

SLOVENIA / SLOVENIJA		
	Julian Alps	
Drive and park here 46.212921, 13.785179	> Mt. Vogel (1,922 m)	Trail type: Loop Length: 10 km Gain/Loss: 691/837 m Time: 4-6 hours Starting point: Lake Bohinj cable car to Vogel Ski Center, then chair lift to Orlove Glave station, take route through Mt Sija up and loop back down the other way Other: Cable car runs 8 am to 6 pm and costs 28 euro r/t per person, chair lift included in price, but only runs until 4 pm. Pack your own lunch and snacks.
Sleep here	> Hostel pod Voglom	Kayak, Paddle Board, Canoe rentals available
Walk from the hostel to the starting point	> Lake Bohinj	Starting point: 46.2815675, 13.8818411 Length: 11 km out and back (can also be done as a loop trail) Gain/Loss: 170 elevation gain Time: 2.5-3 hours
Get to Stara Fužina by foot from the hostel/Lake Bohinj. Then complete three hikes in 2-3 days: 1) Vodnikov Dom (by foot from Stara) 2) Mt. Triglav (by foot from Vodnikom dom) 3) Mt Viševnik (by foot from Triglav)	> Stara Fužina to Vodnikov dom Mountain Hut to Mt.Triglav (2,864 m) and back via Mt. Viševnik (2,050 m)	1) Starting point: 46.2815675, 13.8818411 Length: 29.5 km loop from Stara Fužina to Vodnikov Dom Mountain Hut Gain/Loss: 2,738 m Time: 12 hours Start in Voje Valley then sleep at Vodnikov dom mountain hut then head to Konjščica and Uskovnica pastures then back at Stara Fužina. If it's too long, you can break it in half and sleep in Vodnikov Dom mountain house (46.355510, 13.861489). On the way back to Stara Fužina, take another loop to Viševnik (see third entry below). Vodnikov Dom mountain hut is the most beautiful mountain hut of the entire Illyrian Way! Pack your own lunch and snacks. 2) Starting point: 46.355510, 13.861489 Length: 13 km loop from Vodnikov dom mountain hut to Triglav (highest peak in Slovenia) Gain/Loss: 1,254 m / 930 m Time: 6.5 hours Other: difficulty 5/5, can also sleep in Dom Planika Pod Triglavom if you have energy to go past Vodnikov dom Mountain hut to Triglav 4) Starting point: 46.357499, 13.888584 Length: 5 km loop from Rob nad Klancem to Mt. Viševnik and back to Rob nad Klancem Gain/Loss: 251 m / 318 m Time: 2.5 hours
Drive on 209 from Lake Bohinj to Lake Bled	> Old Parish House	Drive from Lake Bohinj / Stara Fužina to Lake Bled/ Old Parish House and sleep there
Walk to bakery	> Bakery Pekarna Planika	Eat Kremšnita and Burek
Walk from bakery or Old Parish house to starting point	> Lake Bled	Starting point: 46.369200, 14.107518 Length: 6 km loop Gain/Loss: N/A Time: 1.25 hours Other: Easy and scenic, may want to wear your bathing suit just in case (weather/temperature permitting) Half way through the first loop, by the Bled drinking water/well, you can add on this loop Length: 4.2 km loop Gain/Loss: 272 Time: 1.45 hours Starting point: 46.361293, 14.083314 Other: Medium difficulty, many scenic/observation points along the way
Drive from Lake Bled to Predjamski Castle on E61 to starting point of the Predjamski Castle trail that ends at Guesthouse Mašun	Predjamski Grad to Postojna Cave to Cerknica	1) Starting point: at Predjama Castle 45.8092, 14.1227 Length: 22 km straight through Gain/Loss: 481 m / 415 m Time: 5 hours Park car and come back to get it after/ get a ride to car from Guesthouse Mašun (~1 hour drive) The beginning of the most northern point of Via Dinarica! Pack your own lunch and snacks.
	Cerknica to Sviščaki Mountain Lodge	2) Starting point: Cerknika Culture House Address: Cesta 4. maja 63, 1380 Cerknica Length: 32 km straight through Gain/Loss: 1,180 m / 405 m Time: 10 hours Other: Pack your own lunch and snacks.
