

# A SUSTAINABLE JOURNEY BEYOND THE BEATEN PATH

**Pogradec: a destination rich in historical, archaeological,  
and natural monuments**





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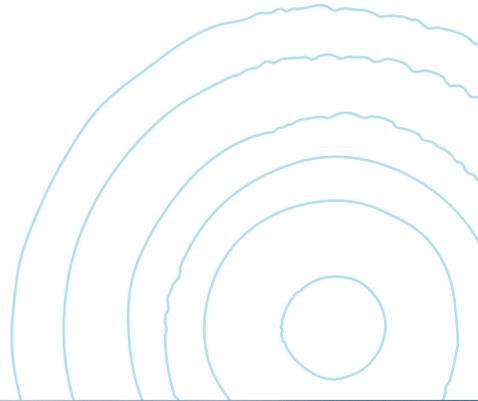
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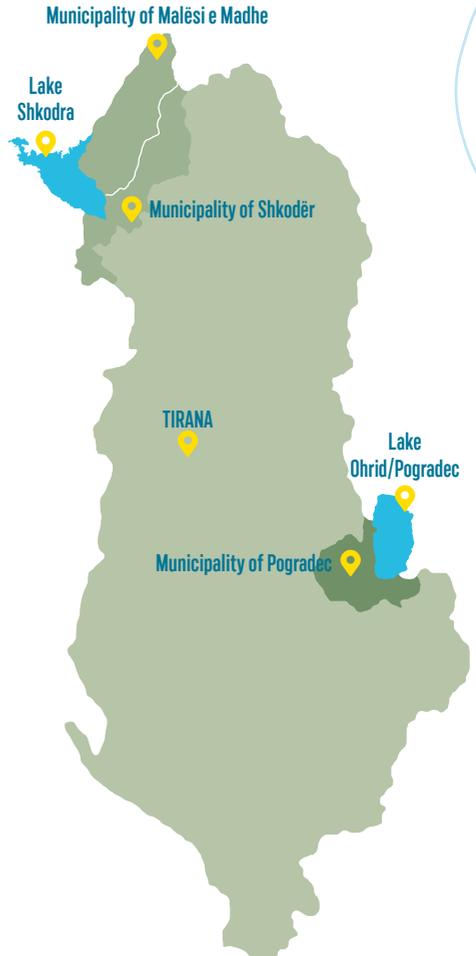
# The LAGHI D'ALBANIA Project

The “LAGHI D'ALBANIA - LAKES OF ALBANIA – Promotion of sustainable and responsible tourism models for the inclusive development of communities” project (AID 012590/02/1), funded by the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation, aims to promote integrated territorial management and sustainable tourism models for the two main Albanian lakes (Ohrid/Pogradec and Shkodra), countering the “aggressive” tourism and development models rapidly expanding throughout Albania.

The project is grounded in the principles of participatory governance and social economy applied to the development of **sustainable tourism in rural areas**. Through broad community engagement, it is therefore possible to implement mechanisms for an **integrated territorial promotion** and strengthened connectivity at the local, regional, and European level. In doing so, the initiative seeks to foster integrated local development models capable of addressing today's major economic, social, and environmental challenges.

**The project is oriented towards achieving three outcomes:**

1. Strengthening the governance system in the two target areas, focusing on inclusiveness, sustainability, and connectivity with other European and international actors.
2. Increasing community involvement in shaping interventions that support the sustainable and responsible tourism sector.
3. Expanding and innovating the tourism offer of sustainable and responsible tourism stakeholders in the target areas.





### The project also implemented a series of actions:

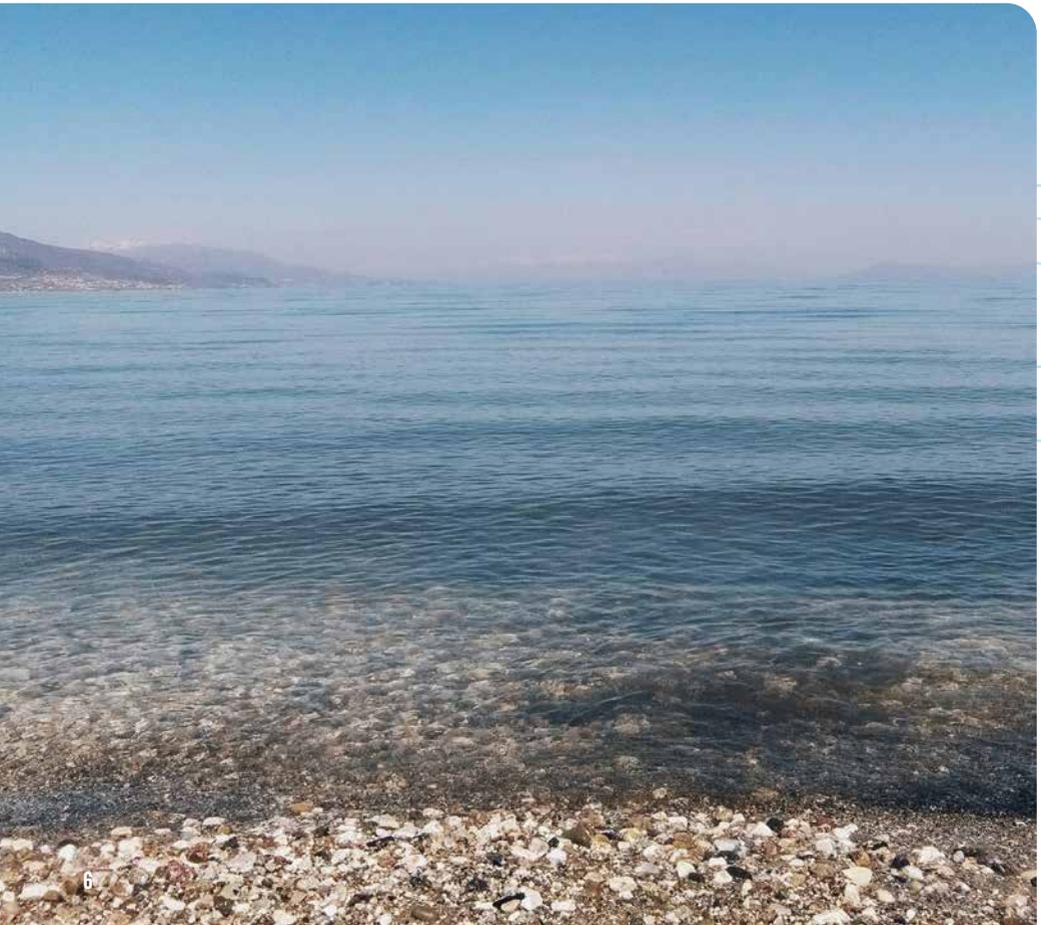
- **Technical assistance** to improve tourism in the municipality of Pogradec, with targeted support for small-scale interventions aimed at reducing environmental impact and promoting the social inclusion of rural youth and women.
- **Establishment of the LAG LYHNIDA Local Action Group**, designed to encourage long-term collaboration among local stakeholders and promote integrated development of the area.
- **Tourism promotion through a campaign co-designed with local youth** (<https://rb.gy/qybs72>) and participation in national, regional, and Italian fairs.
- **Drafting of an Action Plan for Sustainable Tourism** for the area of Pogradec.
- **Creation and management of a development fund** partially dedicated to local businesses and start-ups, and partially to public-private co-design initiatives aimed at enhancing and managing the rural heritage of Pogradec.

