



# Balkans Via Dinarica Hiking

## An Epic Multi-Country Trek in the Dinaric Alps

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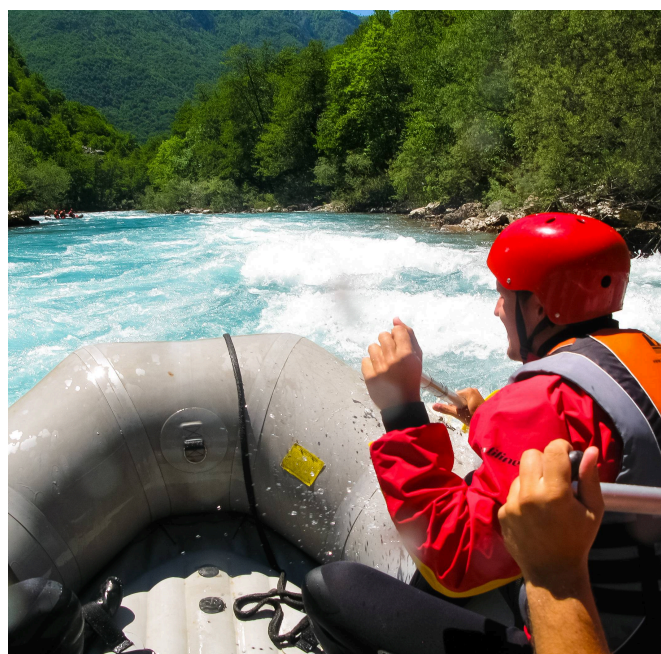
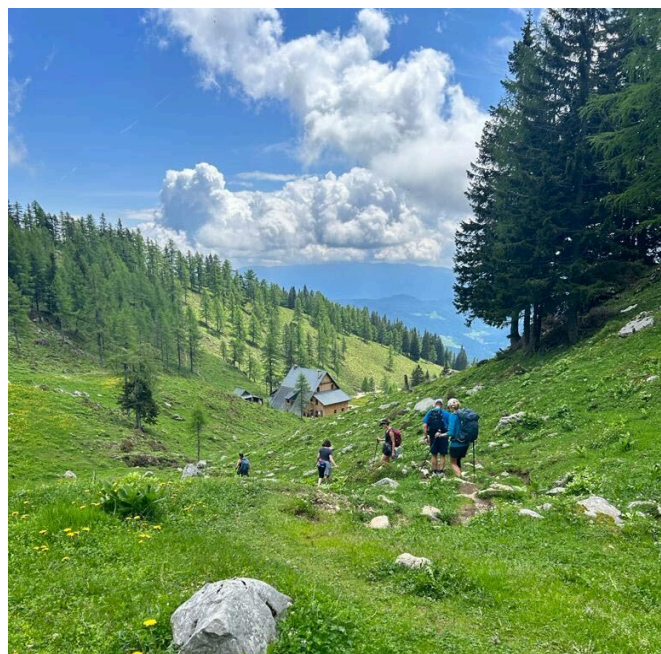
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We keep our groups intentionally small — usually fewer than 10 people. This allows you a more intimate experience with the people and wildlife you encounter. With a smaller group size, we can take advantage of many unexpected invitations and opportunities that would be impossible with larger groups.







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# Why take this trip with us?

## REASON 1

MT Sobek has been operating trips in Europe for over 50 years and we are the only North American company to take you on this six-country adventure in the Western Balkans.

## REASON 2

On top of incredibly scenic treks, hikers get to explore historical cities such as Mostar, Sarajevo, and Tirana, and remote highland villages across 22 stunning and well-paced days.

## REASON 3

Our local expert guides will take you on an immersive journey through a less-traveled region and ensure that you come away with an understanding of both the people and the place.

## At A Glance

### ACTIVITIES

Challenging hikes on one of Europe's newest mountain trails, tours of historical cities and towns, visits to national parks, and stops in remote highland villages.



### LODGING

Lodgings run the gamut from modern mountain resorts, old historic city hotels, family-run guesthouses, and cozy B&Bs.



### CLIMATE

The mornings are cool but it warms during the day before cooling off again in the evening.



## KNOW BEFORE YOU BOOK

### A New Experience

Remember that you are traveling through the Balkans and through some still developing areas. Some of the comforts you are accustomed to may not be available, and time flows at a different pace. Patience and respect are the crucial ingredients for a successful trip and an enriching experience.





