

VJOSA VALLEY

Discovering Europe's last wild river



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The VITA Vjosa project

The VITA Vjosa project - Enhancement of Initiatives for Tourism and the Environment along the Vjosa River basin, funded by the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation (AICS), aims to contribute to the sustainable tourism development and environmental protection across Albania's Vjosa Basin (AID 012590/08/5).

The project aims to **expand business opportunities in sustainable tourism** along the Vjosa River basin - Europe's last pristine river - through the enhancement of natural resources, fostering the formation and growth of small businesses and thus creating jobs for the benefit of local communities.

This objective has been pursued:

- through the **strengthening of the services of small businesses** active in the responsible tourism sector along the Vjosa River basin;
- through the **enhancement of the capacities of public and private operators** involved in the process of establishing the Protected Area of the Vjosa River Basin to **safeguard and promote environmental heritage** for the development of responsible tourism.



— Vjosa River

■ VITA Vjosa Project area

📍 Major cities

📍 Cities involved in the project





The project has put in place a series of actions:

- providing **technical assistance** to launch integrated tourism packages along the Vjosa River;
- **training** of tour operators' and guides' trainers and technical assistance to small businesses;
- creation and management of a **fund for sustainable tourism companies**;
- promotion of tourism along the Vjosa River basin;
- drafting of a **Responsible Tourism Development Plan** for the Protected Area of the Vjosa River Basin, fully aligned with the Masterplan that led to the recognition of the Valley as a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve in September 2025, and aimed at obtaining GSTC certification;
- **public-private co-design** interventions for the enhancement and environmental management of natural, cultural and historical sites of tourist importance of the Municipalities in the Vjosa River basin;
- creation and management of a fund dedicated to small businesses along the Vjosa River basin for the **installation of photovoltaic panels**;
- promotion and monitoring of a **tourism development plan**.

A National Park for the Vjosa

The Vjosa River is one of the richest and least ecologically altered rivers in Europe.

Before its **declaration as a National Park in March 2023**, the Vjosa River was known for its rich biodiversity and the natural habitats it hosts, offering a special environment for many species of fauna and flora. This river, 272 km long – **192 km of which flow through Albanian territory** – crosses several regions of Albania, creating an extraordinary ecosystem.

The proclamation of the Vjosa River as a National Park aims **to preserve and protect this river and its ecosystems** by banning the construction of hydroelec-

tric plants and **promoting sustainable development and responsible tourism**. This initiative seeks to safeguard one of Europe's last wild rivers, contributing to the protection of biodiversity and natural resources.

Thanks to years of mobilization by civil society and local communities, the Albanian government decided to move forward with the creation of the river park. This movement attracted media attention that led to important political decisions. With the involvement of many Albanian and European NGOs, univer-





Albanian Prime Minister Edi Rama, Patagonia CEO Ryan Gellert, and Tourism and Environment Minister Mirela Kumbaro Furxhi sign the declaration of Europe's first wild river national park.

sities, and scientists/scholars, a **strong campaign for the protection of the river** developed over the years. Consequently, after extensive work by experts from around the world, and **in collaboration with the Patagonia Foundation and the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)**, the river obtained legal National Park status. Notably, **actor Leonardo DiCaprio also contributed** to the awareness campaigns for the preservation of the river basin.

Today, the challenge has only just begun. Through various initiatives, efforts are being made to meet the standards required to ensure proper implementation of the Park's management plan.

Among these — just to name a few — are the **creation of tourist info points** along the river basin, the establishment of the Park's administrative headquarters with satellite offices, the **construction of birdwatching towers**, the **regulation of river sports** such as rafting, and the **improvement of wastewater and waste management**. These actions enhance accessibility and promotion of the Park, protect species, and engage visitors responsibly.

The ambition is great: the Albanian government is negotiating with Greece to expand the Park and make it a transboundary protected area — unique in its kind.

The Vjosa Valley

The Most Unspoiled River Park in Europe

The Vjosa Valley, in its Albanian section, stretches from the border with Greece to its mouth at the sea near Vlorë, covering mountainous, hilly, and flat territories.

The Vjosa is **a wild river, free of any artificial structures that alter its course** — apart from bridges and footbridges that connect the territories on its two sides but leave the river itself untouched.

Its natural state is its greatest value and the main reason why the Albanian government recognized **the river, its two banks, and its tributaries — the Drino, Bënça, and Shushica — as a National River Park.**

Its wild beauty is extraordinary: seen from the surrounding mountains, the river appears spectacular with its meanders, rapids, rocks lapped by the water, small pebble beaches, and the lush vegetation along its banks.

The Valley has an ancient history that dates back to the Paleolithic era, evidenced by **numerous archaeological excavations** — most of them far from complete. In the future, the range of visits to archaeological areas will progressively expand. **Sites worth visiting include Apollonia, Antigonea, and Bylis**, a vast area located on a plateau with a breathtaking view over the valley.





After the end of the communist regime, which persecuted all religious faiths, the population returned to its historic religious traditions – Orthodox Christian, Islamic, and Bektashi. Numerous religious sites have been reopened and restored, among which stand out the beautiful ancient Church of Leusa in Paleochristian style and the Monastery of Saint Mary in the Narta Lagoon, on the southern bank of the Vjosa River. Also worth visiting are the mining village of Memaliaj, the spectacular ancient Brataj Bridge, the repurposed and painted bunkers, the Ottoman aqueduct near Tepelenë, and the ghost village of Tragjas.

The river and the surrounding area offer countless opportunities for outdoor activities, the most popular being rafting. Trekking is also widely practiced – along the river and through the spectacular Nivica Canyon rich in waterfalls – as

well as in the side valleys and mountains. Other popular activities include cycling, canyoning, kayaking, horseback riding, climbing, thermal baths, river swimming, birdwatching in the lagoon, and fishing, sometimes alongside local fishermen.

Local cuisine is particularly rich. One of its absolute delicacies is *Gliko*, a Slow Food-protected sweet made from fruits and vegetables that are not yet fully ripe. A curious traditional product is *Salca në shakull*, a method of progressive milk preservation practiced by shepherds using goat skin. The resulting product, with its delicious taste, is served in some restaurants in a way that fascinates all diners.

Traditional crafts are also abundant, including fine wood, copper, silver, and stone work, as well as exquisite crocheted embroidery.



Traveling through the valley is a pleasant experience: olive groves and vineyards alternate with pastures where cows, sheep, goats, and horses graze freely – sometimes even on the roads, causing minor delays but offering charming photo and video opportunities. **Along the way, small roadside stalls sell honey, raki, and other traditional products.**

Memory tourism is particularly aimed at Italians. The valley was the scene of the tragic and senseless war between Italy and Greece in 1940–41. Many Italians, especially *Alpini* veterans, still visit the **Bridge of Perati in the Municipality of Përmet – a place of painful remembrance that inspired a famous song (*Sul Ponte di Perati*)**, part of the history of the corps.

In the area, one can also find ruins of barracks and other structures recalling the Italian occupation.

Historical memory also includes the **glorious partisan struggle for the liberation of the country from German occupation**, marked by cemeteries, monuments, plaques, and the Congress House in Përmet, where the first post-war government was born. Finally, the **repressive regime of Enver Hoxha** – which isolated Albania from the rest of the world – is remembered through the internment camp in Tepelenë.

These memories are kept alive through encounters with those who have collected artifacts, documents, and testimonies over time.

Thus, the Vjosa Valley offers countless possibilities: **cultural visits** (with a heritage of 288 recorded monuments), **nature-based experiences** (including 60 recognized natural monuments), **sports activities**, and **hands-on experiences** such as **traditional cooking classes**, **gathering medicinal herbs** (380 varieties identified!), and **tasting tours at wineries and dairies**.

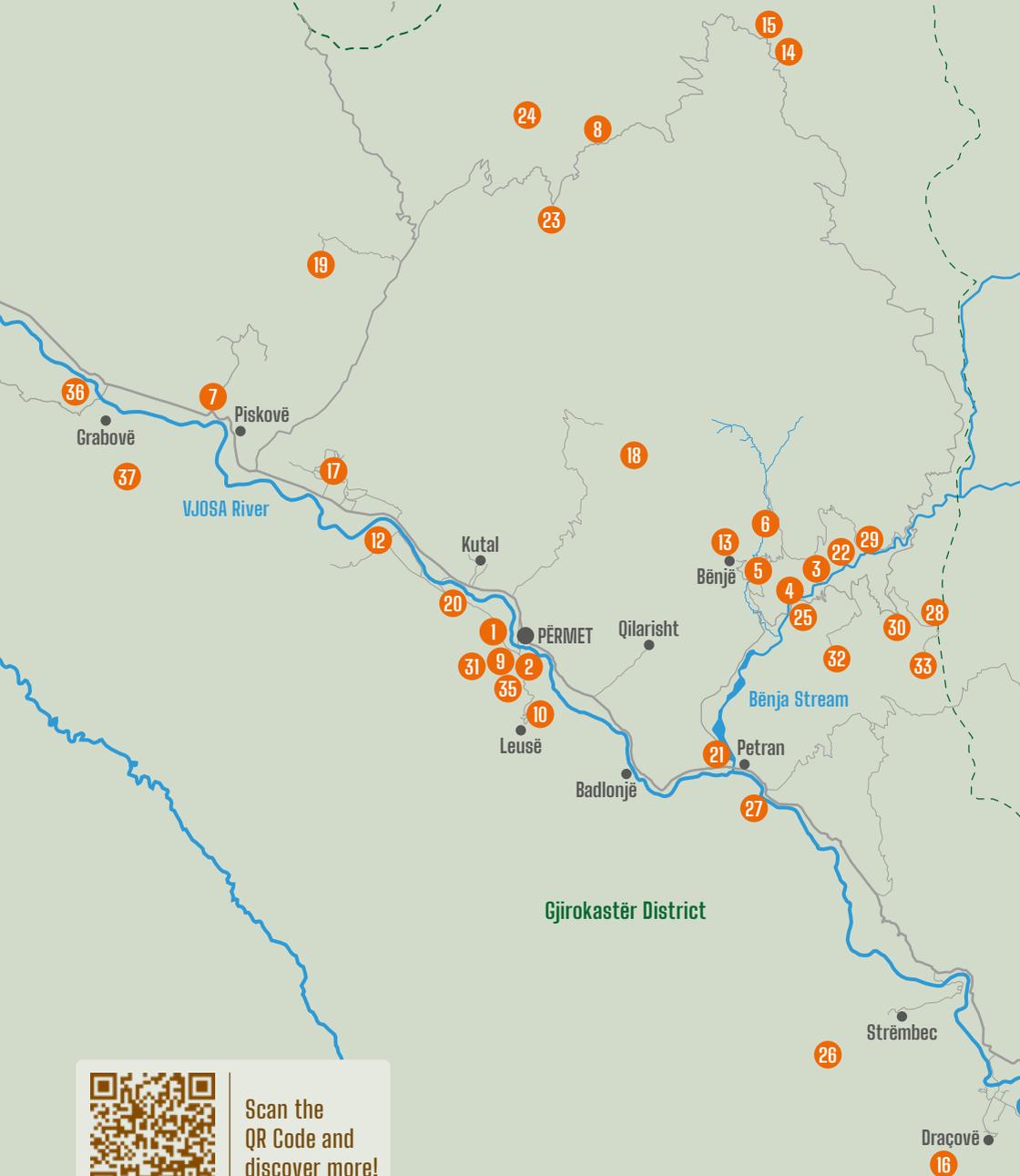
Nearby are **three UNESCO World Heritage Sites recognized in Albania**: the archaeological site of Butrint, and the

historic centers of Gjirokastër and Berat — along with the cities of Vlorë, Përmet, and Tepelenë, all rich in historical monuments.

Thanks to the project, it is now possible to collaborate with reliable local tourism operators who share the project's principles and objectives — including inbound tour operators, hoteliers, restaurateurs, tourist guides, and outdoor activity providers, especially those offering rafting, which remains one of the area's main attractions.