# Pogradec: an experience at the dawn of time

Albania is home to many lakes, but Lake Ohrid/Pogradec is the oldest in Europe, covering 362 km<sup>2</sup> and reaching a maximum depth of 300 meters. Its historical significance, together with its rich flora and fauna, has earned it a place on the UNESCO Cultural and Natural Heritage list. Its shores also include the beaches of Pogradec, with fine sand, clear waters, and both public and private sections.

Legend has it that Julius Caesar brought his soldiers here to rest before battle. When they first arrived on the hill, they were so astonished that they exclaimed "Lychnidos," meaning "Lake of Light."

This region is filled with stories from the past, like [the letter that French Colonel André Ordioni sent to his daughter](#) on October 10, 1925, while representing France on the Inter-Allied Commission for border determination.





Pogradec

“Dear Monica,

*I forgive this beautiful lake for not being a French one, because of the clarity of its waters and because it is a unique place with an untouched environment, with beautiful trout unlike any I have seen elsewhere, with those healthy eels as tasty as trout, lake birds, pelicans, cormorants, wild geese, etc. This lake has also taught me its own rituals and those of fish reproduction, the feeding habits of lazy pelicans that live on the backs of cormorants, the movement of the eels that are carried to Struga when they begin their journey to the sea. What luck for France if this lake were in the Morvan or the Central Massif. I believe Paris would build a silver conduit to bring its water to the capital. Also, as the Romans did in their days of glory, it would deserve a temple – the ‘Temple of Waters.’”*

Beyond legends and history, the truth is that the Lake Ohrid region, with its unique and evocative landscape - where natural and cultural values intertwine with traditional ways of life - has become a [sustainable tourist destination](#) and a [wellspring of natural and cultural heritage](#).

The town of [Pogradec](#), located on the southwestern shore of the lake, is renowned for its [pleasant climate](#). Along its lakeshore, [various attractions](#) and tourist areas [such as Lini, Pojske, Pogradec, Drilon, and Tushemisht](#) offer a wide range of hotels and guesthouses, providing ideal conditions for a relaxing and unforgettable holiday.

## GASTRONOMY

Another attraction of Pogradec is its **local cuisine**, particularly the **native Koran fish**. One of the most popular dishes is Koran tartare, made with raw Koran, avocado, olive oil, orange juice, lemon juice, and mango. This unique dish offers a delightful mix of cold fish with fresh citrus and sweet mango, one of the most unforgettable culinary experiences in Pogradec.

**Other traditional dishes** such as smoked duck, *tavë kosi* (oven-baked lamb with yogurt), eel with rice, *lakror* (savory pie that can contain various fillings), baked cheese with honey, and salads with

dried fruit and pomegranate highlight the **rich flavors of Albanian gastronomy**.

**Distillation** has been — and continues to be — an **important activity** in the life of Albanian families, especially in the rural areas of southern Albania since ancient times.

This activity is also reflected in the Pogradec region through numerous works of art such as paintings, sculptures, murals, and mosaics from various periods.

Pogradec is the homeland of **unique and exceptional wines**, with widely cultivated vineyards. It is no coincidence that in recent years wine tourism has experienced a tangible rise.





Kantina CACO

The **Caco Family**, for example, has continued the **traditional cultivation of vineyards** inherited from their grandfather, known locally as the “Daut vineyards.” The family business began with the **production of brandy** and later continued with winemaking in the village of Grabovicë in Pogradec.

Another authentic spirit produced by hand is **Grandpa's Beer**, produced by **Etjen** using the same methods his grandfather used. His grandfather's old house in Pogradec has been transformed into a small brewery that is now one of the favorite destinations for foreign tourists eager to try the beer and see how it's produced.



Birraria e Gjyshit

## CULTURAL HERITAGE

Local heritage is an essential element of human identity, and a community's active commitment to safeguarding it is a sign of a **dynamic and evolving culture**. Much has changed over the past decades, yet the artisans—who form the backbone of the Balkans—are still at work. Their hands preserve centuries of history and cultural heritage, transforming age-old skills into **beautiful hand-crafted products**.

