

Albania Tours



Includes Sightseeing, Cultural and Historical Tours.

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Sightseeing Tour

'The Discover Albania' tour is especially designed for first time visitors in a group of 2-4 persons. Choose any date[s] of your choice for this unique experience.

Cultural and Historical Tour

Visits to national landmarks, place of historical or cultural interest and areas of outstanding natural beauty.

Tailor-Made Holidays

Derek Crane Travel specialise in exclusive holidays to Albania. Ask Derek to put together a bespoke tour today!

Cultural and Historical Tour



Full Itinerary

Tour of Albania - Tirana Region - 7 days

Day 1 - Depart UK. Arrive afternoon at Mother Theresa Airport Tirana. Transfer to Tafaj Vila in central Tirana.

Day 2 - Full day sightseeing tour in Tirana, visiting Skanderbeg Square, Museums, the Mosque and many other sights.

Day 3 - Morning visit to Petrela castle and the villages of Petrela and Mullet. Enjoy the splendid views from the castle across the valley to Tirana. There is a superb café within the castle that serves traditional Albanian lunches. Return to Tirana mid afternoon.

Day 4 - Depart hotel morning for trip to Kruja. Visit to the castle and the Bektashi tekke, a beautiful building. The interior contains some beautiful embroideries. A museum about Skanderbeg is well worth a visit, as is the local bazaar and market to buy authentic Albanian antiques and souvenirs, including rugs and lace. After lunch move on to Durres, the port on the Adriatic coast. Visit the Roman amphitheatre and the former palace of King Zog. Return to Tirana early evening.

Day 5 - A day at leisure. Re-visit places in Tirana, go for a train journey, or a trip up to the Dajti Mountains with its spectacular views over Tirana.

Day 6 ** - Day trip to the beach resort at Mali i Robit Golem. The resort is south of Durres and you can enjoy the facilities of the hotel complex. Tennis, sauna, swimming pool are all on site. The complex is adjacent to the beach with bar, restaurant. Horse riding, boat trips and fishing can be arranged locally. Return to Tirana in the evening.

Day 7 - Morning at leisure. Check out of hotel midday for transfer to airport and return flight to England.

** Please note day 6 itinerary April to Oct. only, at other times day tour to Elbasan.

Price of the tour: From £560 per person [Jan to May and Sep to Dec] and from £610 per person [Jun to Aug]

Prices are based on two persons sharing a room in hotel - single occupancy prices upon request.

Departure dates: 1st week of each month January to December inclusive.

The price includes: English/Albanian speaking representative and guide. Transport as scheduled itinerary. Hotel accommodation on bed & breakfast basis.

The price excludes: Flights. Travel insurance [advisable], border taxes, meals except breakfast, taxi or transport costs on leisure times.

Sightseeing Tours

Tour of Albania - Tirana and Korca - 8 or 10 Days

Day 1 - Depart UK. Arrive pm Tirana Mother Theresa Airport and transfer to Chateau Linza Hotel, approx 3kms from the centre of Tirana or Hotel Tafaj Vila.

Day 2 - Whole day sightseeing tour of Tirana. Visit the Mosque of Ethem Bey, The Clock Tower, the National Museum, National Art Gallery, Skanderbeg Square, The Martyrs Cemetery, Grand Park and government buildings. Lunch at your leisure, return to hotel late afternoon/early evening.

Day 3 - Trip to Kruja. Here is the historic citadel of the Albanian hero Skanderbeg. There is a museum and fascinating bazaar in which to browse and buy authentic Albanian antiques and souvenirs. The old town of Kruja contains many historic buildings. After lunch we travel to Durrës on the Adriatic coast and main commercial port of Albania. You can visit the ancient Roman remains including the amphitheatre. At the top of the hill is the Palace of the former King Zog. Return to hotel early evening.

Day 4 - After breakfast Check out of hotel and depart for Korca. The journey is approx 180 kms. We will take a leisurely drive via Petrela and Elbasan where you can visit the castles and various picturesque sites. The journey to Elbasan provides spectacular views from the hills and mountains. From Elbasan we go on to Lake Ohrid, which is one of the great Lakes of Albania. From the shore of the lake you can see the mountains of Macedonia on the other side. We arrive at The Regency Hotel, Korca for early evening.

