

Dementia Jersey – Albanian Riviera



DURATION:

4 days

Extend your stay in Albania to experience more of this beautiful and fascinating country! The Albanian Riviera is a beautiful area of coastline – clear blue seas against the beautiful backdrop of the pine-forested Ceraunian mountains – and a memorable contrast to the Alps you have trekked through. The natural scenery is similar to its Mediterranean neighbours, without the crowds. The region’s history is influenced by its proximity to Italy and Greece, and we take in ancient Greco-Roman cities with well-preserved monuments, Byzantine monasteries and coastal castles, as we journey towards and along the southern coast. While there are plenty of cultural and scenic highlights here to captivate you, there’s also time to relax and unwind on this beautiful coast!

DETAILED ITINERARY

Day 1: Tirana – Apollonia – Vlorë

(main group departs for UK) After breakfast, you leave the busy capital and head south towards the coast (approx. 2-2.5 hours’ drive). You’ll stop to visit the ancient ruins of Apollonia, which was founded by the Greeks in 588BC, and became a thriving Roman city. Now a UNESCO World Heritage Site, its hilltop location offers beautiful views. The archaeological site is a lovely place to explore, with highlights including a well-preserved Roman theatre, graceful facades and pillars, and a Byzantine-era Monastery. After lunch in a local restaurant, we continue our journey to Vlorë, where the Ionian Sea meets the Adriatic – this is the gateway to the Albanian Riviera. We should have time to chill out here, before heading out again in the late afternoon to one of Vlorë’s highlights – the beautiful Narta lagoon. A serene protected wetland that’s famous for its birdlife, you can enjoy the views, look out for flamingos, and walk via the long wooden footbridge to Zvernec Island, home to shady pine trees and a 13th-century monastery. It’s also a wonderful spot to catch a beautiful sunset. Night hotel.

Breakfast provided; Lunch and Dinner not included. Hotel accommodation.

Day 2: Vlorë – Llogora National Park – Himare

Half an hour’s drive takes us to Llogora National Park, a forested area of towering mountain cliffs just inland from

the coast. It's renowned for its dramatic mountain and sea panoramas, and you can enjoy these breath-taking views on a short walk. On a clear day, you can see for miles along the Albanian Riviera, and across to the Greek island of Corfu. We then stop at Llogora village, where you can try tasty mountain dishes for lunch – a speciality is lamb roasted on a traditional spit, but there's plenty of choice. A little further along the coast lies the old village of Qeparo, perched on the steep hillside above the coast. Wandering the narrow, cobbled streets winding between old stone houses is very atmospheric, and there are fantastic views over the hills and the clear turquoise waters of the Ionian Sea. Your hotel tonight is in Himare, a relaxed beach-town; take a stroll along the pebbled beach this evening, or enjoy a paddle! Night hotel.

Breakfast provided; Lunch and Dinner not included. Hotel accommodation.

Day 3: Himare – Palermo Bay – Butrint – Tirana

Today you journey further along the Riviera coastline, with a stop at the beautiful Palermo Bay. This sheltered bay was a secret submarine base under the Communist regime, but now it's known more for its water activities. Prominent in the bay is the 19th-century fortress built by local ruler Ali Pasha, and you can opt to explore this. Activities here are not included, allowing you the flexibility to choose how to spend your time. An hour or so further south lies ancient Butrint, a large Greek-Roman archaeological site set on a lake-peninsula. Dating back approx. 2500 years, its well-preserved monuments include temples, a theatre, and Roman Baths, much of it set in shady woodland which adds to the atmosphere. After time to enjoy this Albanian highlight, you'll loop back north to Tirana (approx. 3.5-4 hours). Enjoy a last evening meal in the capital tonight. Night hotel.

Breakfast provided; Lunch and Dinner not included. Hotel accommodation.

Day 4: Tirana – London – Jersey

Depending on your flight schedule, you may have time to explore Tirana before transferring to the airport in time for your international flight to London and then onwards to Jersey.

Breakfast provided; Lunch and Dinner not included.

Extension requires a minimum of 4 people to operate. (It may be possible to operate this for fewer, but a supplement will be payable).

Contact the office for pricing and availability.

WHAT'S INCLUDED?

- 3 nights hotel accommodation on twin-share, B&B basis)
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary
- Entrance fees for sites included in itinerary
- Local English-speaking guide / driver
- All transportation in private vehicles

WHAT'S EXCLUDED?

- Meals as indicated
- Personal spending, drinks, and tips for local guides/driver
- Any optional visits, activities or services not mentioned above

NB: It is advisable to book early to guarantee availability and avoid any disappointment.



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