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Lorda stream, Molise (Photo by Pro Loco Agnone)

Troia Co-Cathedral dedicated to the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven, Puglia (Photo by Puglia Region)

Lesendro Fortress, Montenegro (Photo by Ministry of Economic Development and Tourism of Montenegro)

Aquaduct of Bencë, Albania (Photo by Landways International / Ministry of Tourism and Environment)

'ndocciata, Molise (Photo by Pro Loco Agnone)

Santa Maria di Leuca, Puglia (Photo by Puglia Region)

Komarnica Canyon, Montenegro (Photo by Ministry of Economic Development and Tourism of Montenegro)

Ksamil Beach, Albania (Photo by Landways International / Ministry of Tourism and Environment)

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## Foreword

Due Mari – Next Generation Tourism Development is a project that is being implemented under IPA Interreg CBC Italy-Albania-Montenegro 2014-2020. Project partners are the Ministry of Economic Development and Tourism of Montenegro, acting as a lead partner, Puglia Region – Department of Tourism, Economy of Culture and Valorisation of Territory, Molise Region, INNOVAPUGLIA S.p.A., the Ministry of Environment and Tourism of Albania, and the National Tourism Organization of Montenegro. The Ministry of Media and Culture of Montenegro is acting as an associated partner of the project.

The tourism is identified as one of the most essential pillars in the region's economic development and presents one of the main challenges for project partners territories. The idea behind the Due Mari project is to boost attractiveness of natural and cultural assets to improve a smart and sustainable economic development with joint cooperation of Italy, Albania and Montenegro. During the four years of the project duration, the partners worked towards developing more sustainable tourism that has potential to become the main driver of pragmatic and practical change.

The project is showing great durability and transferability potential, since the results are designed to be sustainable and replicable by other regions, countries and organizations outside the partnership.

We are inviting you to visit Due Mari online virtual tour platform and enjoy carefully designed itineraries with the most distinguished locations from programme countries. This catalogue presents a small glimpse of the most specific locations from the project territories.

Due Mari partners



## **DUE MARI PROJECT**

## About the project

"Due Mari" project is addressing one of the main Adriatic – lonian challenges, concerning sustainable touristic development via smart technologies. The project is focused on developing a joint valorisation of the unique cultural and natural assets of all three regions: Montenegro, Albania, and southern Adriatic Italy.

The main objective of the project is promotion of diverse cultural and natural assets, and thus the local development of the programme territories.

The Due Mari focuses on improving the connection of Italy (Puglia and Molise), Albania and Montenegro through the establishment of new touristic virtual route by creating a joint immersive virtual platform. The idea is to favour sustainable tourism growth, help reduce seasonality and mass tourism, but also promote new technologies, innovative approaches and tools in tourism marketing.

A joint model for cultural routes management to promote lesser-known destinations is being developed through the project, and several actions are being carried out to improve skills in the field of cultural and natural heritage preservation. The project simultaneously treats cohesion and socioeconomic and territorial development, and at the same time contributes to the strategies and policies of the European Union regarding tourism and other related fields.

This project is co-financed by the European Union under the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA II)



## Main project results

- 1. **Due Mari virtual platform** Common Cross border web based interactive platform that will promote existing and new touristic routes
- 2.**Common strategy and action plan** on sustainable management of Due Mari platform and Due Mari touristic route
- 3. **Policy Paper** on use of innovative digital media in joint promotion through common Due Mari touristic route
- 4. Over **200 stakeholders trained** on using Due Mari platform
- 5. Three pilot/demonstration projects

Project duration: **15.05.2019. – 31.12.2023.** 

Project budget: **4.946.543,15 EUR** (IPA co-financing 85%)



