

**18OCT – 05 NOV 2024 (19D8N ACCOMODATION) ALBANIA NORTH MACEDONIA KOSOVO**  
(Skopje, Pristina, Peja, Prizren, Shkoder, Theth, Tirana, Berat, Sarande, Gjirokastr, Permet, Voskopoje, Ohrid)

**Cost per pax RM7500(13pax + 1 Yongo guide) Max is 15pax+1 Yongo guide**

**Final adjustment of the cost is based on the exchange rate at the time of final collection. Current rate (1 USD = RM4.69) 07 JUNE 2024**

**EXCLUDE BELOW INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS(Return ticket priced at RM3631 on 24<sup>th</sup> MAY 2024)**

**18 OCT 24 FRI KUL SKP 0850 1930**

**05 NOV 24 TUE SKP KUL 0835 0820(+1)**

**\*PLEASE DO NOT BOOK ANY FLIGHTS UNTIL ADVISED BY US\* Please contact Lee Keng via Whatsapp at 60123158353 for flight booking details**

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** This is meant to be a good-value travel experience trip, planned to find a right balance between adventure, nature, culture, shopping and even chill-out time. Having said that, travellers should still be relatively fit, with a good sense of humour, and above all, have the right attitude for close travel with others through possibly some trying times. Most definitely, this is not a trip for prudes, whiners, fuss-pots, and other similarly assorted types! We had a couple of those before and it wasn't pleasant for us or them.

**Although every effort will be made to stick to the given itinerary, ground conditions may change and cause some disruption and/or deviation from the norm. Otherwise, have fun!**

**ALBANIA** is slowly becoming the jewel of the Balkans due to its sparkling crystal waters, impressive mountains, and affordability for all types of travellers. Part Balkan, part Mediterranean and rich in Greek, Roman and Ottoman heritage, be prepared to be submerged in a rich culture like no other in Europe. **NORTH MACEDONIA** is Europe's newest country, with a fascinating and a complex national identity. With vast lakes ringed by old Byzantine churches, thickly forested mountains, archaeological remains from as far back as the era of Alexander the Great, this is truly a little land of plenty. **KOSOVO** is not exactly on the main tourist trail, but for those who make the effort, this fascinating land at the heart of Balkans rewards visitors with welcoming smiles, charming mountain towns, incredible hiking opportunities and 13th century monasteries brushed in medieval art. **Join us on a minimum 1500-2000 km journey through these less-visited parts of the Balkans, before the masses realize what they are missing!!! :D**



**DAY 1 KLIA** – Gather at KLIA at 0550 on **18 OCT 2024**, to fly **Turkish Airlines (KUL-SKP 0850-1930)**. Arriving Skopje, transfer to hotel and rest of day free and easy. **Overnight Skopje**

**DAY 2 SKOPJE** - We will have a nice half-day nature walk at Matka Canyon just outside Skopje, along a forested trail hugging the canyon and its watery wonderland. Back to Skopje for lunch, the afternoon will be spent on a walking tour of Skopje, taking in the Old Bazaar area to the modern square where Alexander's statue stands regale in the main square. **Overnight Skopje**

**DAY 3 SKOPJE-PRISTINA (93KM)** – A short drive will bring us to our first overland border crossing as we drive to Pristina, capital of Kosovo. We will visit the Pristina Bear Sanctuary that provides special care to rescued and traumatised brown bears (optional, own cost, EUR2.50). Next we will visit quirky architecture Of National University Library building, Mother Teresa Cathedral, and look at countless statues that ring the city. **Overnight Pristina**

**DAY 4 PRISTINA-PEJA (86KM)** – Morning drive to Peja, and we do an easy 3 hrs Livadhi Sakes trailwalking that will take us to the foothills of the Accursed Mountain and nice viewpoints of Peja and surrounding peaks. On the way, if time permitting we will drop by at Memorial Complex Adem Jasheri in Prekaz Village. In the late afternoon we chill out at pretty Peja town with a clean Lumbhardi River running in the center of town. **Overnight Peja**

**DAY 5 PEJA-PRIZREN (98KM)** – We will visit Drini I Bardhe Waterfall, easy walking with many pics-worthy point of view in the nature. We continue our journey to Gjakova Grand Bazaar, the oldest bazaar in Kosovo, for sightseeing(and shopping!) and for our lunch stop. Our last stop for today is this Prizren, second most populous city after Pristina. Enjoy an evening stroll in its enchanting old town. For some adventurous soul who do not mind hiking up a steep cobblestone slope, do not miss the Prizren Fortress situated on top of the hill, to see the view of whole of Prizren city. **Overnight Prizren**

**DAY 6 PRIZREN-SHKODER (194KM)** – Morning drive will bring us to our second overland crossing border to Albania. We will stop along in Kukes town to visit the traditional carpet weaving which some of it can take months to complete (Optional, if time permitted). Before we arrive Shkoder town, we will visit the historical ruin of Rozafa Castle(optional, cost EUR4/pax). Free and easy rest of evening to explore vibrant night life and al fresco dining in the town centre. **Overnight Shkoder**



