



TREK THE BALKANS 1-7 JULY 2028

Trek Itinerary



Climb the highest peaks of Kosovo, Montenegro, Albania and North Macedonia

Experience the bewitching allure of the Alpine mountains

This beautiful secret European trek follows the peaks of the Balkans through four countries - a path that opens both minds and borders by bringing tourism and local mountain guides / innkeepers together.

You'll get to witness cultures and traditions which have been preserved in the mountain region for centuries - and observe the gorgeous landscapes of at the heart of this region. Think towering peaks and jagged ridges Think pristine valleys and green meadows strewn with wild berries. Think forests and shards of limestone.

Our challenge is to conquer three of the highest peaks in the heart of the Balkans.

Our adventure begins in Kosovo, where we'll be welcomed by rich traditions and simple lifestyles. A true undiscovered gem, Kosovo is where we'll conquer Mount Gjeravica (2,656m), its highest peak and the second highest in the Dinaric Alps range.

From Kosovo, we cross-borders through wild and remote landscapes in Montenegro to summit Mount Zla Kolata (2,534m).

Our epic adventure finished as we summit Albania and North Macedonia's highest peak - Mount Korab (2,751m), which rises high above the border.



Find a detailed itinerary of your adventure below:

Day 1: London to Pristina, Kosovo

We'll begin by transferring to Peja, the main gateway to the Peaks of the Balkans. You'll have time to enjoy the laid-back ambience, cafes and restaurants, as well as cultural gems such as the Quashi mosque and Patriarchate of Pec monastery.

You'll stay overnight at a hotel and receive a trek briefing from a local guide before dinner.

Day 2: Trek Mount Gjeravica to Doberdol Kosovo and Albania (18km Trek) 915m ascent / 980m descent

Max elevation: 2,656m

After a 1-hour transfer, we'll begin the climb up to the highest peak of Kosovo and then cross over the boarder into Albania.

Day 2's trek takes you through two shepherd villages, which share the same culture and language, but which were disconnected by political borders. We'll also pass two glacial lakes to reach one of the most isolated corners of Europe - with no mobile network, no electricity, and no roads.

You'll stay overnight at a local guesthouse, off-grid, in the village of Doberdol.





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Day 3: Trek Doberdol to Cerem

Albania (15km trek) 1,025m ascent / 449m descent
Max elevation 1,920m

After breakfast, our trek will continue through lush pastures of wonderful and remote scenery. The shepherd villages we pass will only be inhabited during the summer.

We'll pass through the village of Balqin, part of the Gashi valley with protected glacial lakes and Sulbica plateau. The Gashi woodlands are also under UNESCO protection as part of the Primeval Beech Forests of the Carpathians and the Ancient Beech Forests of Germany - which now stretch over 12 countries.

You'll stay overnight in Cerem village in a shared guesthouse (with electricity).



Day 4: Cerem to Valbona Montenegro (20km trek)

1,400m ascent / 900m descent
Max elevation: 2,582m

Day 4's trek takes you to the summit of Mount Zla Kolata peak, the highest peak of Montenegro. This trail has only recently opened and allows us to hike into Montenegro from Albania.

This is the toughest climb on the whole trek, with steep rocky sections, but it is known as one of the best hikes in the Peaks of the Balkans. You will end your day in the village of Valbona which is the biggest village in the Valbona National Park.

You'll stay overnight in a hotel.





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Day 5: Transfer to Radomire, Sharr mountains, Albania

We'll take a beautiful mountain transfer through Kosovo, stop for lunch and a visit in the city of Prizren, known for its mixed Ottoman culture. You'll stay overnight in the village of Radomire and prepare for your final summit challenge.

Day 6: Mount Korab Albania and North Macedonia (17km trek) 1,400m ascent / 1,400 descent Max elevation: 2,764m

Day 6 is an early start with a strenuous and tough climb. We'll pass shepherd huts and trek over a mix of rocky trails and soft meadows. We'll have a picnic lunch at the summit continue back down to be transferred to the hotel in Pristina.

Day 7: Departure

We'll take an early, short transfer to Pristina Airport.

Challenge Grade: Tough

We'll be likely to walk for 6-8 hours each day across hilly terrain which may sometimes be rough, with the altitude occasionally passing 3,500m.

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This itinerary is complex and subject to change.

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