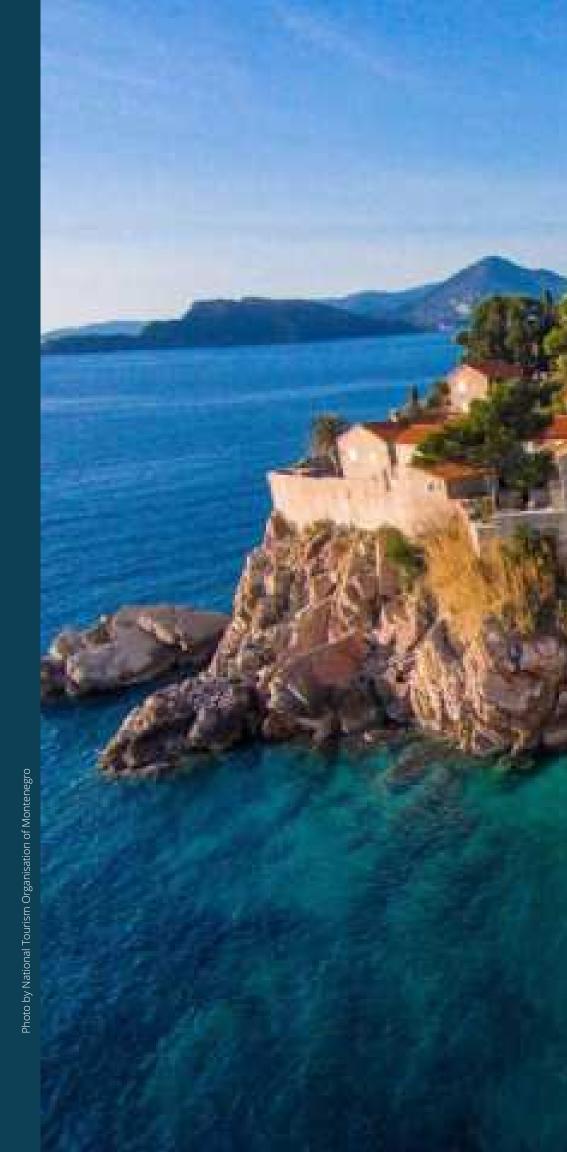
## **MONTENEGRO**

Montenegro is a small country in South-East Europe, located on the Balkan peninsula. It is tucked between the Adriatic Sea and the breathtaking dark peaks of the mountains, after which it is named. The capital city is Podgorica, while Cetinje has the status of the old royal capital. Montenegro is recognized as a country rich in natural diversity in a small territory, a country of contrasts of North and South, with five national parks, five UNESCO World Heritage Sites, six nature parks, two marine protected areas, three Ramsar sites, and numerous lakes, with a rich cultural, historical and multicultural heritage, but also authentic gastronomy.

In Montenegro, you can enjoy numerous breathtaking experiences, during the whole year, that will undoubtedly leave a trace in your memories.

However, the real peculiarity is that in the morning you can wake up on the warm Adriatic coast, cruise the Skadar Lake in the afternoon, and enjoy the mountain adventures of the north in the evening.

Explore more about Montenegro at https://www.montenegro.travel/en.









Southern Region Municipality of Kotor

## MARITIME MUSEUM OF MONTENEGRO GRGURINA PALACE



Inside Maritime Museum of Montenegro

MONTENEGRO





Southern Region Municipality of Kotor

## OUR LADY OF THE ROCKS



Inside of the Our Lady of the Rocks





# THE INTERIOR OF THE OUR LADY OF THE ROCKS

Southern Region Municipality of Kotor





Southern Region Municipality of Herceg Novi

# SPANJOLA FORTRESS



Detail from the Spanjola Fortress

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Southern Region Municipality of Tivat

## TIVAT SALINA



Detail from the Tivat Salina









Southern Region Municipality of Bar

## HAJ NEHAJ FORTRESS



Church at the top of the Fortress





Southern Region Municipality of Bar

## OLD TOWN OF BAR



Detail from the old town

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Southern Region Municipality of Budva

## PRASKAVICA MONESTARY



The Church of St. Nicholas





Southern Region Municipality of Ulcinj

## OLD TOWN ULCINJ



The detail from the Citadel

MONTENEGRO





Central Region Capital City Podgorica

# SASTAVCI REMAINS OF DEPEDOGEN FORTRESS



Hadzi Pasha Bridge





Central Region Old Royal Capital Cetinje

### **GOVERNMENT HOUSE**



Detail from the Government House

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Central Region Municipality of Niksic

# SLANO AND KRUPAC LAKE



Krupac Lake

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Central Region Municipality of Danilovgrad

## **ARTISTIC COLONY**



The detail form the Artistic Colony

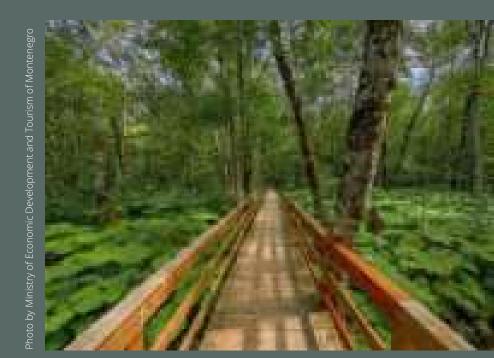
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Northern Region Municipality of Kolasin

