Walking the Coastal South of Albania

Trip Code: SGSA

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WALK & TREK	SELF-GUIDED	3 LEISURELY

HIGHLIGHTS

- Get off the beaten track in the lesser-trodden south of Albania
- Walk on stunning coastal paths and quiet shepherd's trails with views out to the Ionian Sea
- Swim in the crystal clear waters of the Albanian Riviera
- Explore vibrant Tirana and learn of its chequered history
- Enjoy sumptuous fresh Mediterranean cuisine and hearty Albanian mountain fare

AT A GLANCE

- 6 days walking
- Transfers included
- Daily departures
- Suitable for 2+ travellers
- Join at Tirana Airport

ACCOMMODATIONS & MEALS

- 7 Breakfasts
- 1 Lunch
- 5 nights Guesthouse
- 2 nights Hotel

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Introduction

The hidden gem that is Albania is a fascinating country with so much to offer to the discerning traveller. Endowed with an incredible coastline on both the Adriatic and Ionian Seas, along with wild and untamed mountain ranges, this welcoming and emerging destination is calling for you to discover. On this one week self-guided walking holiday, you will immerse yourself into the south coast of Albania where the "thunder-split" peaks of the Ceraunian Mountains rise from the Ionian Sea.

Your holiday starts on your arrival to Tirana Airport, where you will be met and transferred to the coastal south of Albania. Here you will experience a wonderful juxtaposition of the sumptuous coastal Riviera with the rocky trails of the Karaburun Peninsula and the lush green heights of Llogara National Park. Your day walks on the Albanian Riviera will take you on sections of the Southern Coastal Trail, hiking between rocky coves and beautiful bays with sparkling turquoise waters, and off the beaten track into the foothills of the Ceraunian mountain range that emerges from the Ionian Sea. Along the way you will discover not only the picture-postcard azure beaches, but also the rich cultural heritage and culinary traditions of the region. You will also have the pleasure of Albanian hospitality and support local businesses by staying in hand-selected family-run guesthouses and small hotels. Ending your holiday with a final night in Tirana, you will have the opportunity to delve into this lively and colourful city, taking in the atmosphere at Skanderbeg Square, admire the historic Et'hem Bey Mosque, and perhaps pay an eye-opening visit to the National History Museum.

Is this holiday for you?

This holiday is perfect for those looking to experience a hidden gem on foot at your own pace, with the ease and assurance of transfers to/from each day's walk arranged for you. Albania is an emerging destination and this is a great option to discover some wonderful walking outside of the busiest holiday periods and avoiding the crowds.

This holiday comprises of day walks; you will walk 3-5 hours each day with around 500m of average daily ascent/descent. The nature of the terrain on the coast and in the mountains means that trails are often narrow and uneven, and sometimes steep and rocky. Trails are waymarked and on the whole are easy to follow, though some trails may be less defined. While there is no official trail maintenance, the trails are well-trodden and have been used by people or animals for years. A small handheld GPS device is provided locally for additional confidence and assistance with route finding on your walks.

You will stay in carefully selected simple hotels or comfortable family-run guesthouses, always in rooms with private bathrooms. There will be plenty of opportunities for swimming in the Ionian Sea so don't forget to pack your swimsuit and towel.

For safety considerations on the more remote mountain trails, this trip is suitable for groups of 2 or more travellers.

Itinerary

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DAY 1

Transfer from Tirana to the seaside town of Himare, on the south coast of Albania.

Your holiday begins with a meet & greet at Tirana Airport, where you will be welcomed by your driver and receive a briefing on your week ahead. Your driver will transfer you to the Himare on the south coast of Albania, en route passing the salt pans of the Narta Lagoon and the historic city of Vlora, at the foothills of the Ceraunian range. Admire the views over the bay and out to the sparkling Adriatic Sea before the road travels through the green mountains to reach your accommodation in Himare. Once you have settled in you are free to take your pick of the restaurants available in this popular seaside destination to enjoy your first Albanian meal, and rest up for the night ready for a wonderful week of walking.

If you are spending an additional night in Tirana city before the start of your holiday, your driver will meet you at your hotel in the city and provide your briefing before transferring you to Himare.

Accommodation
Guesthouse

DAY 2

Walk through the sleepy hill villages of Kudhes and Upper Qeparo to the sparkling bay of Borsh.