	Sviščaki Mountain Lodge to Guesthouse Mašun	3) Starting point: Sviscaki Mountain Lodge Address: Sviščaki 1, 6250 Ilirska Bistrica Length: 9.2 km straight through Gain/Loss: 54m / 287m Time: 2.5 hours
Sleep here	Guesthouse Mašun	Address: Mašun 1, 6253 Knežak
Walk	Guesthouse Mašun to Mt. Snežnik (1,796 m) and back	Starting point: Guesthouse Masun Address: Mašun 1, 6253 Knežak Length: 10 km out and back Gain/Loss: 900m / 160m Time: 3.5 hours
Drive from Guesthouse Mašun to Pintaska 5 Crni Lug via road 32 Country	Border crossing	Pintarska Guesthouse Address: Pintarska 6, 51317 Crni Lug

CROATIA / HRVATSKA		
	Risnjak National Park	
Sleep here	> Pintarska in Crni Lug guesthouse	Pintarska Guesthouse Address: Pintarska 6, 51317 Crni Lug
Start walk from the guesthouse	> Mt. Risnjak (1,528 m)	Starting point: Pintarska Guesthouse. Option below shaves 1 hour of roundtrip walking time if you drive up to the park parking lot of the mountain area vs walking from the guesthouse. Below info is of the latter. Length: 8.7 km out and back Gain/Loss: 810 m Time: 3.25 hours
Drive from Crni Lug to Opatija from Rt 3 to E65 to E61 to E751 to Nova Cesta road	Opatija	Drive from Pintarska Guesthouse to Opatija, find long term parking and walk
Eat here	> Vongola Restaurant and Bar	
Swim by here	> Church of St.Jacob	
Have a cocktail here	> Hotel Bevanda and Restaurant	
Drive from Opatija to Senj from Nova Cesta Road to E751 to E61 to E65 to A7 to E65	Senj	Drive from Opatija to Senj, swim in Senj if time permits, and drive to Apartment Juka and sleep early
	Northern Velebit Mountains	
Drive from E65 and take mountain road (right after Sveti Juraj town along E65) up toward Vukelici to Krasno	> Apartment Juka in Krasno guesthouse	Address: Krasno 198a 53274 Krasno Polje Food nearby at Buffet Rizik and Market-Trgovina Mlin
Start walking from the guesthouse	> Mali Rajinac (1,667 m)	Starting point: Apartment Juka Address: Krasno 198a 53274 Krasno Polje Length: 20 km out and back Gain/Loss: 766 m / 114 m Time: 5.15 hours Other: Pack your own lunch and snacks (buy at Market-Trgovina Mlin)
Start walking from the guesthouse	> Krajačev Kuk (1,659 m)	Starting point: Apartment Juka Address: Krasno 198a 53274 Krasno Polje Length: 28 km out and back Gain/Loss: 889 m / 286 m Time: 7 hours Other: Pack your own lunch and snacks (buy at Market-Trgovina Mlin)
	Middle Velebit Mountains	
Drove from Apartment Juka to Zavižan following the southern route of the mountain roads	> Premužić Trail from Zavižan to Alan Mountain Hut	1) Starting point: Zavižan; Large parking lot address: Parkiraliste PD Zavižan 53284, Volarice Length: 16 km straight through Gain/Loss: 624 m Time: 5.25 hours Other: The Premužić trail is a fairy tale hiking trail. It is extraordinary. The most memorable mini trail of the Illyrian Way. Sleep at Alan Mountain Hut. Great food, great view! Other: Pack your own lunch and snacks
Keep walking	> Premužić Trail from Alan Mountain Hut to Skorpovac	2) Length: 20 km straight through Gain/Loss: 437 m Time: 6 hours Starting point: Alan Hut Other: Other: Pack your own lunch and snacks. Sleep at Skorpovac shelter.
Keep walking	> Premužić Trail from Skorpovac to Baške Oštarije	3) Length: 14 km straight through Gain/Loss: 293 m Time: 3.5 hours Starting point: Skorpovac Mountain shelter Other: Other: Pack your own lunch and snacks.
Drive from Baške Oštarije to Star Novalja following road 25 then E65 then ferry from Prizna to Zigljen then 106 then 107 Pag Island	Star Novalja, Pag Island	Drive to Prizna to take the Prizna - Zigljen ferry to Pag Island. This is the fastest and easiest route, there's up to 21 daily departures during the summer so you may be carefree.
Drive from Zigljen to to Marinik-Novalja guesthouse via 106 and 107 roads	> Marinik-Novalja guesthouse	Drive to Marinik-Novalja guesthouse 44.5755, 14.8895 Note: This is a memorable stay! Kristina, the host, is a 20 year New Yorker moved back, lives in Slovenia and runs her grandparents' beach house as an airbnb in Pag, Croatia. Great person, caring, will do the most to make you feel at home and enjoying Pag Island.
Drive from Pag Island to Mostar via E65 and E73	Scenic Road Pag Island to Mostar, Border crossing	Drive from Pag Island to Mostar (this time, no ferry, take the long way down) and stop in Split for a visit and a swim.

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA / BOSNA I HERCEGOVINA		
Find parking and walk in the old town on foot (no cars allowed)	Mostar	Find parking outside but near Old Town (easy, follow park here signs and parking attendants waving you down) and walk in.
Sleep at a loft near the old ottoman bridge	Ottoman Loft in the heart of Old Town Mostar	Located on Oneščukova street, across from Šadrvan restaurant, the loft is protected by UNESCO and steps from the Mostar Bridge so it's a must! Can be found on airbnb and owner's (Edina's) contact is: +38762984447
Drive from Mostar to Osanjci via M17.3	Stolac to Ošanjci to Daorson	Starting point: Park on the street before entering the Stolac Old Town / Castle area, perhaps at Stolac Minica Old Mill Restaurant. Free parking if you eat there. Address: 3XQ6+VV5, R427, Stolac Length: 9.4 km out and back Gain/Loss: m Time: 2.25 hours Other: Drive to Stolac, visit the small town and park there and head to Ošanjci and do the hiking path from Ošanjci to Daorson. Daorson is the the largest excavated Illyrian city to date. While in Stolac, make additional time to see the Provalije Waterfall and climb the Stolac Old Town Castle.
