

8 Days Tirana-Vlore-Sarande-Ioannina-Kalambaka-Athens

VALIDITY : 05.10.2019 to 31.05.2020

Itinerary

Day 1 Tirana

Meet at airport and transfer to Tirana for a visit at the National Museum of History which is a great introduction to the country and its people from antiquity to the present. Afterwards take a driven tour of the major sites of Tirana, including the colourful buildings the Albanian capital is now recognized for. The dull grey communist buildings have been transformed into modern art canvases through splashes of bright colours and abstract shapes. It is considered an ingenious way of uplifting the facades and the moods of the inhabitants. Overnight in Tirana.

Day 2 Tirana – Durres – Berat – Vlore

After breakfast drive to Berat - a wonderful Museum town and UNESCO site. On the way stop in Durres for a quick visit of the amphitheatre considered the largest in the Balkans. Continue on to Berat a strikingly beautiful town representing the best of Ottoman architecture outside of Turkey. Visit the Fortress, Onufri Museum and several churches and mosques. Onufri was an Albanian master painter of the 16th century who had a weakness for a particular red colour he used so much that it is known today as the Onufrian Red. Many of his wonderfully painted icons still remain in the museum while others can be found in churches in Albania and Greece where he worked. Berat is also known for its ties with religious practice, two of the oldest Christian bibles in the world have been found here. One dates from the 6th century AD and the other from the 9th century AD and both recognized as important documents of theology. In the downtown we visit the Leaden Mosque, the King's Mosque, the Bachelor's Mosque and the Halveti Tekke. Afternoon free to explore on your own. After free time we drive bus Vlore. Overnight at Vlore

Day 3 Vlore – Dhermi – Sarande

After breakfast depart to Apollonia one of the most important ancient learning centres in Roman times on the famous Via Egnatia. Due to its fame and importance it was known as Apollonia Prima out of around 16 ancient cities built to honour the ancient God, Apollo. Caesar chose to send his nephew Octavian who later became Augustus Octavian, to study oratory here which is a testimony of Apollonia's importance. We will visit the ruins and the well organized archaeological museum adjacent to the site in an old monastery. After the visits continue on to Vlora where we drive to the beautiful peninsula of Zvernec among a pine forest where we visit the monastery with the same name. Overnight at Saranda.

Day 4 Sarande – Butrinti – Ksamil – Castle – Sarande

After breakfast Continue on to Butrint a UNESCO world heritage site. The city was first settled by Greek colonists and was continuously inhabited for centuries forming archaeological layers of different civilizations, making it an important discovery in the Mediterranean. It is situated in a beautiful peninsula among dense vegetation offering visitors more than just old ruins. Afterwards we return to Saranda and visit Castle. Return to City Center and free time. Overnight Saranda

Day 5 Sarande – Gjirokaster – Ioannina

In the morning we depart for Gjirokastra a museum town under the protection of UNESCO as a World Heritage Site with beautiful and very distinct architecture. On the way we will stop at the beautiful Blue Eye spring shaped like an eye with beautiful blue and turquoise green colours among old maple trees. Afterwards drive to Gjirokastra where we will visit the fortress of Gjirokastra, part of which was turned into a political prison for dissidents of the regime and an Arms Museum. Visit to the Ethnographic Museum, which is also the house the Albanian dictator was born in, as well as a 300 year old house next to it, where the grandeur of Gjirokastra's master builders can be observed. After lunch continue on to Ioannina. . Arrival to Ioannina we begin our tour. Our first stop Castle. We visit Aslan pasha Mosque, Silver museum, Ali Pasha tomb, Byzantine museum, Sinagog , Fethiye Mosque, visit to the island of Pamvotis lake, the lakefront area. Overnight at Ioannina.