A morning transfer (30 minutes) takes you on a scenic drive along the glistening coastline before heading inland, deep into the hilly backdrop of the Albanian Riviera. The first section of your walk follows the quiet surfaced road leading to Kudhes, a hillside village seemingly untouched by time. Historically, the residents of this mountainous settlement made their livelihoods with sheep and goats, as well as from agriculture as evidenced in the olive plantations, orchards, and vineyards. Situated at an elevation of 335m, there are wonderful vistas of the surrounding green slopes and the distant sea. Seek out the public plaza and enjoy a relaxed coffee in the company of friendly locals.

From the village, your walk takes you along an ancient shepherd's trail connecting Kudhes and Qeparo, taking you through tranquil forests and terraced fields, with unfolding views before you. On this walk you are likely to come across herds of goats rather than other people. Reaching Upper (Old) Qeparo, wind your way through its stone houses and cobbled streets and perhaps take a break at a traditional taverna, before continuing your walk in the direction of the sea. You have the option of taking a short descent to conclude your day's walk at Lower (New) Qeparo; or you might like to continue your journey to Borsh

and catch a taster view of this long bay that you will come back to explore later in the week.

At the end of your walk, you will meet your driver for your transfer back to Himare. Along the way you have the opportunity to visit the castle at Porto Palermo to learn of its intriguing history, from the time of its construction in the early 19th century, to its occupation as a Soviet base during the communist regime in Albania.

Meals: **B**

Accommodation	Ascent	Descent	Time	Distance
Guesthouse	425M	425M	4-5 hours	12KM

DAY 3

Discover the sparkling coves of Jala and Livadi on foot, with plenty of opportunities for swimming in the Ionian Sea today.

Enjoy a leisurely breakfast and ensure you have packed your swimwear and towel today. You will be collected from your hotel and transferred to Vuno (30 minutes), from where you will descend initially on cobbled alleys, then on a straightforward track through the scrubby coastal cliffs and on a section of asphalted road to reach the inviting waters of the Ionian Sea. The trail takes you to the attractive cove of Jala Beach where bars and cafes gives it a lively resort atmosphere. Picking up the path at the far end of the bay, you will soon reach a couple of secluded bays only accessible by foot, boasting of waters so crystal-clear that it has been dubbed "Aquarium Beach". You might well like to bag yourself a spot on the pebbly beach and enjoy a paddle in the azure waters.

Feeling refreshed, carry on walking along the coastal path to the next resort of Livadi Beach. With over 1km of bright white sand, it's easy to see why this beach is a popular destination for local holiday makers. Again there is a plethora of cafes, bars and restaurants for you to sample some deliciously fresh seafood while enjoying the sea view and atmosphere.

From Livadi, you can either continue along the coastal path to reach the next bay along and return to your hotel in Himare; or you could take an extension option from Livadi to reach Old Himare, further up the hill, and pay a visit to the ruins of the medieval castle of Himare. At this elevated position you will gain beautiful views over the bay and the neighbouring islands, with the afternoon sun glinting on the sea. To return to your hotel from Old Himare, you can either pick up a taxi locally, or head down on foot following the road.

Meals: **B**

Accommodation	Ascent	Descent	Time	Distance
Guesthouse	250M	550M	4-5 hours	13KM

DAY 4

Get off the beaten track to discover quiet mountain trails in the southern Riviera.

This morning a transfer takes you south to Lukova (50 minutes). Surrounded by olive and orange plantations, the village is thought to have derived its name from the old Slavic word of "lluke" meaning "green landscape". Your route follows a shepherd's trail heading up into the mountains as the peaks rise from the sea.

Striking out from the village, the well-used trail becomes steep in parts, and being an off-the-beaten-track route frequented by more sheep than hikers, you may need to pay that bit more attention to your route finding as you make your way up the hillside. The challenging ascent is rewarded as you emerge to a viewpoint offering breath taking views of Lavani mountain (959m) ahead and the surrounding peaks. As you continue your ascent up the rocky trail, you might be able to pick out the stone-built village of Sasaj, clinging to the high mountain side. Soon you will rise above the treeline; it won't be much further until you crest the pass and commence your descent with unimpeded views on either side of the mountain ridge. Following the wide gravel track, you will drop steadily through untarnished landscapes while drinking in the sea views, to reach the village of Piqeras where you can enjoy some well-deserved refreshments before meeting your transfer for your return journey to your hotel base in Himare.

Meals: **B**

Accommodation	Ascent	Descent	Time	Distance
Guesthouse	525M	550M	4-5 hours	8KM

DAY 5

Follow the dramatic Mediterranean coastline along the Prisoner's Trail from Lukova to Borsh.