Map of Përmet – Tourist attractions



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LEGEND

- 1 City Stone
- 2 Permeti Congress Hall
- 3 Benja Cave
- 4 Katiut Bridge
- 5 Bridge over Bënja stream
- 6 Ariete Bridge
- 7 Pacomit Fountain
- 8 National Park Center “Bredhi Hotova-Dangelli”
- 9 Holy Friday Church
- 10 Santa Maria Church - Leuse
- 11 Santa Maria Church - Seran
- 12 “Shendelliut” Church - Bual
- 13 Santa Maria Church - Benje
- 14 Tekke of Frasher
- 15 House of the Frasher Brothers
- 16 Nemerckes Circus
- 17 Santa Maria Church - Kosine
- 18 San Sotirio Church
- 19 Tekke of Baba Ali Alipostivan
- 20 Atos Stone
- 21 Petran Stone
- 22 Lengarice Canyon
- 23 Kamenckes Canyon
- 24 Boroce Canyon
- 25 Bënjë Thermal Water
- 26 Sopot Waterfall
- 27 Petran Fir Tree
- 28 Lady’s Bridge
- 29 Micai Bridge
- 30 Babo Bridge
- 31 San Nicola Church
- 32 Santa Maria Church - Ogdunan
- 33 San Giovanni Church - Delvine
- 34 Former Postenan Military Unit
- 35 Former Italian Military Barracks
- 36 Santa Domenica Church
- 37 San Nicola Church

Korçë Prefecture

GREECE

Municipality of Përmet – Restaurants

VERANDA

(+355) 67 482 0688
editotoni9@gmail.com
Përmet

Riverside restaurant with panoramic views of the Vjosa River

TE CULI

(+355) 68 630 3487
thanas.elidjon@gmail.com
Përmet

Slow-food restaurant specialising in authentic local cuisine

ANTIGONEA

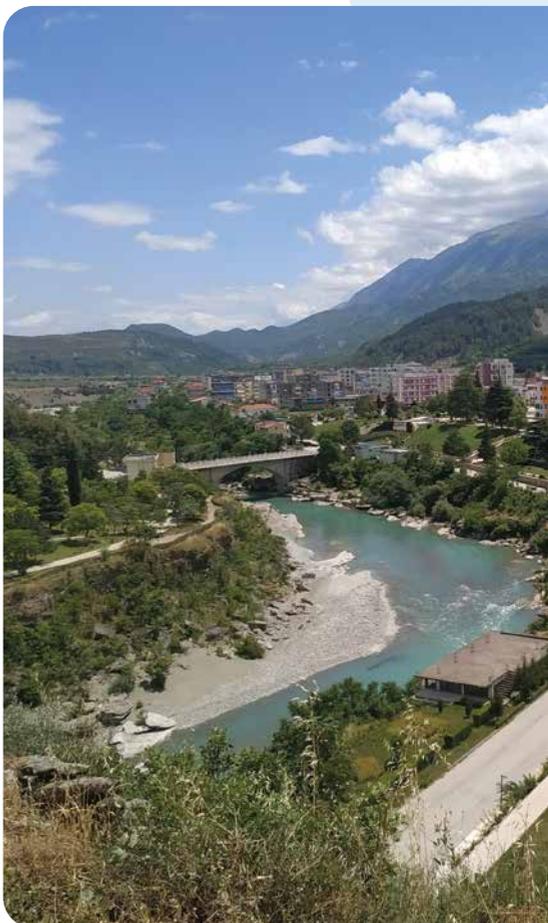
(+355) 68 405 1373
restorantantigonea@yahoo.com
Përmet

A historic restaurant serving authentic traditional dishes

FAMILJARI

(+355) 69 520 6292
dani.kristani@gmail.com
Përmet

Traditional Albanian cuisine in a charming historic building



TRIFILIA

(+355) 69 349 7117
jarazialbano@gmail.com
Përmet

Spacious, friendly restaurant offering classic regional dishes



ALVI

(+355) 68 231 3467
bar.restaurant.alvi@gmail.com
Petran, Përmet

Overlooking the Vjosa, featuring
delicious seafood specialities

VITORIA

(+355) 69 571 3336
arson_lipe@hotmail.com
Petran, Përmet

Local specialities and traditional
Albanian dishes

ENEA

(+355) 68 231 1416
juxhinpasho@ymail.com
Piskove, Përmet

Well-known locally for high-quality
meat dishes

ILIRI

(+355) 68 319 2552
mimozabezati64@gmail.com
Piskove, Përmet

Cosy restaurant best known for its
meat dishes

Municipality of Përmet – Hotels Restaurants

APOSTOLI

(+355) 68 616 4368
sandritaci31@gmail.com
Përmet

Combines comfortable modern rooms with a restaurant specialising in seafood

NEMERCKA

(+355) 69 629 2379
everest.jace27@icloud.com
Badlonjë, Përmet

Modern structure with large hall. They organize outdoor activities (rafting)

ERVEHE

(+355) 69 329 5827
hotel.ervehe@gmail.com
Përmet

Unique hotel set within the former Ethnographic Museum building

AROMA

(+355) 69 567 4712
hotelaroma1@gmail.com
Kutal, Përmet

Hotel-restaurant featuring a panoramic veranda and swimming pool

RAMIS

(+355) 69 778 8682
hotelramis@yahoo.com
Përmet

Close to the city's stone bridge, offering rooms and views of the Vjosa River

MALI I BARDHE

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Qilarisht, Përmet

The structure is managed by a young chef

VILLA PERMET

(+355) 69 216 6646
info@villapermet.com
www.villapermet.com
Përmet

Historical residence with a refined take on traditional cuisine

HANI I COLIT

(+355) 68 216 3964
Qilarisht, Përmet

Characteristic stone building

Municipality of Përmet – Hotels

ALVERO

(+355) 68 208 1334
vnikolla@yahoo.fr
Përmet

Hotel overlooking the square with large garden on the Vjosa

PERMETI

(+355) 68 645 4831
hotelpermet@yahoo.com
Përmet

Historic hotel located in the heart of the main square

ANA

(+355) 69 289 4536
hotelana@hotel.com
Përmet

Friendly, family-run hotel offering warm hospitality



Municipality of Përmet – Guesthouses

CUKE

(+355) 69 286 1129
orjoncuke86@gmail.com
Përmet

Charming guesthouse situated at the entrance to the Old Town

NAKO

(+355) 69 662 0912
joannako1994@gmail.com
Përmet

Small, welcoming guesthouse located in the city centre

ELMA

(+355) 69 318 6455
marjohysenshanaj123@gmail.com
Përmet

Modern and well-equipped guesthouse with comfortable amenities

WHITE VILLA

(+355) 69 899 4419
Përmet

Modern-style guesthouse offering contemporary comfort

FUNKY GUEST-HOUSE & ADVENTURES

(+355) 67 466 7795
avenird@yahoo.co.uk
www.funky-permet.al
Përmet

Boutique guesthouse on the town square, offering horse-riding activities

TRADIZIONAL GUESTHOUSE PËRMET

(+355) 69 281 9270
traditional.guesthouse.permet@gmail.com
Bual, Përmet

Traditional guesthouse located in a cultural monument

THE STONE HOUSE

(+30) 6977 215 727
info@thestonehouse.al
www.thestonehouse.al
Petran, Përmet

Beautiful stone house with a spacious garden

CHRI CHRI

(+355) 69 216 6079
gilbertojace@yahoo.com
Leuse, Përmet

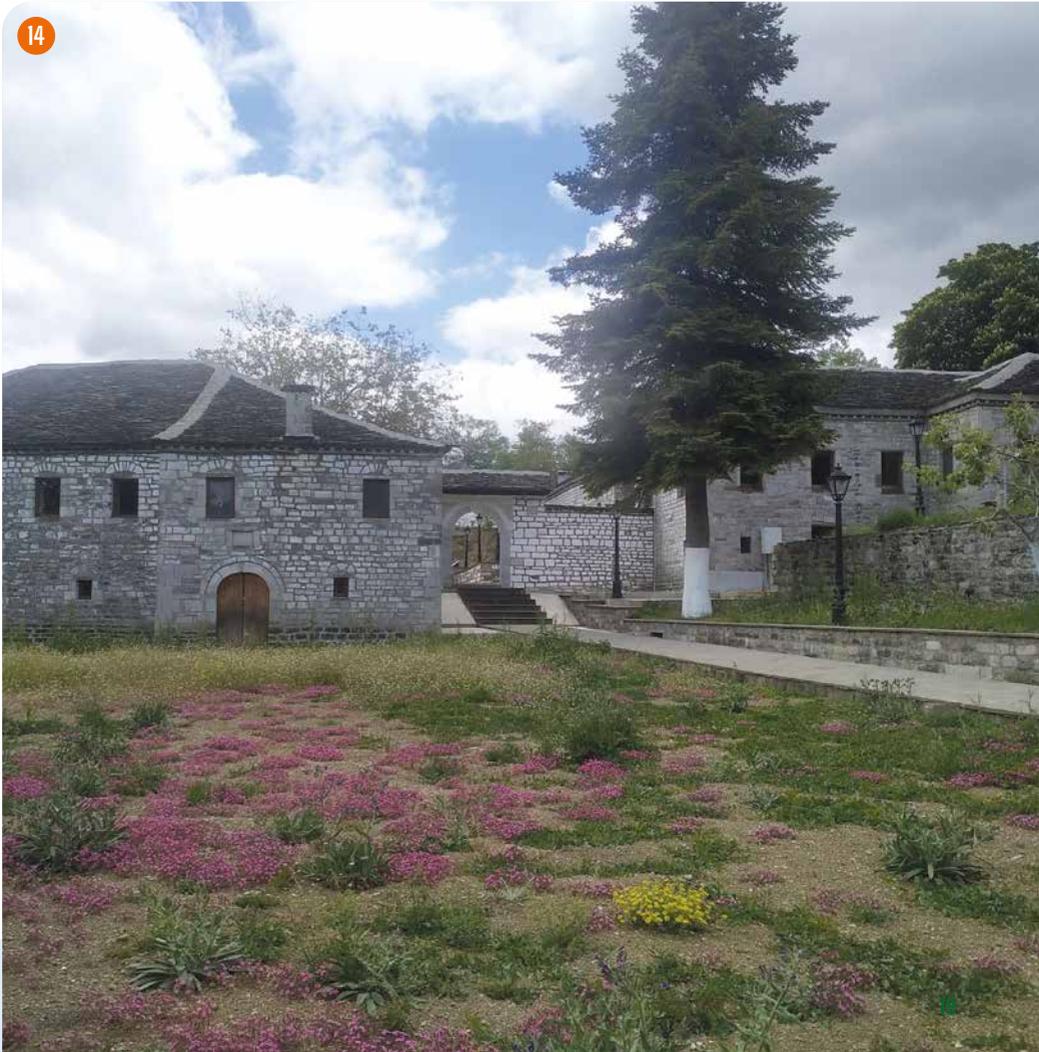
Traditional stone guesthouse located
in the village of Leusa

TE XHAKO

(+355) 69 208 4147
eltonismaili33@gmail.com
Grabovë, Përmet

Hillside guesthouse featuring local
cuisine

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Municipality of Përmet – Camping

