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Day 1: Arrival in Tirana

- Arrive in **Tirana**, Albania's dynamic capital.
- Visit **Skanderbeg Square**, the **National History Museum**, **Et'hem Bey Mosque**, and the colorful **Pazari i Ri** market.
- Enjoy dinner in the lively **Blloku district**.
- Overnight in Tirana.

Day 2: Tirana & Mount Dajti

- Take the **Dajti Express cable car** for sweeping views of Tirana and a forest escape just outside the city.
- Visit **Bunk'Art 1** or **Bunk'Art 2** for insight into Albania's communist past.
- Explore the **Grand Park and Artificial Lake**.
- Optional nightlife in Tirana or a cultural show.
- Overnight in Tirana.

Day 3: Kruja & Shkodra

- Drive to **Kruja**: explore **Skanderbeg Museum**, the **Old Bazaar**, and **Kruja Castle**.
- Continue north to **Shkodra**, Albania's northern cultural center.
- Walk or cycle around **Lake Shkodra** and visit **Rozafa Castle**.
- Overnight in Shkodra.

Day 4: Theth – Into the Albanian Alps

- Drive to the mountain village of **Theth** (4x4 recommended).
- Visit the **Lock-in Tower**, the **Blue Eye of Theth**, and **Grunas Waterfall**.
- Experience traditional alpine hospitality in a guesthouse.
- Overnight in Theth.

Day 5: Theth to Berat

- Early departure for the long, scenic drive south to **Berat**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- Explore the **Mangalem and Gorica quarters**, the **Berat Castle**, and **Onufri Museum**.
- Try local wine or raki at a vineyard.
- Overnight in Berat.

Day 6: Apollonia & Vlora

- Visit the ancient city of **Apollonia**, once a major Greek and Roman settlement.
- Continue to **Vlora**, where the Adriatic meets the Ionian Sea.
- Visit **Independence Square**, the **Muradie Mosque**, and relax at **Zvernec Island**.
- Overnight in Vlora.

Day 7: Llogara Pass to Himarë

- Drive along the **Llogara Pass**—one of the most scenic coastal roads in Europe.
- Stop at **Llogara National Park** for short hikes and panoramic views.
- Continue to **Himarë**, stopping at **Dhermi**, **Jale**, or **Gjipe Beach**.
- Enjoy a sunset dinner by the sea.
- Overnight in Himarë.

Day 8: Riviera Exploration

- Beach day! Visit **Porto Palermo Castle**, **Borsh Beach**, and charming villages like **Qeparo**.
- Swim, kayak, or simply relax in the clear Ionian waters.
- Enjoy fresh seafood at a local taverna.
- Overnight in Himarë or Dhermi.

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Day 9: Saranda & Butrint

- Head to **Saranda**, the gateway to southern Albania.
- Explore the UNESCO site of **Butrint**, an ancient city with layers of Greek, Roman, and Byzantine history.
- Visit the **Blue Eye Spring** (Syri i Kaltër) on your way back.
- Overnight in Saranda.

Day 10: Gjirokastër & Return to Tirana

- Drive to **Gjirokastër**, another UNESCO-listed town known for its stone architecture and castle.
- Visit the **Gjirokastër Fortress**, **Ethnographic Museum**, and old bazaar.
- After lunch, return to **Tirana** for your final evening.
- Optional: Spend the night in Tirana or prepare for departure.