Today is your last day hiking on the southern coast, and what a beautiful day you have in store. In the morning you will be transferred again to Lukova (50 minutes) where you will start your walk through the village, discovering pretty flower adorned houses and old cobblestone alleys as you walk from the newer part of the village to the older settlement. On the outskirts you will find among the olive groves the dilapidated stone Church of St Friday, a cultural monument dating back to the 17th century. The path continues its gentle descent toward the sea, winding its way through green plantations until you emerge onto the sandy beach. Walking along the shore, the lapping turquoise waters invite you for a cooling paddle. The path soon turns inland again, the scent of chamomile accompanying you as the route climbs through terraced fields toward the village of Piqeras some 200m above sea level.

The trail that you take today is known as the Prisoner's Trail; the peaceful surroundings lined with olive groves give little indication that this trail was once used by prisoners carrying out hard labour, who were not allowed to use the main road or enter the village. The terraced slopes created by the military, prisoners, and some villagers during the communist period were used to grow olives, lemons and oranges but now increasingly these are becoming disused and overgrown. The long bay of Borsh with its seemingly endless beaches and shimmering water stretches beneath you - you will keep this view in

sight as you stroll along the hillside to the end point of your walk in Borsh. You might like to enjoy a swim here before you are transferred back to Himare for your final night on the Albanian Riviera.

Meals: **B**

Accommodation	Ascent	Descent	Time	Distance
Guesthouse	150M	400M	4 hours	12KM

DAY 6

Transfer to Llogara National Park. Hike the Karaburun Peninsula and enjoy the contrasts of rocky ridges and verdant forest.

A transfer this morning picks you up from your accommodation in Himare to take you to the Llogara National Park, nestled within the Ceraunian Mountains. Blanketed in thick forest, this National Park is an important nature reserve protecting unique ecosystems, endemic flora and the diverse fauna that thrive in this habitat. The landscapes are a striking combination of rich forest, alpine meadows, and rugged rock faces.

Your walk this morning begins at the trailhead at the Llogara Pass, taking in the rocky spine of the Karaburun Peninsula that offers up panoramic views of the rugged Albanian Riviera: from the southern bays that you discovered earlier in the week, to the Bay of Vlora tucked into the northern tip of the peninsula. From the pass, you will take a wide gravel road snaking its way along the side of the ridge. Reaching the road end, you will make your way across some trail-less terrain which should not pose any difficulties in clear weather, but in the event of fog generated by the microclimates it would be a good idea to have your GPS device to hand to aid you on your way. The faint trail follows the flank of the mountain before looping inland back toward the centre of the Llogara National Park, taking you over the spine of the Karaburun and into lush green forests of pine, fir, ash and oak. This verdant route on rocky paths offers pleasant shade, a delightful contrast to the windswept rugged terrain of the first half of your walk. The National Park reserve is home to diverse wildlife including fallow deer, roe deer, foxes, red squirrels, griffon vultures and golden eagles, so keep your eyes and ears peeled for any elusive sightings.

Arriving back to your hotel, you can take your pick of the restaurants available to enjoy a taste of hearty Albanian mountain cuisine.

Meals: **B**

Accommodation	Ascent	Descent	Time	Distance
Hotel	425M	625M	5 hours	11KM

DAY 7

Hike to the Dhjopuri Pass (1,600m) for stunning views out to the Ionian Sea, before transferring to Tirana.

Your final hike objective of the week is to reach the Dhjopuri Pass (1,600m) located beneath the stark rocky peak of Qorre (2,018m).

A short transfer takes you from your hotel to the start of the trail at the Llogara Pass (1,043m). Embarking on a narrow route through forests of snake skin pine, so called for its patterned bark, you will be accompanied by its lovely fragrance and perhaps also catch the scent of chamomile and sage as you ascend to the saddle. The climb on the shepherd's trail in the pleasant shade of the pines is initially steep but soon becomes steady going. You will be rewarded for your efforts with a spectacular vista over the Albanian coastline and tantalising views of the islands in the glistening Ionian Sea, including Corfu. After enjoying your picnic lunch and drinking in the views, descend via the same route to meet your transfer and your luggage for your journey back to Tirana for your final night in the city, arriving in the late afternoon or early evening.

Arriving to the city, you can settle in to your central hotel, freshen up and go on a stroll to soak in the lively atmosphere, before tucking in to a celebratory dinner in one of the many local restaurants serving up delicious Albanian fare.

