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Treasures of the Ionian Tour

Tirane

- We stay in the White Dream hotel in Tirana

The White Dream Hotel is located near the centre of Tirana but far enough from it to have a quiet stay . With modern style rooms, each one decorated in a unique surprising way, the hotel will make your staying in Tirana unforgettable.



White Dream Hotel

Vlora

- Visit Radhima.

The Coastal area Radhima-Orikum lies East of the Vlora bay with a lowland and hilly relief planted mainly with olives and citrus. There are no sand beaches but instead there are stones and pebbles which make the sea crystal clear. The hills are mild, especially around Radhima and Orikum.

The area is characterized by a warm summer and favourable temperatures for sunbathing and swimming during at least 5 months a year. During summer you can spend about 14 hours a day on the beach.



Beach in Radhima

Radhima is situated in an intermediate position on the only road that connects Vlora with Orikum, Himara and Saranda. Historical points of interest such as Vlora, Kanina, Amantia, Mavrovo, Orikum, Himara can be visited . Historical data and many archaeological sites give evidence that the region has been among the most civilized in southern Albania.

- In Vlora we will stay in the New York Hotel. It is located in a very attractive part of Vlora Bay also known as the "Cold Water" area because of the fresh water springs nearby, which empty into the clear blue waters of the Ionian sea. Hotel New York has always been one of the best hotels in Vlora both in amenities and especially by the high standard services it offers.



New York Hotel in Vlora



Room at New York Hotel in Vlora



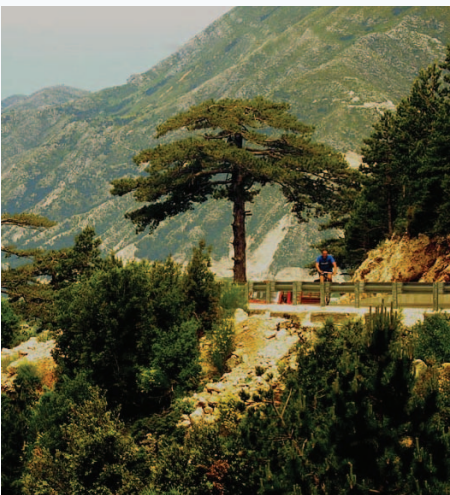
Beach in Radhima



Radhima

■ Visit Llogara

Llogora National Park is declared a national park in 1966 by the Albanian Government. The park covers an area of 1,010 hectares between a height from 470m to 2,018m above sea level and protects the forests on the north side of the Llogara Pass. In the park can be found many black pine (*Pinus nigra*) trees, Bosnian Pines (*Pinus heldreichii*), Bulgarian fir, (*Abies*) and ash trees (*Fraxinus*).



Llogara pass



Flag pine

Air currents around the area have caused trees to bend in many interesting shapes, like the Pisha e Flamurit (Flag Pine). The area of the park and the surrounding mountains are mainly used for hiking and tracking tours. An internationally known paragliding site is located south of Llogara. Along the curvy road are also located several local vendors of honey and mountain tea. Caesar's Pass (Qafa e Cezarit), named after Julius Caesar who set foot in the area in pursuit of Pompey, is also located near the Llogara Pass.



View of the coast from Llogara pass

- Boat trip around the Karaburun peninsula.

The Karaburun-Sazan National Marine Park is the only national marine park of Albania. The park covers a marine area stretching 1 nautical-mile (1.9 km) along the coastlines of Karabu Peninsula and the Sazan Island near the Bay of Vlora. The marine park is 16 kilometres (9.9 mi) long with a width varying from 3 to 4.5 kilometres (1.9 to 2.8 mi), and covers 12,428 ha of surface in total. The Karaburun Peninsula is a managed Nature Reserve and Sazan Island is a military zone. A portion of the marine and terrestrial areas of the Karaburun peninsula around the Pasha Liman Lagoon and the harbor of Sazan Island constitute military zones (Pasha Liman Base).



View of Karaburun



The marine park features ruins of sunken Greek, Roman and World War II ships, rich underwater fauna, steep cliffs and giant caves, ancient inscriptions of sailors on the shore, secluded beaches, and breathtaking views of the coastline. The only way to reach the above areas is by sea.

Dhermi & Porto Palermo

- Visit Dhermi and Porto Palermo.

Dhërmi village lies 42 kilometers south of Vlorë and about the same distance north of Sarandë. The village is built on a slope of the Ceraunian Mountains, at approximately 200 meters altitude. The mountains descend to the south-west into the Ionian coast and Corfu can be observed in the south. Dhermi is a very popular nightlife destination for the Albanian youth.



Dhermi village



Dhermi beach

Porto Palermo has a well preserved castle that is commonly asserted by guide books and by the local tourist guides to have been built in the early 19th century by Ali Pasha of Tepelena, but most probably it was built by the Venetians as it has the same triangular plan with round towers found in the Venetian fort at Butrint. Moreover, the castle would have been vulnerable to cannonfire from the hill above and this also suggests an earlier date for its construction when cannons with a wide range were not yet developed. In 1803 Ali Pasha gave the castle and port to the Royal Navy.



Ali Pasha castle in Porto Palermo



Porto Palermo



Porto Palermo

Orik

- Visit the archeological park of Orik

The ancient town of Orikum was founded in the 7th - 6th century BC by Hellenic settlers. The settlement of about 5 ha in extent lies on a low limestone hill right at the southern end of the Bay of Vlorar. It is close to a harbor which was mentioned by Julius Caesar as having a great strategic importance. On the outskirts of the Archaeological Park is the Marmiroi Church, dated back to the time of Byzantine Emperor Theodorus, around the 13th century AD.



Orik port



Orik Archaeological Park

Zvërnec

- Visit Zvernec monastery

The Monastery of Zvernec is a very important cultural monument. It was built in the thirteenth century in Byzantine style and is dedicated to St. Mary. It is located in the centre of the island. Every August 15th, there is an Orthodox celebration to commemorate the birthday of the Holy Mary. The Church of Holy Mary is annexed to the monastery and dates also from the thirteenth century. It is surrounded by evergreen trees.



View of Zvernec Monastery from the bridge



Zvernec



Zvernec Monastery



Beach in Vlorë



Price per person			
		double room	single room
Low season	1/10-15/4	335	488
Mid season	16/4-15/6	350	519
High season	16/6-30/9	375	575

Tour length: 6 days, 5 nights.

Included in this price are breakfast, lunch, dinner and entrance tickets.

The cost of transport and guide depends upon the number of participants.

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