Pogradec is celebrated for its **writers and poets, such as Lasgush Poradeci and Mitrush Kuteli**, both born in the city and considered pivotal figures in Albanian literature. Their legacy is celebrated through statues dedicated to them. The city is also home to **nationally renowned painters** such as Anastas Kostandini (Taso), Gjergji Lako, Gentian Zeka, and Vangjo Vasili, whose works, along with those of other local artists, are displayed at the **Pogradec Art Gallery**, located in the city center.

The **historic Toplec quarter**, often compared to Tuscany for its evocative atmosphere, offers a pleasant walk through alleyways, traditional houses, and romantic views. In the heart of the city is also the Pogradec Cinema, a modern facility with daily screenings.

Pogradec has a **city museum** rich in ancient artifacts and historical testimonies of the area, **the ancient Orthodox church of St. Mary**, located in the old quarter of Pogradec, as well as **the Church of the Resurrection**, a new construction with a very distinctive architectural style. The city is also home to **two mosques**, one located in the city center and the other in the Gorica neighborhood.

In addition to nature and artistic treasures, Pogradec preserves a **rich cultural heritage** thanks to the **"Lost City Map - A Journey through Old Pogradec"** project, which allows visitors to rediscover the history and key sites of the historic center. Developed by the local artistic community and supported by the Lakes of Albania Project, the initiative offers **interactive maps, ground markers, and plaques with QR codes**, enabling a physical and virtual journey through the streets, squares, and historical monuments of the city.

Discover the project by scanning the QR code and immerse yourself in the history, art, and collective memory of Pogradec, combining exploration of the old city with the natural beauty of the lake and its surroundings.





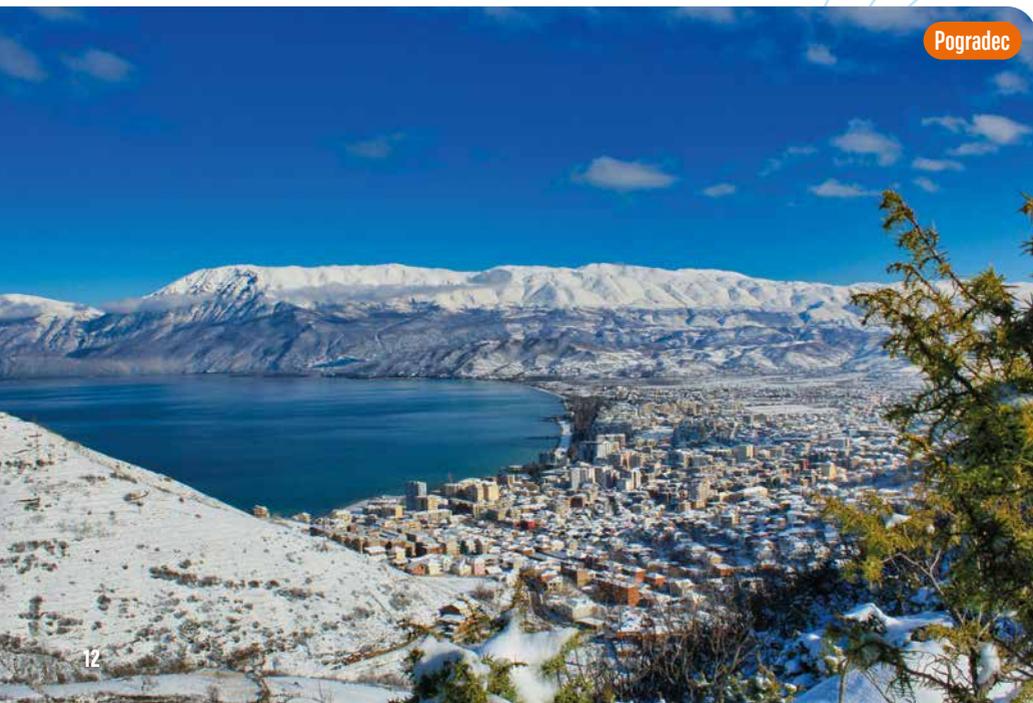
# Pogradec: a sustainable journey beyond the beaten path

The Pogradec region has been inhabited since the Late Neolithic period (6000–2000 BC). Near Buqeza, 20 km north of Pogradec, **prehistoric stilt** houses were built over the water. The inhabitants of the area boast a mythological origin. The monumental tombs of Selca e Poshtme testify to the **advanced level of their civilization**.

The region was also inhabited during the Roman era, assuming particular strategic importance along the **Via Egnatia**. According to ancient sources, this area was inhabited by the **Illyrian tribes of Enchelei and Dassareti**. In their areas, at the end of the 5th century BC, a powerful Illyrian state was founded with a series of settlements and castles around Lake Ohrid, such as Enkelana, Lychnidos, Pelion, Sation, Baos, etc.

Today Pogradec is a lively and modern city of approximately **42,000 inhabitants**. Its location makes it an excellent crossroads for neighboring countries, including North Macedonia and Greece.

It is a charming tourist town that offers **numerous opportunities for leisure and entertainment**. With its rare natural beauty and picturesque landscapes, it is an ideal destination for visitors of all ages. The hospitality, kindness, and warmth of its people further increase its charm. The characteristics of the area ensure that every visitor leaves with unforgettable memories, an authentic love for the area, and a sincere desire to return.





The crystal-clear waters of Lake Ohrid are just one of the many treasures of this region. Lift your gaze a little further from the shore, and you will see dense forests, mountain peaks, and endless meadows waiting to be explored.

Thanks to [local guides](#) and a large number of [marked itineraries](#), you will be able to create unforgettable memories.

## HIKING AND OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

Many parts of the Lake Ohrid region are best appreciated on foot. The flat areas around Lake Ohrid offer an [extensive network of hiking trails](#) suitable for all skill levels and ages. Many lakeside roads continue inland into the mountains, passing through small villages, where rural life, in some places, has remained unchanged for hundreds of years.