**DAY 7 SHKODER-THETH (78KM)** – Morning we visit the Venice Art mask Factory for their beautiful details handmade mask. We will have a scenic drive to the Albanian Alps as we head to Theth National Park, one of the most remote of locations one could go to in Albania. We will do evening walk in the scenic Theth Village. **Overnight Theth**

**DAY 8 THETH** - Renowned for striking rugged mountains with steep sharp summits creating stunning landscapes, Theth criss-crosses with many nature trails. We will do an easy to moderate half-day hike to Theth Blue Eyes, one of the prettiest trails in Albania, Late afternoon chill and fill your lungs with the fresh mountain air of Theth. **Overnight Theth**

**DAY 9 THETH-KRUJË-TIRANA (200KM)** - A full morning drive will take us to Krujë, Albania's old capital, where we will have a lunch stop after a short visit to its interesting Krujë Castle. By early evening we will arrive Tirana, Free and easy to explore the town. **Overnight Tirana**

**DAY 10 TIRANA** - Morning guided walking tour of Tirana, the vibrant capital of Albania, offers a blend of rich history, lively culture, and stunning landscapes. Start your exploration at Skanderbeg Square, the city's heart, dominated by the National History Museum and the iconic Ethem Bey Mosque. Stroll through the colorful streets adorned with quirky street art and cozy cafes, soaking in the lively atmosphere and evening enjoy exploring the old bazaar area now filled with chic eateries. **Overnight Tirana**

**DAY 11 TIRANA-BERAT (100KM)** - Morning visit Bunk Art 1 Museum just outside Tirana (own cost, EUR5) to understand an important dark part of Albanian Hoxha-era history. We have an outdoor lunch in a winery (own cost), and then drive to Berat Castle. End the day with an evening walk of Berat, "City of Thousand Windows", and see why it is called as such. **Overnight Berat**

**DAY 12 BERAT-KARAVASTA LAGOON-LOGARA NP-SARANDË (310KM)** Karavastsa Lagoon is a sanctuary for the largest population of pelicans in Europe, and we take an easy boardwalk of these wetlands. Viore will be our seafood lunch stop (own cost), before traversing the scenic coastal drive to Llogara National Park, where time permitting, we may do a short walk in the lush pine forest. Sarandë, our last stop, is the prime beachfront resort of Albania. **Overnight Sarandë**

**DAY 13 SARANDË -BUTRINT ARCHAEOLOGICAL PARK-KSAMIL BEACH (35KM)** - A full morning experiencing the UNESCO Heritage Site of Butrint Archeological Park, surely Albanian's premier treasure trove of history spanning Greek, Roman, Venetian and Ottoman eras. After all that history, relax with sun, sea and sand at Ksamil beach. Water is cold, but worth a refreshing dip. **Overnight Sarandë**

**DAY 14 BLUE EYE SARANDE-GJIROKASTËR (59KM)** A short walk will bring us to the Blue Eye, famous for its stunning beauty and rich turquoise water so clear that you can see the bottom and the bubbles rising to the surface. A short drive will bring us to the UNESCO Heritage town of Gjirokaštër, City of Stones, with layers of Greek, Byzantine and Ottoman remains, and we arrive well in time to enjoy strolling its cobbled stone streets. **Overnight Gjirokaštër**

