

Cycle the Balkans

<p>Turkode MVU</p>	<p>Destinasjoner Albania - Kosovo - Makedonia - Montenegro</p>	<p>Turen starter Tirana</p> <p>Turen destinasjon Tirana</p>
<p>Reisen er levert av</p> 	<p>15 dager Fra : NOK</p> <h1>23 699</h1>	

Oversikt

Explore 4 countries by bike.



Reiserute

Day 1

Start Tirana

The group flights usually arrive in Tirana in the early afternoon and the group will be met and transferred to the start hotel. Land Only clients should aim to arrive at the hotel this afternoon. In the evening our guide will hold a welcome meeting to discuss the week ahead, give advice on the local area and answer any questions, before we all go out for our welcome dinner. Hotel Austria or similar

Day 2

Transfer to Lake Ohrid; cross the border into Macedonia; visit St Naum monastery before ending in Ohrid Town.

This morning we start with a transfer to the northern side of Lake Ohrid. Upon arrival, the bikes will be unloaded and adjusted to everyone's comfort. Our ride starts with cycling along the scenic shore of Lake Ohrid towards Pogradec. After reaching Tushemisht, just 4 km east of Pogradec, lunch will be served at a waterfront restaurant. We will continue cycling in the afternoon, crossing over into Macedonia, and visiting the monastery of St Naum. The road then takes us through Galicica National Park to Ohrid Town. Lake Ohrid, one of the oldest lakes in the world, came into existence during the Pliocene epoch as a result of tectonic shifts. It is home to unique flora and fauna and the lake is one of the largest biological reserves in Europe; with 212 known endemic species and a surface area of 358 km² it is probably one of the most diverse lakes in the world. Villa Royal View or similar

Day 3

Climb to a high plateau bounded by mountains; continue following the gorge to Debar.

Leaving Lake Ohrid behind, we start today by climbing to a high plateau bounded by mountains. We continue to follow the gorge for a while until the hills open up, leading to a vast patchwork plain of individual farms in the Debar region. Our ride finishes in the city of Debar where we rest for the night. Hotel Leon or similar

Day 4

Cycle towards Lake Mavrovo.

Today we cycle toward Lake Mavrovo. Spreading over an area of about 780 square kilometres (300 sq mi), the Mavrovo National Park features deep canyons, snowy peaks and blue lakes as well as dense forests providing a habitat for an array of wildlife. We enjoy cycling through this diverse National Park, we reach our hotel in the afternoon at the foot of the Bistra mountains. Hotel Radika or similar

Day 5

*Transfer from Mavrovo to the *Kosovo border; continue through Brezovica and Sharri National Park.

Transferring out of Mavrovo National Park, we reach the border crossing with Kosovo. We will ride through Brezovica, an area frequented by skiers in the winter. We continue into Sharri National Park, which was recently established in 2013. It is still relatively undiscovered with huge areas of intact ecosystems home to several threatened species in Europe, making it an important ecological area to protect. Hotel Pine or similar

Day 6

Climb up to Prevalle through the forest of Kodra e Diellit; descend to the historic city of Prizren.

From the ski resort of Brezovica, we cycle up to Prevalle through the forest of Kodra e Diellit before a long descent to the historic city of Prizren, Kosovo's cultural capital. Kosovo's second biggest city is rich with history and traditions and is surrounded by incredible nature. Throughout history, Prizren has played a vital role in the region. The city is known in this region of the Balkans for its gastronomy and wines, traditional handicrafts and wonderful mix of Byzantine and Ottoman architecture. This afternoon we go on a city tour to explore the old town. Hotel Theranda or similar

Day 7

Free day in Peje

Today we transfer from Prizren to Peje where we will overnight. Today we have the opportunity to visit another beautiful city in Kosovo before heading to Montenegro tomorrow.

Day 8

Transfer to border with Montenegro; cycle from the border to Berane via Rozaje.

This morning we transfer to the border between Kosovo and Montenegro. We start cycling from the border and enter Montenegro. We will cycle down to Rozaje, the city is surrounded by magnificent mountains and we will see both Hajla and Turjak mountain. The area is covered in large forests and abundant with flowers. We then continue to Berana, located on the Lim river where we spend the night. Hotel Berane or similar

Day 9

Pedal to Andrijevica and on to Kolasin; magnificent views of the rugged Albanian Alps.

Leaving Berane behind, our ride this morning is along a flat road to the small town of Andrijevica. From here we take a magnificent narrow road with spectacular scenery all the way up to Kolasin. On our left hand side, we will have impressive views of the Albanian Alps and we should be able to spot the mountain of Jezerca, the second highest peak in Albania, on a good day. This evening we spend the night in Kolasin, a ski resort during the winter months. Hotel Cile or similar

Day 10

Short transfer to Mojkovac; cycle through the Tara Canyon before reaching Zabljak.