# Balkans Via Dinarica Hiking

## An Epic Multi-Country Trek in the Dinaric Alps

On this multi-country trek in one of Europe's least-explored mountain ranges, the Dinaric Alps, discover rich cultures and spellbinding landscapes of the Western Balkans. Traveling from Slovenia's capital, Ljubljana, across Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Kosovo and down to Albania—the Via Dinarica is every hiker's dream come true. Raft whitewater rapids down Europe's largest canyon, marvel at old-growth forests and glacier-fed lakes, dip into the royal-blue Adriatic Sea, and tour Sarajevo's nostalgic old town. On this epic three-week adventure, the most challenging part is bidding farewell to the beautiful Balkans.

### 22 Days

**Start:** Ljubljana, Slovenia

**End:** Tirana, Albania

**Departing:** June, July, August

**Activities:** Hiking & Trekking

**Lodging:** Comfortable Hotels

**Group Size:** 4-15 Guests

#### ACTIVITY:



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*This is an excellent way for people who are interested in the Balkans to experience firsthand the mountains, the culture, the people, the languages and the food of this very unique area of our planet. If you have a flexible spirit and are in great condition and love new experiences this is the trip for you!*

- Julie B.

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# The Itinerary

## DAY 01

### Arrive at Ljubljana & Transfer to Bled

Arrive at Ljubljana Airport and meet your MT Sobek trip leader outside of the customs and immigration area, who escort you to the hotel in the charming lakeside town of Bled. At the welcome dinner this evening, meet the rest of the group.

**ACCOMMODATION:** Hotel Savica, Bled

**MEALS:** Dinner

**TRANSPORTATION:** 1-hour private van transfer

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## DAY 02

### Explore Triglav National Park & Visit Bled Castle

This morning, hike through the forests of Pokljuka plateau towards Lipanca alpine meadow and Blejska Koca Hut. The path reaches a saddle offering the first views of the central Julian Alps, the Ljubljana basin and Triglav, Slovenia's highest peak and the symbol of the park. In the afternoon, return to Bled for a walk along the lake and a visit to its iconic medieval castle, the oldest castle in Slovenia.

**ACCOMMODATION:** Hotel Savica, Bled

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**TRANSPORTATION:** 45-minute private van transfer

**ACTIVITY:** 5-hours/8 miles hiking with 2,788' elevation gain & loss

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## DAY 03

### Follow Trails in Croatia's Risnjak National Park

Head for Risnjak National Park on Croatia's northern border with Slovenia, the northernmost of Croatia's eight national parks. Covering more than 24 square miles, it provides habitat for more than 1,000 different plants, as well as wolves, bears, and lynx. The hike starts from the Platak plateau, toward the summit of Guslica (4,887') the western-most summit of this range, offering splendid views of the entire park, all the way to the Adriatic Sea. On a clear day, you can even see the part of the Slovenian Alps. Afternoon transfer to Crikvenica.

**ACCOMMODATION:** Hotel Bitoraj Fuzine, Fuzine

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**TRANSPORTATION:** 3-hour private van transfer

**ACTIVITY:** 5 hours/6.5 miles hiking with 1,675' elevation gain & 1,675' elevation loss

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## Discover Gorski Kotar's Sitovnik & Veliki Rujnik Trails

Enter the heart of Gorski Kotar, one of Croatia's most pristine and lesser-known mountainous regions. Often called the "Green Heart of Croatia," this area is a haven of dense coniferous forests, idyllic highland meadows, and dramatic karst ridges, offering a refreshing contrast to the coastal scenery. The trail winds steadily through enchanting beech and fir forests, eventually opening up to expansive views. From the summit of Sitovnik (3,484') and Veliki Rujnik (3,419') you'll be rewarded with wonderful panoramic views of the northern Adriatic, across the island of Krk to the Istrian peninsula.

**ACCOMMODATION:** Hotel Crikvenica, Crikvenica Croatia

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**TRANSPORTATION:** 45-minute private van transfer

**ACTIVITY:** 3-4 hours/5 miles hiking with 1,500' elevation gain & loss

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## Hike the Premuzic Trail in Northern Velebit National Park

Depart early for Northern Velebit National Park, one of the most beautiful areas of the Croatian Dinaric Alps. Start the hike near the Zavizan mountain hut, the highest meteorological station in Croatia. After a half-hour walk, embark on the famous Premuzic trail, a 35.5-mile-long route that follows the main ridge of Velebit mountain. While hiking this first stage of the trail, pass through Rozanski Kukovi, a nature reserve that protects many endemic and rare plant species, as well as rich fauna, including the three big predators of Croatia: bears, wolves, and lynx.