# BIOGRADSKA GORA NATIONAL PARK



The detail form Biogradska Gora

Photo by Ministry of Economic Development an





Northern Region Municipality of Berane

# POLIM MUSEUM



Ćilibar figurines

Photo by Ministry of Economic Development





Northern Region Municipality of Plav

# PROKLETIJE NATIONAL PARK



Woods of the Grebaja Valley





Northern Region Municipality of Pljevlja

# HUSSEIN - PASHA'S MOSQUE



The outside of the Hussein - Pasha's mosque

MONTENEGRO





Northern Region Municipality of Pljevlja

## RIVER CEHOTINA



River Cehotina - Viewpoint



# CEHOTINA MEANDERS

# Northern Region Municipality of Pljevlja





Northern Region Municipality of Zabljak

# NECROPOLIS OF TOMBSTONES "GREEK CEMETERY"



View from above on the tombstones





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# LAKE RIBLJE NEAR THE NECROPOLIS OF TOMBSTONES

Northern Region Municipality of Zabljak





Northern Region Municipality of Pluzine

## PIVA LAKE



The bridge on the Piva Lake





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# ARTIFICIAL ACCUMULATION ON PIVA LAKE

Northern Region Municipality of Pluzine





Northern Region Municipality of Savnik

# REGIONAL PARK DRAGISNICA AND KOMARNICA



The Nevido Canyon

MONTENEGRO

### **PUGLIA REGION**

In Puglia, you'll find enchanted landscapes surrounding historic towns and cities of art. Romanesque and Baroque cathedrals and monuments frame town squares as they stand placidly in the shade of majestic castles and noble palaces. Let yourself daydream in Puglia surrounded by beautiful landscapes and immersed in the colours and scents of the seaside, of Mediterranean scrubland, centuries-old olive groves and oak forests as they whisper their secret stories to the sun. From the Gargano to the Salento, Puglia is full of priceless treasures, such as its UNESCO World Heritage Sites, places so beautiful that they are considered part of humanity's common heritage.

You'll hear ancient stories about the great Emperor Frederick II and learn the tricks of ancient trades, from craftsmen weaving baskets and making pottery in Bari, to artisans creating objects out of papier-mâché and stone in the Salento. Then take a break in the Itria Valley, in one of the traditional trulli (stone huts) or masserie (manor farms). Or fall in love with Puglia's sea. Enjoy crystal clear waters and an 860 km (540 miles) coastline of golden beaches and breathtaking cliffs.

From the Adriatic to the Ionian, follow Puglia's seas from the paradise of the Tremiti Islands to the sun-kissed shores of Bari and Brindisi, all the way down to the picture-perfect landscapes of the Salento and the Arco Ionico (the stretch of Ionian coastline between the Murgia and Salento).

And the party goes on at the table in Puglia. A true triumph of Mediterranean flavours that delight your palate with the authentic tastes that make Puglia's food and wine so unique.









Puglia Region Corigliano d'Otranto

# CORIGLIANO D'OTRANTO CASTELLO DE' MONTI



Castello de' Monti tower





Puglia Region Gargano National Park

# UMBRA FOREST BEECH WOODS



Cutino d'Umbra Lake





Puglia Region Marine Protected Area of Porto Cesareo

## PUNTA PROSCIUTTO BEACH



Underwater coral reef





Puglia Region Locorotondo

## LOCOROTONDO CUMMERSE TYPICAL BUILDINGS



Locorotondo Old Town

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Puglia Region Sant'Agata di Puglia

