

## DAY 1 - Friday | 5th September 2025

- 17:00 hrs - Meeting at MIA Departure lounge
- 18:40 hrs - Flight Malta to Rome Fiumicino
- 20:15 hrs - ETA in Rome
- 20:45 hrs - Travel by train/bus to Hotel close to airport
- 21:30 hrs - Hotel check-in

Free to visit Rome center (not included)

The Peaks of the Balkans is a long-distance trekking trail, part of which we will be hiking. It passes through the Accursed Mountains, crossing the borders of Albania, Kosovo and Montenegro. It offers breathtaking views of rugged peaks, deep valleys and alpine meadows. The trail passes through remote villages like Theth and Valbona, providing a cultural experience with traditional hospitality and ancient shepherd paths. Known for its challenging terrain and stunning landscapes, the route is ideal for trekkers seeking an immersive adventure in one of Europe's most unspoiled mountain regions.





## DAY 2 - Saturday | 6th September 2025

- 05:30 hrs - Hotel check-out
- 08:25 hrs - Flight Rome Fiumicino to Tirana, Albania
- 10:00 hrs - ETA in Tirana
- 10:30 hrs - Shuttle coach from Tirana to Komani Lake
- 14:00 hrs - Ferry departure on Komani Lake
- 15:00 hrs - Lunch in Lake Komani (included)
- 18:00 hrs - Arrive in Fierza and transfer to Hotel.
- 18:30 hrs - Check-in at Hotel
- 19:30 hrs - Dinner at Hotel (included)

Upon arriving in Tirana, we'll depart by chartered coach for a scenic 3 to 4-hour drive to Komani Lake. From there, we'll board a ferry to Fierza, cruising through the stunning fjord-like landscapes of the lake. Midway through the ferry journey, we'll enjoy an included lunch while taking in the dramatic views of steep cliffs and turquoise waters. After the ferry ride, we'll continue by land transport from Fierza to our first accommodation in Albania, so as to avoid long road travel.





## DAY 3 - Sunday | 7th September 2025

- 08:30 hrs - Hotel check-out and transfer to Valbona
- 09:30 hrs - Arrive in Valbona
- 09:45 hrs - Start hiking 18km (+1300mts) to Çerem
- 17:15 hrs - Check-in at Guest House in Çerem
- 19:00 hrs - Dinner at Hotel (included)

\* *Packed lunch included*

The trek from Valbona to Çerem typically starts from the village of Valbona, climbing through lush valleys and dense forests.

The trail takes hikers through scenic ridges, past traditional shepherd huts and offers stunning views of the peaks of the Accursed Mountains. The route's difficulty varies depending on the weather and the time of the year.





## DAY 4 - Monday | 8th September 2025

- 08:00 hrs - Guest house check-out
- 08:15 hrs - Start trekking 15km (+800mts) | Çerem - Doberdol
- 17:15 hrs - Check-in at HB Guest House in Doberdol
- 19:00 hrs - Dinner at Hotel (included)

\* *Packed lunch included*

The trek from Çerem to Dobërdol traverses beautiful meadows, high alpine pastures and scenic valleys.

The route offers breathtaking views of the rugged landscape of the Albanian Alps and trekkers often encounter traditional shepherd huts and livestock grazing areas along the way.

This section is moderately challenging, but it's less steep compared to other segments like Valbona to Theth or Theth to Vusanje.





## DAY 5 - Tuesday | 9th September 2025

- 08:00 hrs - Guest house check-out
- 08:15 hrs - Start trekking 16km (+700mts) | Doberdol - Babino Polje
- 17:15 hrs - Check-in at HB Guest House in Babino Polje
- 19:00 hrs - Dinner at Hotel (included)

\* *Packed lunch included*

This trail from Dobërdol to Babino Polje takes us through scenic landscapes with panoramic views of the mountains and valleys. The path often involves crossing the border between Albania and Montenegro and includes high-altitude pastures, mountain passes, and beautiful viewpoints.

This route is of moderate difficulty but can be demanding due to its length and high-altitude sections.