Don't miss the [long lakefront promenade - Shetitore "1 Maji"](#), a tree-lined avenue of about 5 km dotted with bars with live music, cafes, restaurants, and hotels: perfect for relaxing and admiring the view. Those who prefer to experience the lake firsthand can enjoy [canoeing, pedal boats, or boat trips](#), ideal for exploring coves and hidden corners.

[Galicica National Park](#) offers an extensive network of marked trails, providing incredible opportunities for both short excursions and longer journeys for short or long trips for adventure lovers.

Less well-known but equally thrilling are the [climbing trails near the village of Alarup](#). At 2,287 meters above sea level, [Mali i Thatë](#) also offers rewarding views of two lakes and the major settlements of Pogradec and Ohrid.



Pogradec

## CYCLING TOURISM

Spring and autumn, with cooler temperatures and lakeside breezes, are perfect for cycling. **The entire circumference of Lake Ohrid is only 97 km**, and there are many perfect places to pedal. Whether you prefer to cycle along the walkway or an adrenaline rush through the mountains, the Lake Ohrid region is a paradise for cycling.

**One of the most scenic mountain bike trips is a 32 km loop**, lasting a full day, from Tushemisht to Blacë, Alarup and back to Tushemisht. This journey passes through dense forests, open grasslands, and small authentic human settlements. Tushemisht, with its shaded streets perfect for a slow walk, offers excellent local cuisine, good wine, and sandy beaches: a quiet and easily accessible alternative to the livelier pace of Pogradec.

For a **full-day trip from the lake to the mountains**, don't miss the Pogradec-Guri i Kamjes-Pogradec 36 km tour.

At the largest curve of this tour, you will see Dagger Stone, the iconic monolithic rock overlooking Lake Ohrid and the mountains of North Macedonia. Guri i Kamjes is an exceptional natural monument, offering a wonderful panoramic view and a fantastic spot for a picnic.

## SUSTAINABLE FISHING

**From December 1st to January 1st, fishing in Lake Ohrid is strictly prohibited**, as this period coincides with the spawning season of the Koran fish.

During this one-month period, 220 authorized fishermen from Pogradec are not allowed to enter the lake, thereby ensuring respect for the natural growth and reproduction cycles of the fish.

From January 1st to March 1st, only a small number of trained fishermen are permitted to harvest the rasat of the Koran.

Sustainable fishing not only contributes to the **conservation and management of resources and ecosystems** but also

safeguards livelihoods for the inhabitants and ensures that the land can continue to provide nutritious food for future generations. Along the shores of the lake every morning, you can observe the fishermen returning, landing with their night catches, an authentic scene of local life.

## SCUBA DIVING

Did you know that Lake Ohrid is the largest natural reservoir of drinking water in the world and offers **underwater visibility of up to 20 meters**? With its wonderfully clear water, calm currents, and pleasant temperature, an entirely underwater world awaits, allowing you to dive deep into the lake's millions-of-years-old history.

Lake Ohrid is the lake with the **greatest biodiversity in the world in terms of volume**: thousands of animal and plant species live beneath its waters, several hundred of which are endemic and found exclusively in the lake.

Thousands of years of civilization have left **countless artifacts** here. Ancient ceramics, bones, tools, and even jewelry have been discovered in prehistoric settlements dating back 3,200 years. The latest **discoveries can be admired at the Water Museum**, located on the southwestern shore of the lake.

## PROTECTED AREAS OF THE REGION

The cultural and natural heritage of Lake Ohrid is a world heritage site covering 83,350 hectares in the Macedonian part of Lake Ohrid. The region was inscribed on the **UNESCO World Heritage list** in 1979; in 1980, the perimeter of the UNESCO site was extended to also protect the cultural and historical richness of the area.

**Prespa National Park**, covering an area of 27,613.05 hectares, is renowned for its high ecological and cultural values. Prespa is a **transboundary park**, located at the border between Albania, Greece, and North Macedonia. It includes Lakes Prespa e Madhe and Prespa e Vogël, as well as the surrounding territories.



The National Park is a particularly **rich habitat in terms of biodiversity**: according to EUNIS habitat classifications, there are approximately **73 macrohabitats**, 23 of which are listed in the Fauna and Flora annexes of the EU Habitat Directive. The vegetation is diverse: hygrophilous species of lake wetlands, oaks, beeches, and conifers of alpine pastures, among which rare plants are found. Furthermore, according to recent ornithological studies, **132 bird species nest in the park**, including swans, mergansers, gulls, terns, grebes, and various types of ducks. It is worth noting that in recent years the presence of **flamingos** has also been detected in the lake, even though it is not their natural habitat. Prespa is considered a paradise for migratory birds, and all three countries have declared the area a wetland of international importance under the Ramsar Convention.

The **Protected Landscape of Pogradec** is an integrated and collaborative approach to co-manage the proposed extended part of the Transboundary World Natural and Cultural Heritage of Lake Ohrid on the Albanian side.

**Shebenik-Jabllanicë National Park** is a protected Albanian area located in the northwest of Lake Ohrid, that is located along the Macedonian border, characterized by its rich and diverse flora and its picturesque mountain landscapes.

The park is home to more than 14 glacial lakes, situated between 1,500 and 1,900 meters above sea level. The main entrances of this park are connected by air to the cities around Lake Ohrid and can also be reached by climbing or cycling through the Qafe Plloce-Qafe Thane mountain bike route.

Pllaja e Pusit





## YOUR JOURNEY AROUND LAKE OHRID

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Lake Ohrid offers stunning scenery, unique cultural experiences, and a mountain of [opportunities for relaxation and adventure](#). The region remains very dynamic: the network of trails, numerous accommodations, and cultural attractions continue to grow and change. You can choose to stay in lakeside hotels and visit the most famous destinations with clear signage, or choose to explore secondary roads, travel without an itinerary, and ask locals for some suggestions on what to do, see, or where to eat. By visiting this region with an open mind, imagination, and respect for your hosts, then the journey in the Lake Ohrid region will be rewarding and unforgettable. Shared between Albania, North Macedonia, and Greece, the lake is a natural and cultural crossroads that enhances the experience of every visitor.