**ACCOMMODATION:** Hotel Vicko-Starigrad Paklenica, Croatia Villa Vicko, Starigrad Paklenica

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**TRANSPORTATION:** 3.5-hour private van transfer

**ACTIVITY:** 6-7 hours/9 miles hiking with 1,540' elevation gain & 2,165' elevation loss

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## Hike Paklenica National Park & Take a Dip in the Adriatic

Wake up to the sounds of seagulls and salty winds coming from the Adriatic. The village of Starigrad is the gateway to Paklenica National Park, a hiking and rock-climbing paradise wedged between two narrow gorges. Explore the bigger of the two gorges, with steep climbing walls, rocky peaks, well-maintained trails, and stunning views down the gorge. Rest at the main hut in the center of the park, cool off, replenish your water bottle, and follow the Paklenica river back down to the coast for a well-deserved dip in the Adriatic.

**ACCOMMODATION:** Hotel Vicko, Starigrad Paklenica Villa Vicko, Starigrad Paklenica

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**ACTIVITY:** 5-6 hours/7.2 miles hiking with 1,520' elevation gain & 2,150' elevation loss

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## Tour Mostar & Reach Blidinje Nature Park in Bosnia

Rise early and transfer to Bosnia and Herzegovina and the beautiful city of Mostar. Tour the old city and see its famed historical bridge, a UNESCO World Heritage site. The bridge is locally known as Stari Most, and the town was named after the bridge keepers, or "mostari." After a tasty lunch on the banks of the Neretva river, head out towards Blidinje Nature Park, from where you continue the Bosnian part of the Via Dinarica adventure.

**ACCOMMODATION:** Hotel Hajducke Vrleti, Blidinje Nature Park Hotel Kapetanovina, Mostar

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**TRANSPORTATION:** 6-hour private van transfer

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## Hike the Via Dinarica to Hajducka Vrata and Drinaca Peak

Start the Bosnian part of the Via Dinarica adventure with Blidinje Nature Park, where the hike begins over Cvrsnica mountain. The first part is a very gentle ascent through a thick beech forest. As the elevation rises, climb above the tree line and east toward Drinjaca (6,686') and Hajducka Vrata, a stunning natural arch typical for karst and limestone. After lunch, head back down to Blidinje for some delicious and hearty highland village fare.

**ACCOMMODATION:** Hotel Hajducke Vrleti, Blidinje Nature Park Hotel Kapetanovina, Mostar

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**ACTIVITY:** 6–8 hours/10.8 miles hiking with 2,950' elevation gain & 2,950' elevation loss

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## Walk Village to Village Up to Lukomir

Transfer to the village of Umoljani, located on the mountain of Bjelasnica that hosted the 1984 Winter Olympics. From the village, ascend to the summer shepherd settlement of Gradina and continue uphill to Obalj peak (6,220'). From here, take in spectacular views of Rakitnica canyon and Lukomir, Bosnia's highest village (at 4,820'), with ancient medieval tombstones and a traditional way of life. Descend for a tasty homemade dinner and transfer to Babin Do, the mountain's main ski resort.

**ACCOMMODATION:** Hotel Monti, Bosnia & Herzegovina Hotel Bjelasnica-Babin Do, Bosnia & Herzegovina

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**TRANSPORTATION:** 3.5-hour private van transfer

**ACTIVITY:** 4 hours/5.2 miles hiking with 1,970' elevation gain & 1,706' elevation loss

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## DAY 10

### Explore the Wild Visocica Massif

The wild Visocica massif, with pointed peaks and narrow valleys, and bordered by rivers on all sides, invites exploration. Start by winding through the Bjelasnica backroads before hitting the Rakitnica River and crossing over towards Tusila Village (3,937'). Hike up through open meadows and thick beech forest to the summit of Vito (6,430'), and enjoy a lunch paired with panoramic views. Then follow a narrow ridge to Drstva peak (5,932') and descend to meet the vehicle and transfer to Sarajevo, the nation's capital. Enjoy dinner in the old town this evening.