Meals: **B L**

Accommodation	Ascent	Descent	Time	Distance
Hotel	550M	500M	3-4 hours	5KM

DAY 8

Departure day.

Waking refreshed in your hotel located near the central Skanderbeg Square, you can enjoy a leisurely breakfast and depending on the time of your departure flight, take a final stroll through the city before your transfer picks you up to take you to Tirana Airport. Additional nights can be arranged if you wish to stay longer in Tirana, just speak with our sales team for more details.

Meals: **B**

Holiday Information

What's Included

- All accommodation as described
- Tourist taxes
- Meals as described in the Meal Plan
- Self-guided information pack containing your map and route notes
- Luggage transfers
- Transfer from Tirana Airport your accommodation on Day 1
- Transfers to/from your walks as described in the itinerary
- Transfer from Tirana city hotel to Tirana Airport on Day 8
- Small handheld GPS device & simple mobile phone with local SIM card
- GPX tracks supplied

What's not Included

- Travel insurance
- Travel to/from Tirana Airport
- Visas (if applicable)
- Some meals as described in the Meal Plan
- Any charges incurred for loss or damage of loaned GPS & mobile phone devices
- Personal equipment
- Any additional activities/excursions indicated as optional

Your Self-Guided Pack & Route Notes

Each self-guided holiday comes with comprehensive route notes and a map or pocket guidebook of the area you are exploring. The route notes contain information about the places you will visit and the local transport you might need, along with the detailed route notes for your daily walks or cycle rides. We even include some tips for the best places to stop for lunch.

You can expect to receive your Self-Guided Pack containing your route notes, a map or guidebook, and all your relevant documents, no later than 3 weeks before your holiday start-date. We will send your documents using a signed-for courier so that you can track your package and know that it is safely on its way to you. For bookings of more than 4 people we will send an additional Self-Guided Pack. If you do not need this additional pack please inform our Sales Team. Your pack will be sent to the lead booker, so please remind them to pack it before setting off.

Should your self-guided trip be part of a longer adventure requiring you to leave home more than three weeks before your holiday start-date, please inform our Sales Team so that we can make alternative delivery arrangements.

Self-Guided Families

Our Self-Guided Holidays are perfect for your next family holiday and are suitable for children of all ages.

Our partner hotels and accommodations are able to provide cots for young children, and some offer family rooms. We can also arrange hire of children's bikes and tag along bikes for most of our self-guided cycling trips and with trips such as Lake Constance and the Danube offering routes on designated cycle paths you can rest assured in keeping your family safe.

As a parent we trust that you know your own child's capabilities, so please read the itinerary details to ensure the distances covered each day are suitable for your family. If this is a first time walking or cycling holiday for your family, a centre-based trip is a fantastic option as it allows you to easily opt out of a day's walking if a day of building sand castles, swimming in the pool, or visiting museums is calling instead.

Please discuss this further with our Sales Team who will be happy to assist in picking the best trip for your family.

Joining Arrangements & Transfers

The trip starts and ends at Tirana Airport. All of our self-guided holidays are sold on a Land Only basis allowing you the flexibility to choose the travel method which best suits you. For this trip we have included a return transfer for you from Tirana Airport which offers many departures from regional UK airports. The transfer between Tirana and the south coast takes around 4 hours each way.

Please ensure you inform our customer sales and support team as early as possible of your flight times so that we can arrange your transfers for you.

Meal Plan

This trip is on a bed and breakfast basis to allow you the most flexibility during your trip. We have also included your packed lunch when you are Llogara where shops or cafes are not readily available.

Special Diets

Whilst we can cater for vegetarians, albeit sometimes with a more limited choice, we cannot always provide for special diets. Due to the nature of some of the trips that we operate and the countries in which we operate them, it can be very hard (and sometimes impossible) to cater for a wide range of dietary choices and you may have to supplement your meals with food/snacks from home. If you have specific dietary requirements please do speak to our sales team and they will be able to advise you whether or not we will be able to offer your specific choice. Please note that we are unable to provide separate menus and cannot accept liability for any problems arising from special dietary requirements or intolerances.

Food & Water

It is not recommended to drink untreated water from the taps. You should take purification tablets or a filter bottle (such as a Water-To-Go bottle) to treat your water. We do not encourage the purchasing of single use plastic bottles.