Day 5 - Walking and part minibus tour of Korca and surrounding area. We will visit the Cathedral of Christ Revived, The Museum of Medieval Art, The Museum of Oriental Art, The Mosque of Iljaz Bej Mirahori [c. 1494], the bazaar, the site of the First Albanian School plus many historic buildings of the Ottoman design. After lunch we travel to Prespa Lake, the other Great Lake of Albania, and Prespa National Park. These are areas of outstanding natural beauty. The centre of the lake marks the border between Albania to the west, Macedonia to the east and Greece to the south. In the Albanian water is the tiny island of Maligrad, with a 14c church built into the rock. It may be possible to hire a boat to visit the island, but not always. You can wander through the villages near to the lake and see centuries old farming methods. Return to the hotel early evening.

Day 6 - Day 6 - Morning departure on tour of the Korca region. Visit the villages of Voskopoja, Dardha with its health giving springs, and Mborje. You will see the traditional way of life and some outstanding examples of Orthodox Christian Churches which escaped the destruction of the communist regime.

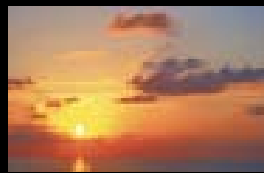
Day 7 - Day 7 - Morning free to wander around Korca, buy some gifts in bazaar or just relax in town. At midday depart for journey back to Tirana. We will stop for lunch at Driloni Park, on the shore of Lake Ohrid. The park was formerly for the private use of Enver Hoxha, the communist dictator, and his guests. Arrive back in Tirana early evening

Day 8 - Morning at leisure before transfer to airport and return flight to UK.

For Group members on 10 day tour:

Days 8 & 9 - At leisure. Relax by the swimming pool (Chateau Linza only) Go for a swim.[hotel pool open May to Oct only]. Take a taxi or cable car to the Dajti Mountain national park with its stunning views across Tirana. Go back into the city and explore. Or, for the adventurous, take a return train journey from Tirana to Durrës. Your representative will be on hand to advise and escort if required.

Day 10 - At leisure before transfer to airport and return flight home. **Prices:** 7 days from £560 per person. 8 or 10 days from £635 per person.



Hotels

3, 4 and 5 Star Rated Hotels

The level of accommodation and comfort you want is at the forefront of the service we provide for Albania holidays.

As with any package or tailor made holiday, your accommodation will to some extent effect cost, but more importantly, it will have an effect on the overall experience.

As a Albania holidays specialist, we have carefully selected hotels that meet 3, 4 and 5 star standards, compared to what you would expect to find in the UK.

For example, we would expect a 3 star hotel to be clean, tidy and have a range of facilities available, including tv, tea and coffee refreshments, regular (clean) towel changes.

On the other hand, we would expect 5 star accommodation to reflect on the level of comfort, decoration and comprehensive range of services offered.

We have worked closely with all the hotels we use for a number of years and have always found the standards high and the level of service exceptional.

We can book any standard of accommodation you wish and advise you accordingly on any extra premiums.
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OR make arrangements for special requirements directly with the hotel (which can be charged direct from the hotel if you wish or added to your package price)

We can be flexible, whatever your needs.



Tailor-Made Holidays exclusively arranged by Derek Crane Travel

Derek Crane Travel specialise in tailor - made holidays to Albania.

Simply tell us what type of holiday you want and how you want it split between relaxation, activities, sightseeing and any interests or hobbies you have.

We can then put together a bespoke tailor - made holiday that will bring together the very best just for you!



Discover Albania

If you want to truly discover Albania, there is nothing better than a Derek Crane tailor - made holiday.

We will put together a truly inspiring holiday experience that you will never forget.



Historical Tours.

Discover famous landmarks, places of historic interest, castles, ancient roman sites and more.



Relaxing Beach Holidays

Whether you just want a complete week of relaxation or a two week holiday bringing in some sightseeing, once you've re-charged your batteries, we can help.



Cultural Holidays.

Visit both local and national landmarks, places of historical interest, areas of outstanding beauty and unspoilt and uncrowded beaches.

We can put together a unique experience to Albania, which fits into your exact idea of a great holiday.



Trekking Holidays

We can provide package or tailor made trekking holidays to the North or South of Albania.

All levels and experience can be catered for.

Trekking is a wonderful way to see the true beauty and splendour of the country.



Adventure Holidays

What do you want to do on your adventure experience?

We can arrange White Water Rafting, Trekking, Mountain Biking, White Water Kayaking, Snow Shoeing, Ski Touring and 4x4 Driving experiences.