ALB TURIST

(+355) 69 981 2458

albturist.permet@gmail.com

www.exploringpermet.com

Qilarisht, Përmet

Along the Vjosa, also offers outdoor activities



Municipality of Përmet – Artisans

DACO

(+355) 68 338 7167

anestidaco78@gmail.com

Përmet

Copper work and goldsmithing



Municipality of Përmet – Producers

ALMEG

(+355) 69 620 3442
eftalqerimi61@gmail.com
Përmet

Production of gliko, jams and other typical products

BUALIOTI

(+355) 68 277 1629
kantınabualioti@gmail.com
Përmet

Family-owned winery producing traditional Albanian wines

DI-PRO-BIO

(+355) 69 515 2856
krenarnurce@yahoo.com
Përmet

Production of gliko, jams and other typical products

VRESHTI I PASHAIT

(+355) 67 202 2773
albertgajo@hotmail.com
Përmet

Unique winery located inside a former military tunnel

JARAZI

(+355) 69 548 9886
dhimiterjarazi@yahoo.com
Përmet

Production of gliko, jams and other typical products

ZAVALAN FARM

(+355) 68 203 2684
info@albataksa.com
Përmet

Winery with vineyards and agritourism services

PERMETI

(+355) 68 373 3832
hamatajrovena@gmail.com
Përmet

Production of gliko, jams and other typical products

BEJKO

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Piskovë, Përmet

The largest wine cellar in the valley

DAMA

(+355) 68 485 2233
roland_dama@yahoo.com
Kutal, Përmet

Established winery, active since 1995

FERMA SALI

(+355) 68 479 4569
florasali.fs@gmail.com
Përmet

Artisanal production of natural honey

BLETA E EGËR

(+355) 68 517 4174
fatosokolishta@gmail.com
Përmet

Artisanal production of honey



Municipality of Përmet – Tour Operators

VJOSA EXPLORER RAFTING ALBANIA

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infovjosaexplorer@gmail.com

www.vjosaexplorer.com

Përmet

Outdoor activities, particularly rafting





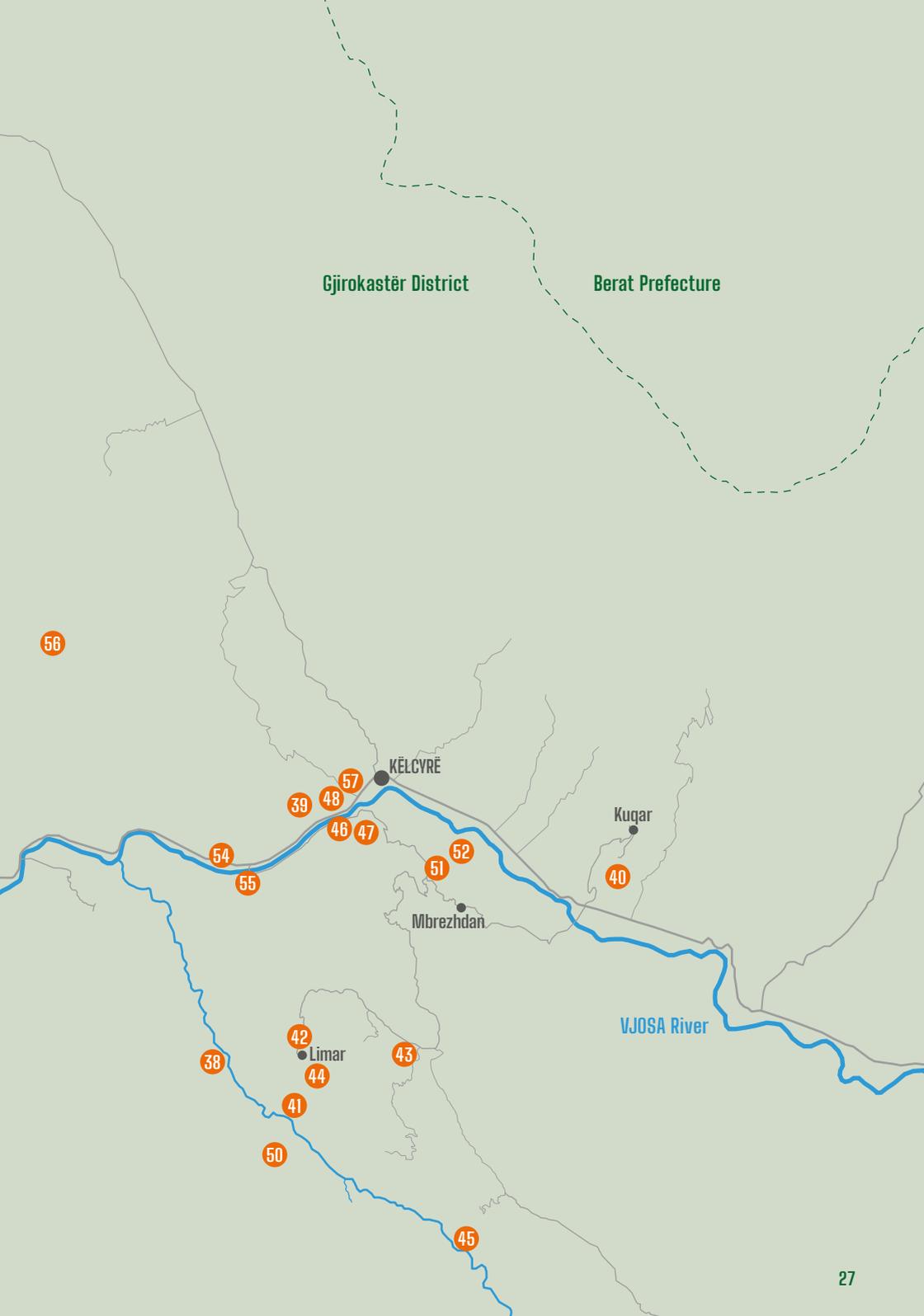
Map of Këlcyrë – Tourist attractions

LEGEND

- 38 Illyrian Castle – Kala
- 39 Illyrian Castle – Këlcyrë
- 40 Illyrian Castle – Kuqar
- 41 Kala Bridge – Limar
- 42 Limar Bridge
- 43 San Cristoforo Church
- 44 San Giovanni Church – Limar
- 45 Doshnice Waterfall
- 46 Black Spring
- 47 Petranik Cave
- 48 Castle “Saraje Ali Bej Këlcyra”
- 49 Elevation 731
- 50 Menhir
- 51 Santa Maria Church – Mbrezhdan
- 52 Qelove Church
- 53 Former Military Unit
- 54 San Nicola Church – Këlcyrë
- 55 Këlcyrë Gorge
- 56 Great Pit
- 57 Këlcyrë Information Center



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Gjroka District

Berat Prefecture

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KËLCYRË

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Kuqar

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Mbrezhdan

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VJOSA River

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Municipality of Këlcyrë – Restaurants

ALLAMANI

(+355) 69 685 6672
andonallamani1964@gmail.com
Këlcyrë

Greek-inspired cuisine with revisited traditional dishes

SARAJET

(+355) 69 873 0944
restorant.sarajet@gmail.com
Këlcyrë

Typical dishes at the foot of Sarajet Ali Bej

OAZI I JETES

(+355) 68 405 9655
arjankasaj50@gmail.com
Këlcyrë

Located along the gorge, offering traditional dishes with pleasant panoramic views

SOFRA ZAGORITE

(+355) 69 515 6287
bujtinasoftwarezagorite@gmail.com
Këlcyrë

In the city center, operating since 1993



Municipality of Këlcyrë – Hotels Restaurants

RIVER

(+355) 69 244 1575

rovena45zoto@gmail.com

Këlcyrë

Situated along the gorge, serving traditional dishes with comfortable rooms



Municipality of Këlcyrë – Hotels

MANDI

(+355) 69 266 5068

armandohoxha0284@gmail.com

Këlcyrë

Family hotel in the city center



Municipality of Këlcyrë – Producers

MESHINI

(+355) 69 941 3373
meshini.arsela@gmail.com
Kuqar, Këlcyrë

Traditional dairy located in a bunker

TREBESHINA

(+355) 68 207 3052
shkelqimmuhaj2017@gmail.com
Këlcyrë

Traditional dairy producing cheese with milk from the Trebeshina mountain pastures

NDONI

(+355) 69 206 8420
klementndoni@hotmail.com
Këlcyrë

Traditional dairy active since 1964



Municipality of Këlcyrë – Tour Operators

KELCYRA RAFTING TEAM

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kelcyra rafting team@gmail.com

www.visitkelcyra.com

Këlcyrë

Outdoor tourism services specializing in rafting and hiking adventures





Map of Tepelenë - Tourist attractions

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MENALIAJ

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LEGEND

- 58 Dragot Bridge
- 59 Lekël Bridge
- 60 Tepelenë Castle
- 61 Tepelenë Museum
- 62 Becishtit Bridge
- 63 Ali Pasha Aqueduct Bridge
- 64 Nivica Canyon and waterfalls
- 65 Illyrian Castle - Lekël
- 66 San Elia Church - Lekël
- 67 Cold Water Tepelenë
- 68 Illyrian Castle Matohasanaj
- 69 Tekke of Baba Ali - Turan
- 70 Tepelenë Memorial Camp
- 71 Peshtura Waterfall



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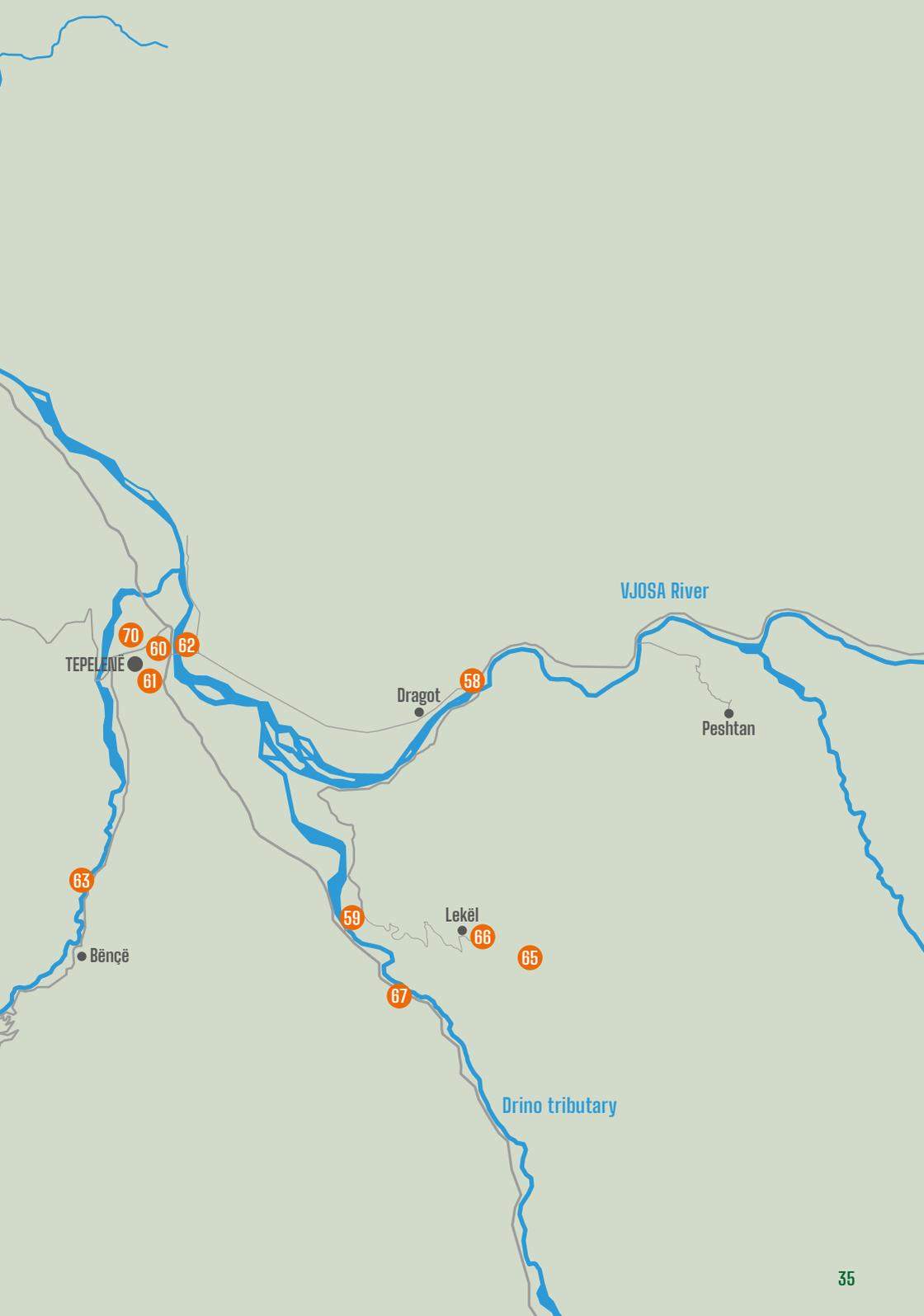
Bënça tributary