**ACCOMMODATION:** Hotel Europe, Sarajevo, Bosnia & Herzegovina

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**TRANSPORTATION:** 2.5-hour private van transfer

**ACTIVITY:** 5-6 hours/6.8 miles hike with 2,950' elevation gain & 2,950' elevation loss

## DAY 11

### See the Sights of Sarajevo

Spend the day exploring the vibrant city of Sarajevo for a glimpse into its turbulent past that spanned empires — from the Ottoman Turks to the Austro-Hungarians. More recently, the city was host to the 1984 Winter Olympics and then made the news in the 1990s during the siege by Serb forces. Tour the ancient Ottoman quarter called Bascarsija, with its stone-flagged alleys and red-roofed houses sitting amongst minarets, as well as major historical and cultural sites. After lunch, explore on your own. In the late afternoon, transfer to the Sutjeska National Park.



**ACCOMMODATION:** Hotel Mladost, Sutjeska National Park, Bosnia & Herzegovina Villas Tjentiste, Sutjeska National Park, Bosnia & Herzegovina

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**TRANSPORTATION:** 2-hour private van transfer

**ACTIVITY:** 2 hour city walking tour

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## DAY 12

### Explore Sutjeska National Park and Perucica Primeval Forest

The Perucica Primeval Forest is an ancient ecosystem within Sutjeska National Park. Its towering trees are estimated to be 300 years old, and the ecosystem itself dates back 20,000 years. After transferring into the park, follow a loop trail as it winds through moss-draped trees, hidden glades, and untouched terrain. Along the way, discover rich flora and, with luck, spot signs of wildlife like deer, chamois, or even bear tracks. Finish the day with a delicious dinner in the Tjentiste Valley.

**ACCOMMODATION:** Hotel Mladost, Sutjeska National Park, Bosnia & Herzegovina Villas Tjentiste, Sutjeska National Park, Bosnia & Herzegovina

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**TRANSPORTATION:** 2-hour private van transfer

**ACTIVITY:** 4–5 hours/5.5 miles hiking with 1,558' elevation gain

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## DAY 13

### Choose your Hike: Trnovacko Lake or Mt. Maglic Summit

Drive to remote Lokva Dernečiste to begin hiking through old growth forests and open, mountainous terrain. Split into two groups: one will do the moderate 2.5-hour hike to the emerald green Trnovacko Lake (4,921') and the other will tackle the strenuous 4-hour trek up to Maglic summit (7,828'), the highest and mightiest peak in Bosnia and Herzegovina, with a 2.5-hour descent down to the lake. The group will reconvene at Trnovacko for a 2.5-hour hike among a huge amphitheater of rocky peaks to Prijedor, and transfer back to the hotel.

**ACCOMMODATION:** Hotel Mladost, Sutjeska National Park, Bosnia & Herzegovina Villas Tjentiste, Sutjeska National Park, Bosnia & Herzegovina

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**TRANSPORTATION:** 2-hour private van transfer

**ACTIVITY:** 4-5 hours/6.7 miles hiking with 984' elevation gain & loss to Trnovacko Lake – or - 9 hours/10.5 miles hiking with 4,300' elevation gain & 4,630' elevation loss to summit Mt. Maglic

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## DAY 14

### Raft the Tara River & Head to Durmitor National Park in Montenegro

Rest your legs but get some thrills on today's rafting adventure through the deepest river canyon in Europe. After leaving the hotel, sit back and enjoy the spectacular views along the Drina River, until the place where the Piva and Tara canyons join. There, put in for a rafting journey on the Tara, which sits more than 3,000 feet down in the canyon with stunning wilderness all around. After enjoying an early dinner along the river, continue on to the town of Zabljak on the edge of Durmitor National Park in Montenegro.

**ACCOMMODATION:** Hotel Zabljak, Zabljak Hotel Soa, Montenegro Soa Village, Montenegro

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**TRANSPORTATION:** 3-hour private van transfer

**ACTIVITY:** 3–4 hours rafting Class II–IV rapids

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### Ascend Prutas Peak in Durmitor National Park

Today ascend the sloping deep-green Prutas peak, with the most stunning views of other Durmitor sights, like the Soa Nebeska wall, the amazing Skrcka Lakes valley, and the stunning Susica canyon. After a short drive to Dobri Do (5,577'), begin climbing a grassy slope toward Skrcko Zdrijelo Pass (6,935'), and then follow a rocky path with magnificent views of the massive Bobotov Kuk. Shortly after reaching the peak, have lunch paired with breathtaking views. After the 5-hour hike, arrive back in Zabljak in time for dinner.