Drive from Ošanjci to Jablanica via M17.3 to E73/M17	Restoran Kovačević, Jablanica	Drive to Jablanica and stop at Restoran Kovačević for roasted lamb from the pit. Do not miss this!
Drive from Restoran Kovačević to Tiny barrel home via E73 to R419 and around the lake in Blidinje National Park	Blidinje National Park	Drive to Blidinje National park and sleep in the park, Tiny barrel home found on airbnb. If hungry for dinner, or breakfast the next day, check out Hajdučke vrleti restaurant and motel
	> Tiny barrel home in Blidinje	43.3621, 17.2520; book on Airbnb or booking.com
Drive from Tiny Barrel home to Hajdučke Vrleti	> Hajdučke Vrleti restaurant	43.7883, 17.8617; great food and an iconic spot for hikers
Start walking from Tiny Barrel if you are up for it but I recommend you start from 43.612465, 17.422085	> Vran Peak (2,074 m)	Starting point: 43.612465, 17.422085 Length: 21 km straight through Gain/Loss: 1,386 m/ 1,344 m Time: 7.5 hours Other: Calculate ahead an additional roundtrip hour, if you get the urge to climb the highest summit of Vran mountain. Trail starts 13 minute drive from Tiny Barrel home, can park on the street, and finishes at Hajdučke Vrleti and you can ask for a cab back to your car.
Rest here	> Tiny Barrel home, Blidinje Lake	If you can, take a day to read, journal, rest and prepare for next hike, and observe nature
Park at Hajdučke Vrleti and start walking from there	> Jelinak (Čvrstica) to Veliki Vilinac (2,113 m)	Starting point: 43.7883, 17.8617 Park in front of the Hajdučke Vrleti motel. Moderate in technical strength but it difficult because it requires time (15 km in day 1, 25 in day 2). Sleep at Mountain Lodge Vilinac. Length: 40 km straight through Gain/Loss: 1,763 m/ 1,760 m Time: 15.5 hours
Sleep here	Mountain Lodge Vilinac	Return to car park after hike and then to Tiny Barrel home if you still have it booked. Or perhaps you booked at Hajdučke Vrleti instead.
Drive from Blidinje Lake to Guesthouse Ramadan from R419 to E73 to R422a to unknown country road starting at junction of R422a and R422b heading southwest to Umoljani	Guesthouse Ramadan (Motel Restoran Cardak Kod Ramiza)	Drive to Guesthouse Ramadan 43.673591, 18.226503 Address: M6CG+PFV, 47, Umoljani and sleep there. Contact umoljani@gmail.com or tel:+387 61 228142 via whatsapp
Start walking from the guesthouse	Bjelašnica Hike: Umoljani to Studeni Potok to Ratkinice Canyon and Lukomir (1,495 m)	Starting point: 43.673591, 18.226503 Guesthouse Ramadan, Address: M6CG+PFV, 47, Umoljani Length: 15 km loop Gain/Loss: 776 m/ 780 m Time: 6.5 hours Other: difficulty 4/5, follow signs to Lukomir, the highest altitude village in Bosnia and Herzegovina, via Obalj, continue the loop on the road above the canyon of the river Rakitnica and back to Umoljani. An unforgettable journey!
Drive from Umoljani mountain road to R422a to R446	Sarajevo	Meander around Sarajevo
Drive from Sarajevo M18 to R433 to R434 to M20 to Hotel Mladost - NP Sutjeska Sutjeska National Park	Scenic Road Sarajevo to Sutjeska National Park, R434 Zelangora highway and Zelengora Mountain Hike in Sutjeska National Park	During the scenic drive, stop for an awe-inspiring hike on R434. Leave as early as possible to not rush through the scenic drives and hike. Length: 8.3 km out and back Gain/Loss: 522 m/ 522 m Time: 3 hours Starting point: Orlovačko Lake Other: Great views of Maglic, Bosnia's highest mountain (2,368 m)
Drive from Hotel Mladost - NP Sutjeska to Pluzine via M20 to M18 to E762	Scenic Road Sutjeska to Plužine, Border crossing	

MONTENEGRO / CRNA GORA		
Spend at least two full days and nights in this beautiful hidden gem	Plužine	Sleep and eat at Guesthouse Zvono 43.1535, 18.8415, and listen to eclectic playlist of Jazz music from world jazz masters, great coffee shop and cocktails too. Ask them for recommendations: they will map out for you a hidden tunnel drive up to see Piva Canyon from up top. Beware of beautiful cows grazing, if you drive up.
Swim here	Piva Lake	Enjoy the lake. Ask guesthouse to rent you stand up paddles and/or a motor boat tour.
Drive from Guesthouse Zvono 43.1535, 18.841 to Durmitor via E762 to P14 to P5 to 43.167721, 19.078445	Scenic Road Plužine to Brljevo	
	> Rural guesthouse Suri	Stop by for a beer or a full meal at this wonderful family owned guesthouse. Ninko, the teenage son of Milos will happily translate for his dad and guests in English.
