



RUGOVA EXPERIENCE



8 DAY CROSS BORDER PACKAGE TOUR

About the trail:

The transnational “Peaks of the Balkans Trail” leads through one of the most remote and wild mountainous regions of the Western Balkans. By using shepherd paths and footways, the trail winds through high alpine mountains up to 2,300 metres above sea level and leads through wild mountain scenery, with a diversity of breathtaking landscapes, varying from green valleys to crystal-clear mountain lakes, waterfalls, rivers and remote picturesque mountain villages, in which time seems to have stopped. All in all a “hidden treasure” for nature lovers and hikers.

Until twenty years ago, the region had been almost inaccessible for visitors, which makes it an authentic cultural experience and adventure to hike across the three mountains of Albania, Kosovo and Montenegro.

Our experienced and certified mountain guides will lead you across valleys, mountain peaks and open alpine meadows of this wildlife sanctuary.

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The “Peaks of the Balkans” Trail is **WINNER** in the *Destination Stewardship* category and is led by a joint partnership between Albania, Kosovo and Montenegro, owners of the 192 kilometre Trail as it winds through their shared mountainous region with three National Parks.



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The region of the Dinaric Alps which is also called “*Accursed Mountains*“ spreading across:

- North of Albania
- Southwest of Kosovo
- East of Montenegro,

Counts to the least known areas in South East Europe

Trail can be accessed from each country:

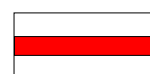
- **Peja (Kosovo)**
- **Theth (Albania)**
- **Plav (Montenegro)**

- Traditional accommodation in the three countries
- Special DAV (“Deutscher Alpen Verein“) trained mountain guides in each country
- Special “Peaks of the Balkans“ signposting system
- Common cross border permission procedures

The whole “*Peaks of the Balkans*“ trail is marked with the following marking systems and the “Peaks of the Balkans“ signposting set up, all along the trail.

“Peaks of the Balkans“ Marking

- White/red/white



- Red/white/red



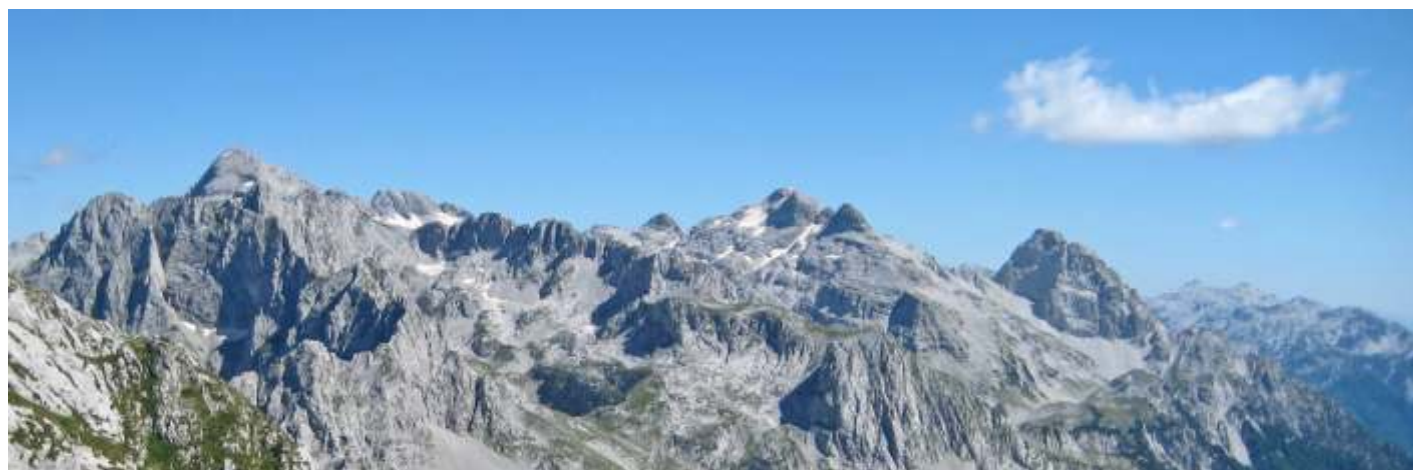
- Red circle/white fills



Accommodation on the “Peaks of the Balkans“ route:

- Traditional stone houses “Kulas“
- Traditional mountain huts
- Stone houses
- Small guest houses, pensions, B&B’s

The region is known for the hospitality of its inhabitants, which visitors can enjoy while staying in one of the traditional houses that can be found along the trail in all the three countries



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GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Number of trekking days: 8

Walking hours per day: 6-8 hours.

Highest point: Triangle Peak 2365 m.amsl (Albania)

Accommodation: B&B, alpine guesthouse and cabine (sandwich for lunch during the trek and breakfast / dinner in the Family Accommodations)

Meeting Points: Pristina International Aiport “Adem Jashari” or Peja city center.

Crossing Border Procedures: Due to the border procedure permission you must apply 30 day before.
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Intinerary

Days	Starting point (amsl)	Trekking	Highest point (amls)	Ending point
Day - 1 A-B	Peja (KS) ↑520m	Rugova Valley	Reka Allages ↑1100m	Reka Allages (Hokaj neighborhud)
Day - 2 B-C-D	Reka Allages ↑1100m	Qafa Hajes-Pepaj- Drelaj Transport from Drelaj to Guri Kuq	Qafa Hajles ↑2000m	Guri Kuq (KS) ↓1460m
Day - 3 D-E-F-G	Guri Kuq vila (KS) ↑1460m	Jelenk - Babino Polije (MNE)	Jelenk ↑2146m	Plav (MNE) ↓1098m
Day - 4	Plav (MNE) ↑1098m	Ropojana* Runica Q. Pejes (AL) From Plav to Ropojana trnsport	Qafa Pejes ↑1776m	Theth (AL) ↓844m
Day - 5	Theth (AL) 844m	Rest Day and walking around Thethi vilage		
Day - 6 G-H-I	Theth (AL) ↑844m	Qafa Valbones - Ragam	Qafa Valbones ↑1965m	Valbone (AL) ↓800m
Day - 7 I-J-K	Valbon valley (AL) 800m	Cerem - Balcin Valbon- Cerem transport	Doberdol ↑2103m	Doberdol (AL) 2103m
Day - 8 K-L-M-A	Doberdol (AL) 2103m	Triangle border Deçan From Zalli Rupes transport	Triangle border ↑2365m	Peja (KS) ↓520 m

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Auto - transfers

1. Transfer with 4X4 or Minibus from Peja-Rugova Valley
2. Transfer with 4X4 or Minibus from Drelaj-Guri Kuq
3. Transfer with 4X4 or Minibus from Plav-Ropojana
4. Transfer with 4X4 or Minibus from Valbone Cerem
5. Transfer with 4X4 or Minibus from Decan-Peja

What to bring

Equipment

Backpack 40 - 50l
Bottle for water (1liter)
Towel
Camera and accessories
Sunglasses
Trekking poles (highly recommended)
Insect repellent
Small professional First Aid kit
Sun cream and Lip salve
Blisters plaster
Passport
Money

Clothes

Trekking boots - three season / waterproof
Socks
Underware
T-shirts
Trekking pants
Short trousers
Waterproof jacket
Waterproof trousers
Sun hat

Passport and Visas

EU passport holders do not require for visa for Kosovo (Please ensure passport has at least 6 month validity)

Currency

Official currency in Kosovo is "Euro"

Language

Albanian / Serbian (also English speaker)