**ACCOMMODATION:** Hotel Zabljak, Zabljak Hotel Soa, Montenegro Soa Village, Montenegro

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**TRANSPORTATION:** 30-minute private van transfer

**ACTIVITY:** 5-6 hours/5 miles hiking with 2,325' elevation gain & 2,325' elevation loss

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### Climb Bobotov Kuk, Montenegro's Highest Summit

Get ready to climb Montenegro's highest peak, Bobotov Kuk (8,277'). Starting relatively high at 6,230 feet, hike up the grassy slope of Surutka toward Zupci, a magnificent massif with 14 sharp, rocky "teeth." After circling Zupci, arrive at the glacial lake Zeleni Vir and begin a steep, rocky ascent toward Bobotov Kuk. The views expand with every step until the summit — with vistas all the way to the Adriatic on a clear day. Enjoy lunch here, and then descend via the Mlijecni Do, to take a short ride back to Zabljak for a well-deserved rest.

**ACCOMMODATION:** Hotel Zabljak, Zabljak Hotel Soa, Montenegro Soa Village, Montenegro

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**TRANSPORTATION:** 30-minute private van transfer

**ACTIVITY:** 6–7 hours/7.5 miles hiking with 2,130' elevation gain & 3,035' elevation loss

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### Journey to Theth Village in Albania's Accursed Mountains

It's time to say goodbye to Montenegro and cross over into Albania. After a lunch stop, continue to the remote village of Theth in the namesake national park. Stroll around the village and learn about some of the ancient customs that reign these communities on the edge of the Albanian Alps — known by some as the Accursed Mountains. (Don't let the name fool you; the range is known for its stunning, unspoiled beauty.) Have dinner and overnight at a family-run guesthouse in Theth.

**ACCOMMODATION:** Villa Gjecaj, Thethi Valley Niko Harusha, Thethi Valley

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**TRANSPORTATION:** 7-hour private van transfer (with breaks)

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## Hike from Theth to Valbona, Crossing the Valbona Pass

Today load the luggage into the vehicles and hike from Theth to Valbona along an old mule trail that is the only direct connection between the two valleys. This scenic but challenging hike begins in the Valley of Theth (2,644') then climbs steeply upward through beech woods and grassy meadows towards Valbona Pass (5,890'). At the top, enjoy a picnic lunch and breathtaking views of both Theth and Valbona National Parks. Today's alternative is a full-day transfer that includes a ferry boat ride over the blue waters of Komani Lake, followed by a short walk around Valbona.

**ACCOMMODATION:** The Rezenca, Valbona Villa Dini, Valbona

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**TRANSPORTATION:** Alternative: 5.5-hour private van transfer & 2.5 hour ferry ride

**ACTIVITY:** 7-8 hours/6.1 miles hiking with 3,754' elevation gain & 2,406' elevation loss or alternative full-day transfer

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## Climb the Maja Rosit Pass

This morning, start the hike directly from the guesthouse, passing through dry river beds and climbing through forests of beech and pine. Frequently used by the villages bringing their sheep and cows to higher pastures, the trail winds up through grassy open terrain to a lonely shepherds' hut. Enjoy a rest here before pushing on to the Maja Rosit pass (6,750') that separates Albania from Montenegro. After a hearty picnic lunch of highland cheese and local beer, head back down the same way, through the hamlet of Kukaj and on to Valbona.

**ACCOMMODATION:** The Rezenca, Valbona Villa Dini, Valbona

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**ACTIVITY:** 6-7 hours/9 miles hiking with 3,590' elevation gain & 3,590' elevation loss

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## Visit the Monastery of Decan & Head to Prizren in Kosovo

Take a drive to the lower valley to visit one of Kosovo's beautiful Orthodox monasteries, the 14th-century St. Nicholas Monastery of Decan. This UNESCO World Heritage site highlights Roman, Gothic, and Byzantine influences and more than 1,000 preserved original frescoes. Then continue on to the historic city of Prizren, to spend the evening in an Ottoman-style neighborhood and enjoy dinner in a traditional restaurant.

