



Valbona Valley, Albanian Alps

PRIVATE GUIDED WALKING & HIKING

Wild Peaks of the Balkans

The Via Dinarica, mountain villages and four remarkable countries

YOUR JOURNEY

13 days / 12 nights

OUR RECOMMENDED TIME

Early September

Your own party. Your own experienced guide.

THE EXPERIENCE

Four countries. One remarkable mountain journey.

Walk through the mountains of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Albania, with a final cultural visit to Kosovo. This private journey combines the Via Dinarica's best-known landscapes with places that give the region its character: Sarajevo's old streets, Mostar's bridge, shepherd villages and mountain lakes.

Your experienced private guides look after the route and introduce the people along it. Luggage moves separately, a support vehicle handles the road sections, and each evening brings a welcoming place to stay and a generous regional meal. This is a rewarding mountain adventure with thoughtful comfort throughout.

JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS

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| 01 | Summit Maglic with a specialist guide and descend towards Trnovacko Lake. | 02 | Walk the highland paths of Lukomir and the Visocica ridge. |
| 03 | Explore Sarajevo, Mostar and the spring-side setting of Blagaj. | 04 | Enjoy a guided rafting journey through the Tara River canyon. |
| 05 | Cross from Theth to Valbona beneath the Albanian Alps. | 06 | Visit Decani Monastery and Prizren before finishing in Tirana. |

Fully accompanied, from the first welcome to the final farewell.

All scheduled walks, hikes and cultural visits are led by experienced private guides.

ROUTE, SEASON & WALKING LEVEL

Your journey at a glance.

Sarajevo, Bosnia & Herzegovina → Tirana, Albania

OVERNIGHT BASE

NIGHTS

Sarajevo	2
Igman / Bjelasnica	1
Mostar	2
Sutjeska area	2
Zabljak	2
Theth	1
Valbona	1
Tirana	1

THOUGHTFUL CONNECTIONS

A private vehicle supports the route, with luggage transferred between bases. The Theth–Valbona crossing is a full walking day. Summit routes are selected by the mountain guide for the day’s conditions; an easier accompanied alternative can be arranged in advance.

Daily distances and elevations are approximate planning figures, not a GPS track. They include the scheduled cultural walking as well as trail sections. Walking times exclude meals, visits and vehicle travel unless stated. Your private guide confirms the day’s route and pace.

BEST TIME TO TRAVEL

Early September

Also recommended: Late June to early September.

Early September usually combines settled mountain walking conditions with comfortable temperatures in the historic towns. The higher trails are planned within the summer hiking season.

WALKING LEVEL

Challenging

For fit, experienced mountain walkers. Several days involve 6–9 hours on steep or rocky ground. Maglic includes exposed, cable-secured sections and about 1,300 m of ascent; a specialist mountain guide leads the summit days.

DAY BY DAY / DAYS 01 / 02

DAY 01

A warm welcome in Sarajevo

Your private host meets you at Sarajevo airport and accompanies you to your hotel. After time to settle in, take a gentle guided introduction to the old town if your arrival time allows. Coffee houses, small workshops and places of worship sit close together here, offering an immediate sense of the city's layered history. Over a welcome dinner, your guide explains the coming journey and checks walking equipment and personal preferences.

WALKING (APPROX.)

2–3 km

WALKING TIME

1–1.5 hours

DAILY EFFORT

Easy

Terrain / elevation: Gentle city gradients

Overnight Sarajevo

Connections Private airport transfer, about 30 minutes

Meals Dinner

DAY 02

Trebevic above the city

Rise above Sarajevo by cable car and begin a forest walk on Trebevic. Your guide links woodland trails, viewpoints and the remains of the Olympic bobsleigh track, with a mountain-hut lunch along the way. Back in the city, visit the Tunnel of Hope museum for a guided introduction to recent history. Finish with a relaxed old-town stroll and a hosted dinner featuring Bosnian cooking.

WALKING (APPROX.)

7–8 km

WALKING TIME

3–4 hours

DAILY EFFORT

Moderate

Terrain / elevation: About +450 m / –450 m

Overnight Sarajevo

Connections Cable car and private transfers, about 1 hour total

Meals Breakfast, lunch and dinner

DAY BY DAY / DAYS 03 / 04

DAY 03

Highland paths to Lukomir

Begin near Umoljani and follow mountain paths through open pasture towards Obalj. The climb reveals a wide view of the Rakitnica canyon before you descend towards Lukomir, known for its stone houses and highland setting. Pause for a substantial picnic and meet local hosts where available. Complete the walking loop with your mountain guide, then transfer to your hotel on the Igman–Bjelasnica plateau for dinner and a well-earned rest.

