



EXPLORE
KOSOVO
AND RUGOVA
OUTDOORS

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KOSOVO

Centered in the Western Balkans, Europe's newest country will showcase a land steeped in handicrafts and architectural tradition, surrounded by the regionally acknowledged warmth and friendliness of the Kosovar. Monasteries and churches glow with frescoes and Ottoman rulers have left imprints for this group to experience relating to food, music, dance, handicrafts and local culture. Hiking and biking to the mountains, waterfalls, lakes, and scattered villages in Kosovo's remoter areas, including Kosovo's highest peak, should suffice for any adventuring spirits.

Territory: 10,908 km²

Population: 1.8 million

Language: Albanian, Serbian, Bosnian and Turkish

Religion: Muslim, Catholic, Orthodox

“ Unspoiled, cheap, welcoming... finally, the Western Balkans are opening up to tourism, and it's well worth the wait ”

Wanderlust travel magazine





The town has extraordinary history, rich cultural heritage, great natural potentials, and always offering something new and original.

Located in northwest of Kosovo and directly underneath of Albanian Alps, Peja has a longstanding history in tourism and offers balanced mix of rich history and opportunity for ongoing development of touristic offerings. For all those seeking adventures whether in unspoiled nature or just leisure, Peja provides complete services and facilities to offer comfortable holidays or short excursions.

If you are looking for ideal accommodations, authentic traditional gourmet food with all its delicacies, cultural heritage, great nightlife and attractive programs in nature for trekking and skiing, rock climbing, you have chosen the right destination for recreation, sport and entertainment.

Peja is one of the most popular tourist destinations in Kosovo, and not by chance, today Peja is part of the world tourist map as a tourist destination to be crowned with the first world prize as Destination Stewardship of "Tourism for Tomorrow" by WTTC "World Travel and Tourism Council."

“ If it is untouched wilderness and authentic hospitality you're after, you've found the spot ”

Wanderlust travel magazine

RugovaHiking is a tour operator in Kosovo providing travel services and products to wide range of groups and individuals. In our short history we offered a range of tours including hiking and trekking, biking, winter experience and cultural tours.

We invite you to join us to discover one of the hidden gems in Balkans, Kosovo.

We like to share with everyone what we know about the region and this is why we offer a diverse kind of tours not only in Kosovo but also in the neighboring countries.

Whether you're a casual hiker or a seasoned trekker you will find plenty of well planned walks and treks to choose from. We are specialized in small group trekking and walking holidays. You can be part of group of up to 20 along with experienced tour guides or smaller groups as per your preferences. We also organize trekking and walking holidays on a tailor-made basis for individuals or small groups, customizing the route, duration and level of difficulty to suit you, on your preferred dates and at your budget.



Hiking and Trekking

Peja lies at the foot of Rugova Mountains which are part of regional range of Albanian Alps or Accursed Mountains and this fact provided a perfect opportunity for development of outdoor activities and sports. Mountaineering association 'Gjeravica' has a long history and dates back from 1928 and today there are many associations and companies specialized in hiking, trekking, caving, paragliding, biking, rock climbing.

There are many clearly marked trails throughout the Rugova region to offer good experience from more advanced hikers to recreational people who prefer lighter walking in nature.

Some of popular trails are:

- Hiking to Guri i Guq (2,522m) peak through Kuqishte lakes;
- Hajla Peak (2,409m) through villages of Rugova;
- Via Ferrata trail in Rugova canyon; Lumbardhi mountains;
- Three peaks tour (Marjashi, Hajla and Guri Kuq)



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■ PEAKS OF THE BALKANS

This hiking tour is perfect holiday chance for those who prefer to spend nine days in mountains, sleep in shepherd houses, guesthouses or small hotels, enjoy nature and meet wonderful people. In nine days, this tour takes you through many villages of Rugova region to reach three peaks, Hajla 2,409m, Guri i Kuq (red stone) 2,522m and Marijashi 2,532m. Mesmerizing sceneries, home cooked local dishes in guesthouses and friendly guides will accompany you during entire trip. Rated as moderate difficulty, this trail can be done by almost everyone.



Destination Stewardship Award winner: Peaks of the Balkans - Albania, Kosovo, Montenegro. Following conflict and civil war, representatives from the countries of Albania, Kosovo and Montenegro united to create the Peaks of the Balkans transnational hiking trail, with the goal of opening both minds and borders.

Trail Description		
Trail Length	192 KM	
Elevation	min. 670m	max. 2.290m
Difficulty Level	Easy	Moderate
Walking Hours /day	7 - 8	
Season	June	October



Hiking

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■ HIKING THREE PEAKS

This hiking tour is perfect holiday chance for those who prefer to spend nine days in mountains, sleep in shepherd houses, guesthouses or small hotels, enjoy nature and meet wonderful people. In nine days, this tour takes you through many villages of Rugova region to reach three peaks, Hajla 2,403m, Guri i Kuq (red stone) 2,522m and Marijashi 2,532m. Mesmerizing sceneries, home cooked local dishes in guesthouses and friendly guides will accompany you during entire trip. Rated as moderate difficulty, this trail can be done by almost everyone.