## SANT'AGATA DI PUGLIA THE VIEW



The detail from the Imperial Castle Heraldic arms

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Puglia Region Taranto

## SAN CATALDO CATHEDRAL CAPPELLONE



View from the outside of the Cathedral





Photo by Puglia Region

## SAN CATALDO CATHEDRAL CAPPELLONE CEILING DETAIL

Puglia Region Taranto





Puglia Region Bari

## KURSAAL SANTA LUCIA THEATRE



Kursaal Santa Lucia Theater, interior





Puglia Region Grottaglie

## POTTERY DISTRICT, POTTERY CRAFTSWOMAN AT WORK



Pottery craftsman at work





## GROTTAGLIE POTTERY DISTRICT

Puglia Region Grottaglie



Puglia Region Margherita di Savoia

## MARGHERITA DI SAVOIA SALTPAN, MOUNTAIN OF SALT



The view of Monte Sant'Angelo and TorrePietra tower from the saltpan





# MARGHERITA DI SAVOIA SALTPAN, BIRDLIFE RESERVE, COLONY OF PINK FLAMINGOS

Puglia Region Margherita di Savoia





Puglia Region Fasano

## ARCHAEOLOGICAL PARK OF EGNATIA



Archaeological Museum of Egnatia, head of Attis with the typical Phrygian cap

ella la Valoria

## **MOLISE REGION**

Molise is like a hidden pearl at the bottom of the ocean. Beautiful, precious and unknown. It jealously guards its traditions, deep roots firmly planted in the earth. It supports its home, Nature, protecting its biodiversity and fauna. A little off the beaten paths, Molise offers authentic emotions to travelers. Whether starting from the high mountains of the Mainarde or the Matese and descending towards the gentle hills of Larino, to the Molise coast with its blue sea, you can discover spectacular places. Come with us along Tratturi, open air museum which tell an ancient story of Transhumance, that is nevertheless repeated every year in Molise. Experience the thrill of adventure in the crystal-clear rivers and streams of Molise. Close your eyes lying in Prato Gentile and listen carefully to the perfect sounds of nature. Enjoy a walk in one of the molisani borghi and be ready, for sure someone will stop you for a chat.

The most appreciated gift that a visit to Molise can give you is the rediscovery of time, lived in a slow way. The deafening silence of the mountains, the slow valzer of Molise's villages. The authenticity of this land is the wonder you have yet to enjoy.



ITALY







Molise Region Campobasso

## FESTIVAL IN CAMPOBASSO I MISTERI



Sannitico museum



Molise Region Molisana coast

### PETACCIATO COASTLINE



Trabucco





Molise Region Alto Molise

## TRATTURO



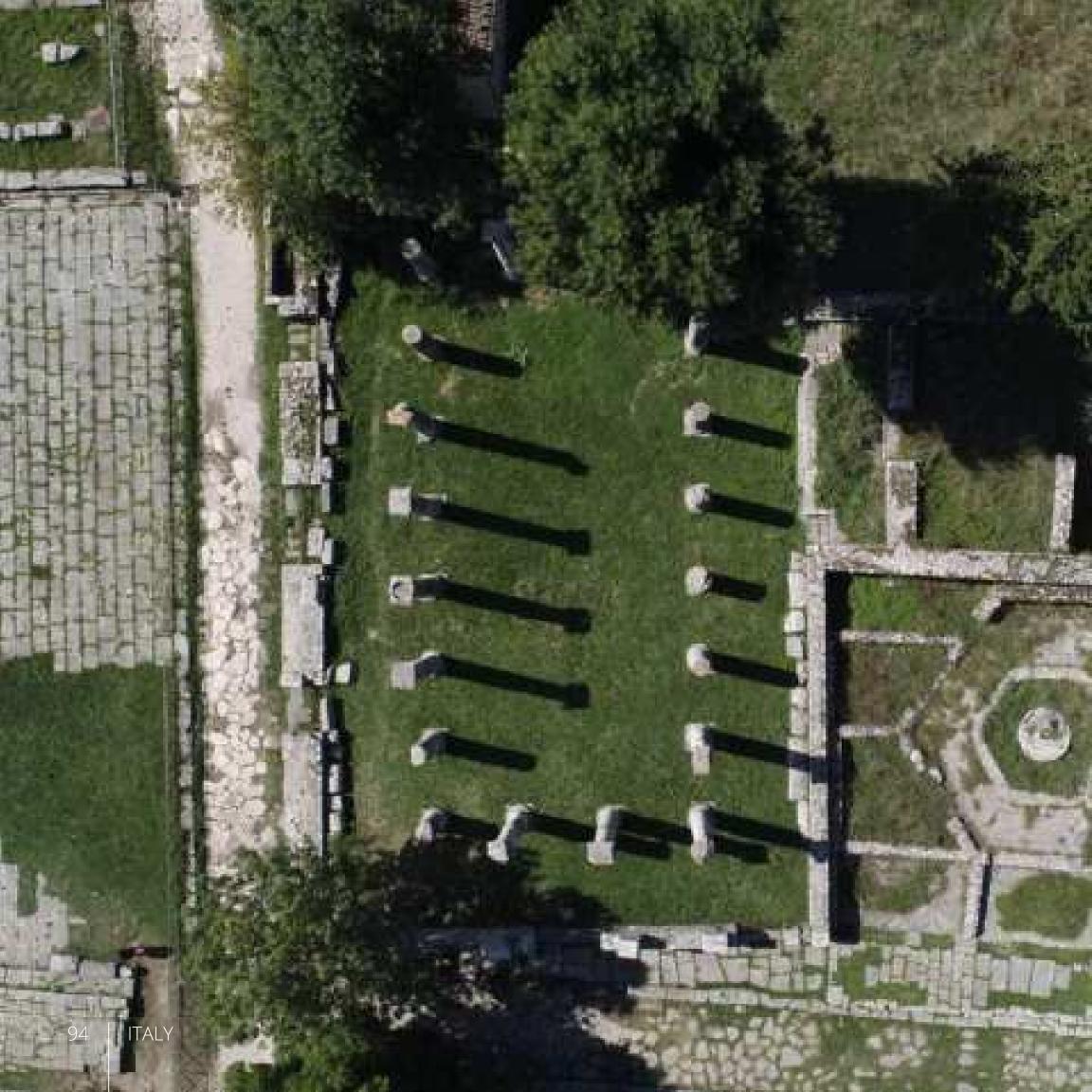
A craftsman working on a bell in Campane Marinelli foundry





