

KNoK Albania 11. – 18. Juni 2024

Program og reise i samarbeid med Albanian Trip <u>Albanian Trip</u> <u>Explore Albania and the Balkans</u> with a local operator in a life marking experience

<u>Day 1 (11th of June)</u> From Oslo/Gardermoen 06:40. Arrival to Tirana airport, flight at 09:45. Picked up and moving to **Shkoder** during the day. A stop by the coast in some area for bird watching and or interesting cultural places. Even a short beach stop might be possible. In Shkoder a walk in the town, and by the lake. Accommodation at Intown guesthouse Shkoder https://intown-guesthouse-shkoder.com/ or similar

<u>Day 2 (12th of June)</u> Leaving early, for a ferry from Koman to Fierze. A stop in Bajram Curri. Going to **Valbona**, and accommodation for 3 nights in Valbone at Rezidenca Hotel https://journeytovalbona.com/archive/journeytovalbona/www.journeytovalbona.com/rezidenca-luxury-rooms-with-traditional-setting/index.html or similar

<u>Day 3 (13th of June)</u> Hike to <u>Snake Meadows</u> and lunch with shepherds. Possibility to sleep in shepherd huts with shared rooms and bathrooms. Overnight at Shepherd huts.

<u>Day 4 (14th of June)</u> in Valbona, with some mountain walks – for learning more about the area, the farming, looking for meadows, birds and other fauna. There might be some who wants to go for more demanding walks (higher up), and some more in the lower valley. Some routes are clearly marked. Accommodation at Rezidenca Hotel or similar.

<u>Day 5 (15th of June)</u> Valbona – Bajram Curri- Fushe Arez – Rubik

After breakfast travel towards Bajram Curri, visit <u>Catherine Bohne house</u> and her small shop and restaurant where you can enjoy a quick lunch. <u>Continue to Fushe Arrez and Rubik through scenic road.</u> Overnight in **Rubik Bujtina Dini Rubik** or similar. For information about the work of Catherine in Valbona: <u>Journey to Valbona - Travel Info, Accommodations, Tours and Help</u> Included a lot of information from the area.

<u>Day 6 (16th of June)</u> Rubik – Divjake/Karavasta National Park

After breakfast drive towards the lagoon of **Karavasta** where we visit the Offices of the Protected Area, learn about the local efforts for conservation of local nature, Dalmatian Pelican (krøllpelikan), Sea Turtles etc. Overnight in a guesthouse in Divjake. **Anila Guesthouse** or similar

Day 7 (17th of June) Divjake – Bunker farm - Tirana



Our idea is to bring you on a sunrise breakfast in one of the bird watching towers in the western side of the lagoon of Karavasta. Served on a big locally produced carpet, surrounded by some amazing nature and prepared so that we produce and leave quite closed to 0 waste, this is going to be quite a great experience. We shall most likely have the chances to see several birds and with a bit of luck even more wildlife.

After this experience drive to Tirana. On the way stop to Bunker farm for visit and lunch. The farm and the recycled bunkers hosting and sheltering goats and producing wine and raki as well as the lake in the property and the views around it.

Going back to Tirana. Afternoon/evening in the city. Accommodation B&B Artistic Tirana https://www.tiranabnb.com/ or similar

Day 8 (18th of June) Transfer to the airport, flight for Oslo leaving at 10:30.

Included in the trip:

- -7 Accommodations in guesthouses/hotels and shepherd Huts including breakfast.
- 6 dinners and 1 lunch with water included
- Local transport in Valbone
- -A/C car for the rest of the trip Fuel
- -One way ferry ticket to Komani Lake
- -English speaking guide
- -Airport transfer on departure day
- Local taxes (VAT 20%)
- -All expenses of the guide/driver

The tour price does not include:

- -Airfare (NB. Included in the price from KNoK, Oslo Tirana t/r)
- -Travel Insurance
- -meals not mentioned in the includes section
- -entrance tickets
- -Tips for the guide and driver
- -Anything which is not mentioned in the above section

Single supplement 105 Euro p/p (excluding shepherd hut at Snake Medows and guesthouse in Divjake)

