

May 20 - 27, 2023

ALBANIA

Led by the Wide Angle Creative Team

Albania, Southern Europe's hidden gem, is a small country perched on the coast of the Mediterranean, Adriatic and Ionian seas. Sandwiched between Greece, Montenegro, Macedonia and Kosovo it is a beautiful agrarian country with high mountains, vast lakes, stunning beaches, fresh food and kind people.

We have organised a cultural trip that also includes outdoor activities, so you'll have the opportunity to experience many sides and views of this extraordinary country.





Included: all breakfasts and dinners: single (and partner) accommodations for seven nights; activities and entrance fees; airport pick-up; in-country guides; in-country ground transportation.

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TIRANA

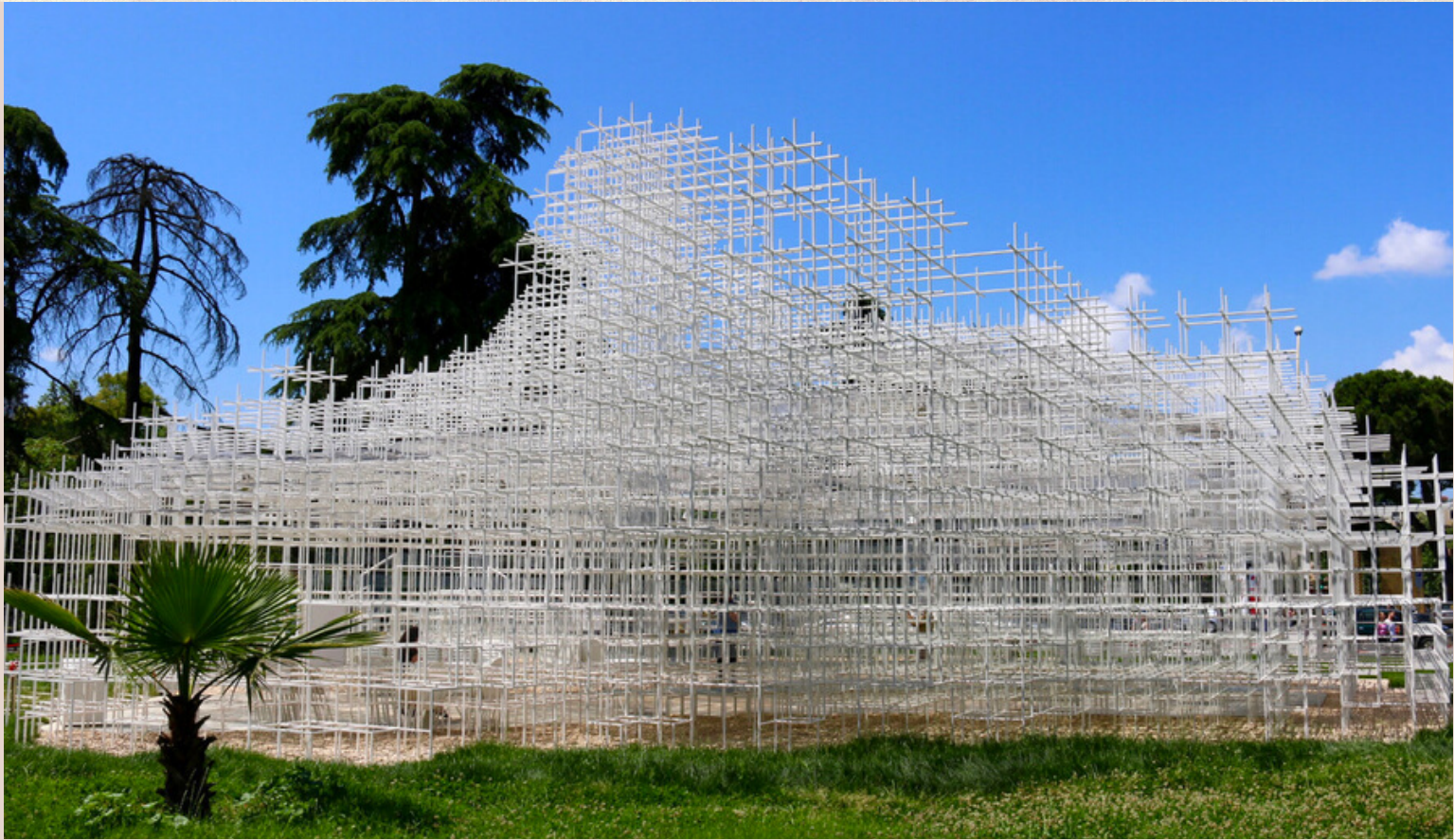
May 20 & 21

The cosmopolitan capital, with wonderful restaurants, shops and galleries joining the almost surrealist pastiche of testaments to the city's past. Here, eras collide. We'll visit Skanderbeg Square, recently renovated and home to an 18th-century mosque and minaret, a domed Albanian Orthodox church, a set of government buildings that echo the fascist architecture of Mussolini's Italy and a Brutalist monolith that houses the National Historical Museum. We'll see the newly opened Secret Surveillance Museum and Bunk'Art, Dictator Hoxha's five-story underground nuclear bunker opened in 2016. We'll meet for a walk, cocktails and dinner in the early evening.