Day 6 Ioannina – Kalambaka

After your breakfast, we visit to Meteora enjoying a unique and most impressive scenery of ageless monasteries, containing priceless historical and religious treasures, standing between Earth and Sky atop huge rocks. We visit the first great monastery of Varlaam, founded on the 16th century and located on the top of a rock at 380m height! The Monastery of Varlaam is the second largest monastery in the Metéora complex, with the largest number of monks (seven) of the male monasteries. Our second visit will be at the Monastery of St. Stephan, of the 15th century, also built on the top of the top of another huge rock where you will admire a small treasure of Byzantine and Christian items, at the museum inside the monastery! In continue, we will suggest you to visit the "Natural History Museum of Meteora & Mushroom Museum". Meet the mushrooms and their rich variety of shapes and colors. Explore the Museum's collection and meet some of the most amazing mammals of Greece and Europe. Get familiar with the protection of ecosystems, wildlife and endangered animals. The Museum includes a rich collection of rare birds from around the world. Learn about native and migratory birds and enjoy our collection. Afternoon leisure time . Overnight at Kalambaka

Day 7 Kalambaka – Delphi – Athens

After breakfast 2 hours later, will be at the beautiful St. Loukas Monastery in Levadia. A few minutes away, we will reach the best winter resort of Greece, Arachova, for a short stop at a café, or for a walk among the traditional houses and shops. We continue our tour and we "pass" to the Ancient years, visiting the famous sightseeing of Delphi, with the ancient stadium, the oracle and the museum. You can choose if you want to stay for lunch at Delphi or at the traditional village of Makrakomi, two hours away, where you will also try the great local drink of "tsipouro", a drink close to the famous Greek "ouzo"! Last stop and overnight, at the picturesque village of Karpenisi, in an altitude of 1000m. Late afternoon arrival Athens. Overnight at Athens

Day 8 Athens return

REF OF QT : 9014

NO OF PERSONS	IN DBL PP	IN TRP PP	SINGLE SUPPLEMENT
5 PAX	1180 EURO	1135 EURO	240 EURO
6 PAX	1062 EURO	1017 EURO	240 EURO
7 PAX	978 EURO	933 EURO	240 EURO
8 PAX	914 EURO	869 EURO	240 EURO
9 PAX	865 EURO	820 EURO	240 EURO
10 PAX	820 EURO	775 EURO	240 EURO
11 PAX	793 EURO	748 EURO	240 EURO
12 PAX	766 EURO	721 EURO	240 EURO
13 PAX	743 EURO	698 EURO	240 EURO

HOTEL OPTIONS:

NIGHTS	CITY	HOTEL	ROOM TYPE
NIGHT 01	TIRANA	SKY-2 HOTEL 4* or SIMILAR	STANDARD
NIGHT 02	VLORE	BOLOGNA 4* or SIMILAR	STANDARD
NIGHT 03	SARANDE	INTERNATIONAL 4* or SIMILAR	STANDARD
NIGHT 04	SARANDE	INTERNATIONAL 4* or SIMILAR	STANDARD
NIGHT 05	IOANNINA	GRAND SERAI 4* or SIMILAR	STANDARD
NIGHT 06	KALAMBAKA	LIKNON 4* or SIMILAR	STANDARD
NIGHT 07	ATHENS	TROPICAL 4* or SIMILAR	STANDARD

- **Above mentioned hotels are subject to availability and we are not holding any space for your group. If there is no availability in above proposed hotels at the time of confirmation, we have the right to propose you similar hotel category.**
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CHILD POLICY:

- 03 – 06 years kid 35% discount from DBL PP rates
- 07 – 11 years kid 10% discount from DBL PP rates

INCLUDED SERVICES:

- ✓ 07 Nights Hotel Accomodation
- ✓ Daily Breakfast
- ✓ English Speaking Guide through the itinerary
- ✓ Airport Transfers
- ✓ Transportation by modern A/C vehicle according to group size
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EXCLUDED SERVICES:

- Personal Expenses
- All International & Domestic Flight Tickets
- Drinks at Meals
- Tips for Guide & Driver (PP perday 3 EURO for Guide & PP perday 2 EURO for Driver)
- Visa & Insurance
- Porterage at Hotels & Airports
- City Taxes
- Any other services not mentioned above
- Domestic ticket (Estimated)
- Entry fees to the mentioned sites in below itinerary

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GENERAL NOTES:

- All rates are in EURO and all rates have been calculated on the present VAT. Should the latter increase, prices will be adjusted accordingly.
- No luggage will be loaded inside the coach. This is a matter of PASSENGER SAFETY REGULATIONS (imposed by the local authorities as well as all insurance companies).

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(DT - 18/08/2019)