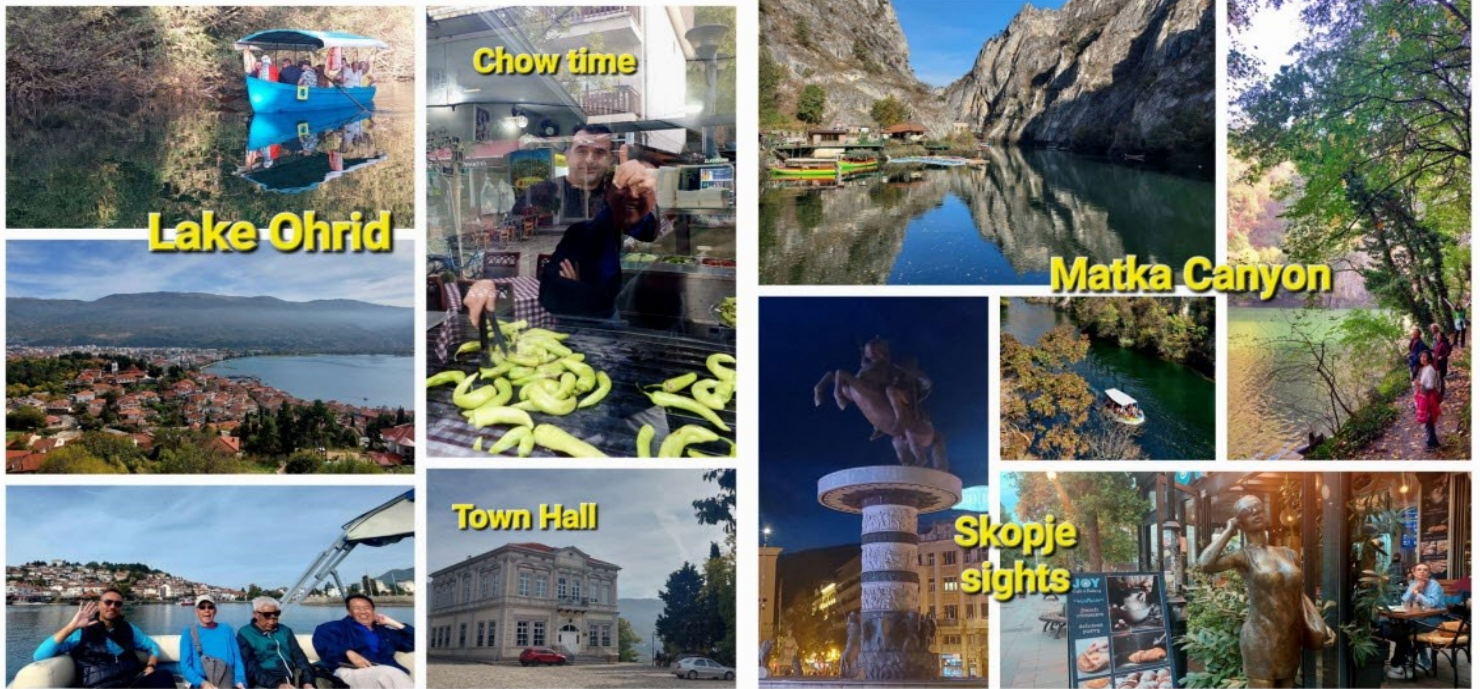


**DAY 15 GJIROKASTËR-PËRMET (62KM)** A good morning visit of Gjirokaštër Castle, the largest and one of the best preserved in Albania. First built in the 6th Century, this dominant edifice today houses old armaments, dank dungeons and hosts an annual cultural festival in Summer. Afternoon drive to Përmet, arriving in time for an evening walk to quaint Leusa Church and good sunset viewpoint of the city. **Overnight Përmet**

**DAY 16 BURIMET "HOT SPRING"-KORÇË-VOSKOPOJË (154KM)** Burimet "Hot Spring" is really only mildly warm by any standard, but its lovely setting amidst forest and canyons compensate, and we will take in a Canyon Walk as well. Driving to Korçë, we will arrive for an evening walk around the Old Town, before proceeding to serene Voskopojë village. **Overnight Voskopojë**

**DAY 17 VOSKOPOJË-SAINT NAUM-OHRID (90KM)**-Its forest bathing time as we take in a short morning walk around the pine forests of Voskopojë Village. After that stroll, we will visit Korçë beer brewery and may be able to taste beer fresh from the tank! After lunch, we cross border to North Macedonia, visit Lake Ohrid frontage Saint Naum Monastery and take in a boat ride to see the crystal clear springs that feed Lake Ohrid(own costs). **Overnight Ohrid Old Town**





**DAY 18 OHRID-SKOPJE(182KM)**-Morning walking tour of Lake Ohrid town, visiting St Samuel Fortress, Church of St Clement and Panteleimon, Church of Saint Sofia, the old Roman Theater etc, and take in a short lake edge boat rode(own costs), to see Ohrid from the waters. After lunch we move on to Skopje to reach by evening.**Overnight Skopje**

**DAY 19 SKOPJE-KUL** Early morning transfer to Skopje airport to catch our flight back to Kuala Lumpur departing **0740AM** via Turkish Airlines with all the unforgettable memories from our trip! ☺



## TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. COST COVER TRANSPORTATION AND **TWIN-SHARING** ACCOMODATIONS (SOME PLACES IN SMALL TOWN WITH LIMITED ROOMS IN A GUESTHOUSE, MAY HAVE TO SHARE A **TRIPLE ROOM**)
2. ACCOMODATION WILL BE IN GUEST HOUSES AND HOTELS
3. MEALS ARE **NOT INCLUDED** (EXCEPT IN SOME PLACES, BREAKFAST MAY BE INCLUDED WITH THE ROOM) - (**BUDGET OF RM100/PAX/DAY FOR MEALS IS QUITE SUFFICIENT**)
4. **NOT COVERED** ARE INTERNATIONAL FLIGHTS, ENTRANCE FEES, TIPPING TO GUIDE & DRIVER (**WILL BE COLLECTED UPFRONT**), UNSPECIFIED MISCELLANOUS FEES ETC
5. OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES AND IN-TOWN ACITIVIES ARE **NOT COVERED**
6. COST IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE DEPENDING ON THE FLUCTUATION IN EXCHANGE RATE
7. DEPOSIT OF **RM3000** IS PAYABLE TO CONFIRM THE PLACE

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