After a short transfer to Mojkovac, we start cycling through the Tara Canyon, one of the deepest river canyons in Europe. We will also have the chance to see the famous Tara bridge before reaching Zabljak our final destination for the day. The town is in the centre of the Durmitor mountain region at an altitude of 1,456 metres, it is the highest situated town on the Balkans. Hotel Enigma or similar

Day 11

Morning climb out of Zabljak through the Durmitor region; descend to Pluzine/Rudinice.

Our day starts with a long climb out of Zabljak. As we ascend through the Durmitor region we see the magnificent mountain ranges with its dramatic high peaks. After our challenging ride this morning we are rewarded with a long descent to Rudinice village where we spend the evening at a small quiet farm stay. Etno Selo Izlazak (guesthouse)

Day 12

Cycle towards Nikšić, Montenegro's second largest city.

Today we have an easier cycle toward Nikšić, the second largest city in Montenegro, situated at the foot of Trebjesa Hill. It is the largest municipality by area and second most inhabited after the capital Podgorica. Hotel Trim or similar

Day 13

Short transfer to Vilsu; cycle to the Bay of Kotor.

After a short transfer to Vilsu we cycle to the picturesque Bay of Kotor. Medieval towns encased by dramatic mountains surround the lake and have been inhabited since antiquity. In the afternoon we will have time to visit the old city walls. For dinner take the opportunity to enjoy a meal on the waterfront and sample the fresh seafood on offer. Hotel Marija 2 or similar

Day 14

Transfer to Bar; cycle close to Lake Shkodra; Finish Shkodra.

This morning we drive to Bar. From here we cycle close to Lake Shkodra and cross the border back into Albania. This evening we enjoy a well-deserved farewell dinner in Shkodra! Hotel Tradita or similar

Day 15

End Shkoder

End Shkoder. Those on the group flight will be transferred to Tirana Airport (approx. 1.5hrs drive).

Viktig Informasjon

The trip destination

* 11 nights 3 and 4-star hotels, 3 nights guesthouse * 12 days cycling with partial vehicle support (limited seats) * 90% tarmac, 10% poor condition * Undulations throughout with some tough climbs

Food

All breakfasts and 2 dinners included. Food in the Balkans is quite varied thanks to the many influences on the country and particularly Mediterranean combining Turkish, Greek and Italian tastes. Dairy products, especially milk and yoghurt are present in almost every meal, usually locally sourced. Due to the lush fertile valleys, fresh mountain springs and Mediterranean climate, they are still very much a subsistence culture and show very little signs of changing. In the countryside expect your food to have been reared/grown not too far from your plate. Breakfasts are typically eggs, fresh bread, jam, honey and coffee or tea. For lunch and dinner, meat dishes are often goat or lamb, with fish dishes ranging from trout to whitebait. Courses often come in mezze form complimented with a variety of succulent vegetables, salad, freshly baked bread, homemade cheeses, local wines and of course, raki. Your guide will recommend the best options when in the towns.

Accommodation

Priser / Datoer

Ved skriftlig aksept av vårt tilbud bekrefter du/dere at våre betingelser er både lest og forstått og at evt kansellerings gebyrer kan tilkomme ved en evt. avbestilling av reisen

Tilgjengelige datoer	Pris (1 voksen)	Pris (1 barn)	Status reise
Fri, 27 Aug 21 / Fri, 10 Sep 21	NOK 23 699	På forespørsel	Ledig
Fri, 10 Sep 21 / Fri, 24 Sep 21	NOK 24 277	På forespørsel	Ledig
Fri, 24 Sep 21 / Fri, 08 Oct 21	NOK 23 699	På forespørsel	Ledig
Fri, 29 Apr 22 / Fri, 13 May 22	NOK 26 012	På forespørsel	Ledig
Fri, 13 May 22 / Fri, 27 May 22	NOK 26 012	På forespørsel	Ledig
Fri, 27 May 22 / Fri, 10 Jun 22	NOK 26 590	På forespørsel	Ledig
Fri, 10 Jun 22 / Fri, 24 Jun 22	NOK 26 590	På forespørsel	Ledig

Fri, 24 Jun 22 / Fri, 08 Jul 22	NOK 26 590	På forespørsel	Ledig
Fri, 26 Aug 22 / Fri, 09 Sep 22	NOK 26 590	På forespørsel	Ledig
Fri, 09 Sep 22 / Fri, 23 Sep 22	NOK 26 590	På forespørsel	Ledig
Fri, 23 Sep 22 / Fri, 07 Oct 22	NOK 26 590	På forespørsel	Ledig

Vi vil komme tilbake til deg med et tilbud på den forespurte reisen/pakken i løpet av 48 timer. Alle tilbud er uforpliktende og er vanligvis gyldige i 7 dager. Vi gjør oppmerksom på at reserverte tjenester kan bli kansellert innenfor disse 7 dagene og at pris kan endres inntil en endelig bestilling er mottatt.



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