Hajla peak (2,403m)
Guri Kuq - Red stone (2,522m)
Marijashi peak (2,532m)

Trail Description		
Trail Length	84 KM	
Elevation	min. 580m	max. 2.532m
Difficulty Level	Moderate	
Walking Hours /day	5 - 8	
Season	June	October



HIKE THROUGH FOUR VILLAGES OF RUGOVA VALLEY

Three-day / two-night tour. This tour takes you through four villages of Rugova valley to reach Hajla peak. The views are incredible and hospitality great. A great opportunity to meet wonderful people and enjoy sounds of nature.

Hike to Hajla peak through beautiful villages of Rugova valley and explore unspoiled nature.

Trail Description		
Trail Length	21 KM	
Elevation	min. 1.350m	max. 2.409m
Difficulty Level	Easy	Moderate
Walking Hours /day	4 - 6	
Season	May	October

■ MOUNTAIN BIKING AND CYCLING

Peja is well known as cycling center and is considered a place that offers many recreational opportunities for fans of biking. The geographical position and terrain provide with perfect cycling and mountain biking trails for all generations of people.

If you prefer just cycling through villages to explore the heritage or more challenging mountainous trails this is perfect opportunity. There are also regional biking routes that connect town of Peja with other small towns and villages in Dukagjini plain such as Decani, Junik in south Klina in east and Istog in northeast.

Biking tours range from daily tours to 3-4 days combined with trekking or hiking.

Some of popular routes are:

Peja - Drelaj - Peja;

Reka e Allages - Koshutan - Shkrel - Boge - Peja;

Peja - Junik - Decan - Rahovec - Peja



DISCOVER OUR HERITAGE

The history, culture, tradition, the natural wealth, its positioning, preserved environment, fertile land and much more, are some of the elements that identify the town of Peja as a touristic destination. Number of different documents show about the existence of Peja as an organized habitat since the Illyrians and it is mentioned as a caravan merchant crossroads between the Venice and Ragusa (ancient Dubrovnik).



Ethnographic museum

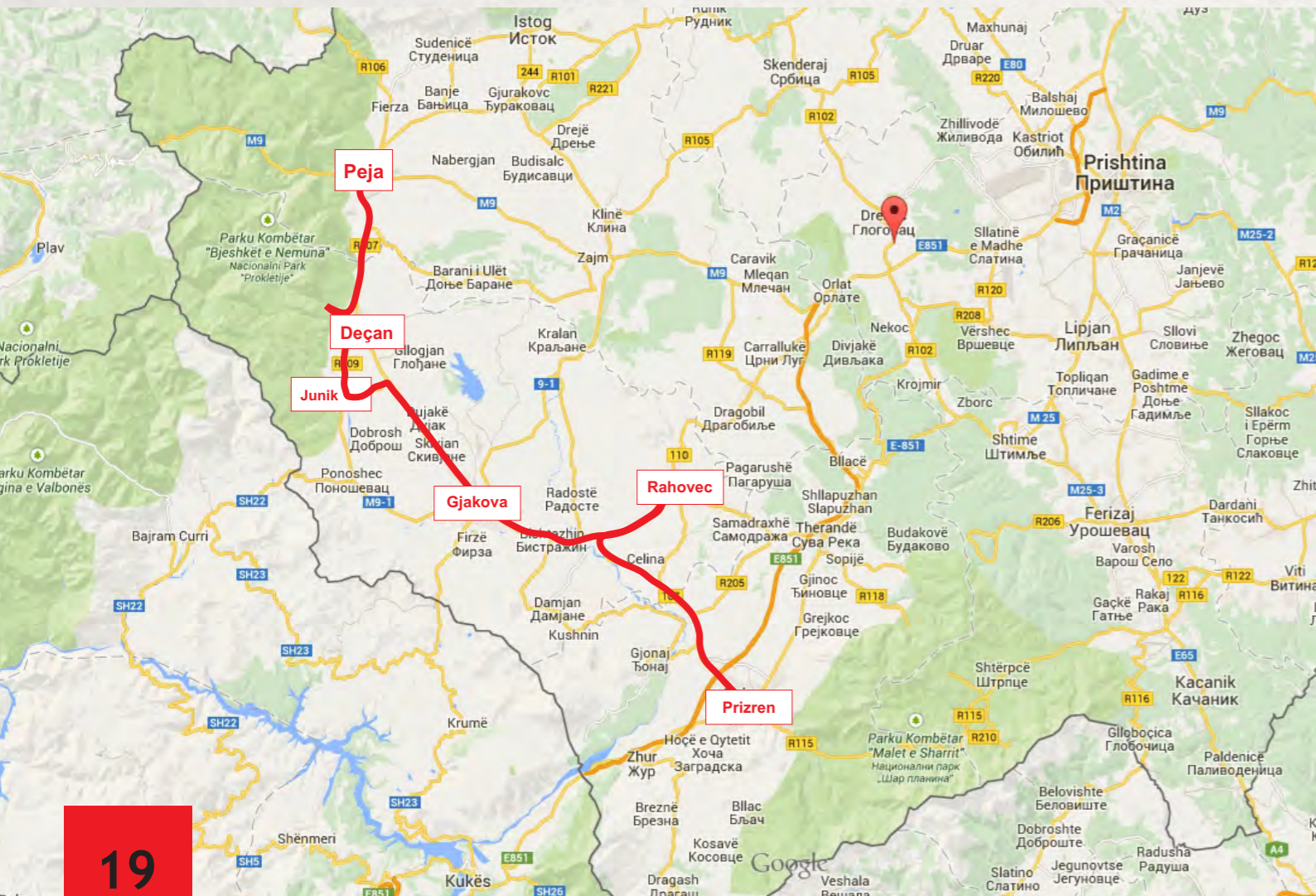
Ethnographic museum displays many objects and evidence of Peja from Illyrian era, samples of working tools, traditional clothing and other articles.