WALKING (APPROX.)

17 km

WALKING TIME

6–7 hours

DAILY EFFORT

Challenging

Terrain / elevation: About +830 m / –830 m

Overnight Igman / Bjelasnica

Connections Private transfers, about 2 hours

Meals Breakfast, lunch and dinner

DAY 04

The Visocica ridge and Mostar

From Tusila, climb through grassland towards Vito and continue along the Visocica ridge. The terrain becomes steeper and more exposed as the views open across the surrounding ranges; your guide sets a steady pace and chooses the best stopping places. After descending, enjoy refreshments before the road journey to Mostar. Settle into a comfortable town hotel and enjoy dinner close to the historic quarter.

WALKING (APPROX.)

11 km

WALKING TIME

5–6 hours

DAILY EFFORT

Challenging

Terrain / elevation: About +900 m / –900 m

Overnight Mostar

Connections Private transfers, about 3 hours

Meals Breakfast, lunch and dinner

DAY BY DAY / DAY 05



Stari Most illuminated at night, Mostar | Day 5

DAY 05

Mostar, Blagaj and local flavours

Spend the morning with your private cultural guide in Mostar’s historic centre. Cross Stari Most, explore the lanes on both sides of the Neretva and hear how the city developed around its river crossings. Continue to Blagaj, where the Buna spring emerges beneath a limestone cliff beside the tekke. A regional lunch and a hosted wine-estate visit round out this gentler day between the major mountain walks.

WALKING (APPROX.)	WALKING TIME	DAILY EFFORT
4–5 km	2–3 hours	Easy

Terrain / elevation: Town steps and short slopes

Overnight Mostar

Connections Private local touring, about 1 hour

Meals Breakfast, lunch and dinner

DAY BY DAY / DAYS 06 / 07

DAY 06

Sutjeska's lakes and mountain pastures

Travel into the Sutjeska region and set out from Papin Do on a guided walk towards Jagodino Lake and the grassy heights around Kuk. The pace allows time for photographs and a picnic among the surrounding peaks. Later, stop at the striking Tjentiste memorial, where your guide explains its Second World War significance. Settle into your mountain accommodation and prepare with your guide for tomorrow's longer summit day.

WALKING (APPROX.)

7 km

WALKING TIME

3–4 hours

DAILY EFFORT

Moderate

Terrain / elevation: About +400 m / –400 m

Overnight Sutjeska area**Connections** Private transfers, about 4 hours**Meals** Breakfast, lunch and dinner

DAY 07

Maglic summit and Trnovacko Lake

An early start brings you to the Maglic trailhead. With a specialist mountain guide, ascend steep rocky ground and cable-secured sections to Bosnia and Herzegovina's highest summit. This day calls for sure footing and comfort with exposure. After a summit break, continue towards the heart-shaped Trnovacko Lake and the return route to Prijedor. Your support vehicle meets you at the finish; a generous dinner awaits back at your mountain base.

WALKING (APPROX.)

14–15 km

WALKING TIME

8–9 hours

DAILY EFFORT

Very challenging

Terrain / elevation: About +1,300 m / –1,280 m; summit 2,386 m

Overnight Sutjeska area**Connections** Rough-road transfers, about 2.5 hours**Meals** Breakfast, lunch and dinner

DAY BY DAY / DAYS 08 / 09

DAY 08

A private rafting day on the Tara

Exchange hiking boots for a guided rafting experience in the Tara canyon. Your qualified river crew provides equipment and a briefing before taking you through a scenic stretch of rapids and calmer water. Lunch follows the river outing. Continue into Montenegro and climb by road towards Durmitor National Park and Zabljak. The evening is kept comfortable and relaxed, ready for another mountain day. The rafting distance is separate from the walking figure shown here.

WALKING (APPROX.)	WALKING TIME	DAILY EFFORT
1–2 km	Up to 1 hour	Easy walking; active rafting

Terrain / elevation: Short riverbank slopes

Overnight Zabljak

Connections Guided rafting 3–4 hours; road travel about 4 hours

Meals Breakfast, lunch and dinner

DAY 09

Durmitor and Bobotov Kuk

From the Sedlo area, follow your mountain guide through Durmitor's limestone landscape towards Bobotov Kuk. The route passes high pastures and the Zeleni Vir basin before the steeper summit section. Take time to enjoy the panorama and your packed lunch before descending through a different part of the range to the waiting vehicle. Your guide manages the exposed sections and the day's pace. Return to Zabljak for a relaxed dinner.