**ACCOMMODATION:** Hotel Prizreni, Prizren Hotel Centrum, Prizren

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**TRANSPORTATION:** 2.5-hour private van transfer

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## Take In the Highlights of Tirana

After a morning departure from Prizren, drive through the Albanian hinterland and arrive to Tirana, the capital of Albania. After checking into the hotel, head out on a tour of this charming, cosmopolitan city, visiting the Skenderbey square, the old mosque, and the vibrant Blloku neighborhood packed with cafes, restaurants and boutiques. Enjoy a farewell dinner in one of these restaurants before returning to the hotel.

**ACCOMMODATION:** Sar'otel, Tirana

**MEALS:** Breakfast | Lunch | Dinner

**TRANSPORTATION:** 3-hour private van transfer

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## Depart from Tirana

After breakfast, have a 30-minute transfer to Tirana International Airport.

**MEALS:** Breakfast

**TRANSPORTATION:** 30-minute private van transfer





# Where You'll Stay

**These accommodations may be subject to change depending on your date of travel.**

## **Hotel Savica**

Hotel Savica is a three-star hotel in the heart of lakeside Bled. The clean and cheerful rooms are modern and minimalist, with a private bath, air-con, minibars, and Wi-Fi. Hotel guests can use the thermal pools of the Ziva Wellness Centre for free and get discounted admission to the saunas.

## **Hotel Park**

## **Hotel Bitoraj Fuzine**

A family-run hotel in the heart of Fuzine, this charming retreat has 20 well-appointed rooms with a full array of perks such as Wi-Fi, air-con, and minibars. The restaurant is known for serving excellent cuisine, with the accent on game dishes — a local specialty.

## **Hotel Crikvenica**

Located on the main promenade just a short walk to the sea, Hotel Crikvenica offers easy access to the town's vibrant shops and cafes. Kick back in comfortable rooms or unwind at the spa, featuring a Finnish sauna and steam room. Get a glimpse of the water as you enjoy a fresh breakfast on the terrace or watch the evening unfold with a refreshing cocktail in your hand.



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## **Villa Vicko**

The family-owned Hotel Vicko is a three-star hotel with a superb seaside location in Starigrad Paklenica. Guests are welcomed with a cocktail and get free use of beach chairs, beach umbrellas, and beach towels. All of the 58 rooms have a private bathroom, air-con, satellite TV, and a safe, with views of either a park or the sea.

## **Hotel Hajducke Vrleti**

A three-star hotel known for its rustic architecture and beautiful natural surroundings, Hotel Hajducke Vrleti has simple and comfortable guest rooms with hardwood floors and low-slung beds. Decorated with antiques, the restaurant serves traditional Blidinje specialties that win raves from the guests. The friendly staff is super helpful and makes guests feel right at home.

## **Hotel Kapetanovina**

A modern oasis in an ancient city, Hotel Kapetanovina is located near the famed Mostar Bridge. The 24 stylish rooms reflect the tranquil colors of the river and offer comfortable beds and tiled bathrooms along with all the expected amenities. The friendly service adds a warm welcome to your stay. Stroll along the ancient city's bustling streets right from the front door.

## **Hotel Bjelasnica**

A full-service mountain retreat, Hotel Bjelasnica features well-equipped guest rooms with scenic views and a full array of amenities, like Wi-Fi and TV. Facilities include a restaurant, a bar, and a spa with a swimming pool, a Jacuzzi and a fitness room.

## **Hotel Monti**

Situated on the slopes of majestic Mt. Igman in the Dinaric Alps, Monti Hotel is an ideal base for mountain adventure. Relax and recharge in the spa's indoor swimming pool, sauna, Jacuzzi, salt room, and treat yourself to a treatment designed to restore balance to the body. Spacious climate-controlled rooms invite, with valley and mountain views. There are multiple dining options including a champagne bar and an open-air cafe surrounded by striking scenery.

## **Hotel Europe**

Inside an Austro-Hungarian building from 1882, this grande dame hotel in the heart of Sarajevo exudes a historic ambience. The rooms feature a classic style and all the mod perks, like Wi-Fi and TV. The Viennese Café is a landmark, serving great cakes and pastries from Mozart's Patisserie. The on-site spa has an indoor swimming pool and Turkish baths.

## **Hotel Mladost**

Located in Sutjeska, Hotel Mladost has a gorgeous setting, with marvelous views of the surrounding mountain ranges. The rooms are clean, bright, and cheerful, each with a private bath; Wi-Fi is available in the common areas. The onsite restaurant serves local cuisine on a scenic outdoor terrace. One of the most outstanding features of the hotel is the enormous swimming pool.





