

Albanian Riviera. Magnificent beauty of the Ionian Coastline

(Llogara National Park, Porto Palermo, Borsh Waterfall, Saranda, Gjirokastra – silver city (UNESCO heritage)).

Our journey will begin with breathtaking LLogara Pass, is a high mountain pass within the Ceraunian Mountains along the Albanian Riviera. It connects the Dukat Valley in the north with Himarë in the south. We will stop in the National Park of LLogara where we will have a chance to feed deer and will continue our trip through countless old villages. Next stop will be the waterfall in Borsh is a stream of water coming from the hills behind the town and is flowing down towards the Ionian Sea. The road will take us to the Lekursi Catle that rises above Saranda on a hill. Its strategic position on a hill of about 300 meters in height as well as its panoramic views of Saranda. Gjirokastra is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, the old town is famous for being a well-preserved city of authentic architecture and its fortress overlooking the entire city, the old houses lean against the slopes of the hills with their beautiful old wooden facades. The origin of the city starts with the castle of Gjirokastra, built in IV century AD. The city was named Argyrokastro, in 1336. In 1417, it was conquered by the Ottoman army. The city reached its peak over 1800-1830, when monumental assembly houses were built. The first neighborhoods are those of Bazaar and Hazmurate. The main characteristic of Gjirokastra is the intensive use of stone in building the houses, which look like small fortresses, the streets of cobblestone, which all lead to Bazaar. You can also visit the Mosque of Bazaar here, built in 1557. Due to all these features, Gjirokastra is also known as the "The Stone City". The most important structure of the city is the castle, which is the biggest castle in Albania. Inside the castle, you can visit the Museum of Weapons, opened in 1971. Weapons from the prehistoric times up to the World War II are exhibited on here. The National Folk Festival has taken place in this castle during the years. The "Blue Eye" (Albanian: Syri i Kaltër) is a water spring and natural phenomenon occurring near the village of Muzinë in Finiq municipality. The clear blue water of the river can be seen from a depth of more than fifty meters. Divers have descended to fifty meters, but it is still unclear what the actual depth of the karst hole is.

- 08.30 Pick-up from the hotel.
- 08.30-10.30 Transfer to LLogara National Park (first stop to feed deers)
- 10.30-10.45 View point on top of LLogara Pass
- 10.45-12.15 Transfer to Porto Palermo and short visit
- 12.15-12.45 Transfer to Borsh waterfall and stop for coffee

- 12.45-13.00 Transfer to Saranda
- 13.00-14.00 Lunch time or beach time
- 14.50-16.10 Transfer to Gjirokaster
- 16.10-17.10 Visit Gjirokaster
- 17.10-19.30 Return to Vlora and hotel

*Timing may be changed due to possible traffic on the roads, meanwhile time for excursions and sightseeing will remain the same

In the price included:

- ✓ Hotel pickup and drop-off
- ✓ Air-conditioned vehicle with expert English-speaking
- ✓ Local taxes

In the price not included:

- ✗ Personal expenses
- ✗ All things not mentioned in price inclusions

What to take with you:

- Comfortable shoes and light cotton clothes
- Sunscreen and sun glasses, maybe hat

Price:

Adult 55.00 €

Child (2-11) 35.00€