## PESCOPENNATARO FALESIA

Molise Region Alto Molise





Molise Region Sepino

## ALTILIA



Teatro of Altilia

Photo by Molise Region





Molise Region Parco delle Morge

## PIETRACUPA



Crypt of Trivento



# PULPITO DI CANNETO





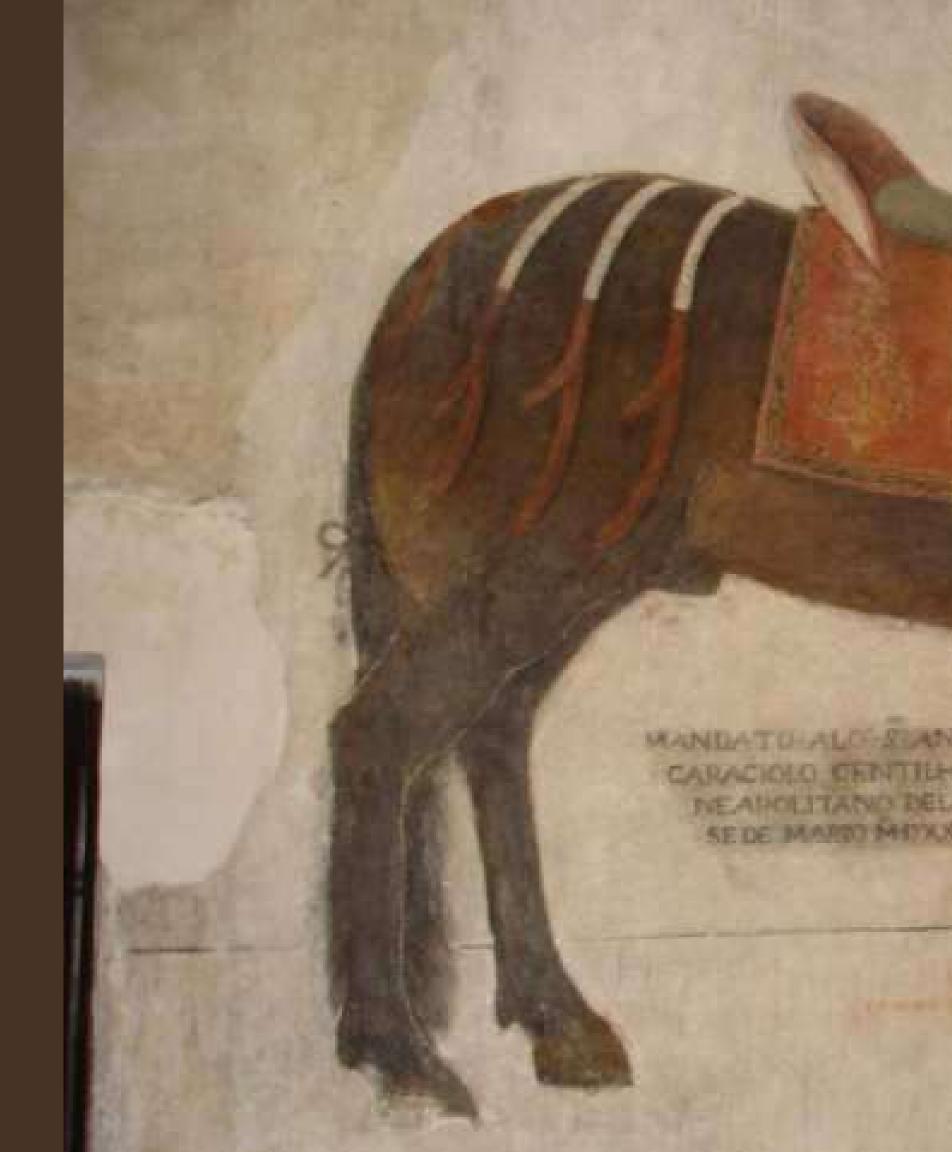


Molise Region Valle del Volturno

# ABBEY OF SAN VINCENZO AL VOLTURNO



Olive tree Park





# THE DETAIL FROM THE FRESCO: THE HORSE PANDONE CASTLE, VENFARO

Molise Region Valle del Volturno





Molise Region Pietrabbondante

### SANNITICO THEATRE



Sannitico warrior

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Molise Region Isernia

### FRATERNA FOUNTAIN



Details of the archaeological excavations





Molise Region Capracotta – Campitello ski area

### CAPRACOTTA SKI SLOPES



Detail of National ski Championship





Molise Region Larino

### CATHEDRAL OF LARINO



La Lupa di Roma - the detail from a Roman mosaic

### ALBANIA

Albania's twentieth-century history has given it a unique place in the Balkan travel landscape. Albania is a open country and a lovely place to visit these days: entry formalities are minimal and foreigners can wander around the country in freedom in one of Europe's fastest-growing destinations. It is an excellent choice both for tourists travelling on a budget and for those that want to spoil themselves in luxurious resorts. Outdoor recreational activities are affordable for every budget: Hiking, rock climbing, paragliding, scuba diving, rafting, canoeing, mountain biking, horse riding, and off-road trips are the most appealing activities you can do in Albania. Cultural tourism offers good prospects given Albania's ancient past and the existence of a large number of archaeological centers and sites, castles and fortresses, various historical, cultural and religious objects, characterized by archaeological heritage from Illyrian, Greek, Roman and Ottoman times, unspoiled beaches, mountainous topography, Cold War-era artefacts, unique traditions and hospitality, the wild and peculiar atmosphere of the countryside as well. Albania is considered to be "A New Mediterranean Love" and "Europe's Last Secret".









Albania Durres

## ARCHAEOLOGICAL MUSEUM DURRES



Detail from the Museum

ALBANIA





Albania Pogradec

### THE MOSAICS OF LIN



Ohrid Lake of Pogradec





Albania Berat

### BERAT CASTLE



The detail from the Berat Castle





Albania Skrapar/Berat

### OSUMI CANYON



The detail from the Osumi Canyon

ALBANIA





Albania Saranda

### BLUE EYE



The detail from the location





Albania Korca

### OLD BAZAAR IN KORCA



Old Bazaar in Korca





Albania Voskopoja/Korca

### VOSKOPOJA VILLAGE



The detail from the Village





Albania Kruje Area

### NATIONAL PARK OF QAFSHTAMA



The detail from the National Park of Qafshtama





Albania Kruje

### GJERGJ KASTRIOTI NATIONAL MUSEUM

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The detail from the Gjergji Kastrioti National Museum