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Vlorë
District

Gjirokastër
District



TEPELZË

Dragot

Peshtan

Lekël

Bënçë

VJOSA River

Drino tributary

Municipality of Tepelenë – Restaurants

BREEZY GRILL

(+355) 69 331 1408
tikukamberi02@gmail.com
Tepelenë

Modern restaurant conveniently located along the national road

RUSHITI

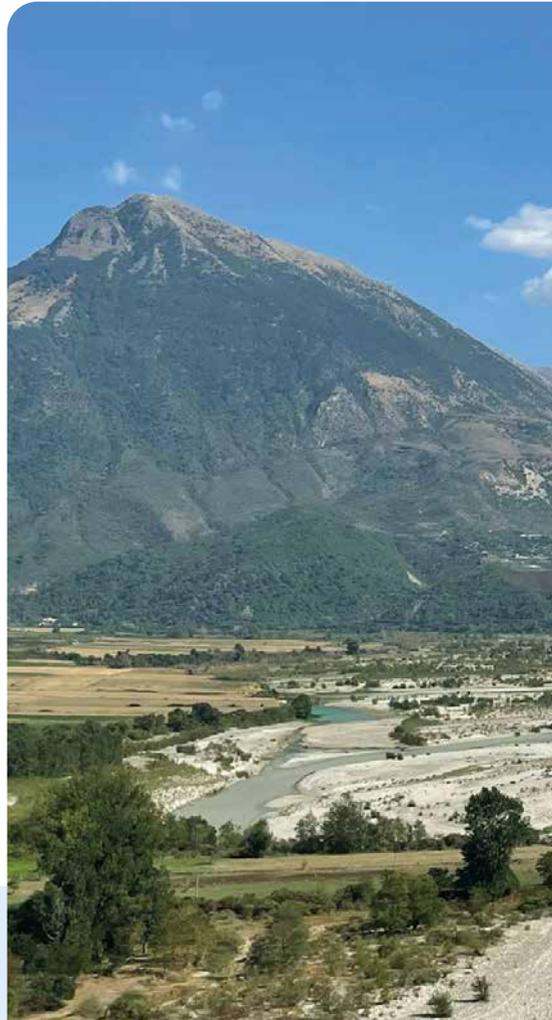
(+355) 68 843 5335
bledimullara77@gmail.com
Dragot, Tepelenë

Typical restaurant offering meat-based dishes

HOXHA

(+355) 69 275 6873
jashari.hoxha@gmail.com
Tepelenë

Small restaurant in town



Municipality of Tepelenë – Hotels Restaurants

LORD BYRON

(+355) 69 820 8842
collakuanila@yahoo.com
www.lordbyron.al
Tepelenë

Traditional restaurant with welcoming spaces and authentic atmosphere

KALEM KASNECI

(+355) 69 221 4522
Dragot, Tepelenë

Overlooking the Vjosa



Municipality of Tepelenë - Guesthouses

PESHTAN

(+355) 69 317 2603
mirelamuka11@gmail.com
Peshtan, Tepelenë

Located in the historic village of Peshtan, featuring a small war museum

VILA GOLIKU

(+355) 69 758 6668
valvalentina829@gmail.com
Peshtan, Tepelenë

Charming guesthouse in the village of Peshtan, serving authentic local dishes

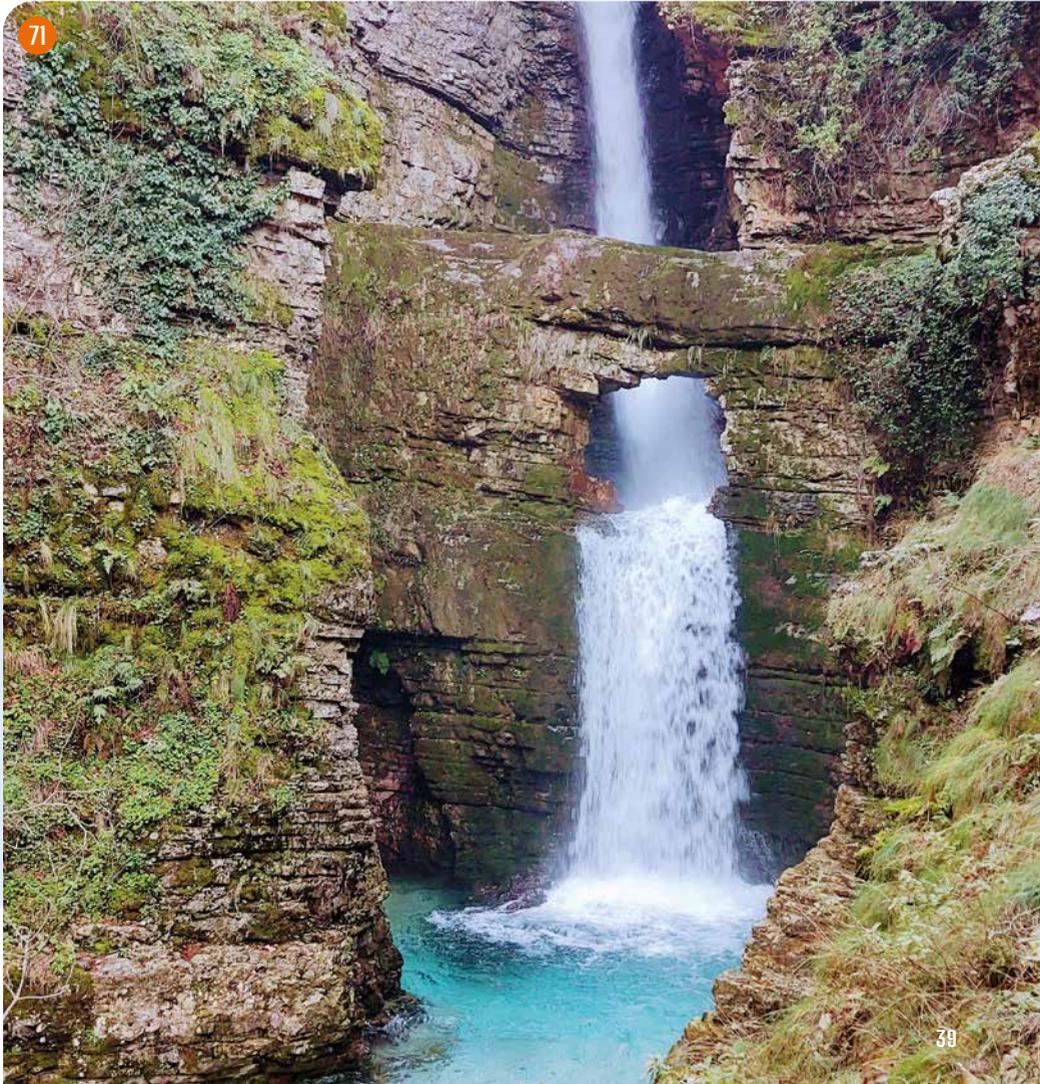


Municipality of Tepelenë – Producers

ALIKO

(+355) 69 634 0751
arianaliko72@gmail.com
Tepelenë

Local cheese producer



Map of Memaliaj – Tourist attractions



Vlorë District

Gjirokastrë District

VJOSA River

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Gjirokastrë District



LEGEND

- 72 Koshtan Tekke
- 73 Memaliaj Museum
- 74 Memaliaj Coal Mine
- 75 White Rock
- 76 Komar Lake
- 77 Gigova Waterfall
- 78 Memaliaj Information Center



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Municipality of Memaliaj – Restaurants

GJONI

(+355) 69 247 2248

Memaliaj

Traditional restaurant with garden on the main road

TAVERNA TE XHAFERI

(+355) 69 748 5307

Memaliaj

Near the main road with traditional cuisine

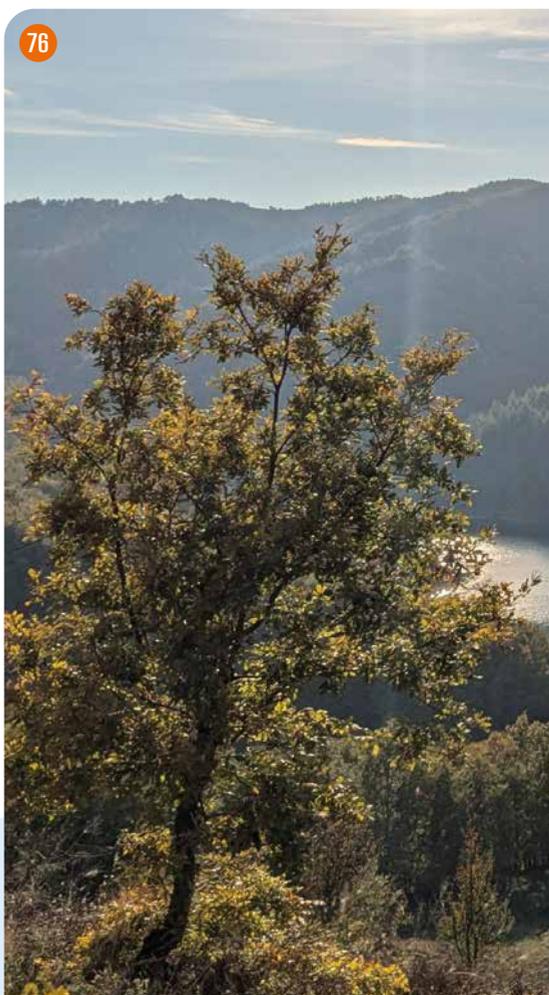
ODA E HASAN BEUT

(+355) 69 402 5526

Memaliaj

Traditional restaurant surrounded by greenery on the main road

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Municipality of Memaliaj – Hotels Restaurants

VILA SOFIA

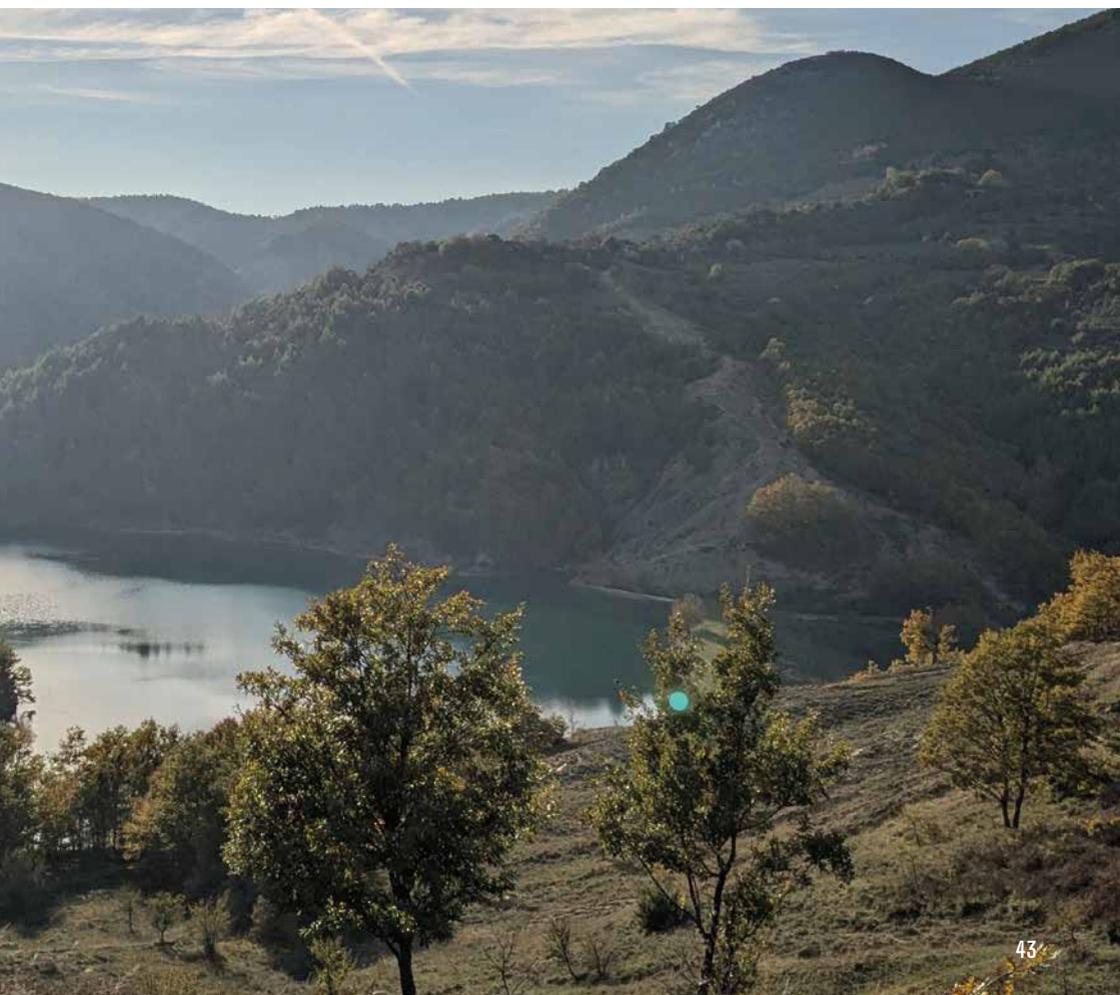
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Memaliaj