WALKING (APPROX.)	WALKING TIME	DAILY EFFORT
12 km	6–7 hours	Challenging

Terrain / elevation: About +650 m / –925 m; summit 2,523 m

Overnight Zabljak

Connections Private trailhead transfers, about 1 hour

Meals Breakfast, lunch and dinner

DAY BY DAY / DAY 10



DAY 10

Theth,
Albania

The village church beneath the Albanian Alps, Theth | Day 10

DAY 10

Into Albania and the Theth valley

Travel south through Montenegro and into Albania, with comfort stops and lunch along the way. As the road enters the Albanian Alps, the views become increasingly dramatic. Arrive in Theth and take an accompanied village walk past the church, traditional houses and the historic lock-in tower. Your guesthouse hosts prepare a regional dinner while your guide explains the pass crossing and arranges the luggage transfer for tomorrow.

WALKING (APPROX.)	WALKING TIME	DAILY EFFORT
2–3 km	1–1.5 hours	Easy

Terrain / elevation: Gentle village slopes

Overnight Theth

Connections Private road transfer, about 5–6 hours plus border formalities

Meals Breakfast, lunch and dinner

DAY BY DAY / DAYS 11 / 12

DAY 11

Theth to Valbona on foot

Follow the celebrated mountain crossing from Theth towards Valbona with your private guide. Woodland gives way to more open ground as the path climbs towards the pass, where both valleys come into view. Pause for a picnic before the long descent through beech forest and mountain pasture. The distance reflects a substantial village-to-valley crossing rather than a short viewpoint walk. A welcoming Valbona guesthouse, refreshments and a home-style dinner complete the day.

WALKING (APPROX.)	WALKING TIME	DAILY EFFORT
16–18 km	7–8 hours	Challenging

Terrain / elevation: About +1,100 m / –850 m

Overnight Valbona

Connections Short trailhead transfers where useful; luggage moves separately

Meals Breakfast, lunch and dinner

DAY 12

Kosovo's heritage and onward to Tirana

Leave Valbona by road and travel through Kosovo. Visit the Decani monastery complex with a local guide, then continue to Prizren for lunch and a walk through the old streets beside the river. These cultural stops add a different perspective to the mountain journey. Reach Tirana in the evening, settle into your city hotel and celebrate the four-country adventure over a farewell dinner.

WALKING (APPROX.)	WALKING TIME	DAILY EFFORT
4–5 km	2–3 hours	Easy

Terrain / elevation: Cobbled lanes and a few steps

Overnight Tirana

Connections Private road travel, about 6–7 hours plus borders

Meals Breakfast, lunch and dinner

DAY BY DAY / DAY 13

DAY 13

Farewell in Tirana

Enjoy breakfast and an unhurried departure according to your flight schedule. Your private driver transfers you to Tirana airport, with assistance at the appropriate public check-in area. If you have a later departure, your Midasia Routes team can arrange an accompanied city visit as a personalised extension. The included thirteen-day journey finishes with your airport transfer.

WALKING (APPROX.)	WALKING TIME	DAILY EFFORT
0 km scheduled	No scheduled walk	Rest / travel

Terrain / elevation: None

Overnight Departure

Connections Private airport transfer, about 45–60 minutes

Meals Breakfast

Travel on your terms.

We can arrange extra nights, private transfers and an accompanied extension around your preferred departure. Tell us what would make the journey feel complete for you.

THE MIDASIA ROUTES DIFFERENCE

Your private journey, cared for.

Every scheduled walk, hike and cultural visit is accompanied. Your guide handles the route and timing, with specialist mountain or local site guides where needed. Private means your own travelling party, with the arrangements shaped around your interests and walking ability.

YOUR STAYS

Boutique city hotels, comfortable mountain hotels and family-run alpine guesthouses. Theth, Valbona and Sutjeska are chosen for location and hospitality; facilities are simpler than in the cities.

YOUR ARRANGEMENT INCLUDES

Private guides and personal arrival assistance; the stated accommodation and meals; private road transfers; listed regional flights, trains, ferries and cable cars; scheduled visits, entrance fees and activities; luggage handling and trail refreshments.

ARRANGED SEPARATELY

International flights to the starting city and home from the finishing city; travel and medical insurance; passport-dependent visa fees unless specified in your proposal; personal shopping, laundry, alcoholic drinks and discretionary gratuities.

We confirm the named hotels, room arrangements and operating details in your personal proposal. Park visits, scheduled transport and public heritage sites may be shared with other visitors; your party remains accompanied by its private guide.

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