Albania Lezhe

### LEZHA



Lezha Castle





Albania Permet Area

## BENJE TERMAL WATERS



Benje Termal Waters





Albania Bredhi l Hotoves, Permet

#### TEKKE OF BABA ALIU



The entrance - Tekke of Baba Aliu

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Albania Gjirokastra

# GJIROKASTRA CASTLE



The detail from Gjirokastra Castle





# GJIROKASTRA CASTLE

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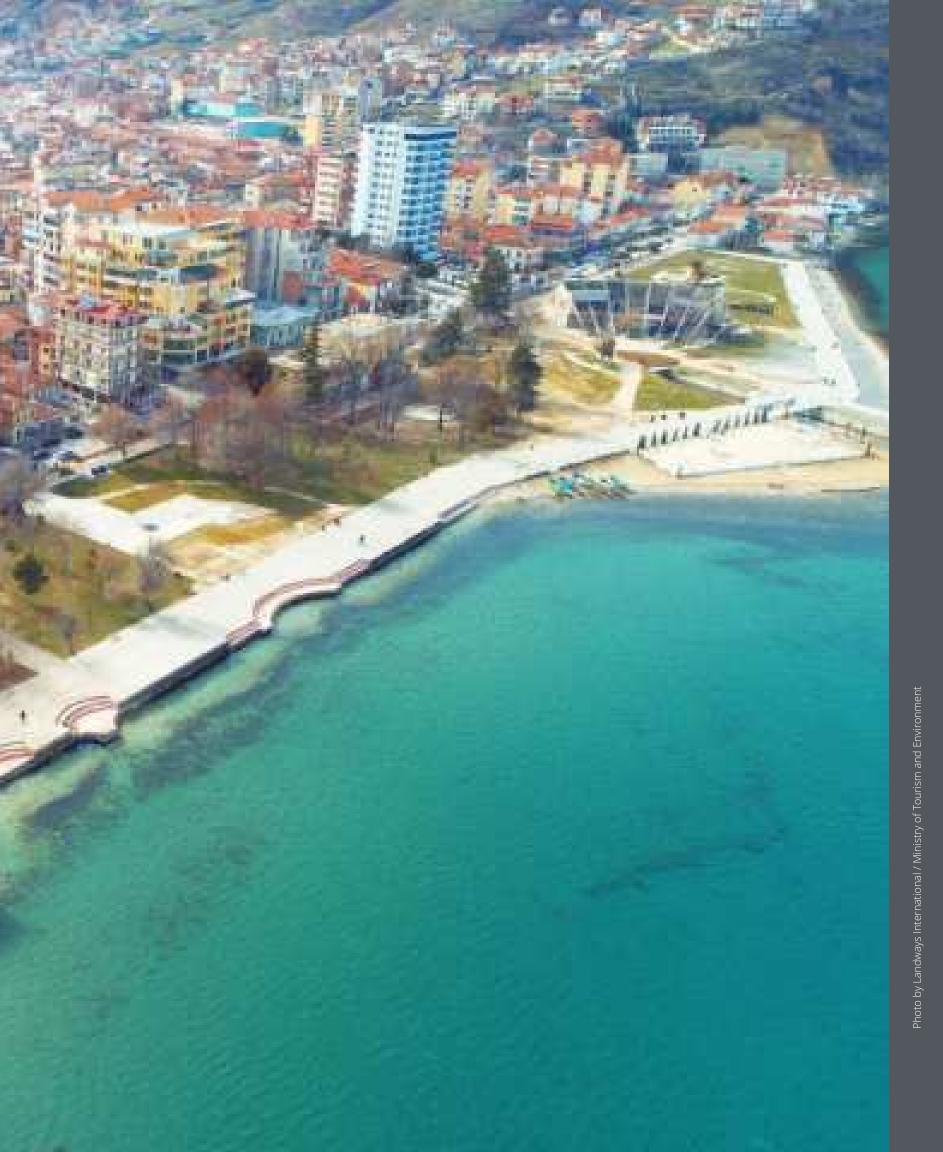
Albania Pogradec