Secluded retreat off the main roads,
surrounded by nature with summer
swimming pool



Municipality of Memaliaj – Guesthouses

VJOSA GUESTHOUSE

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petroserjani@gmail.com

Memaliaj

Riverside accommodation with stunning Vjosa views. Exceptionally welcoming and hospitable owners





Map of Mallakaster – Tourist attractions



LEGEND

- 79 Nikaia Archaeological Park
- 80 Bylis Archaeological Park
- 81 Klos Ruins



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Municipality of Mallakaster – Restaurants and Bars

ENRIK NUKAJ

(+355) 69 255 1527
Zalmaj, Mallakaster

Traditional restaurant immersed in the countryside

LENCI

(+355) 69 268 1238
Ballsh, Mallakaster

Offers traditional dishes, also suitable for children

MANE

(+355) 69 662 6279
elsa.hoxhaj10@gmail.com
Pocem, Mallakaster

Traditional cuisine and dishes based on local products

FUSHA

(+355) 69 668 8308
Tatoshaj, Mallakaster

Quiet restaurant with typical dishes near the main road

WELCOME TO VJOSA RIVER

(355) 69 453 9512
Klos, Mallakaster

Overlooking the Vjosa with possibility to relax along the river



Municipality of Mallakaster – Hotels Restaurants

ADBERT-07

(+355) 69 241 4740

m.elmazaj@yahoo.com

Pocem, Mallakaster

Riverside location near the Vjosa
with camping facilities available



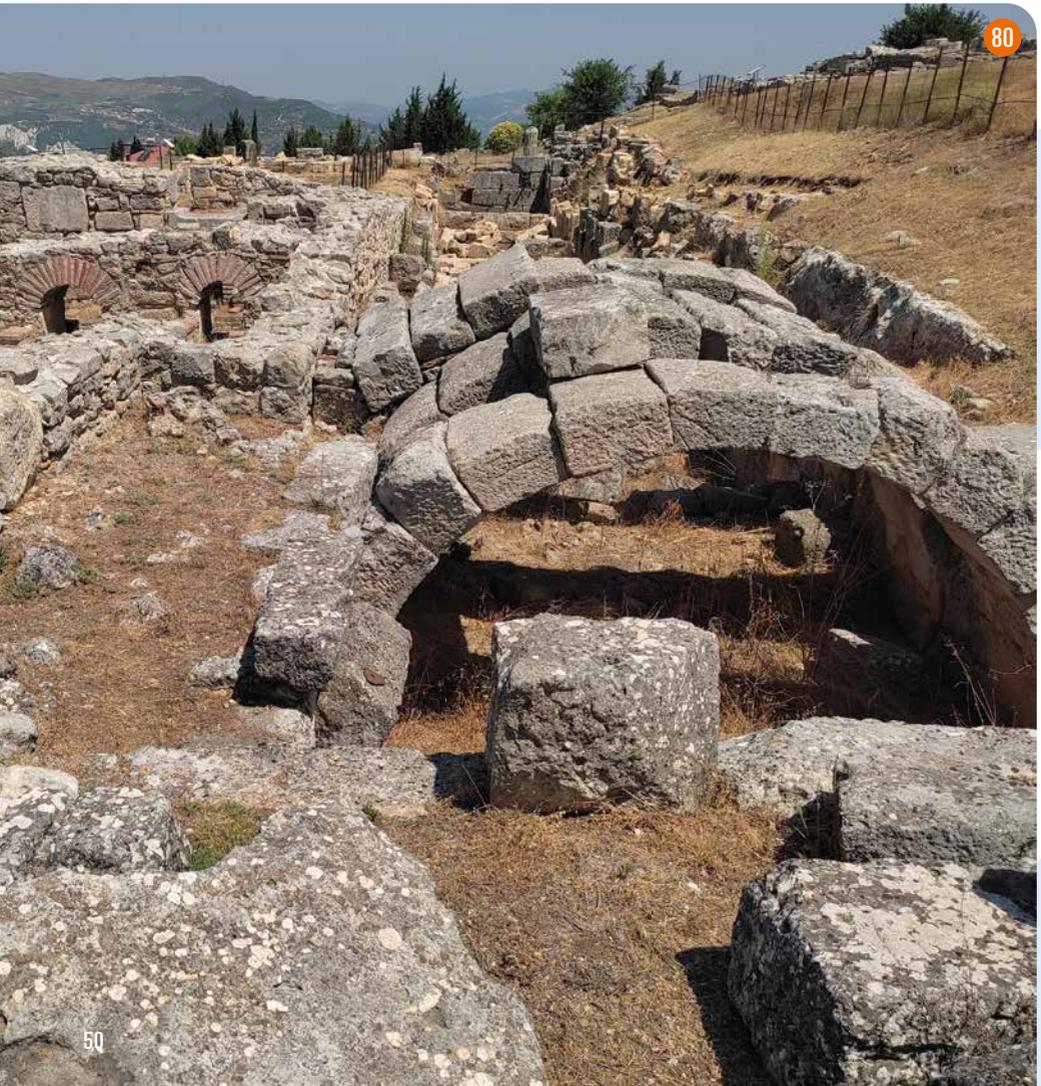
Municipality of Mallakaster – Guesthouses

CARA

(+355) 69 341 5337

Hekal, Mallakaster

Conveniently located near the historic Bylis Archaeological Park





Map of Selenicë – Tourist attractions

LEGEND

- 82 Church of “Sant’Atanas”
- 83 Bitumen Mine
- 84 Santa Sotira Church
- 85 Mavrovë Castle
- 86 Amantia Archaeological Park
- 87 Rasali Waterfall
- 88 Brataj Bridge
- 89 Ramica Waterfall
- 90 Trubulli Olive Trees in Karbunare
- 91 Shënvarvarës Plane Tree (Velçë)
- 92 Velçë Caves



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SELENICË

Fier Prefecture

VJOSA River

Shushica tributary

Vlorë District

Gjirokastrë District

Municipality of Selenicë – Restaurants

ILIRIA

(+355) 69 641 6122

Peshkëpi, Selenicë

Immersed in nature

LEPENICA

(+355) 69 857 4204

Lepenice, Sevaster

Traditional restaurant on a hill and near the main road

MONDIAL

(+355) 69 674 9386

Kote, Selenicë

Near the Shushica river with typical products and overnight service

SHPELLA VAJZE

(+355) 69 574 2918

Vajze, Selenicë

Unique rural venue with atmospheric dining spaces carved into the rock formations



Municipality of Selenicë – Guesthouses

MIRI FARM AGROTURIZËM

(+355) 69 453 1740

Sevaster, Selenicë

Nestled in the mountains overlooking the Vjosa River. Farm-fresh products and guided horseback riding excursions

BASHAJ VILLAGE GUEST HOUSE

(+355) 69 535 3585

bashajvillage@gmail.com

Bashaj, Sevaster

Sevaster Chalet, surrounded by mountains, with room, living room, shared kitchen, patio and garden



Municipality of Selenicë – Producers

SULAJ

(+355) 69 241 5134

Lubonje, Selenicë

Local olive oil producer

KARBUNARI OILSTAR

(+355) 69 382 6119

admiracenaj8@gmail.com

Karbunarë, Selenicë

Local olive oil producer





Map of Vlorë – Tourist attractions



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Fier Prefecture

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Vlorë District

Novoselë

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LEGEND

- 93 Apollonia Archaeological Park
- 94 Vjosa river mouth
- 95 4 Bunkers
- 96 Protected Landscape "Pishe Poro - Narte"
- 97 Birdwatching tower
- 98 Birdwatching tower
- 99 Birdwatching tower
- 100 Santa Maria Monastery
- 101 Portonovo Beach
- 102 Narta Dunes
- 103 Triporti Bunker
- 104 Zvërnec Forest
- 105 Historic center
- 106 Kuzum Baba (Bektashi Temple)
- 107 Catholic Church
- 108 Sea turtle rehabilitation center
- 109 Dropull Information Center



Map of Vlorë – Tourist attractions

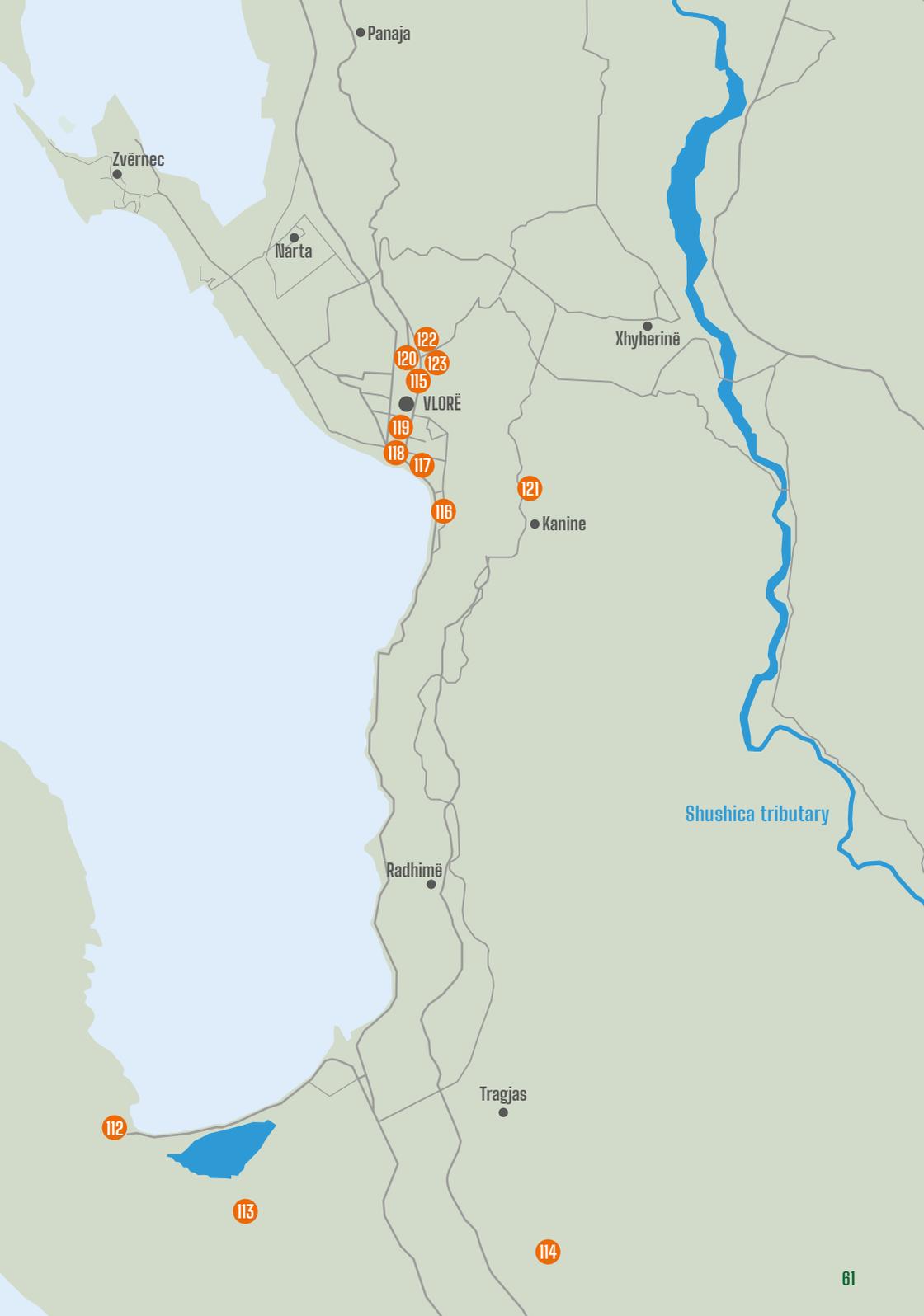


LEGEND

- 110 Sazan Island Marine National Park
- 111 Karaburun Peninsula (marine protected area)
- 112 Orikumit Archaeological Park
- 113 Marmiroi Church
- 114 Old Tragjas village ruins
- 115 Muradie Mosque
- 116 Shark Lab
- 117 Waterfront
- 118 Pyramid of Vlorë
- 119 National Museum of Independence
- 120 Independence Monument
- 121 Kanina Castle
- 122 Historical Museum of Vlorë
- 123 Ethnographic Museum of Vlorë