With a mix of Balkan, Greek and Italian influences, Albania offers a rich variety of dishes with a Mediterranean flair, utilising the seasonal produce of the region. In the mountains, you can expect hearty meat dishes such as stews or grilled meats, typically with lamb. A national specialty to try is Tave Kosi, a baked casserole of lamb, yoghurt, eggs and rice. The popular side dish of stuffed peppers filled with rice and herbs, or even meat or cheese are delicious. At the coast there will be plenty of excellent seafood options, with freshly caught fish such as bream, sea bass, octopus, squid, shrimp and so on. With the Italian influence you can also expect pasta and pizza to be readily available, plus coffee is a way of life. While in Albania, you should try the Byrek, a popular snack of filled filo pastry. Meat-free dishes are also readily available, with grilled or baked vegetables, cheese dishes, soups and salads.

To satisfy your sweet tooth, make sure you sample some baklava with layers of thin filo, honey and nuts; or a variation with shredded filo called kadaif. Fried dough balls called petulla are a popular snack any time of day, with a variety of toppings such as chocolate, jam, honey or cheese.

In hotels breakfast are continental style, with cereals, bread and jam, meat, cheese, tea, coffee and sometimes eggs and fruit. You may also have the chance to try a more traditional Albanian breakfast of flavoured rice.

Included picnic lunches usually include bread, vegetables such as tomato, cucumber or pepper, cheese, boiled egg, sometimes with some cured meat. Fruit may also be included depending on the season. You may wish to bring some supplementary snacks, it is often nice to have your favourite trail food with you on your hikes.

If you would like to sample some locally-produced drinks, Albania produces lagers and wines, or you might also like to brave the strong grape liquor known as raki. These can be purchased from most hotels and shops along the way.

Accommodation

On this holiday, you will stay in a selection of small, comfortable hotels and family-run guesthouses, all with WiFi connectivity. All accommodations are booked in twin or double rooms with private bathrooms, on a bed and breakfast basis. Where you are in the more remote mountains we have also included your packed lunch from the hotel.

In the coastal town of Himare, you will stay in a comfortable, family-run guesthouse with easy access to the beach.

In Llogara, you will stay at a simple and welcoming mountain inn with a popular restaurant serving up traditional Albanian fare. Located in the heart of the National Park and surrounded by natural woodland, the hiking trails are practically on the hotel doorstep.

In Tirana, you will stay at a centrally-located hotel in the city, a great spot from which to explore on foot with some the most popular attractions of Tirana within walking distance.

Please note that not all places are able to accept payment by credit card so having a supply of cash is a good idea.

Baggage Allowance

Your main luggage will be transferred between each of your hotels while you are out on your walk. We ask that you please ensure your luggage is limited to one soft bag (duffle bag or rucksack) under 15kg per person and that your luggage is ready for collection in the morning. Suitcases or flight cases are not suitable for this trip. You will also need a daypack to carry your daily essentials with you.

General Information

Passport & Visas

The information that we provide is for UK passport holders.

A passport with 6 months remaining validity at the end of your stay is generally required**,** and you should have at least 2 blank pages for each country that you visit.

For other nationalities, please refer to your own Government website for the latest information.

It is your responsibility to ensure that you have the correct travel documents including vaccinations and health certificates *(see Health & Vaccinations below),* **and visas for your holiday.** Please ensure that you check the FCDO for the latest advice for **each country visited** before travel.

Visa Albania

UK and USA passport holders do not require a visa for shorts stays.

Health & Vaccinations

Vaccinations:

You should be up to date with the routine vaccinations recommended in the UK for overseas travel.

You must also contact your doctor or travel clinic to check if there are specific vaccinations or other preventive measures that you need for the area you are visiting, in good time before you are due to depart.

Please ensure you are looking at the recommendations for all countries visited on your holiday plus recommendations for any borders you cross.

On holidays to more remote areas you should also have a dental check-up.

It is your responsibility to ensure that you have the correct travel documents including vaccinations and health certificates.

Please check the FCDO and Travel Health Pro. For all of your intended destinations for up-to-date advice.

Severe Allergies:

If you have a severe allergy please inform the KE office before you travel. We will do all we can to help, but we cannot guarantee an allergy free environment on KE trips.

Currency

The unit of currency in Albania is the Lek.

Preparing for your Holiday

The advantage of a self-guided walking holiday is that you decide the pace however, getting some additional exercise before coming on an active holiday makes a lot of sense. The fitter you are, after all, the more enjoyable your walks will be. You should be comfortable with walking 4 to 5 hours for consecutive days. We suggest that you try to fit in a number of daily walks in hilly countryside before your trip and it is always a good idea to spend some time walking in the footwear you are going to use on this holiday.

