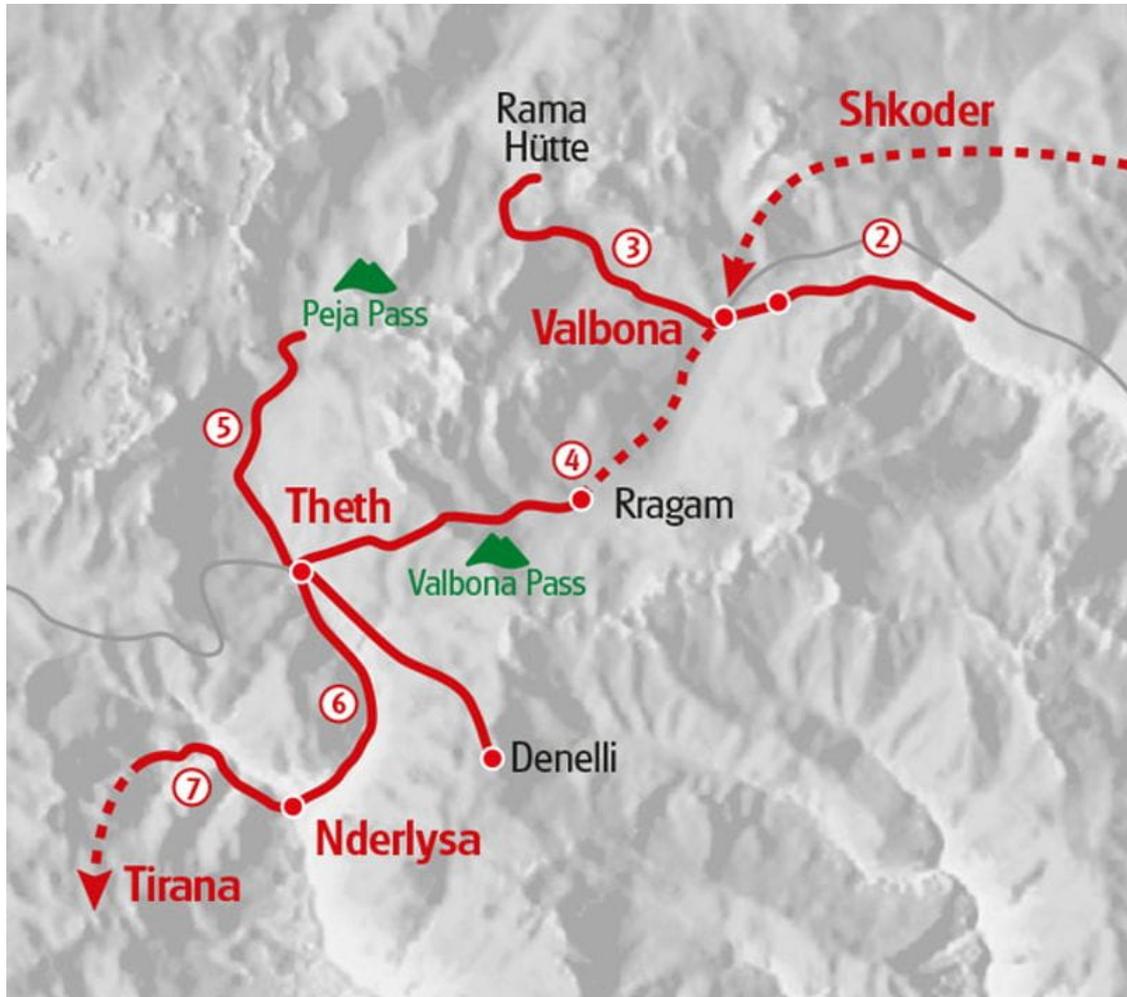
In the morning you set out for a karst spring called 'the blue eye', located in a wild-romantic neighboring valley. After lunch transfer via the Thoria pass, first stop at Shkoder and then onwards to Tirana. In the afternoon you explore the vibrant capital with its exciting mix of cultures and religions.

 approx. 3.5 hours  10 km  280 m  280 m

DAY
8*Departure or extension*

Characteristics of the route

Due to the walking times, the terrain and the condition of the paths a good basic fitness level and some experience in mountain hiking is required. Walking times vary daily, and range between 3.5 to 6.5 hours maximum per day. Enjoy the fantastic views onto the mountain world and the crystal clear waters amidst nearly unspoiled and wild nature and scenery.



Prices and events

Place of arrival: Shkoder

Season 1

01.06.2022 - 08.10.2022 |

Arrival daily

North-Albanian Alps, 8 days, AL-ALWTI-08X

Base price	699.00
Surcharge solo traveler	385.00
Surcharge single room	49.00

Category: 2x mid-range hotels, 5x simple & cozy inns

*Single room is only possible on the 1st and 7th day

Additional nights

Place of arrival: Shkoder

Season 1

Jun 1, 2022 - Oct 8, 2022 |

Arrival daily

Shkoder

Double room p. P.	39.00
Surcharge single room	19.00

Tirana

Double room p. P.	29.00
Surcharge single room	19.00

Prices per person in EUR

Services and infos

Services

Included:

- Accomodation as already mentioned
- Breakfast
- 5 evening meal (not in Shkoder and Tirana)
- 6 lunch packages
- Luggage transfer
- Transfers according to program
- Transfer from/to airport Tirana
- Carefully elaborated route description
- Detailed travel documents 1x per room (German, English)
- GPS-data available
- Service hotline

Optional:

- Arrival/departure transfer from Podgorica on request only.

Infos

Arrival / Departure:

- Tirana airport. Organized transfer from/to the airport Tirana included.
- If you have a valid Schengen visa or a residence permit in a Schengen state, you do not need a visa to stay in Albania. Otherwise, please contact the nearest embassy.

Things to note:

- Tourist tax, if due, is not included in the price
- Further important information according to the package travel law can be found [here!](#)

Contact & booking

Do you still have questions about the tour? We are happy to help and look forward to your inquiry.



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