Drive to Durmitor National Park	Scenic Road Plužine to Durmitor	
Stop on the way at Piva Canyon Viewpoint in Plužine	> Piva Canyon Viewpoint	It's a must. Address: 5VF5+J6G
	Durmitor National Park	
Drive to 43.167721, 19.078445 and park on the side of the road then start walking.	> Cverna Greda (2,175 m)	Starting point: From the road (43.167721, 19.078445), park on the side of the road. Length: 9.5 km out and back with a small loop at the top Gain/Loss: 441 m /447 m Time: 2.5 hours Then follow foot path to Jablan lake and end at the stunning vantage point by Crvena Greda. Continue on to the top of Crvena Greda for another 20 minute roundtrip.
Drive to Hotel Žabljak and sleep there	> Hotel Žabljak	
Start walk to Prutaš mountain from Hotel Zabljak or 43.104430, 19.019909	> Prutaš (2,393 m)	Starting point: 43.104430, 19.019909 Route 16, Prutas is the largest (not highest) peak and the most iconic mountain of Durmitor National Park! The hike is a bit difficult but this entry point makes it the easiest hike to Prutas. Length: 7.7 km out and back Gain/Loss: 657 m Time: 4 hours
Start walk from Žabljak to Planinica 43.154550, 19.124317	> Planinica (2,330 m)	Starting point: 43.154550, 19.124317, start right from the center of town in Žabljak, street Vuka Karadžića. Along this street, there's many hostels and Durmitor adventure kiosks. Take Njegoševa road next towards out of town. You will pass a mountain hut to your right Vista Durmitor/Mountain Hut · Pitomine. If you prefer to shorten it, you can also park closer to the trail by Crno Jezero (lake). That shaves of 3 km each way. But you will have to pay a couple of euros for parking and go early to guarantee a spot. There's an awesome restaurant where you rest and grab food and beer at the end at Nacionalni Restoran Crno Jezero. Length: 22 km out and back Gain/loss: 1,010 m Time: 8 hours
Drive from Hotel Žabljak to 43.099014, 19.050481 then walk	> Bobotov Kuk (2,522 m)	Starting point: 43.099014, 19.050481 Durmitor Sedlo Car parking area, Bobotov Kuk is the highest mountain peak in Montenegro. There are two others but those are shared with Albania. Difficulty is 5/5 but you can always not go all the way to the top if you grow tired. Length: 11. 8 km loop Gain/Loss: 980 m Time: 6 hours
Drive from Žabljak to Kotor via P5 to E762 to M6 to P11 to E80 to E65 42.4247, 18.7712	Kotor	There's plenty of sleeping options in Kotor
Start walk from wherever you are staying to the beginning of the trail	> Old Kotor Town City Wall Trail (San Giovanni Fortress)	Starting point: Svete Marije Koledate (Saint Mary Collegiate) Church 42.425991, 18.772008 Length: 3 km out and back Gain/Loss: 279 m Time: 2 hours Finish: Sveti Đorđe (Saint George) Church 42.422486, 18.775914
Start walk from wherever you are staying to the beginning of the trail	> Ladder of Kotor / Škurda Canyon Trail	Starting point: 42.427187, 18.773779, On Tabaciina road, near the Pekara AS Bakery, Kotor, just outside Old Town, near the River Gate / North Gate Length: 10 km out and back Gain/Loss: 1,009 m Time: 4.5 hours Finish: 42.422930, 18.786219, at Top of the Kotor Ladder viewpoint called Trojica Škurda canyon reveals a breathtaking scenery of its own with 26 waterfalls along its route, ranging in length from 3-42 meters, featuring natural swimming holes, rocks for climbing, and narrow crevices. Ladder of Kotor hiking trail is outside of the old city versus the Old Kotor Fort Trail that is located within the fortifications. I recommend you spend the night in Kotor and start early the next morning.
Drive from Kotor to Lovcen via E80 to P22 to P1	Scenic Road Kotor to Lovćen	
	Lovćen National Park	
Park near Hotel Monte Rosa, 42.3782675, 18.8414428 and walk	> Lovćen Mountain (1,749m)	Starting point and finish: Near Hotel Monte Rosa, 42.3782675, 18.8414428 Length: 10 km loop Gain/Loss: 883 m / 903 m Time: 2 hours

		You may stay in Lovćen for the night or drive to Ulcinj after the hike so that you wake up there
Drive from Lovćen to Ulcinj via P1 to M2.3 to E80 to M2.4 to E851 to R-17	Scenic Road Lovćen to Ulcinj	
	Ulcinj	
Stay here	> Giovanni's Beach/Trade Etno guesthouses	Take a day or two to enjoy the beach and hospitality. You will need it for the next day of hiking and the days that follow.
Drive from Ulcinj to Plav Lake via R-17 to M2.4 to SH41 to SH20 42.596629, 19.943989	Gusinje and Plav, Border crossing (Montenegro to Albania to Montenegro)	Drive by Gusinje and stay in Plav near the lake, leave the car for about 12 days. There's parking near Stara džamija mosque 42.596629, 19.943989 (Peak to peak until Peja) then go get it from Peja.
