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Classic Albania

Tirana, Berat, Gjirokastër, Butrint, Korçë and Sarandë

TAILOR-MADE JOURNEYS

LENGTH	CITIES	WHEN	PER PERSON
8 days, 7 nights	10 cities	18 departures from Jan 9 to Nov 6, 2027	R$ 16,021 For the Jan 9, 2027 departure

About the trip

Eight days in Albania, from Tirana to Saranda and back, via Korça, Gjirokastër, Butrint, Berat and Shkodër. Three sites along the route are UNESCO World Heritage Sites, and the price includes admission tickets, a tour leader and daily breakfast.

What you will experience

- Lake Ohrid in Pogradec and the historic center of Korça, with the Orthodox Cathedral and the Ottoman bazaar
- Church of St. Mary in Leusë, with 18th-century icons and frescoes
- Gjirokastër, the Stone City, on the UNESCO list, with the Ottoman Skenduli House
- Ancient Greco-Roman city of Butrint, a UNESCO site
- Porto Palermo Fortress, Ardenica Monastery and the citadel of Berat, with the Onufri Museum
- Kruja with the Skanderbeg Museum and the Rozafa Fortress, in Shkodër

Day by day

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DAY 1

TIRANA

Arrival at Tirana “Mother Teresa” International Airport. Transfer to the hotel. Overnight stay.

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DAY 2

TIRANA-POGRADEC-KORÇA (165 KM)

Breakfast. Departure for Pogradec, a town on the shores of Lake Ohrid, the deepest lake in the Balkans and one of the oldest on our planet. We continue to Korça, an important cultural center in the southeast of the country, surrounded by high mountains. Panoramic tour of the city, with its historic center of early 20th-century manor houses, the Orthodox Cathedral and the old Ottoman bazaar. Overnight stay.

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DAY 3

KORÇA-PËRMET-GJIROKASTËR (200 KM)

Breakfast. Departure for Gjirokastër, crossing the spectacular mountain landscapes of southern Albania. Along the way, we stop in Leusë, near Përmet, to visit the Orthodox Church of Saint Mary, built in the 18th century and famous for its extraordinary icons and frescoes. Considered one of the most beautiful churches in Albania, it stands out for its artistic richness. Continuation to Gjirokastër, known as the «Stone City» and declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Visit to its medieval historic center, perfectly preserved since Ottoman times and marked by imposing stone houses that look like fortresses. Overnight stay.

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DAY 4

GJIROKASTËR-BUTRINT-SARANDA (82 KM)

Breakfast. We start the day with a walk through the city of stones, Gjirokastër, and its distinctive Skenduli House, built in 1700, in the Ottoman period, and considered one of the most beautiful houses in the Balkans. There we may meet the owner, who will tell us the history of the house and the hardships of the communist era. It takes about half an hour of walking, because all the paths are stone. There is no way for the coach to get there. Gjirokastër, besides its extraordinary historical and cultural value, is inseparably linked to the literary genius Ismail Kadare, who made Albanian literature speak in 45 languages of the world, introducing Albania to its centuries-old history and culture. Arrival at Butrint and visit to the ancient Greco-Roman city, inhabited until the end of the Middle Ages and declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The ancient city of Butrint (also known as Buthrotum in Antiquity) was once one of the best and most beautiful cities in the entire Roman Empire. After 2,400 years, it is a place that still captivates people today. Butrint was meant to become a retirement home for veterans of the Roman wars, but in the 3rd century AD an earthquake destroyed most of the city. Many of the ruins we see today are from that same earthquake, and the city vanished from the map afterwards. Continuation to Saranda. Overnight stay.

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DAY 5

SARANDA-PORTO PALERMO-ARDENICA MONASTERY-BERAT (237 KM)

Breakfast. Departure for Berat. We travel through southern Albania, on the Albanian Riviera, which offers incredible views of the Ionian coast. Short stop in Porto Palermo, where we visit an Ottoman fortress built by the famous tyrant Ali Pasha, who ruled these lands in the 19th century. We continue to the Ardenica Monastery, built in the 13th century. Where the Monastery now stands, there was once a pagan temple dedicated to the goddess Artemis, which explains the origin of the name Ardenica. Arrival at Berat, known as the “City of a Thousand Windows” and declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Overnight stay.