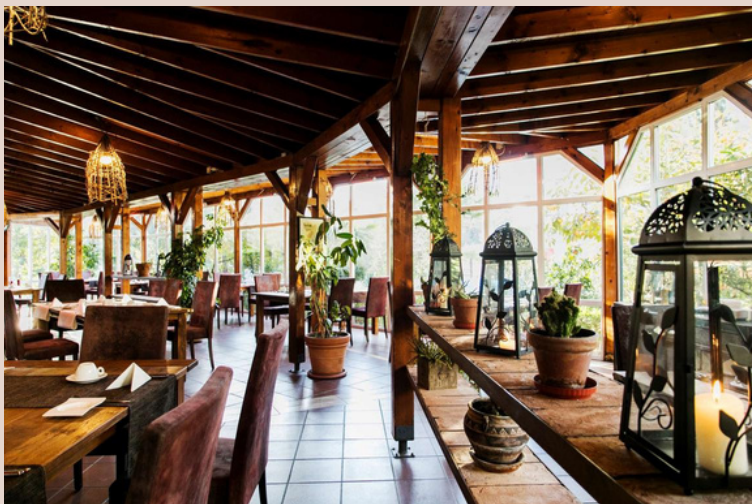
May 20 & 21 will be spent at the very comfortable, 4-star Rogner Hotel (with pool and full spa)



TIRANA



National Museum, Tirana



Rogner Hotel, Tirana



KORCE

May 22 & 23

Known as the Paris of Albania, Korce is a beloved city of cobblestone streets, high hills and the Old Bazaar—the largest in the region—which is of great historic, cultural and artistic significance. Renowned for its exceptional cuisine Korce has a laid-back but vibrant atmosphere with significant architecture and many museums. We'll spend a day in and around the city with our local guide.



KORCE



National Theatre, Korçe



Plaza Park Hotel



VOSKOPOJE

May 23 (afternoon)

We'll visit the beautiful, high mountain village of Voskopoje, known for its spectacular post-Byzantine-style churches with floor-to-ceiling icon paintings. We'll dine at a mountain restaurant with some of the best traditional food in the country.

We will spend 2 nights at the hip Park Plaza Hotel.