#### THE LAKESIDE PARK



The Lakeside Park









Albania Butrint, Sarande

#### **BUTRINT NATIONAL PARK**



Butrint National Park





Albania Gjirokastra

### OLD BAZAAR OF GJIROKASTRA



The detail from the Old bazaar gjiro

ALBANIA





Albania Gjirokastra

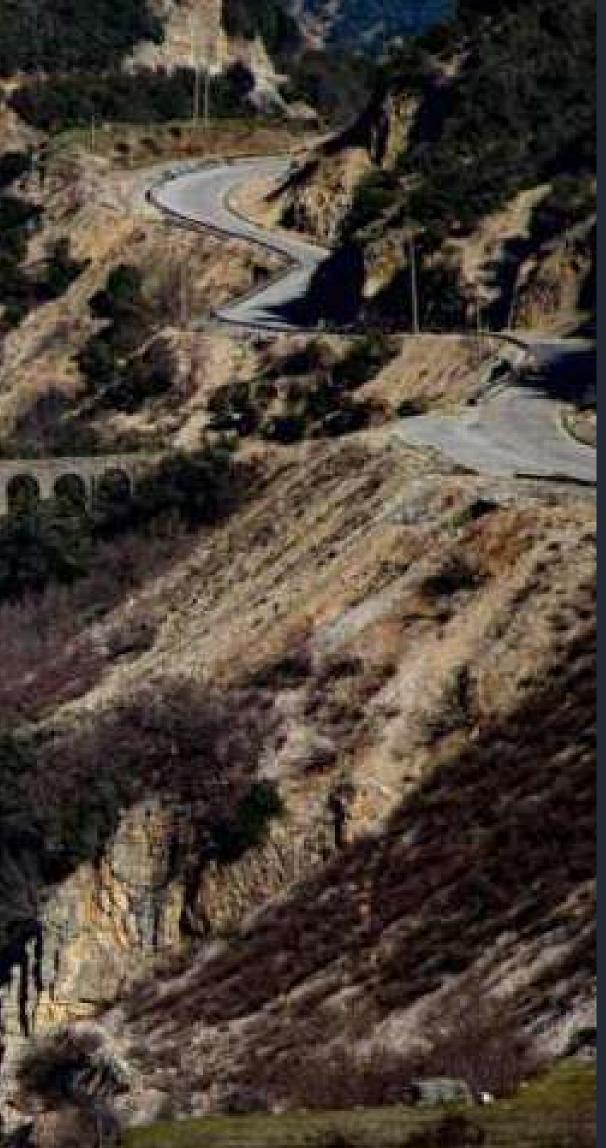
# TEQE MOSQUE



The detail from the Mosque

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Albania Tepelena

# AQUADUCT OF BENÇA



Aquaduct