	Prokletije National Park	
Park the car and start walking	> Plav to Vusanje by crossing Bora Mountain (2,108 m) and views of Zla Kolata (2,534 m)	Starting point: 42.598082, 19.943962 Length: 21.5 km straight through Gain/Loss: 1,139 m / 1,062 m Time: 8 hours Finish: Guesthouse Vucetaj 42.530300, 19.842632 Other: Difficult but please do not skip this part because the trail is mesmerizing. And the guesthouse will take great care of you once you arrive. This segment is Stage 9 of Peaks of Balkans larger loop trail - we will hop on and off as The Illyrian Trail makes a longer loop to go around in efforts to incorporate The High Scardus Trail. Pack lunch and snacks. Then after this, the guesthouses will pack lunch for you as part of the nightly boarding fee.
Get a ride from the guesthouse to Grebajë	> Grebajë to Mt. Valušnica (1879 m) to Mt.Talijanka (2056 m) to Mt. Popadija (2057 m)	Length: 9.6 km lollipop loop Gain/Loss: 1,028 m Time: 5 hours Starting point: Get a ride to Grebajë. 42.52537, 19.78659 Finish: 42.52537, 19.78659 and get a ride back to the guesthouse Other: This is another awe inspiring trail. Definitely a must! Difficult 4.5/5. Get a ride to Grebajë from the guesthouse and they'll pick you up too. Sleep a second night there. And by this time on the trail, you would have gotten the hiking bug so give yourself the whole day to hike around vs the 5 hours. There's other visible trails you can pick up and do from there. For example, cross the border onto Albania once you reach Talijanka peak and do another loop toward Lepushë.
Get a ride from Vusanje to Plav 42.612865, 20.049019	> Plav to Babino Polje via Hridsko Jezero lake, Border crossing	Get a ride from the guesthouse to Plav by you parked near Stara Džamija Mosque. 42.596629, 19.943989. Chance to change dirty clothing for clean ones from the car where you parked. Then walk to Babino Polje from there. Length: 21 km straight through Gain/Loss: 566 m / 1,140 m Time: 7 hours Finish: 42.612865, 20.049019 Gago's wooden house This is the Peaks of Balkans Stage 8 on reverse.

KOSOVO / KOSOVA		
	Accursed Mountain National Park	
Walk from guesthouse to Leqinat, Kosovo	> Babino Polje to Leqinat	Starting point: 42.612865, 20.049019 Gago's wooden house Length: 14.8 km straight through Gain/Loss: 1,078 m / 960 m Time: 6 hours Finish: 42.683379, 20.084299 Hotel Restaurant 'Te Liqeni'; stay overnight Other: Peaks of Balkans Stage 7, difficulty 5/5
Sleep here	Hotel Restaurant 'Te Liqeni'	42.683379, 20.084299
Walk from Leqinat to Drelaj	> Leqinat to Drelaj	Starting point: 42.683379, 20.084299 Hotel 'Te Liqeni' Length: 13.3 km straight through Gain/Loss: 426 m / 773 m Time: 4.5 hours Finish: Guesthouse Konaku I Malësorit; stay overnight 42.707570, 20.119920
Sleep here	Guesthouse Konaku I Malësorit	42.707570, 20.119920. Lovely hosts that offer a plethora of homemade dishes.
Walk from Drelaj to Hajla Peak to Rekë e Allagës	> Drelaj to Hajla Peak (2,403 m) to Rekë e Allagës	Starting point: 42.707570, 20.119920 Guesthouse Konaku I Malësorit in Drelaj Length: 13 km straight through Gain/Loss: 900 m / 1300 m Time: 5.5 hours Finish: 42.727527, 20.156593 Ariu Guesthouse in Rekë e Allagës; stay overnight
Sleep here	Ariu Guesthouse	42.727527, 20.156593; First guesthouse established for Peaks of Balkans trail
Walk from Rekë e Allagës to Milishevc	> Rekë e Allagës to Milishevc with views of Gjeravica (2,656 m) and Marjashi (2,533 m) peaks	Starting point: 42.727527, 20.156593 Length: 16 km straight through Gain/Loss: 880 m / 1303 m Time: 6 hours Finish: 42.633912, 20.137070 at Bujtina Lojza; stay overnight Peaks of Balkans Stage 5 on reverse / difficulty 5/5
Sleep here	Bujtina Lojza	42.633912, 20.137070
Milishevc to Guri i Kuq to Bujtina Lojza	> Milishevc to Guri i Kuq (2,522 m)	Starting point: 42.633912, 20.137070 Bujtina Lojza

		Length: 11.2 km out and back Gain/Loss: 906 m Time: 6 hours Finish: Guri i Kuq Peak and turn back to Bujtina Lojza
Get a ride from Bujtina Lojza to Rugova Canyon via unknown mountain road that connects south in Desan with R107 to Pejë Downtown/Center. Via Ferrata takes you over the raging Lumbardhi River and leads up past two caves to the top of Rugova Gorge.	Rugova Canyon - Via Ferrata	Starting point: 42.661239, 20.244378, The starting point is in front of the first road bridge. You can arrange a taxi through Bujtina Lojza to Via Ferrata and they can wait for you and safekeep your hiking bags and drive you to Peja, at the hotel for a well-deserved rest. You will need climbing gear like climbing harness, helmet and gloves, and you can get them at the Visitor Centre Peja (4 km in front of the Via Ferrata). You should have sturdy shoes and sportswear with you. You will receive a full technical and safety briefing before you begin. Length: 1.6 km Time: 2.5 hours Gain/Loss: 228 m / 168 m Finish: The end point is up on the Canyon a path leads you down to the main road in Rugova Canyon, 10 minute walk away from the starting point.
