



## ALBANIAN EXPLORER

### 1<sup>st</sup> DAY : Tirana – Durres - Berat

Arrival at International airport of Tirana and transfer to Durres , one of the most ancient cities in Albania. Visit of the Fortress , with a Venetian Tower , the Amphitheatre ( one of the biggest in the Balkan Peninsula ) , the Archaeological Museum .After lunch continuation to Berat. Its most striking feature is the collection of white ottoman houses that climb the hill to the castle , earning it the title of “ town of a thousand windows”. The Town also has several Byzantine churches and the Onufri Museum , an important Painter of Icon. Dinner and Overnight.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> DAY : Berat – Gjirokastra - Sarande

Breakfast , departure and we visit Gjirokastra : many houses have a distinctive local style that has earned the nickname “ Town of stone “ , because most of the old houses have roofs covered with stones ( Unesco World Heritage ). Great importance are : the Museum of Weapons , Enver Hoxha House and the castle. Lunch and proceed to Sarande , dinner and overnight.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> DAY : Sarande – Butrint - Vlora

Breakfast and starting to discover Butrint . Inhabited since prehistoric times, Butrint has been the site of a Greek colony, a Roman city and a bishopric. Following a period of prosperity under Byzantine administration, then a brief occupation by the Venetians, the city was abandoned in the late Middle Ages after marshes formed in the area. The present archaeological site is a repository of ruins representing each period in the city’s development. Lunch and continue to Porto Palermo where the Ali Pasha Castle stands like a barrier in front of the blue rocky sea as protection of the country. Dinner and overnight in Valona.

### 4<sup>th</sup> DAY: Valona – Apollonia – Tirana - Kruja

Breakfast and departure for archaeological site of Apollonia : the fascinating landscape of the archaeological park, which has been preserved in an exceptionally intact condition, comprises a successful combination between the beauty of monuments and nature, attractive through its long history, in an atmosphere of relaxation and meditation. After lunch we visit Tirana : the main square and its clock , the national museum , university boulevard and heroes' cemetery. Dinner and overnight in Kruja.

### 5<sup>th</sup> DAY : Kruja - Tirana

After breakfast we visit Kruja : castle , old bazar and Skanderbeu Museum. Transfer to airport.