Climate

Albania has a Mediterranean climate which varies by region. Coastal areas experience mild, wet winters and hot, dry summers, with temperatures reaching highs of 35-40 °C in July and August. Spring and autumn brings a moderate climate with temperatures reaching daytime highs of 22-26 °C, which are more comfortable for a walking holiday, hence this holiday is not offered in the summer. Flowers are in bloom in the spring, while the Ionian Sea is delightfully warm in the autumn. Mountainous regions such as Llogara feel cooler, with temperatures between 15-19 °C in spring and autumn, and can experience alpine microclimates with strong winds. While Albania enjoys a great deal of sunshine, rain can be expected at any time of the year particularly in mountainous regions, so you should always be prepared for all eventualities.

Those choosing to travel in November should be aware that the clocks go back an hour at the end of October. As such, the day will be an hour shorter in November, with the sun setting soon after 4pm. We recommend that walks should be planned accordingly to maximise the available daylight later in the year.

Travel Aware

As a reputable tour operator, KE supports the British Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office's **'Travel Aware'** campaign to enable British citizens to prepare for their journeys overseas. The 'Travel Aware' website provides a single, authoritative source of advice for all kinds of travellers and we recommend that before travel, all KE clients visit the official UK Government website at travelaware.campaign.gov.uk and read the FCDO Travel Advice for their chosen destination. All other nationalities should check their government websites for relevant information.

KE treat the safety and security of all clients as the most important aspect of any trip we organise. We would not run any trip that we did not consider reasonably safe. Should the FCDO advise against travel for any reason, we will contact everyone booked to travel to discuss the situation. We receive regular updates directly from the FCDO and are in constant touch with our contacts on the ground. If you have any questions about government travel advice, please call our office.

Single Use Plastic

KE do not encourage the use of single use plastic items. We are ensuring that our agents all over the world are working together to reduce the problem and educate those around them. We are leading by example in our KE office by reducing our plastic use.

Books

Modern Albania: From Dictatorship to Democracy in Europe - Fred C. Abrahams

Free: Coming of Age at the End of History - Lea Ypi

Travel Insurance

It is an essential condition of joining a holiday with KE Adventure Travel that you have a valid travel insurance policy to cover the cost of medical treatment and to protect the value of your holiday in the event of cancellation. When taking out insurance please ensure the policy you choose covers you for the activities and altitude included in your itinerary.

For appropriate insurance cover we recommend Campbell Irvine Direct. Please go to our Travel Insurance page for further information and to get a quote.

Equipment Information

Self Guided Equipment List

- Hiking boots with good-grip soles
- Hiking socks
- Long / short hiking trousers
- Functional base layer top and leggings
- T-shirts
- Fleece / extra warm layer
- Windproof jacket
- Waterproof jacket
- Waterproof trousers
- Hat, gloves, and neck gaiter

- Sunscreen
- Sunglasses
- Sunhat
- Small first aid kit inside your rucksack
- Water bottle or hydration pack
- Mobile Phone (ensure your data package covers your destination)
- Power bank
- Waterproof phone cover
- Camera (and batteries / memory card)
- Reusable sealable picnic boxes for picnics
- Reusable cloth bag for shopping to avoid the use of plastic bags
- Walking poles
- Headtorch with spare batteries
- Personal wash kit
- Your self-guided route notes
- Rucksack (approx. 20L)

Land Only Information

Please note our 'from price' listed is based on 4 persons in double or twin occupancy, however this trip is suitable for groups of 2 or more travellers, contact our sales team for a quote.

When considering your travel dates, you might like to investigate any seasonal opening times of attractions and points of interest.

All of our self-guided holidays are sold on a Land Only basis allowing you the flexibility to choose the travel method which best suits you. You may even wish to make this holiday part of a bigger adventure or pair it with one of our other holidays. We can arrange additional nights accommodation before or after your self-guided trip, ask our sales team to find out more about this.

Our sales team will be happy to provide you a quote for scheduled flights or alternatively you may wish to book your own flights with a low cost carrier from your nearest regional airport.

Please DO NOT book your flights before you have received your booking confirmation and your deposit has been taken.

Why Choose KE

Why KE

Get ahead of the crowds and discover the lesser-known coastal south of Albania, on foot and at your own pace. We have included transfers to/from your walks, as well as from/to Tirana Airport, for a seamless holiday experience.

Please Note This document was downloaded on 14/11/2026 and the trip is subject to change