If you want to discover other attractions around Lake Ohrid, scan the QR code.



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## PLACES TO VISIT IN THE SURROUNDINGS

### LIN

The lakeside village of Lin is a fascinating opportunity to experience life on Lake Ohrid from a [traditional perspective](#). Winding streets lined with houses of stone, wood, and brick in ancient style lead to an [archaeological site](#) of extraordinary value: the [ancient early Christian basilica with 8 colorful mosaics](#) showing fish, water birds, and bees, dating back to the 5th-6th century AD. Nearby are the [remains of the Byzantine church](#), protected as a World Heritage Site and sheltered by a modern cover



designed to preserve its treasures and prevent deterioration, awaiting further exploration. The village also preserves the **prehistoric settlement of Zagradie**, testimony to the very ancient origins of the community. Lake Ohrid and the mountain views from the top of the hill are exceptional!

### **SELCA AND POSHTME**

**Five ancient tombs and monuments** dating back to the 4th-3rd century BC are located in Selca, site of the ancient settlement of Pelion (where the Illyrian king Monun resided). Other remains date from the Bronze Age to the mid-6th century AD, including Ionic treasures, bronze and ceramic objects, weapons, and gold items. You will feel like you have discovered a lost treasure when you visit this important place!

### **HISTORIC BRIDGES**

The Pogradec region preserves numerous historic bridges that **testify to centuries of history and communication routes**. Among these stand out the Golic Bridge, the bridges near the villages of Jollë and Llëngë, the bridge between Golic and Niçë, and the Terziu Bridge in the village of Proptisht. The **Golic Bridge** is particularly evocative: this ancient **double-arch stone structure** crosses the wild Shkumbin River and dates back to the 17th-18th century. The bridge is located along the ancient Via Egnatia, near Golic, a charming village in the heart of the Mokra region. Along the road to Golic, you will enjoy **breathtaking views of waterfalls** and mountain landscapes of deep valleys. By making this journey, you will retrace the steps of many ancient peoples who, over the centuries, walked, defended, and traveled through the region!

## THE SHKUMBIN RIVER

This is **one of the longest rivers** in Albania with very clear waters that flows through breathtaking landscapes. The river originates from the eastern slope of Mount Valamara, in the Pogradec district, and flows into the Adriatic Sea. Several fish species live in its waters, including trout, which makes **sport fishing** possible, while some parts of the river are suitable for **drifting with boats or rafts**.

## TUSHEMISHT/DRILON

Just 4 kilometers away, in Tushemisht, lies the **tourist area of Drilon**, which takes its name from the freshwater springs and the Drilon River.

The numerous trees and decorative plants are in perfect harmony with the clear water springs, paths, characteristic bridges, and the avifauna of the **swan park**, where you can admire these elegant birds in their natural habitat. One of the most beloved experiences is **the boat tour of the Drilon springs**, which allows you to discover the origin of the Drin River among channels, small bridges, and lush nature.

**Tushemisht has a special history:** both King Zog and Albania's dictator, Enver Hoxha, spent their summers in this place. The historic residence can be visited, now transformed into a hotel and restaurant with excellent local and continental cuisine!



## THE KABASH SPRINGS

Just 2 kilometers from Pogradec, climbing up the hill you will discover a **wonderful place for picnics**. With fresh fountains and meadows, an ideal spot for picnics and barbecues.

## POTKOZHAN

This is a **very interesting village** in the Pogradec district. The houses are very beautiful, made of stone and covered with stone tiles. The streets between them are narrow and paved with cobblestones, while grapevines and mulberries climb the walls and hang over the streets. The **hospitable people** of the village offer accommodation to tourists in their homes and tasty homemade dishes with various **local specialties**. Around the village is the church of Shen Premte, and there is a cemetery with beautifully carved stone crosses.

## CHURCH OF SANTA BITRI

The **medieval church** of Shen Bitri, as locals call the church of San Demetrio, is located several hundred meters from the village of Potkozhan. This small stone building, covered with stone tiles, is truly unique for its two apses on the eastern side and for the **very distinctive wall painting inside**. Despite the frescoes being damaged, it is still possible to admire the beauty and mystery of the saints depicted on its walls.

## CHURCH OF SANTA MARINA

The church and monastery of Santa Marena is located **north of the village of Llëngë**, a hamlet of Pogradec, in a commanding position on the mountain slope. It is a **small building** with an altar separated from the nave by a wooden iconostasis, 6 meters wide and 4 meters high. The icons are carved and polychrome with floral motifs. The entire interior of the church is **covered with frescoes** that belong to the hand of the painter from these areas, Kostandin Shpataraku.

The Pogradec area also preserves other historical and natural treasures: the **ancient castles of the villages of Blacë and Zemçë**, testimonies of medieval defensive architecture; the fortifications in the villages of Slabinjë and Shpellë in the Mokra region, which tell centuries of military history; and the **evocative karst cave with an internal lake above the village of Memlisht**, a small naturalistic gem to be discovered. These sites, less well-known but equally fascinating, further enrich the cultural and naturalistic offerings of the region.