## DAY 6 - Wednesday | 10th September '25

- 08:00 hrs - Guest house check-out
- 08:15 hrs - Start trekking 18km (+1200mts)  
Babino Polje to Plav
  - Optional Mid-way Horse riding to Plav
- 17:15 hrs - Check-in at HB Guest House in Plav
- 19:00 hrs - Dinner at Hotel (included)

\* *Packed lunch included*

This part of the “Peaks of the Balkans” trail starts from Babino Polje in Montenegro and descends gradually towards Plav. The route offers stunning views of Lake Plav and the surrounding mountains as we approach the town. The descent can be demanding on the knees due to its length, but the trail is generally well-marked and less technically challenging compared to other sections.

Trekkers are rewarded with beautiful forests, small streams and panoramic views as they approach Plav.





## DAY 7 - Thursday | 11th September 2025

- 08:00 hrs - Guest house check-out
- 08:15 hrs - Start trekking 16km (+800mts)  
Plav to Vusanje
- 17:15 hrs - Check-in at HB Guest House in Vusanje
- 19:00 hrs - Dinner at Hotel (included)

\* *Packed lunch included*

This section of the “Peaks of the Balkans” trail takes us through beautiful landscapes with a mix of gentle ascents and descents. The route typically passes through the alpine meadows, scenic valleys, and traditional villages, offering panoramic views of the Prokletije (Accursed Mountains). This section is moderately challenging and the elevation changes, combined with the distance, make it suitable for experienced trekkers. The trail is well-marked and offers rewarding views as you approach Vusanje, located in the scenic Ropojana Valley.





## DAY 8 - Friday | 12th September 2025

- 08:00 hrs - Guest house check-out
- 08:15 hrs - Start trekking 18km (+1200mts)  
Vusanje to Theth
- 17:15 hrs - Check-in at HB Guest House in Theth
- 19:00 hrs - Dinner at Hotel (included)

\* *Packed lunch included*

This route from Vusanje to Theth is one of the highlights of the “Peaks of the Balkans” trail. It takes us over the Peja Pass (Qafa e Pejës), which is at an altitude of around 1,700 to 1,800 meters. The path involves a steep ascent to the pass, offering stunning panoramic views of the surrounding mountains, before a steep descent into Theth.

This section is considered one of the more demanding parts of the trek due to the steep climbs and descents, but it rewards trekkers with some of the best views in the Accursed Mountains.