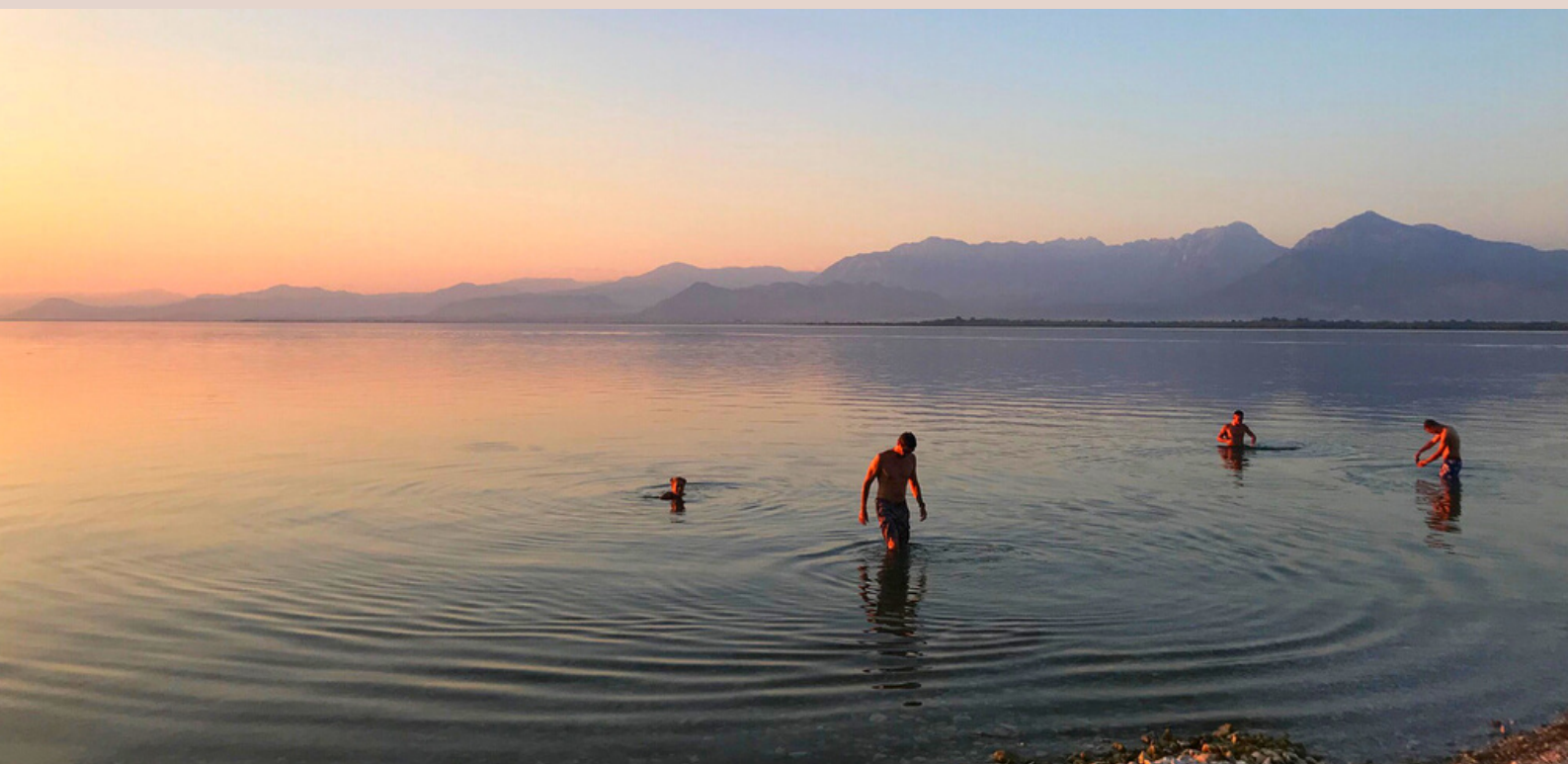


SHKODER

May 24 & 25

North of Tirana on our way to Shkoder we'll stop in Durrës. Known for its Roman amphitheater, a 9th-century church with mosaic-covered walls, and a beautiful promenade that skims the Mediterranean Sea. Shkoder is one of the most ancient cities in the Balkans, and a personal favorite. Our local guide will walk us through its cobblestone streets and to the dramatic Rozafa Castle. Because this is the bike capital of Albania, we'll ride along the scenic Shkoder lake where we'll stop to swim, and then visit the atelier of local weavers.

The nights of May 24 & 25 will be spent at Hotel Tradita, a boutique inn with incredible charm, live music, delicious food and homemade liqueur.



SHKODER



Hotel Tradita, Shkoder



MRIZI I ZANAVE

May 26

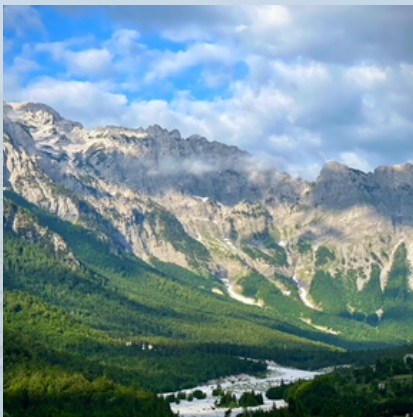
This is a farm, an inn, and a spectacular dining experience all rolled into one beautiful experience. Mrizi i Zanave is a highly regarded restaurant that sources all ingredients locally. We'll explore the grounds lined with olive, fig and pomegranate trees, watch as the wood-fired ovens are filled with fresh dough, and eat a long, multi-coursed dinner prepared by a star chef.

Our last night will be spent on the farm overlooking the extraordinary landscape.

Other stops may include: Kruje, an ancient village, and Lake Ohrid, a large lake bordering Albania and Northern Macedonia (to be determined as the trip nears)



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Pricing

- Single: \$4,650
- Partner rate (couple, shared room): \$8,800

What's Included:

- Airport pick up (due to the various travel schedules, airport return is the responsibility of the participant)
- Carefully selected hotels and inns
- All breakfasts & dinners with wine and raki (excluding hard alcohol)
- Local tour guides
- Museum entrance fees (when together as a group)
- Bicycle rentals

What's not included:

- Airfare to and from Albania (but we're happy to help with travel advice)
- Travel & medical insurance
- When you choose to do your own thing, you'll pay for it
- Alcohol that is not included with dinner
- Any fees or charges that you incur as a result of you canceling this trip once you have made a reservation
- If you arrive early or depart late you're responsible for all of those expenses



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