# Where You'll Stay

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## **Villas Tjentiste**

This enjoyable family-run guest house is nestled inside beautiful Sutjeska National Park. Two colorful villas hold 19 simple rooms with wooden furniture, private bathrooms, and leaf-green accents. Cool off in Villas Tjentiste's small outdoor pool or catch some rays on the loungers. The onsite restaurant serves traditional pod pekrom dishes cooked "under the dome".

## **Hotel Soa**

The four-star Hotel Soa provides a surprising oasis for visitors to Durmitor National Park, with lots of services and amenities and attractive, modern design. Rooms are decorated in light woods with sleek, minimalist furniture, and come with a private bath, flat-screen satellite TV, and beautiful park views. The restaurant offers service in a stylish dining room or on a terrace with panoramic views.

## **Soa Village**

The pastel-colored peaked-roof cottages of Soa Village are arranged in neat rows and surrounded by rolling grasslands and wildflowers. Each two-story unit offers spacious, clean rooms complete with a simple bedroom, ensuite bathroom, seating area with a fireplace, kitchenette, washing machine, and a private terrace. The property is known for its friendly hospitality and delicious breakfasts, served at the Hotel Soa.

## **Villa Gjecaj**

In the village of Theth, the family-owned Villa Gjecaj comprises a charming stone house constructed in 1922, plus a recently added modern building. Common areas include a restaurant that serves traditional home-cooked Albanian dishes. The location in a secluded pristine valley is a highlight of a stay here.

## **Villa Pisha**

A simple family-run guest house in a small rural village, Pisha Villa offers warm welcoming hospitality in a great location to hit the trails. There are views down the valley and the village church is within walking distance. Rooms are small and clean, most with shared baths and plenty of hot water. There is Wi-Fi but expect a spotty connection in this remote location. Meals are traditional homemade Albanian dishes.

## **Niko Harusha**

Bujtina Harusha is a contemporary guest house built in alpine style. The inviting stone-walled building with gabled roof holds bright, stylish pine-paneled rooms with crisp white linens, ensuite bathrooms, and garden views. Enjoy your breakfast looking out at the mountains through floor-to-ceiling windows. This is a great location for a good night's rest after a day on the trail.



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## **Hotel Rilindja**

Experience the natural wonders of Valbona at this peaceful and remote retreat in the heart of the Albanian Alps. Its comfortable guestrooms have an alpine chalet feel with wood accents and come appointed with simple amenities. The key draw of the hotel is its get-away-from-it-all feel and it's a perfect stop-off on your Via Dinarica adventure.

## **Villa Dini**

## **Hotel Prizreni**

A lovely B&B steps from the old town of Prizren, Hotel Prizreni features spacious and comfortable rooms with good Wi-Fi, air-con, minibars, and flat-screen TVs; some rooms have views of a nearby mosque (which could potentially give you a unique wake-up with their early morning call to prayer). The welcoming staff gets high marks for taking great care of guests.

## **Hotel Centrum Prizren**

Located in Prizren, Hotel Centrum is a comfortable stay just a short distance from Prizren's popular landmark, the beautiful Stone Bridge! The hotel's 51 spacious, air-conditioned rooms with en-suite facilities feature modern amenities that include satellite TVs, mini-bars, hairdryers, and free Wi-Fi. The hotel also offers an a la carte breakfast and a bar serving wine for unwinding. The staff is friendly and dedicated in ensuring your visit to Prizren is nothing short of exceptional.

## **Sar'otel**

With an ideal location in the center of Tirana, the four-star Sar'Otel is a short walk to Skenderberg square. The bright, modern rooms have private baths, flat-screen TVs, and air-con; most come with balconies. The indoor swimming pool, sauna and hammam are available at an additional cost. You can enjoy a snack in the bar or the garden terrace.

## **Hotel Albanopolis**

# Departure Dates

This trip is available to run in: June, July, August

**Book early for a greater choice of available dates.**  
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July 27-August 17, 2025

August 31-September 21, 2025

June 21-July 12, 2026

August 30-September 20, 2026



# What's Included

## PRICE INCLUDES

- Expertise and services of our experienced adventure guides
- All accommodations as noted in the itinerary
- All breakfasts, almost all lunches and dinners as noted in the itinerary
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