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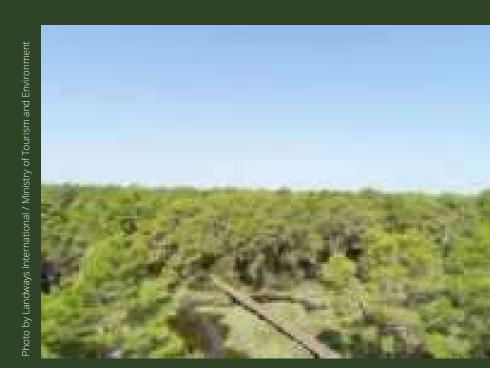






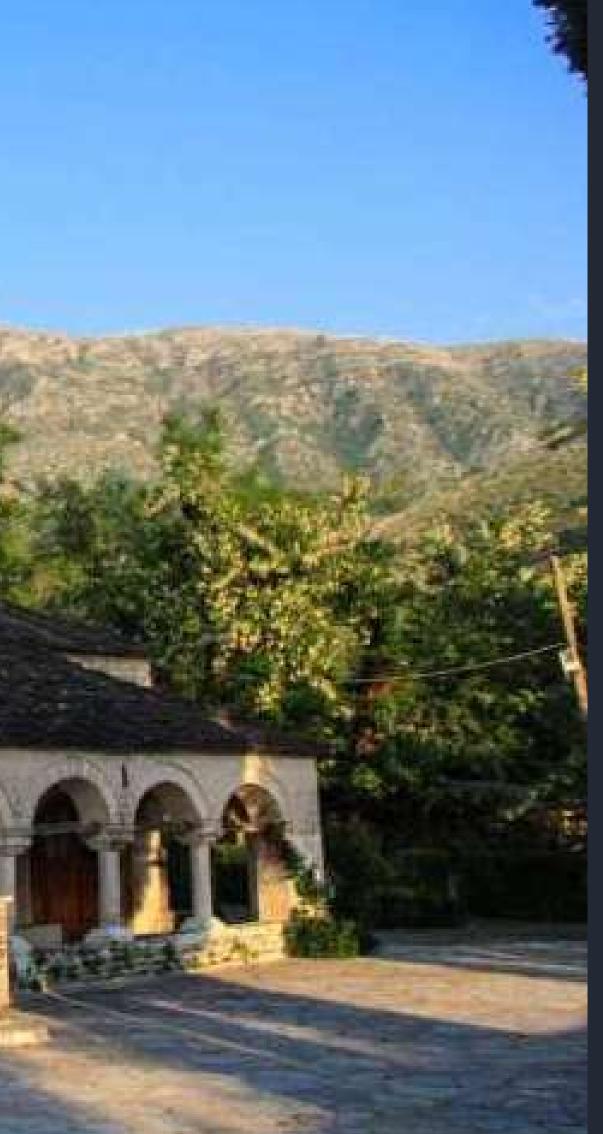
Albania Lushnje Area

#### KARAVASTA LAGOON



Karavasta lagoon





Albania Libohova, Gjorokastra

#### LABOVA OF THE CROSS



Labova

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# PROJECT PARTNERS













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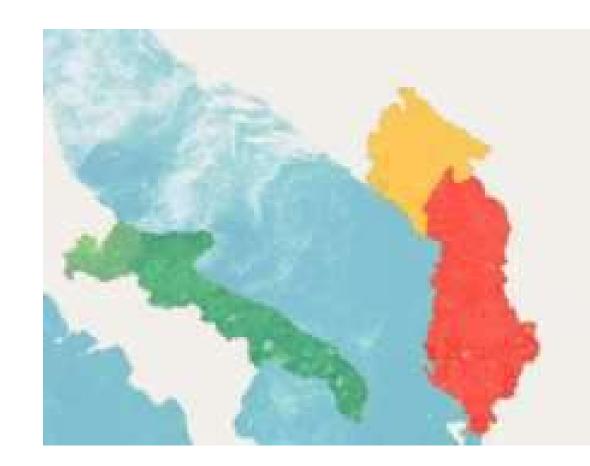








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Virtual tour