Booking Request

Tour or Holiday: (please tick appropriate box)

Discover Albania Tirana/Korca Mali i Robit Saranda Beach Trekking North Trekking South Tailor Made

Preferred Departure Date

Number of Days 7 / 10 / 14 / OTHER (please circle or state if other) Number of People

Name and Address of Contact

Telephone Number E-Mail Address

To: D Crane Consultants: Please reserve the above number of places on the Albania Tour as indicated above. I have read and understood the booking terms and conditions. Please send confirmation and invoice to the above address. I enclose deposit of (see below) Signature:

Date / /

Full names of party, exactly as appears on passport and age at time of travel if under 16:

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Deposit Required: If booking more than 60 days prior to departure: £150 per person. If booking less than 60 days but more than 40 days prior to departure £400 per person. If booking less than 40 days but more than 21 days prior to departure: £500. If booking less than 21 days prior to departure: 100% total price.

For details of when balance due or refunds in the event of cancellation, please refer to terms and conditions below.

D Crane [Travel] Consultants - Terms and Conditions

Please read carefully

General: D Crane[Travel] Consultants [hereinafter referred to as DCC or we] arrange holidays. Whilst We endeavour to ensure that the information contained in our literature is accurate and that scheduled trips go according to itinerary, however, the very nature of the destination may result in changes which are beyond our control and, by accepting these conditions, you accept such changes.

Booking and Deposit: You must complete the booking form and submit the required deposit to DCC to reserve a place. A minimum of £150 sterling per person is required. Booking form can be sent to us by post, fax or email and must be signed by the person making the booking. Upon receipt of booking form and clearance of funds a confirmation note and invoice will be sent. DCC reserves the right to decline a booking.

Payment: A minimum payment of £150 per person is required 60 days prior to departure. A minimum £400 per person [inc. deposit] is required at least 40 days prior to departure, [£200 for Beach Resort], a minimum of £500 per person [inc. deposit] between 40 and 21 days prior to departure, [£250 for Beach Resort], and the total balance at 21 days prior to departure. These amounts and times may be varied at our discretion. In the event of non payment of stage payments or the total balance due on the specified dates then we reserve the right to cancel the booking and retain deposits] paid. Payments to be made by cheque, postal order or bankers draft. Payable to D Crane Consultants Ltd. We do not accept credit cards except by special arrangement. If credit card payment is agreed we will impose a 3% surcharge on the total amount.

Surcharges: We will make every possible effort to avoid surcharges but they may be inevitable in the event of currency fluctuations, fuel prices or governmental action. We guarantee that no surcharges will be passed on to you later than 30 days prior to departure. Exchange rates used in calculating our prices are: US\$ 1.96 to £ sterling, Lek 83 to US\$, € 1.32 to £ sterling and Lek 121 to €.

Changes to your booking: You may change the departure date of your booking up to 60 days prior to departure without charge. Between 60 and 40 days prior to departure at a fee of £50 per person. No changes can be made at less than 40 days prior to departure. Any request to change is subject to availability on revised dates. We reserve the right to make changes to your trip including flights, accommodation, transport and services.

Cancellation: If you cancel your holiday after we have confirmed booking to you or if you fail to make payments] on the due date[s] then charges will apply. Cancellation prior to 40 days before departure -deposit paid, between 40 days and 21 days - £400 per person [£250 Beach Resort], less than 21 days prior to departure - £500 per person [£300 Beach Resort]. If we cancel your holiday, normally this would only happen due to insufficient number of people booked or events beyond our control, we will offer you alternative dates or a refund of all money paid, whichever you prefer. We will not accept liability for any consequential or other costs that you may have incurred as a result of such cancellation.

Force Majeure: We cannot accept liability or consider compensation claims under this heading. Force majeure is any event that we or our agents could not foresee or take reasonable care or action to prevent or avoid. Such events include war, civil unrest, acts of aggression, industrial action, terrorist activity or scare, natural disasters, health restrictions or fire.

Insurance: It is the responsibility of all travellers to ensure that they have adequate insurance cover. Insurance cover should include cancellation charges, medical expenses, personal belongings, money. It is strongly advised that you obtain insurance cover immediately after you have received booking confirmation and not to just cover dates of travel. We will not accept liability for any losses, insurable or otherwise.

Passports and Visas: All travellers must hold a 10 year passport with at least 6 months before expiry date at date of travel. DCC cannot accept any responsibility if departure UK or entry abroad is refused due to passport irregularities. We cannot accept responsibility if visa/entry applications are refused.

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