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DAY 6

BERAT-DURRËS-TIRANA (130 KM)

Breakfast. Visit to the huge citadel of Berat, which is still inhabited today and contains many Orthodox Christian churches and the Onufri Museum, with its 16th-century icons. We visit the lower part of the town, with its old Mangalemi and Gorica neighborhoods, on the banks of the Osum River. Departure for Durrës, a port city on the Adriatic, with a visit to the old medieval walls and the Roman amphitheater, one of the largest in the Balkans. Continuation to Tirana for a guided tour of the capital. We see Skanderbeg Square, the Et’hem Bey Mosque, the Clock Tower, the Opera Theater, the National History Museum (exterior view) and the ministry buildings built during the Italian influence. Overnight stay.

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DAY 7

TIRANA-KRUJA-SHKODËR-TIRANA (225 KM)

Breakfast. Departure for Kruja, a medieval village at the foot of the mountain that, at the end of the Middle Ages, was the center of the anti-Ottoman resistance, with the old bazaar-castle and the Skanderbeg Museum, dedicated to Albania's national hero of the 15th century. We continue to Shkodër, the largest Catholic center in Albania and one of the most important cities in the country. We visit Rozafa Fortress where, according to a legend, a young nobleman had to be sacrificed to complete the fortress. In the afternoon, return to Tirana. Overnight stay.

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DAY 8

TIRANA

Breakfast. Transfer to the airport. End of our services.

Prices

Trip price by period

PERIOD	PER PERSON
from Jan 9 to Nov 6, 2027, 12 departures	R$ 16,021 US$ 2,720
from Jun 5 to Aug 21, 2027, 6 departures	R$ 16,787 US$ 2,850

per person, sharing a double room

Fees, supplements and optional extras follow the tables below.

Single room

	IN REAIS	REFERENCE
Single room	R$ 2,415	US$ 410

Optional extras

	PER PERSON	REFERENCE
Half board	R$ 1,561	US$ 265

Payment options

Paid in full by Pix or bank transfer: R$ 15,220 (5% off the trip price)

Down payment of 30% R$ 4,806

9 interest-free installments of R$ 1,246

Based on the price of the Jan 9, 2027 departure.

Prices in reais at today's exchange rate, travel exchange rate based on the Travelex average for October 2026 (Central Bank of Brazil), over the PTAX selling rate of 11/27/2026.

You pay TWTS in Brazilian reais, by Pix, bank transfer or credit card. The price in foreign currency is the market reference, converted at the exchange rate on the day you pay.

- *** MINIMUM 2 PEOPLE: PRICES FOR A SINGLE TRAVELER ON REQUEST ***
- For groups of 4 or more people, a discount on the double room rate will apply.
- Half-board supplement: (7 dinners)

The program includes

✓ Arrival and departure transfers.

Not included

– International airfare

- ✓ Accommodation and daily breakfast.
- ✓ Coach with tour leader.
- ✓ Admission tickets to the sites listed in the program.

- – Travel insurance
- – Tips for guides and drivers
- – Meals and drinks not mentioned in the itinerary
- – Visas and entry fees
- – Personal expenses

Planned hotels

CITY	HOTEL
Tirana	La Boheme Rruga Abdyl Frashëri
Korça	Hotel Hani I Pazarot 40°37'05.4+20°46'30.7 Korçë, 7001
Gjirokastër	Hotel Argjiro Gjin Zenebisi" St, 6001 Gjirokastër 6001
Saranda	Hotel Brilant Rruga Bilal Golemi, Sarandë, Albania
Berat	Hotel Onufri

Planned hotels or similar, in the same category.

Documents and notes

Travel documents required:

Please confirm the visa and vaccination requirements with your TWTS consultant at the time of booking.

Passengers of other nationalities must check with the destination's consulate.

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