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Xhyherinë

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• Kanine

Shushica tributary

Radhimë

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Tragjas

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Municipality of Vlorë – Restaurants and Bars

BRUNO

(+355) 68 421 2217
grisionaxamo@gmail.com
Novoselë, Vlorë

Traditional cuisine and fish-based dishes

FERMA VLORA

(+355) 69 873 3899
eduartaliu85@gmail.com
Xhyherine, Vlorë

Traditional restaurant with garden and view of the surrounding hills

BALLKONI I VLORËS KANINË

(+355) 69 862 4293
gretazanaj27@gmail.com
Kaninë, Vlorë

Hilltop restaurant with panoramic view of Vlorë, ideal at sunset

FERMA KANINA

(+355) 69 293 5005
fermakanina@gmail.com
www.fermakanina.com
Kaninë, Vlorë

Traditional restaurant, immersed in greenery and near a small lake

LEA

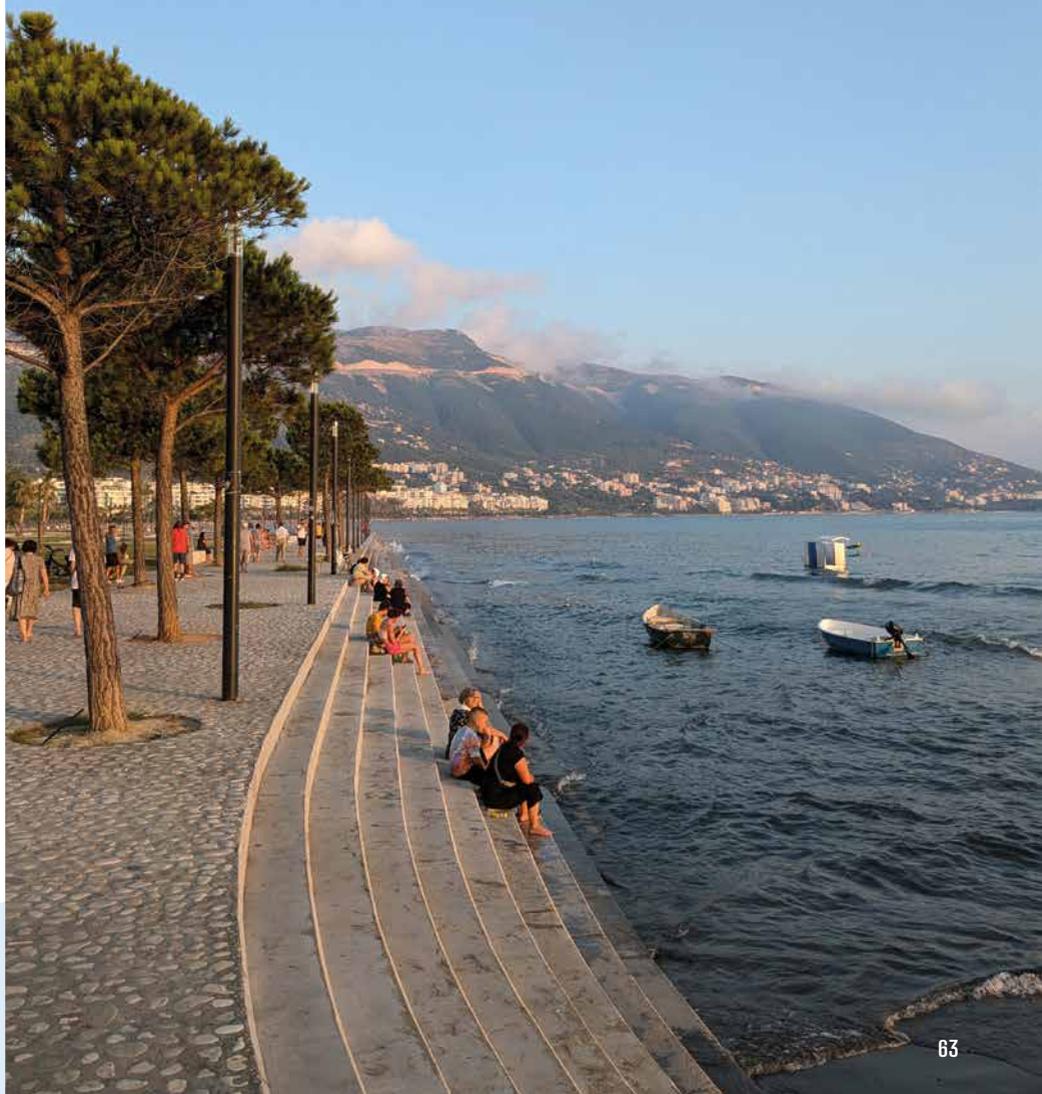
(+355) 69 218 8197
Novoselë, Vlorë

Near the Vjosa river, also offers camping service

GALERIA ART CAFË

(+355) 69 212 2495
Vlorë

Café with terrace at the back, suggestive and artistic with artworks



Municipality of Vlorë - Hotels Restaurants

ECUADOR RESORT

(+355) 69 406 2602
rafaelallanaj4@gmail.com
Zvërnec, Vlorë

Bungalows on the beach with
restaurant service

KAVALONA PARK

(+355) 68 464 2433
Nartë, Vlorë

Hotel immersed in nature and near
the Soda forest

GREEN PARK RESORT

(+355) 69 478 2253
Panaja, Vlorë

Traditional hotel with playground for
children

VILLA SHEHU

(+355) 69 696 5854
Zvërnec, Vlorë

Hotel immersed in greenery and
near the beach



Municipality of Vlorë - Hotels

FESTIM VILLA

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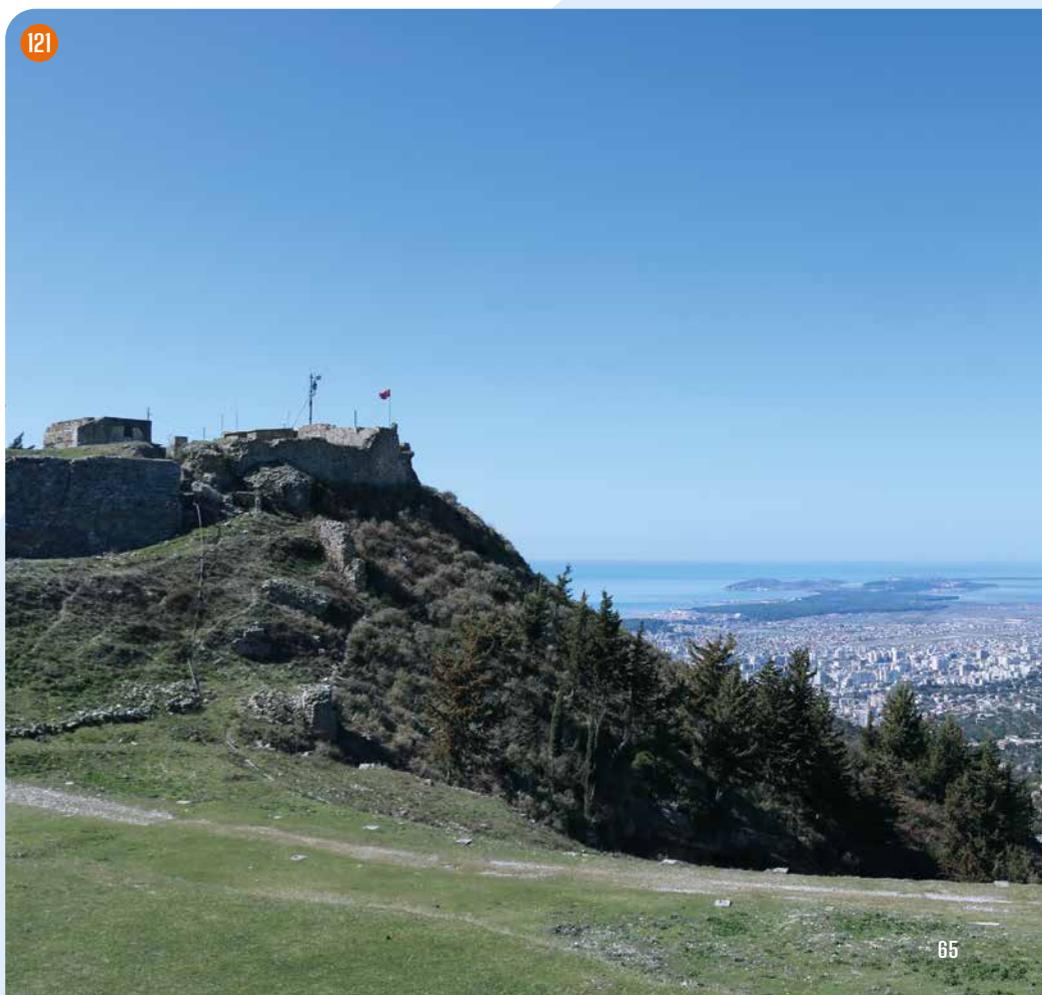
festimhotel.al@gmail.com

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Kaninë, Vlorë

Well-maintained villa with swimming pool and panoramic view of Vlorë and the sunset

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Municipality of Vlorë - Guesthouses

GUESTHOUSE NARTA

(+355) 69 271 7114

guesthousearta@yahoo.com

Narte, Vlorë

Villa surrounded by a garden with fruit trees

VILA AMANTIA

(+45) 20 48 5063

kontakt@amantia.dk

www.amantia.dk

Kaninë, Vlorë

Splendid residence with possibility to cook in the shared kitchen

SOFO

(+355) 68 411 5432

Tragjas, Vlorë

Restaurant in the mountains with view of Vlorë bay. Possibility of overnight stay in stone huts

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Municipality of Vlorë – Camping



CAMPING VLORA

(+355) 67 628 9023
ema.protti@gmail.com
Radhime, Vlorë

Camping by the sea

ECO CAMPING VALONA

(+355) 68 344 1299
bessdondora@gmail.com
www.ecocampingvalona.com
Soda forest, Vlorë

