

Detailed Itinerary

Trip Name: [9 days] Peaks of the Balkans

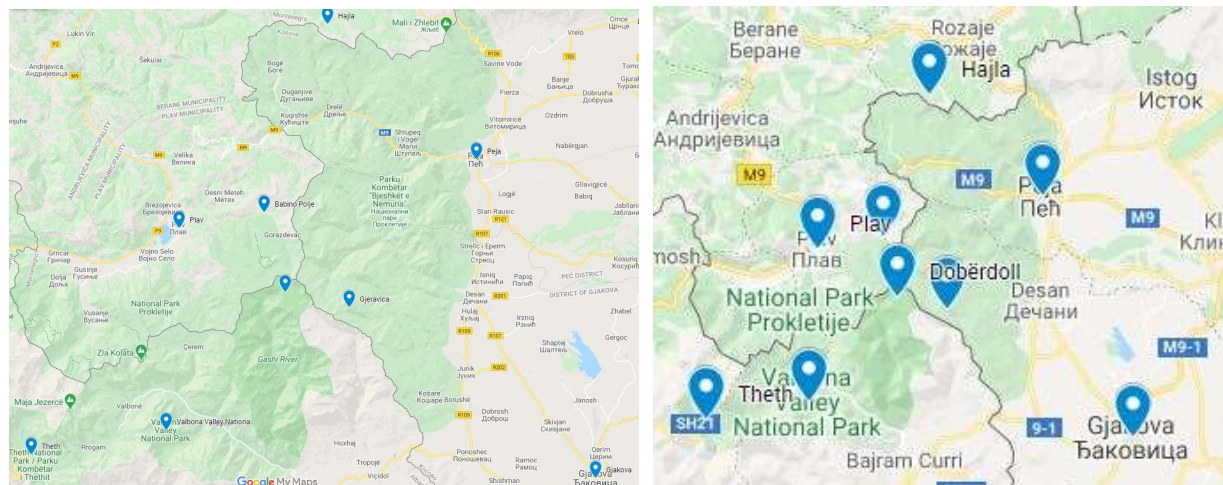
GENERAL

Dates: Variable; bookable between May and October.
Contact Yügen Earthside for your preferred start date.

The region of the Dinaric Alps spreading across North Albania, southwest Kosovo and east of Montenegro, better known as the Accursed Mountains, is one of the last jewels in Europe. Until now, it has remained virtually untouched and is only sparsely inhabited. Thus, it has preserved its fascination and authentic character.

Main Stops:

Peja, Kosovo - Plav, Montenegro - Thethi, Albania - Gjakova, Kosovo



About the Tour:

Our adventure tours are unique, active itineraries for intrepid travelers that combine spectacular places, cultural and local interaction, and physical challenges. These expeditions are organized by some of the best local and experienced outdoor and adventure guides in the Balkans. You'll explore fascinating, off-the-beaten-path places, with top guides, and you'll have a chance to build relationship with the mountain villages and communities you visit.

DAY BY DAY ITINERARY



Day 01: Arrive in Peja, Kosovo.

- Airport pick up from Prishtina Airport (PRN).
- 1h transport to Peja.
- Preparation and briefing from the guides.

Accommodation: 3-star Hotel

Meals: Lunch, Dinner

Day 02: First stage, Hajla mountain

- 1h transport to the starting point at Pepaj village.
- Hike the circular route at Hajla mountain.
- Arrive at Drelaj mountain village.
- 9km / 5.6 miles | 5-6h | +450m ascent | -1000m descent

Accommodation: Guesthouse

Meals: Breakfast, Picnic Lunch, Dinner



Day 03: Second stage, Liqenati Lakes-Babino Polje

- 30min transfer to the start of this stage.
- Passing by beautiful mountain lakes of Liqenati.
- Cross border to Montenegro.
- 16km / 9.9 miles | 7-8h | +1150m ascent | -110m descent

Accommodation: Guesthouse

Meals: Breakfast, Picnic lunch, Dinner



Day 04: Third stage, Babino Polje-Thethi

- 1h transfer to the starting point at Vuthaj village.
- Passing by majestic Ropojana valley to Albania.
- 19km / 11.8 miles | 9h | +1110m ascent | -1140m descent

Accommodation: Guesthouse

Meals: Breakfast, Picnic lunch, Dinner

Day 05: Fourth stage, Thethi Highlights

- Catholic church, Stone Kulla, Grunasi Waterfall, and the Blu Eye.
- 16km / 9.9 miles | 5h | +800m ascent | -800m descent

Accommodation: Guesthouse

Meals: Breakfast, Picnic lunch, Dinner



Day 06: Fourth stage, Thethi- Valbona valley

- Amazing views over the Valbona pass.
- Valbona National Park and Valbona river.
- 19km / 11.8 miles | 7-8h | +1070m ascent | -820m descent

Accommodation: Guesthouse

Meals: Breakfast, Picnic lunch, Dinner



Day 07: Fifth stage, Valbona-Doberdol village

- 1h transfer to the starting point at Qerrem village.
- Arriving at remote village of Doberdol in Albania.
- 15.5km / 9.6 miles | 7-8h | +1030m ascent | -440m descent

Accommodation: Guesthouse

Meals: Breakfast, Picnic lunch, Dinner



Day 08: Sixth stage, Doberdol-Gjeravica mountain

- Last hiking stage towards top of Kosovo-Gjeravica at 2656m.
- Passing by high mountain lakes of Gjeravica mountain.

- 1h 45min transfer with 4x4 at Gjakova town.
- 19.5km / 12.1 miles | 7-8h | +900m ascent | -920m descent

Accommodation: 3-star Hotel

Meals: Breakfast, Picnic lunch, Dinner

Day 09: Gjakova Grand Bazaar

- Visit the Grand Baazar.
- 1h transfer to Prishtina Airport (PRN) for your homebound flight.

Meals: Breakfast

INCLUSIONS

- **Accommodation:**
 - Hotels, homestays, or guesthouses for all 8 nights
- **Meals:**
 - 8 Breakfasts
 - 9 Lunches
 - 8 Dinners throughout the trip
- **Transportation:**
 - Airport transfers and some short transfers during the hike included.
- **Permits, Fees, Guides:**
 - All cross-border permits
 - All National Park fees
 - English speaking guide (availability for some other languages)

EXCLUSIONS

- **Meals:**
 - Meals not specified in the itinerary
 - Drinks during the meals
- **Transportation:**
 - Flights to/from Prishtina international airport (code PRN)
- **Other:**
 - Bag transfers during the entire hike (costs \$90 per person for groups of 2+ travelers, \$300 for solo travelers)
 - International travel insurance
 - Optional tipping to drivers/guides and local staff
 - Any item not specifically mentioned in the program