# Map of Pogradec – Tourist attractions



## LEGEND

- 1 City Rock in Mokra Cave
- 2 Bear Cave
- 3 Black Rock
- 4 Lukova Lakes
- 5 Nika Rock, Valamarë
- 6 Source of the Shkumbin River
- 7 Topi Rock
- 8 Liënga Canyon
- 9 Monastery of Saint Marena
- 10 Mulberry Tree of Saint Marena
- 11 Saint Marena Cave



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Ohrid/Pogradec

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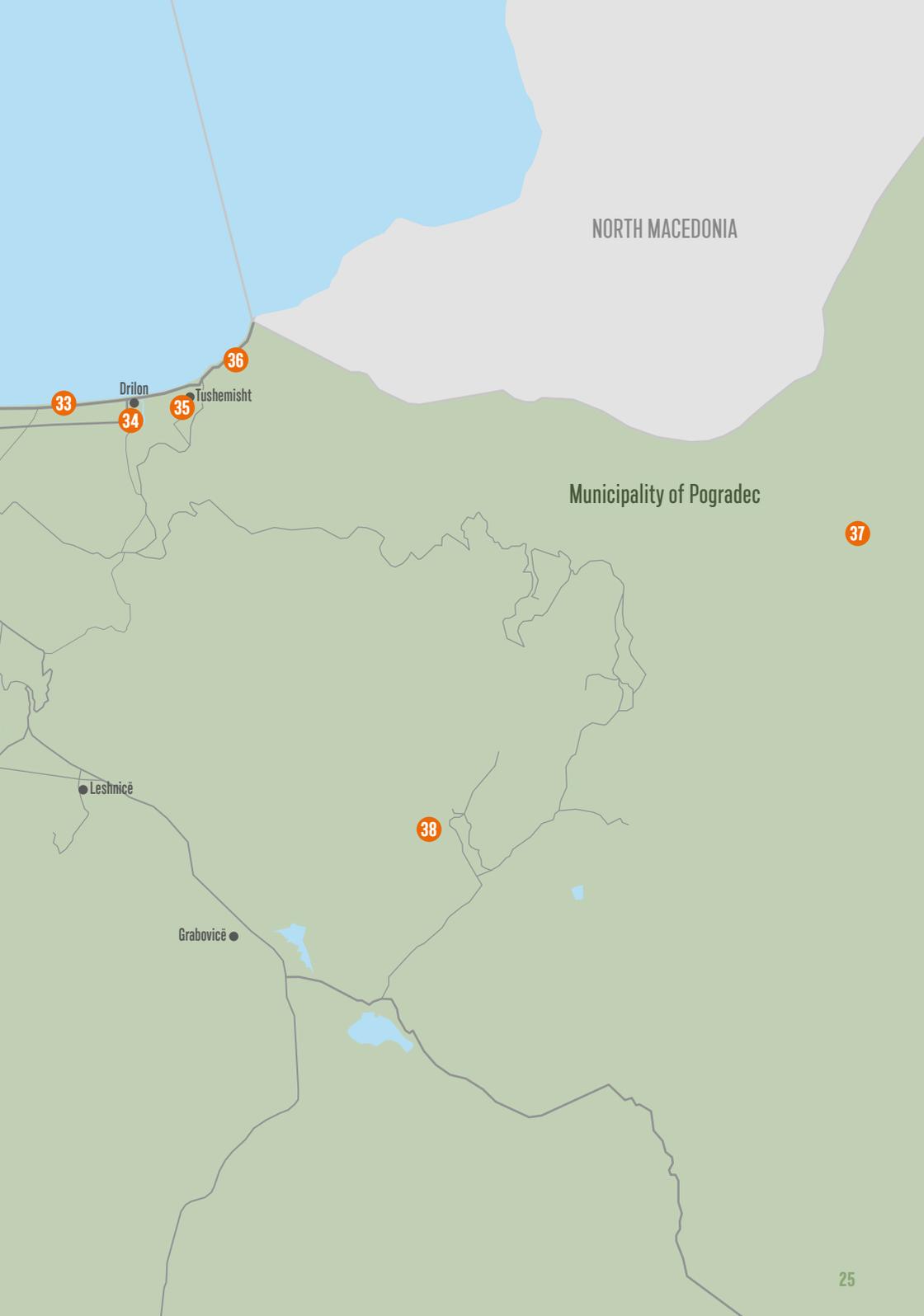
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- 36 Najazma Cave
- 37 Pusi Plateau
- 38 Blace Castle