Monuments

Peja is rich with many mosques, churches, patriarchy and other religious monuments. Peja patriarchy, Bajrakli Mosque, Decani monastery (part of UNESCO world heritage), Haxhi Bey's hamam, stone residential units (kullat) in Peja, Junik, Mill of Haxhi Zeka, etc.

Visiting Peja is somewhat a journey through different times, the times of Illyrians, Byzantium, Ottoman Era, World Wars, Communism and recent history including today, so, while visiting Peja you will find and see different objects and signs of the ancient city, (even though the majority of them are still buried and no archaeological explorations has been undertaken yet).





This is a great opportunity to spend an unforgettable weekend to discover western Kosovo's cultural heritage. The journey includes visiting Peja, Gjakova and Prizren as main towns in Dukagjini plain rich in culture and history. This tour include visits to Decani (the monastery), Junik (stone houses) and Rahovec (wineries).

The journey begins by arriving in Peja and after short coffee break we continue by visiting center of town and main cultural sites, museum of ethnography, Patriarchy of Peja, Bajrakli mosque and other interesting sites. Our next stop will be Decani, a small town near Peja best known for the Monastery which is one of the UNESCO world heritage sites and then we will end the day by visiting Junik known for its stone houses or Kullas in Albanian and have dinner in local traditional restaurant in Peja.

Next day after breakfast we start by driving to Gjakova visiting old bazaar and clock tower continuing to Rahovec winery where guests have opportunity to taste some of Rahoveci best wines accompanied with traditional dishes. We continue driving to old city Prizren where you can enjoy cultural and religion diversity.

Adventure week in Peja region will take you trekking and hiking to some of highest peaks in Kosovo, cycling and mountain biking in Rugova valley, Via Ferrata, touring the cultural trail and enjoying local food and hospitality.

- Trekking to Lumbardh 1,500m
- Trekking to Peak “Guri Kuq” 2,500m
- Cycling from “Leqinati” to “Boge” and mountain biking to Reka e Allages
- Via Ferrata
- Cultural tour





Via Ferrata Ari is the most advanced adventure product in Kosovo. The 100 meters of vertical climb, professional equipment, trained guide, and advanced construction supported by Italian professionals who have worked in Dolomites, make this trip safe and one of the most memorable in Kosovo.

The whole trip takes two to three hours depending from the group and offers spectacular view over the city of Peja and the Rugova Gorge.

The trail takes you through ancient caves, fortified there to block the city for invaders, which now serve also for wildlife sheltering.

Equipment needed and professional guides are provided by us.

Trail Description		
Trail Length	1.5 KM	
Elevation	100m	
Difficulty Level	Moderate	Hard
Walking Hours /day	Full day	
Season	May	December



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Snowshoes are the perfect way to continue outdoor adventure through the winter months. We offer tailor-made snowshoes tours throughout winter.

The snowshoeing tour takes us on an exceptional loop from picturesque Boge village to Shkreli and back.

Off-piste skiing at its best: we'll take you backcountry into a world of skiing adventure! Off-Piste holidays provide skiers and snowboarders the advantages only an Rugova Hiking Mountain Guide-led trip can offer; local knowledge of the best off-piste backcountry and the expertise to give you a holiday full to the brim with excitement and thrills while maintaining your safety in the mountain environment.

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OUR TEAM



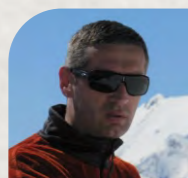
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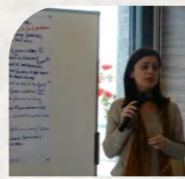
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