Camping in the pine forest

Municipality of Vlorë - Producers

KANTINA DUKAT

(+355) 69 565 2112
sandrivlore327@gmail.com
Dukat, Vlorë

Winery with local wine production
and overnight service

KANTINA BALAJ

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Novoselë, Vlorë

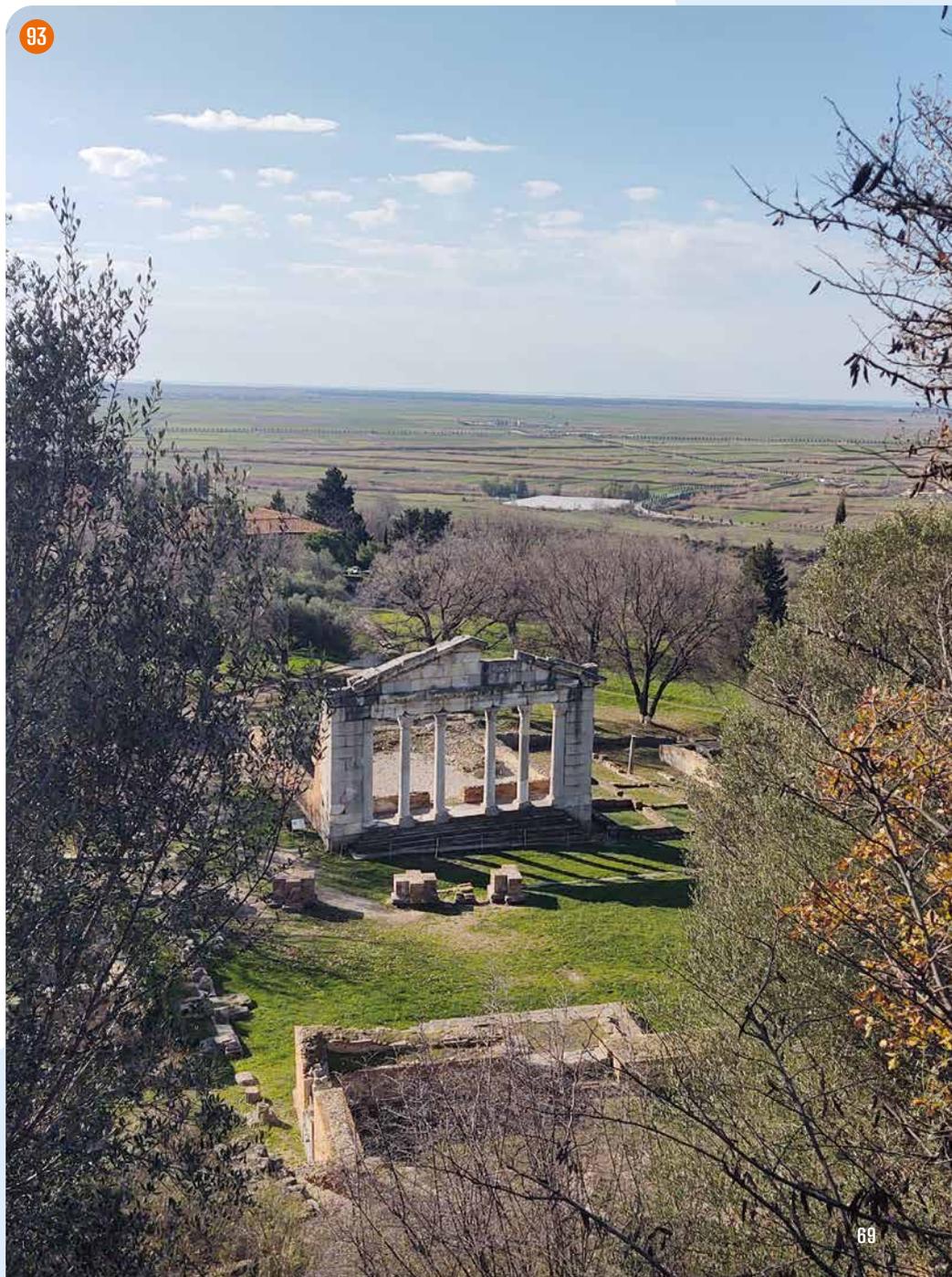
Family winery producing local wines
with accommodation services
available

KANTINA PERLA

(+355) 69 587 4667
kamelabeqiraj@gmail.com
Cerkovinë, Vlorë

Winery producing local wine





Travel Proposals

RAFTING TOUR ON THE VJOSA RIVER

Experiences along the Vjosa River and in the surrounding areas offer a **blend of outdoor adventure, active tourism, and discovery of local traditions**, supported by the professionalism of specialized guides and the authentic hospitality of the Përmet region.

With its spectacular gorges, calm stretches, and exciting rapids, the Vjosa – especially in the Përmet area – is ideal for **rafting, both for beginners and more experienced enthusiasts**. The activity is carried out **safely, with certified equipment**, and allows visitors to immerse themselves in an unspoiled natural environment, passing thermal springs and small villages along the way.

More than just a sport, rafting on the Vjosa is an experience of direct contact with one of Europe's last wild rivers and with the **values of environmental protection and responsible tourism**.

3-DAYS ITINERARY

Day 1 – Rafting and visit to thermal Springs and Lengarica Canyon

08:00 – Departure from the city of Përmet by car towards the village of Strëmbec, a 25-minute drive, along a scenic road where you can admire breathtaking landscapes and the unspoiled nature that characterizes this area.





09:30 – After the preparation phase and a short safety briefing, the rafting adventure on the Vjosa River begins with the descent directly from the bridge of the village of Strëmbec. The rafting route is 10 km long and ends around 12:30. This section of the river has a medium difficulty level (class II), also suitable for first-timers. Crystal-clear water and calm currents, interspersed with more dynamic stretches, make this experience fun and safe.

13:00 – After rafting, we settle into a traditional guesthouse in the village of Petran. After check-in, a hearty lunch awaits us, featuring local dishes: fresh vegetables, handmade bread, and ancient recipes passed down through generations. The village of Petran and its surroundings are known for preserving

culinary traditions and the simplicity of life in harmony with nature. This is a great opportunity to learn more about the local customs and the history of the inhabitants.

15:00 – After lunch, the exploration continues with a visit to the famous thermal water springs, the Katiu bridge (from the Ottoman period), and the splendid Lengarica canyon. This is one of the most beautiful itineraries in Përmet, a perfect combination of history, nature, and local life.

18:00 – Return to the guesthouse and after a short break, a traditional, delicious, and abundant dinner with typical products will be served, to conclude the day in the best possible way.



Day 2 – Rafting and visit to Përmet

08:30 – After breakfast, we start the day with the second part of the rafting on the Vjosa River. This stretch is 8 km long and offers a complete experience of the river flowing through the wild nature of Përmet. The difficulty remains at class II, lasting about 3 hours.

12:30 – After finishing the rafting, we leave the river and enter the city of Përmet, where we will stay in a hotel.

13.30 – Lunch at a typical restaurant with traditional specialties.

15:00 – Afterwards, for those interested, a cultural tour of the city of Përmet, also known as the “City of Roses” The visit includes the historical part of the city with its characteristic cobblestone streets, Albanian Orthodox churches of

architectural value, and natural monuments like the “Stone City”. This is a great opportunity to discover the history, culture, and lifestyle of the people of Përmet, as well as to buy souvenirs or local handicrafts.

20:30 – We end the evening with a special dinner at a traditional restaurant in Përmet, where we recommend tasting local wine, traditional desserts, and enjoying light music to relax after an adrenaline-filled day.

Day 3 – Rafting and hiking on Mount Dhëmbel

08:30 – After a delicious breakfast at the hotel, we head to the river to experience the third and longest section of rafting on the Vjosa River (4 hours). This 15 km route is classified as medium difficulty (class II) and includes many exciting and scenic stretches.

13:00 – After rafting, we head towards the village of Grabovë, a peaceful and scenic place known for its views over the valley and its characteristic houses. Accommodation is in a traditional-style guesthouse with comfortable conditions.

13:30 – We enjoy a traditional lunch at the guesthouse, featuring fresh products and recipes passed down from generation to generation.

15.30 – We set off for a rich cultural and natural exploration of Mount Dhëmbel aboard a 4x4 vehicle.

The itinerary includes:

- Church of Santa Maria – a historic building of architectural value;

- village of Mbrezhdan – known for its natural beauty and cultural heritage;
- Church of Saint Christopher – a religious monument in a picturesque location;
- village of Malshovë – known for its natural beauty and cultural heritage;
- peak of Mount Dhëmbel – from which you can enjoy a spectacular view of the Vjosa Valley and the Zagoria Nature Park.

20:30 – The day ends with dinner at the guesthouse, featuring carefully prepared local specialties.



6-DAYS ITINERARY

Day 1 - Rafting in the heart of the Vjosa and trekking to the Sopot Waterfall

08:00 – Departure by car from the town of Përmet to the village of Çarshovë. It's a 34.7 km drive, about one hour along a scenic road. As you drive along the river you can admire the enchanting landscapes of the Vjosa Valley and the magnificent view of Mount Nemërçka.

09:30 – The starting point for the adventure is the confluence of the Sarandapor River with the Vjosa River, at the border between Greece and Albania. After a short briefing and safety instructions, we get ready to start the adventure. The rafting route is 17 km long and ends near the village of Strëmbec, an estimated 4-hour trip. This stretch of the river has a medium difficulty lev-

el (class II), suitable even for first-time rafters. Crystal-clear water and calm currents, combined with more dynamic sections, make this experience fun and safe.

13:30 – After rafting, we head by car to the picturesque village of Strëmbec, where we will stay in a traditional guest-house and enjoy a lunch featuring typical local dishes.

15:30 – After a short break, we will leave for a hike to the Sopot Waterfall, one of the natural wonders of Mount Nemërçka. The hiking trail is 5.6 km long, about a 2-hour walk with a medium difficulty level. We will reach a panoramic point at 798 meters altitude, where we can enjoy the view and refreshing air offered by the waterfall.





17:30 - Return to the guesthouse to spend the evening and enjoy a traditional dinner. The guesthouse offers comfortable conditions, a welcoming environment, and an authentic experience of Albanian hospitality.

Day 2 – Rafting and visit to thermal Springs and Lengarica Canyon

08:00 - The day begins at the guesthouse with a rich breakfast made from local products.

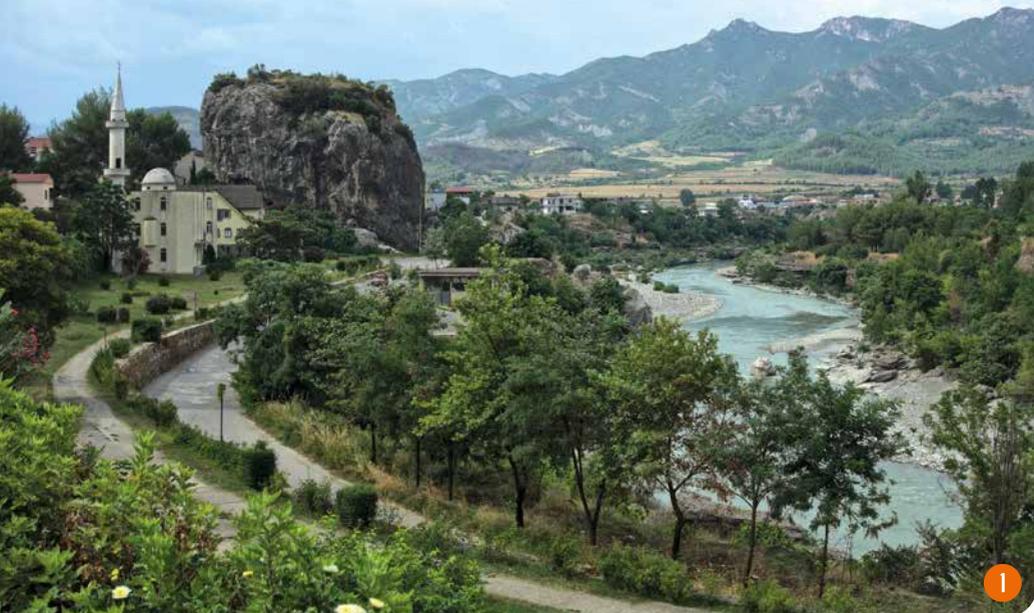
09:30 - After breakfast, we return by car to the Vjosa River to continue the rafting adventure. This stretch is 10 km long and ends around 12:30. Like the previous day, this stretch also has a medium difficulty level (class II) and offers various natural landscapes along the way.

13:00 - After rafting, we check in at a traditional guesthouse in the village of

Petran. We will enjoy a delicious lunch with typical local dishes: fresh vegetables, homemade bread, and ancient recipes passed down through generations. The village of Petran and its surroundings are known for preserving culinary traditions and the simplicity of life, in harmony with nature. This is an excellent opportunity to better understand local customs and the history of the local people.

15:00 - After lunch, the exploration continues with a visit to the famous thermal springs, the Ottoman-era Kati Bridge, and the beautiful Lengarica Canyon. This is one of the most beautiful itineraries in Përmet, perfectly representing the combination of history, nature, and local life.

18:00 - Return to the guesthouse and, after a short rest, a hearty and delicious traditional dinner.



Day 3 – Rafting and visit to Përmet

08:30 – After breakfast, we start the day with the third part of rafting on the Vjosa River. This stretch is 8 km long and offers a complete experience of the river flowing through the wild nature of Përmet. The difficulty remains at class II, around 3 hours.

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13.30 – Lunch at a restaurant with traditional dishes.