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Municipality of Pogradec

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Drilon

Tushemisht

Leshnicë

Grabovicë

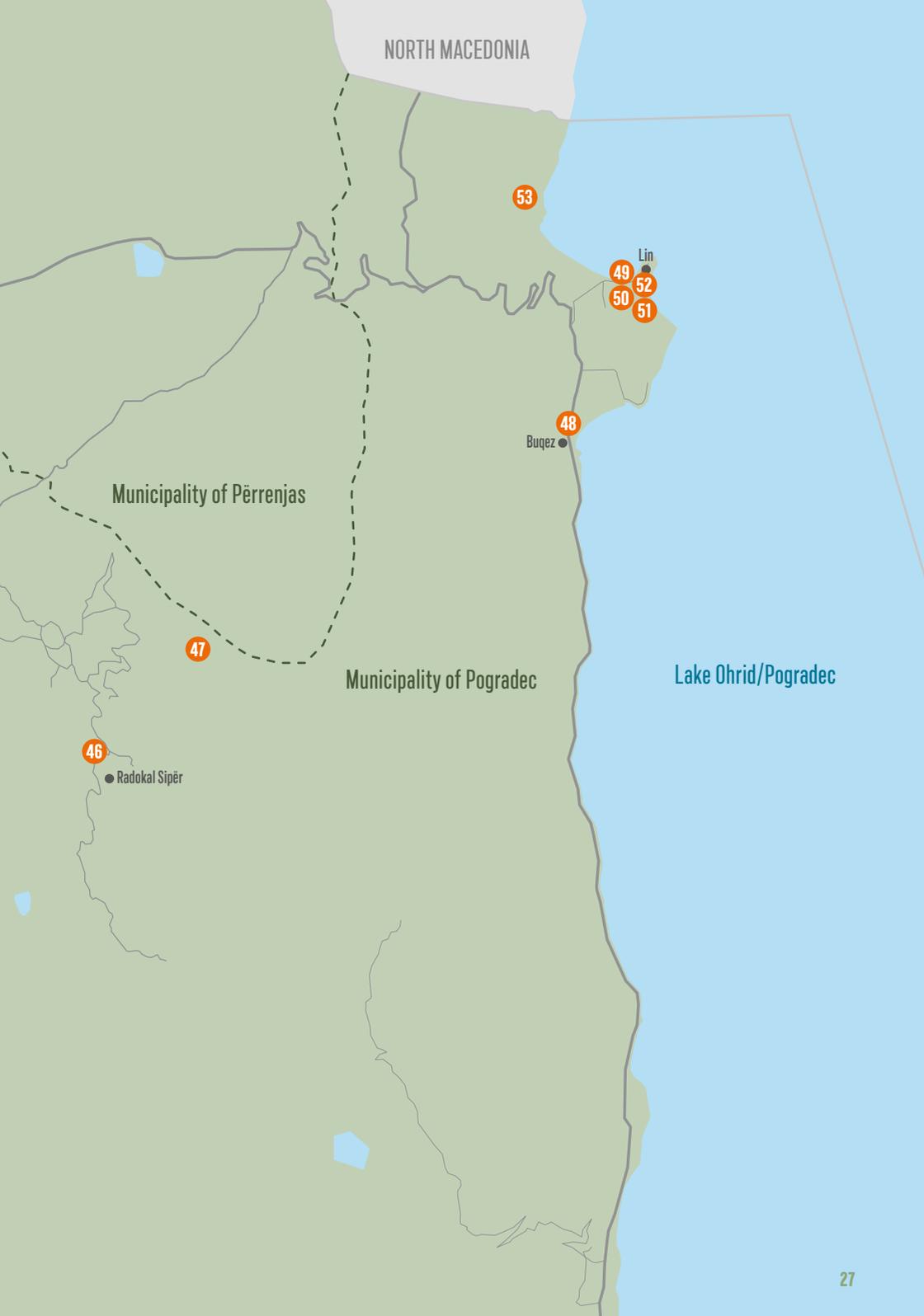
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- 44 "The Bride and Groom" Stones
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- 47 Rodokali Cave
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- 49 Lin Tourist Village
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- 52 Ruins of the Early Christian Church of Lin
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NORTH MACEDONIA



Municipality of Përrenjas

Municipality of Pogradec

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● Radokal Sipër

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● Buqez

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# Restaurants and Bars

## CASA DI PIZZA

(+355) 68 337 1031  
eri.balliu@gmail.com  
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Restaurant known for serving mainly lake fish, as well as Italian cuisine, especially pizza

## BOCADO

(+355) 69 549 9367  
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Bar and restaurant on the lake, known for organising beach parties

## SOFRA E DON

(+355) 69 250 2558  
fatjonlikollari@gmail.com  
Pogradec

Restaurant specializing in traditional dishes, featuring a characteristic atmosphere and locally inspired recipes





### DANTE

(+355) 69 470 9881  
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Located on the lake, known for traditional and Italian cuisine, particularly pizza

### BEACH BAR HARMONY

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Buçimas, Pogradec

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Beach bar on a sandy beach, located in the village of Bucimas

### BUTTERFLY LOUNGE

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Beach bar on a pebbly lakeshore, known for hosting parties

### SHERLOCK IRISH PUB

(+355) 69 440 9129  
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Irish-style pub with a selection of beers and often live music

# Hotel-restaurants

## HOTEL BELVEDERE

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Located at the foot of the castle hill, offering a unique view of the lake

## HOTEL KASHTA 2

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Hotel on the lake with panoramic views and nearby access to a private beach

## HOTEL PERLA

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Pogradec

Hotel and restaurant on the seafront with stunning lake views and modern amenities

## HOTEL SAVOJA

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Hotel and restaurant near the city pier, known for its tranquility and relaxing view



### **HOTEL HYMETI'S PALACE**

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Hotel in the city center featuring a wellness centre, and activities like horseback excursions and bike rental

### **VILA ART**

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Villa Art, the former personal villa of dictator Enver Hoxha, is located in the protected park of Drilon

### **HOTEL GRAND**

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Hotel in the village of Tushemisht with a seasonal outdoor swimming pool

### **SHEN MARENA**

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Tushemisht, Pogradec

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Hotel in the Tushemisht resort village with comfortable rooms and a peaceful location

### **VILA DANTE**

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A stone-built inn in the tourist village of Tushemisht

### **HOTEL LEZA**

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hotel\_leza@yahoo.com  
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Located on the lake where you can enjoy freshly caught lake fish

### **HOTEL CAMPING LIN**

(+355) 69 546 1388  
Lin, Pogradec

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Located on the hill above the tourist village of Lin, with a wide view of the lake; the hotel also offers spaces for campervans