	Pejë	Get a ride to Peja and stay a couple of nights at Hotel Kulla e Zenel Beut
Sleep here	> Hotel Kulla e Zenel Beut	Beautiful hotel frequented by locals and diplomats; great dinner spot
	> Qëbaptore Te Ala	Peja is known for their qëbap dishes and Qëbaptore Te Ala offers a wonderful experience.
Get a ride to Plav to pick up car	Plav	
Drive to Prishtinë via M9 to E851 to R6 to Agim Ramadani road 42.6673, 21.1643	Prishtinë	There's plenty of options for lodging in Prishtinë. If you stay a couple of nights like we did, see next 5 recommendations.
Drive to Bear Sanctuary	> Bear Sanctuary	Drive to Mramor, near Badovc Lake by taking the road from Prishtina to Gjilan (through Graçanica), when you reach gas station 'Tempo', turn left onto the road towards the village Mramor, after 100 m on the left of this road you'll see a sign for 'BEAR SANCTUARY Prishtina', follow this road toward the sanctuary.
Have coffee here	> Prince Coffee House	Great coffee
Eat here	> Slow Food restaurant in Parku i Germisë	Wonderful setting, nestled in the woods and can also take a walk around the park
Eat here	> Najo Vegan and Vegetarian Restaurant	Great fresh food
People watch here	> Kafet e Rakisë Bistro Alley	Best plescavica in town; great cocktails; lively atmosphere; music; and busy
Drive to Prizren via E851 to R7 to E851 to M25	Prizren	Drive to Prizren and stay one or two nights depending on what events of your interest may be happening in the city during your visit.
Sleep here	> Hani i Vjeter in Prizren	Great location for sightseeing Prizren
Eat here	> Qëbaptore Ura e Gurit	Wonderful qëbap dishes
Drive to Hotel Arxhena via R7 to E851 to R113 to R114 → 41.965234, 20.710967	Sharr Mountains National Park	
Sleep here	> Hotel Arxhena	Brod/Dragash
Drive or get a ride to trailhead	> The Wild Goat Trail: Arxhena to Brod to N'Bjeshkë Agroturizëm	Starting Point: 41.991194, 20.705583 is the official starting point (get a ride from Hotel Arxhena or park the car on the road overnight) Length: 26.4 km straight through Duration: 8 h Gain/Loss: 1660 m / 1424 m Finish: 42.120555, 20.789472 is the official ending point but you will have to keep going for shelter to N'Bjeshkë Agroturizëm 42.125188, 20.778216 for another 30 mins, 1.6 km Other: Sleep at N'Bjeshkë Agroturizëm 42.125188, 20.778216 and come back to Brod next day.
Walk from hotel, take the cable car up, and meander up top.	> Arxhena Ski Hill to Shutman Lake	Views of Rudoka Peak (2,660 m) and Vraca Peak (2,582 m)
Start walking from the hotel	> The Sharr Cheese Trail via Arxhena Ski Kill, Shutman Lake, and Rudoka Peak	Length: 21.3 km loop Duration: 7.2 h Gain/Loss: 1276 m / 1550 m Starting Point: 41.979747, 20.707944 Finish: 41.965111, 20.711444 Other: Meet shepherds and taste sharr cheese in their huts. Don't miss the views of Vraca Peak (2,582 m) and Rudoka Peak (2,660 m) on the way. This is a unique and memorable hike. Leave early and take your time being on the trail.

NORTH MACEDONIA / MAKEDONIJA		
	Mavrovo National Park	
Drive to Baba i Dede via E851 to M25 to M25-3 to R6 to E-65 to A2 to E-65 to mountain road on the northern route of Mavrovo lake to 41.59378576, 20.65839800	> Baba i Dede restaurant and B&B	Coordinates: 41.59378576, 20.65839800; stay over 3 nights
Walk from Baba i Dede to Tutto's Restaurant	> Galičnik to Janče	Starting Point: 41.59378576, 20.65839800 Baba i Dede B&B Length: 12.8 km out and back Duration: 5 h Gain/Loss: 791 m Finish: 41.590087, 20.625383 Tutto Restaurant and back to Baba i Dede B&B

Four wheeler tour with Filip at Baba i Dede	> Scenic Road with 4 wheelers towards Govedarnik Peak and then Medenica Peak (2,163 m) in Mavrovo National Park	Book with Marko in Baba i Dede B&B and then when done, also drive down to check out Mavrovo Lake
Next day, walk from guesthouse	> Baba i Dede restaurant and B&B to Medenica Peak (2,163 m) and back	Starting Point: 41.59378576, 20.65839800 Baba i Dede B&B Length: 10 km out and back Duration: 5 h Gain/Loss: 700 m Finish: 41.622837, 20.657451 and back to Baba i Dede B&B
Drive to Bitushe, hike, then drive to Tutto's	> Velebrdo to Bitushe to Velivar/Trebishte and back	Drive from Baba i Dede to Velebredo and turn toward Velebrdo before reaching St. John the Baptist Monastery, and head toward Bitushe. Park near the Cemetery Village Bitushe and take the trail. After the hike, drive to Tutto Restaurant and Hotel and stay over for one night. High Scardus Trail Reverse Stage 14 Bitushe towards Stanet e Hinioskës. Starting Point: Cemetery Village Bitushe, Bitushe; 41.618069 20.577189 Length: 12 km out and back Duration: 6.5 hours Gain/Loss: 891 Finish: 41.631809, 20.534103 Other: Turn back once you have taken in the of Velivar Peak (2,373 m); you may turn around spot where three trails meet or keep going toward Velivar a bit further if you have the energy and time left.