15:00 – Afterwards, for those interested, a cultural tour of the town of Përmet, also known as the “City of Roses.” The visit includes the historical part of the town with its characteristic cobblestone streets, awe-inspiring Albanian

Orthodox churches, and archeological monuments like the “Stone City.” It is a great opportunity to discover the history, culture, and lifestyle of the people of Përmet, as well as to purchase souvenirs or local handicraft products.

20:30 – We end the evening with a festive dinner in a traditional restaurant in Përmet, where we recommend tasting local wine, traditional desserts, and light music to relax after a day full of adrenaline.

Giorno 4 – Rafting and Mount Dhëmbel excursion

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13:00 – After rafting, we head to the village of Grabovë, a peaceful and scenic place known for its views over the valley and its characteristic houses. Accommodation is in a traditional-style guesthouse with comfortable amenities.

13:30 – We enjoy a traditional lunch at the guesthouse, with fresh products and recipes handed down from generation to generation.

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20:30 – The day ends with dinner at the guesthouse, where carefully prepared local specialties will be served.

Day 5 – Rafting, tradition and hospitality in the village of Peshtan

08:30 – After breakfast, we head to the Vjosa River for rafting. This route is 11 km long and lasts about 4 hours (including preparations and the walk down to the river). The stretch offers a combination of calm currents and unexpected bends, making the experience dynamic and enjoyable for all participants.





13:00 – After rafting, we head to the village of Peshtan, where we will stay in a traditional guesthouse and enjoy a rich lunch with typical dishes of the area. The village of Peshtan is known for its authentic cuisine and local products.

16:30 – Departure for a walking tour for a cultural visit to the “Bathishte” Bridge on the Zagoria River. Along the route, we will see a rare architectural heritage: stone-arched bridges that once served to connect neighborhoods and villages. The bridges vary in style and function, giving this hike particular cultural and educational importance. In the evening we return to the guesthouse for the final dinner of the day, accompanied by local specialties and a warm local atmosphere.

Day 6 – Rafting and trip from Peshtan to Tepelene

08:30 – After breakfast, we get ready for the last leg of our rafting journey on the Vjosa River. The itinerary is 12.1 km long (about 3 hours and 30 minutes) and marks the perfect conclusion to our adventure on this wild river. The last part crosses a breathtaking landscape and offers ideal conditions for a peaceful and exciting experience.

12:30 – We arrive in the city of Tepelënë, where we will take a short break for lunch and rest.

16:30 – After lunch, we depart for the return to Tirana, thus concluding a week full of adventure, nature, culture, and warm hospitality.

ITINERARY: VLORË – Nature and Flavours – 4 days / 3 nights – from June to October

Day 1

Arrival in Tirana, meeting with the local guide and transfer to the accommodation. Cultural tour of the city, dinner and overnight stay.

Day 2

After breakfast, transfer towards Vlorë. Along the way, a stop of about one hour to visit the **Ardenica Monastery**. Continuation of the journey to Vlorë for lunch. In the afternoon, walk and visit of the coastal city, hotel check-in, dinner and overnight stay.

Day 3

After breakfast, short transfer to **Zvernec**, the nearby peninsula of great natural value located between the Ionian Sea and the Adriatic Sea. Here it will be possible to walk along the coast and through the pine forest to the **Narta**

Lagoon, a birdwatching paradise and home to flamingos, until reaching the **Monastery of Saint Mary** (Zvernec). Continuation along the coast to the military bunkers from the communist period, still accessible today, with ascent to the lighthouse.

Following this, wine tasting and dinner at a local winery committed to the enhancement of native vineyards and natural wines (**Kantina Balaj**). Return to Vlorë, dinner and overnight stay.

Day 4

After breakfast, transfer to Tirana and, depending on departure times, farewells and end of the trip.

Please note that on Thursday mornings, near the course of the river in **Novoselë**, a curious local market takes place, selling animals, fruit and vegetables.



ITINERARY: VLORË – Archaeology and History – 4 days / 3 nights – from June to October

Day 1

Arrival in Tirana, meeting with the local guide and transfer to the accommodation. Cultural city tour, dinner and overnight stay.

Day 2

After breakfast, transfer towards Vlorë. Along the way, stop at the **Apollonia Archaeological Park** and guided visit of the ruins and the temple. Continuation to Vlorë for lunch.

In the afternoon, walk and visit of the historic center of the coastal city, hotel check-in, dinner and overnight stay.

Day 3

After breakfast, transfer along the **Vjosa River**, following its course upstream to discover the territory it flows through.

A stop along the road to visit one of the military bunkers from the communist period, today privately owned by a local restaurateur.

Continuation to the **Bylis Archaeological Park**, one of the ancient cities dominating the course of the Vjosa, today of renewed interest for the richness of its findings. Lunch based on excellent local cuisine at a local agritourism immersed in a stunning landscape with panoramic views over the entire valley.

Return to Vlorë, free time to stroll through the city, dinner and overnight stay.

Day 4

Dopo la colazione trasferimento a Tirana e, in funzione degli orari di rientro, saluti e fine del viaggio.



ITINERARY: TEPELENË AND GJIROKASTËR – 4 days / 3 nights – from April to November

Day 1

Arrival in Tirana, meeting with the local guide and transfer to the accommodation. Cultural city tour, dinner and overnight stay.

Day 2

After breakfast, transfer of about 2.5 hours to **Tepelenë**, the city of **Ali Pasha**. Upon arrival, walk along the **Vjosa River** and introduction to the newly established **National Park** and the visitor center. Lunch at a local restaurant (**Lord Byron**), followed by a visit to the historic center of the city and the castle of the Ottoman commander. Possibility to also visit the nearby prison camp from the communist regime.

In the evening, optional cooking class, dinner and overnight stay.

Day 3

After breakfast, transfer to nearby **Gjirokaštër**, a **UNESCO World Heritage Site**, for a full day dedicated to visiting its highlights: the castle, the historic bazaar, the bunker, the **Ethnographic Museum** and **Skënduli House**.

Accommodation, dinner and overnight stay.

Day 4

After breakfast, transfer to Tirana and, depending on departure times, farewells and end of the trip.



ITINERARY: TREKKING IN PËRMET - 4 days / 3 nights - from June to October

Day 1

Arrival in Tirana, meeting with the local guide and transfer south to **Përmet**. Hotel check-in, dinner and overnight stay.

Day 2

After breakfast, day dedicated to trekking in the **Bredhi i Hotovës-Dangëlli National Park**. Here the trails wind through forests dominated by the Hotova fir, one of the most important plant relics in the Mediterranean. The routes cross natural landscapes, panoramic viewpoints and overlook fascinating limestone gorges. Packed lunch during the trek. In the afternoon, short transfer to the **Lengarica Canyon** and the natural **Benja Thermal Baths** for a canyon walk and relaxation in the healing warm waters. Return to the city, dinner and overnight stay.

Day 3

After breakfast, short transfer to **Pesh-tan**, at the foot of **Mount Goliko**, for another long trek, this time along the trails of the **Greco-Italian War**. The route climbs up to high pastures offering a 360° panorama over the **Vjosa Valley**, the **Drino River** and the mountains of Greece.

Packed lunch during the hike. Upon return to Përmet, possibility of a short walk to the nearby village of **Leusa** to visit the beautiful **Orthodox Church of Santa Maria**.

Dinner and overnight stay.

Day 4

After breakfast, transfer to Tirana and, depending on departure times, farewells and end of the trip.



ITINERARY: ACTIVE TOURISM IN PËRMET – 4 days / 3 nights – from June to October

Day 1

Arrival in Tirana, meeting with the local guide and transfer south to **Përmet**. Hotel check-in, dinner and overnight stay.

Day 2

After breakfast, morning dedicated to an **E-bike excursion** along the course of the **Vjosa River**. The river is ideal to be explored by bicycle, allowing enjoyment of the surrounding landscapes, timeless villages, and evocative gorges and canyons carved over time.

In the afternoon, trekking starting directly from Përmet: a circular route to **Leusa**, crossing mountain forests to reach the small village dominated by one of the most beautiful Orthodox churches in the area. Return to the city, dinner and overnight stay.

Day 3

After breakfast, time for **rafting on the rapids of the Vjosa**. The inflatable boat descent perfectly combines fun and adrenaline; an unforgettable experience of about 3.5 hours, suitable for everyone.

Lunch at a restaurant near the rafting center. Afterwards, possibility of a relaxing **horseback ride** to discover life along the banks of the Vjosa at a slow pace and connect with villages and their inhabitants.

Return to Përmet, dinner and overnight stay.

Day 4

After breakfast, transfer to Tirana and, depending on departure times, farewells and end of the trip.



ITINERARY:

WINE AND CUISINE IN SOUTHERN ALBANIA - 4 days / 3 nights - from May to October

Day 1

Arrival in Tirana, meeting with the local guide and transfer to the accommodation. Cultural city tour, dinner and overnight stay.

Day 2

After breakfast, transfer to **Vlorë** and wine tasting at **Kantina Perla**. Followed by a visit to a small local wine production set inside an old tunnel from the communist period, where native grape varieties such as **Shesh** and **Vlosh** can be discovered.

Lunch at the restaurant next to **Kantina Balaj**. Then transfer along the upper course of the **Vjosa River** to the next guesthouse, located right by the river,

where you will meet the owner and learn about his projects related to fish farming, breeding and tourism.

Room check-in and time to visit the activity.

Dinner at a nearby roadside trattoria, where it will be possible to learn the traditional meat cooking technique using the **Saç**.

Return to the accommodation and overnight stay.

Day 3

After breakfast, transfer to **Përmet** along the upper course of the Vjosa.

The day is dedicated to discovering traditional cuisine and the flavors of southern Albania.





The journey lasts about 2 hours, with the first stop in the small mountain village of Peshtan, where you will meet **Mira** and be fascinated by the knowledge of wild herbs and traditional mountain plants. Along the way, stop at a small dairy set inside a former communist-era bunker for a tasting of local cheeses.

Arrival in Përmet and lunch at a traditional restaurant (**Te Culi**). In the afternoon, visit to a small **gliko** producer, the typical local sweet, with tasting, followed by a visit to a nearby beekeeper to discover honey production. Meeting with the manager of a nearby winery producing wine and **raki**.

Dinner at a local restaurant belonging to the **Slow Food network**, committed to enhancing traditional cuisine, including **salcë shakulli**, cheese aged in sheep skin. Return to the accommodation and overnight stay.

Day 4

After breakfast, transfer to Tirana and, depending on departure times, farewells and end of the trip.

ITINERARY: STORIES OF THE ITALIAN-GREEK WAR - 4 days / 3 nights - from June to October

Day 1

Arrival in Tirana, meeting with the local guide and transfer to the accommodation.

Cultural city tour focused on communist bunkers and the architecture of **Enver Hoxha**, the Museum of Torture and the **Blloku** district.

Dinner and overnight stay.

Day 2

After breakfast, transfer south to **Tepelenë**. Visit to the detention camp where relatives of political opponents were imprisoned during the communist period. Lunch at a local restaurant dedicated to

Lord Byron, overlooking the **Vjosa River** and its tributary **Bënça**.

After lunch, short transfer to **Peshtan**, at the foot of **Mount Goliko**. Meeting with Mira and visit to the small home museum set up in the guesthouse, displaying artifacts from the Italian-Greek War found along nearby trails. Stories of the war and the years of fascist occupation during World War II.

Dinner and overnight stay in Peshtan.

Day 3

After breakfast, transfer to **Kelcyrë** to visit the old church built by the Greeks as a lapidary for their fallen soldiers.





Continuation to **Përmet**, a small town in the upper Vjosa Valley. Stop at statues and memorials commemorating the **War of Liberation**, and at the cemetery at the entrance to the city. Short transfer along the river to the remains of the famous **Perati Bridge**, a historic memory of the Alpini of the **Julia Division**. Lunch along the return route at the family-run restaurant Vitoria in Petran. Return to the city, walk through the center to the remains of the fascist barracks, where the inscription dedicated to **Mussolini** is still visible, and visit to the **Congress House**, where the Albanian Republic was founded at the end of the war. Dinner and overnight stay.

Day 4

After breakfast, transfer to Tirana and, depending on departure times, farewells and end of the trip.



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