# Hotel

## HOTEL ELITE

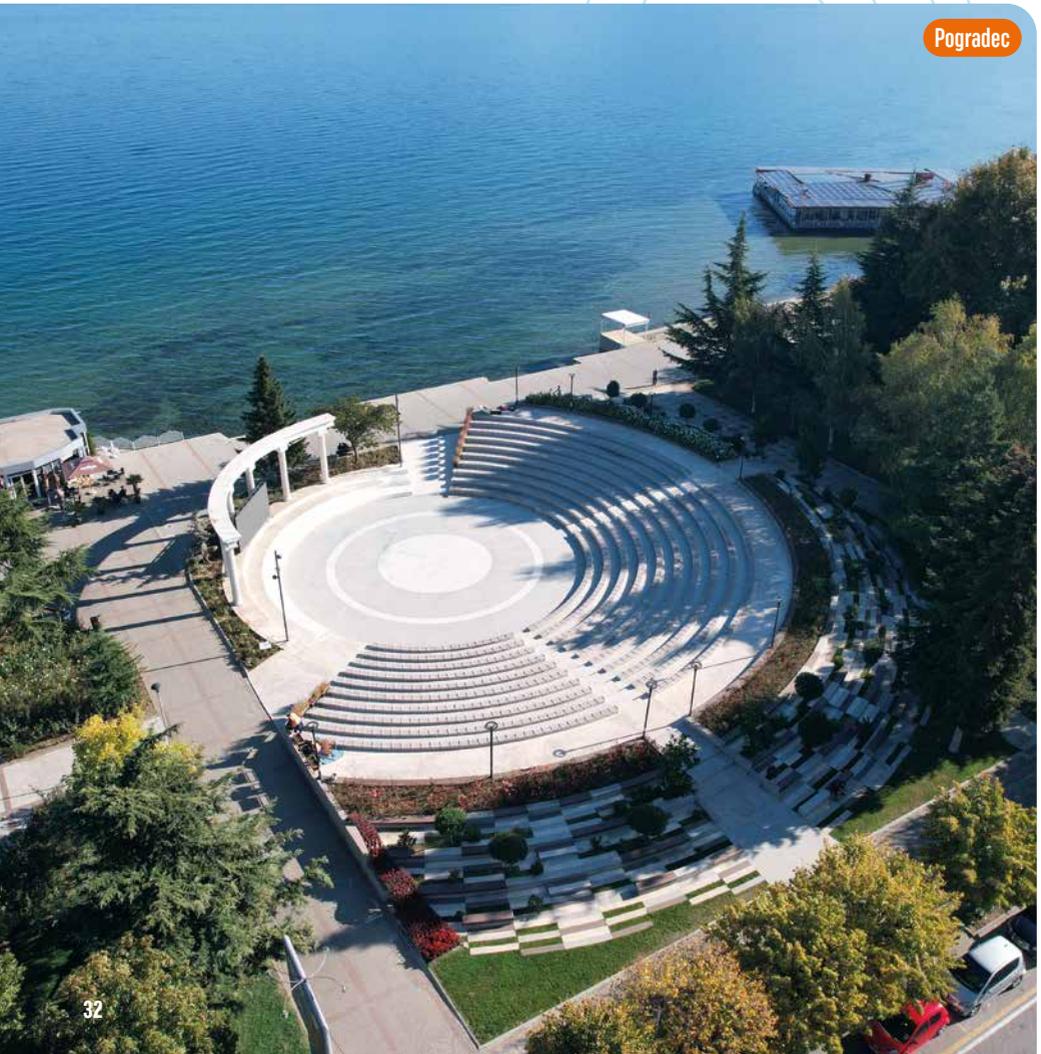
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A seafront hotel offering high-quality rooms

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# Guest houses

## SUN & MOON OHRID

(+355) 69 206 5966  
shtepiaemiqve2007@gmail.com  
Pogradec

Guest house featuring comfortable apartments near the lake

## GUEST HOUSE HYKO

(+355) 68 835 5072  
besnikhyko@yahoo.com  
Buzahishtë, Pogradec

Inn in the Mokra area, famous for spit-roasted meat

## GREEN HOUSE 2

(+355) 69 606 8608  
fhoxhallari92@gmail.com  
Pogradec

Cosy and peaceful guest house in a convenient location

## HANI GËSHTENJAVE

(+355) 69 528 0957  
shkullakuk@yahoo.com  
Stropcke, Pogradec

Located on the chestnut hill, famous for “pasterma” meat

## POGRADEC GUEST HOUSE

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albikuqo@gmail.com  
Rremenj, Pogradec

Inn in the mountain area of Rremenj, with a view over the entire city and lake

## BUJTINA OLLGA

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Tushemisht, Pogradec

The inn is located in the heart of the village of Tushemisht and is known for its traditional dishes



# Camping Sites and Resorts

## CAMPING ERLIN

(+355) 68 406 6666  
ervinrusi1@gmail.com  
Lin, Pogradec

Restaurant and campsite on the Lin peninsula, ideal for campervans



# Producers

## BIRRARIA E GJYSHIT

(+355) 69 338 0286  
birrariagjyshit@gmail.com  
Pogradec

Craft beer producer

## KANTINA CACO

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kantnacaco@gmail.com  
www.kantinacaco.com  
Grabovicë, Pogradec

Wine producer offering quality local wines

## PRODUKTE TIPIKE

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mukades.gjona28@gmail.com  
Leshnicë, Pogradec

Producer of traditional local products



# Artisans

## WOODCARVING

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Wood craftsman, master of wood sculpture

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# Art Houses

## SHPELLA ART

(+355) 69 248 6736  
shkurtihenri@gmail.com  
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Art house serving as a gallery, space for jazz music, poetry evenings, etc.

## ATELIE PIKTORI VANGJO VASILI

(+355) 69 301 9810  
Pogradec

Painting studio at the Palace of Culture

## TASO ART HOUSE

(+355) 68 258 7820  
artstudio.taso@yahoo.com  
Pogradec

Art house and gallery of national painter Anastas Kostandini

## SHËPIA E MIQVE / LA CASA DEGLI AMICI

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mile.diana2@gmail.com  
Pogradec

Casa degli Amici is a welcoming bookshop-café-gallery established in 2007, located in the city centre. *Pija e Thomos* is the special artisan liqueur you can find exclusively here



# Tour Operators

## DISCOVERY POGRADEC

(+355) 68 425 9332  
bego\_gani@yahoo.com  
Pogradec

Local guide specialising in hiking

## LIHNID TOURS

(+355) 69 228 7271  
mitieljo12@gmail.com  
Pogradec

Local guide specialising in urban and cultural tours

## VISIT POGRADEC

(+355) 69 315 5698  
aleksanderfilipi01@gmail.com  
Pogradec

Tour operator for the area and beyond. Mountain bike, stand-up paddle and boat rental





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