Sleep here	> Tutto Restaurant and hotel in Jance	

ALBANIA / SHQIPËRIA		
	Korab Mountain Range	
Drive to Bujtina Korabi (RF7Q+HF Radomire, Albania) down the road going south then cross border to pick up road SH44 to SH6 to SH31 to Rruga Radomire 41.814078, 20.488680	> Bujtina Guesthouse Korabi	Stay over 2 nights
Start from guesthouse	> Mt. Korab	Starting Point: 41.814078, 20.488680 Guesthouse Korabi Length: 21 km loop Duration: 6 h Gain/Loss: 1,500 m Finish: 41.814078, 20.488680 Guesthouse Korabi. Guesthouse Korabi is also the end of the 10th stage of the High Scardus Trail
Drive from guesthouse to Mrizi I Zanave Agroturizëm	Shkodër	Drive toward Shkodër to reach Mrizi I Zanave Agroturizëm 41.899235, 19.673653
	> Mrizi I Zanave Agroturizëm	Stay over one night
Drive to Shirokë, Shkodra Lake and park at 42.059522, 19.455521	> Shkodra Lake to Maja e Taraboshit	Starting Point: 42.059522, 19.455521 Hike to Tarabosh hill and back Length: 6 km Duration: 3.5 hours Gain/Loss: 571 m
Drive to Drini Times and rent paddle boat	> Shkodra Lake stand up paddle and Restaurant Shkodra	Go on a tour of Lake Shkodra with Drini Times stand up paddle company at 42.060501, 19.450051 and eat fresh fish at Restorant Shkodra down the street.
	Malësi e Madhe	The Grand Highland
Drive to Bogë	> Bogë	Drive to Bogë and stay at Boga Alpine Resort 42.399805, 19.647698. I personally stayed up the road in my maternal family's house.
Sleep here	> Boga Alpine Resort	Boga Alpine Resort 42.399805, 19.647698
Start walk from guesthouse	> Maja Bridashës Trail (2,182 m)	Starting Point: Boga Alpine Resort 42.399805, 19.647698 Length: 6 km Duration: 5 hours Gain/Loss: 1030 m Finish: 42.416496, 19.658017 facing Maja Irgut (2,182 m) and Maja Bridashës (2,125 m) peaks Other: Difficult
Drive to Kulla e Bajraktarit hotel and park. To climb to the peak of Maja e Rrabës (42.380555, 19.666388), park near Kulla e Bajraktarit hotel, then climb up for 5 km.	> Vada e Kol Gjetos Trail and Maja e Rrabës	Starting Point: 42.364302, 19.632395 This trail is not marked but an experienced hiker can follow the sheep path. For me, it's significant. I hiked this mountain for the first time, the day after my wedding in August 4, 2010, with my family. Our destination/ turn around point is the spring water house that my great grandfather and his sister (Teri) built in 1925. Length: 6 km Duration: 2 hours Elevation: 1,390 m Finish: 42.366869, 19.687300
Drive to Tamarë	> Scenic Route from Bogë to Tamarë	
Park by Bar Restorant Tamarë 42.462625, 19.561918 and walk	> Tamarë to Vukël	Park in the center and walk back to the bridge and take the trail on the left to head up toward Vukël Length: 11.7 km Duration: 5 hours Gain/Loss: 647 m Starting Point: 42.462625, 19.561918 Bar Restorant Tamarë Finish: 42.482531, 19.632476 Hotel-Restorant Pepushaj Other: Go ahead, take the time for a swim or two in the river on your way

Sleep there	> Hotel-Restorant Pepushaj	And eat there
Walk to Lëpushë	> Vukël to Lëpushë and Vajusha Peak (2,048 meters/ 6,720 ft)	Length: 19 km Duration: 8 hours Gain/Loss: 1,293 m Starting Point: 42.482531, 19.632476 Hotel-Restorant Pepushaj Finish: 42.527927, 19.730254 Lëpushë Other: Leave early as the trail is long and difficult but absolutely a must. See the Montengro hike 'Grebajë to Mt. Valušnica (1879 m) to Mt. Talijanka (2056 m) to Mt. Popadija (2057 m)' where you were almost on your way to Lëpushë coming from Montenegro. From the Albanian side, Mt.Talijanka is called Maja e Vajushës. Take an extra day and go from 42.527927, 19.730254 Lëpushë to 42.515945, 19.760128 Maja e Vajushës (8km r/t, 5 hours, 750 m gain/loss).