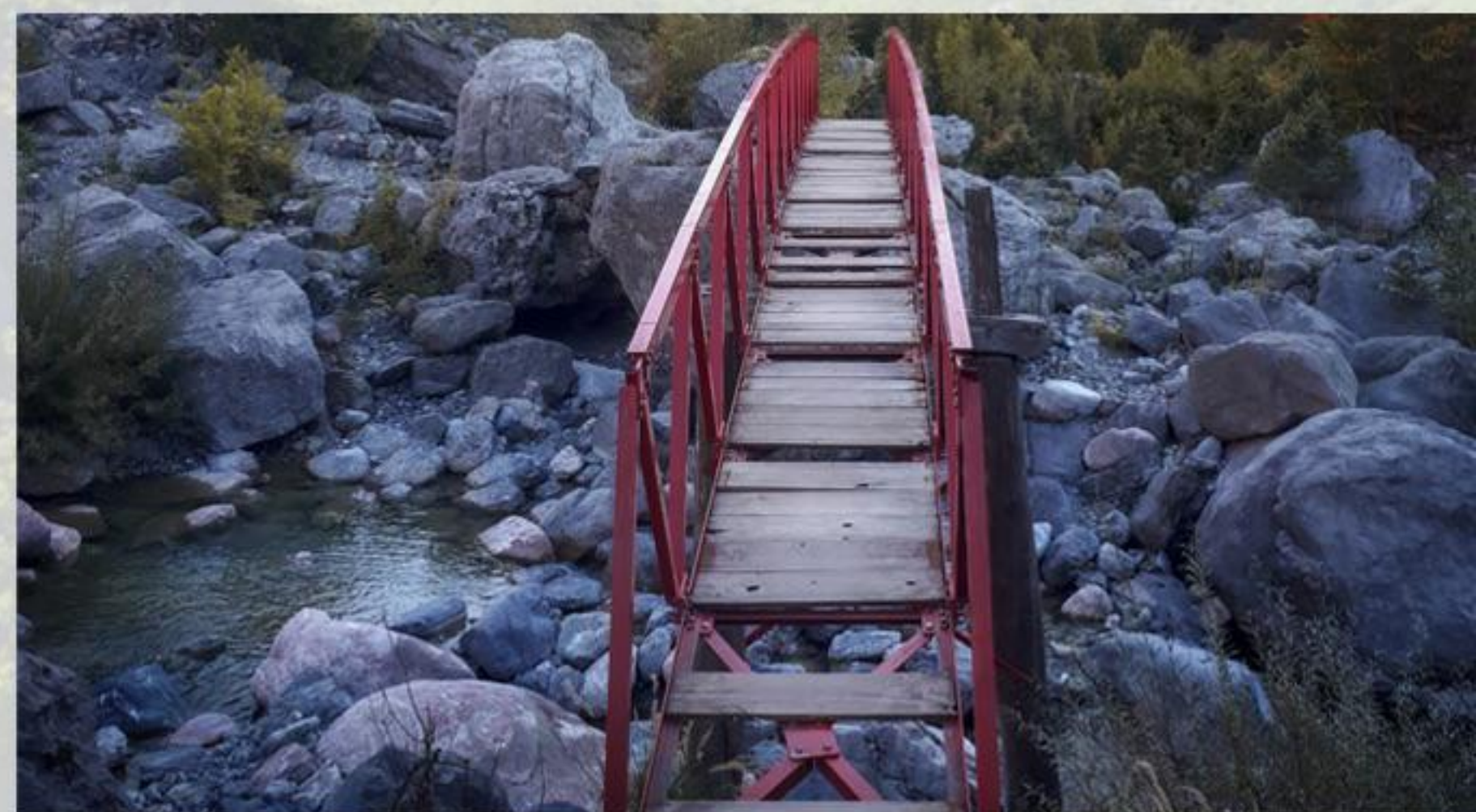
## DAY 9 - Saturday | 13th September 2025

- 07:30 hrs - Breakfast
- A day in Theth
- Optional excursion Zipline
- Optional excursion to the blue Eye
- 19:00 hrs - Dinner at Hotel (included)

We'll start our day leisurely in the charming village of Theth, surrounded by the breathtaking peaks of the Albanian Alps. Spend the morning exploring the village's traditional stone houses and historical sites, such as the Theth Church and the Lock-in Tower, which offer insight into the region's unique cultural heritage.

For a thrilling experience, take an optional ride on the 1.2 km Theth Zipline, the longest in the Balkans, soaring over lush valleys and offering stunning mountain views. In the afternoon, embark on a scenic hike to the Blue Eye of Theth, a beautiful natural spring with crystal-clear, turquoise water - a popular spot for swimming and relaxing by the river.

Return to the hotel in the evening to enjoy a group dinner, reflecting on the day's adventures and soaking in the tranquility of the mountains before your final day.





## DAY 10 - Sunday | 14th September 2025

- 09:00 hrs - Hotel Check out and transport to Tirana
- 16:45 hrs - Flight Tirana to Italy
- 18:20 hrs - ETA in Italy
- 22:05 hrs - Flight Italy to Malta
- 22:55 hrs - ETA at Malta

As you complete the Peaks of the Balkans trek, we will have experienced a remarkable adventure through the remote and rugged landscapes of Albania, Montenegro and Kosovo. Crossing high mountain passes and exploring untouched valleys, each day will bring new challenges and breathtaking moments. Along the way, we will discover not only the beauty of the Balkans but also its deep cultural roots and warm hospitality.

As you prepare to depart, you'll carry with you memories of stunning peaks, serene trails and the camaraderie shared with fellow trekkers on this unforgettable journey.