	> Sleep at Bujtina Pepushaj in Lëpushë	42.532041, 19.726987 (This is a different guesthouse from the one the night before.
Get ride from Lëpushë to Selcë	> Lëpushë to Selcë	Get a 20 minute ride from Lëpushë to Selcë. Alternatively, you may hike it too: Starting Point: 42.532041, 19.726987 Length: 14 km Duration: 5.5 hours Gain/Loss: 1,536 m Finish: 42.505136, 19.611282 Rrënoja, Selcë
Keep on walking	> Selcë to Selcë Waterfall to Mregu	Starting Point: 42.508343, 19.597567 Length: 10 km out and back Duration: 5.5 hours Gain/Loss: 850 m Finish: Guesthouse Camping Mreg - Adelina Tinaj and back to starting point Other: Plan to be out for 8 hours so that you can enjoy your lunch up top
Drive to Koplik then Marshej & Bogë	> Scenic Road Selcë to Koplik	Drive south down enough to hit Koplik then take the road back up headed toward Bogë. As you pass the town of Marshej, be aware you are passing some sort of Illyrian necropolis or tumuli highway. With up to 40 ancient burial mounds excavated to date, there's a plethora of knowledge gained. Over 2000 pieces of pottery and ceramics holding black, gray, terracotta, and dark red have been dug and studied. In addition, flint stones, bone handles for tools, metal arrowheads, axels, burned human bones and unburned animal bones encapsulated typically by a wall made from stone and soil and crowned on the top by only stone. In addition to ancient necropolis gems, Marshey today has wide sage growing and the entire area smells like the fragrant herb.
Sleep here	> Check in at The North Alpine Villas	40.39830, 19.67779 Stay over the night and treat yourself. Dinner options: 1) Shoqëria bar and grill across the street, 2) Boga Alpine Resort, or 3) a good market food you found on the way from your drive Selcë - Koplik.
	Theth National Park	
Drive to guesthouse	> Bujtina Dritan Tethorja	Check in and park at Bujtina Dritan Tethorja 42.402572, 19.764589 and check out Thethi Church and surrounding area. Definitely eat at your guesthouse for great homecooked, non-touristy food. And definitely, go to bed early and get a good night's sleep.
Start walking from the guesthouse	> Theth to Valbona with views of Jezerca Peak (2,694) highest peak in the Dinaric Alps	Starting Point: Bujtina Dritan Tethorja 42.402572, 19.764589 Length: 17.9 km straight through Duration: 7 hours Gain/Loss: 1,1041 m / 991 m Finish: 42.452919, 19.892109 Other: Stage 1 of Peaks of Balkans. Plan to be out for 8 hours so that you can enjoy it up top.
	Valbonë Valley National Park	Refer to the Montengro hike 'Plav to Vusanje by crossing Bora Mountain (2,108 m) and views of Zla Kolata (2,534 m)'. Standing in Valbona and looking up, you will see Zla Kolata and Rosni peaks from the Albanian side.
Sleep here	> Restaurant Tradita	Eat and sleep at Restaurant Tradita 42.452919, 19.892109
	> Valbonë to Çerem	Starting Point: Restaurant Tradita 42.452919, 19.892109 Length: 12.8 km straight through Duration: 6 hours Gain/Loss: 1,177 m / 929 m Finish: 42.495391, 19.951646 Other: 5/5 difficult but I wouldn't skip it! This trail crosses Montenegro and back in and once again you get to see the gorgeous Zla Kolata peak.
Sleep here	Guesthouse Kujtim Gocaj	Eat and sleep at Guesthouse Kujtim Gocaj 42.495391, 19.951646
Start walking from the guesthouse	> Çerem to Dobërdoll	Starting Point: Guesthouse Kujtim Gocaj 42.495391, 19.951646 Length: 16.3 km straight through Duration: 7 hours Gain/Loss: 1,141 m / 413 m Finish: 42.547664, 20.067003 Other: 5/5 difficult but I wouldn't skip it! This trail crosses Montenegro and back in and once again you get to see the gorgeous Zla Kolata peak.
Sleep here	Bilbil Vatnika Guesthouse	Eat and sleep at Bilbil Vatnika Guesthouse 42.547664, 20.067003
Start walking from the guesthouse	Dobërdoll to Theth	Make your way back to Theth, same trail back and it'll take 3-4 days OR hike from Dobërdoll to Plav and hire a car back to Theth. I recommend the latter as the hike from Dobërdoll to Plav is super scenic! Starting Point: Bilbil Vatnika Guesthouse 42.547664, 20.067003 Length: 19.4 km straight through Duration: 6.5 hours Gain/Loss: 465 m / 1,328 m Finish: 42.596892, 19.944241
The end of The Illyrian Way		