



ALBANIA WONDERLAND

Designed & Led by Jack Wheeler & Richard Bangs

Saturday, April 20 to Tuesday, April 30, 2024

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Welcome to Albania!

The purpose of this expedition is to experience thrilling adventure combined with magnificent World Heritage Site history, charming hotels, great food, marvelous wine, and wonderfully hospitable people so easy to make friends with along our journey.

Oh, did we mention gorgeous beaches on the unknown Albanian Riviera? Ready? Here we go!

Meet us in Tirana, the capital of Albania, for **Adventure Albania from April 20 to April 30, 2024.**

We're happy to discuss anytime: jack@wheelerwindsorexpeditions.com

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Jack Wheeler, Richard Bangs, Eddy Downpatrick, & Rebel Holiday

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Discover Albania

Everyone knows about Albania's next-door neighbors Greece and Italy, but very few know about Albania. The Ancient Greeks and Romans certainly did, who built cities, villas, and resorts still there today.

Today, only the most experienced world travelers know what a wonderland of magic beauty and great adventure Albania is. We invite you to become one of them.



Day 1 - Arrival Day - Tirana – Saturday, April 20, 2024

Today is the day that everyone arrives in Tirana, Albania's capital. There are easy connecting flights from every major city in Europe.

After checking in to our Five Star hotel, we get a history briefing tour of the city ending at the stature of Albania's national hero, [Skanderbeg](#).



Tonight we'll enjoy an authentic Albania meal at a popular restaurant.



Day 2 – Tirana to Berat – Sunday, April 21

This morning we drive to the walled city of Berat, a [World Heritage Site](#) of historic importance.

We stay in a luxuriously modernized castle inside the city walls and get an intimate understanding of how Berat has been continuously occupied by craftsmen and merchants from ancient times to now.



Day 3 – Osumi River & Canyon – Monday, April 22

Berat is perched along the Osumi River, where we will raft through the mesmerizing Osumi River Canyon, with its waterfalls pouring over towering rock walls. A day of astonishment and fun!



Day 4 – Pindus Mountains & Benja Thermal Baths – Tuesday, April 23

Today is a drive through the beautiful Pindus Mountains where we have a leisurely walk through Lengarica Canyon with its caves and waterfalls. We'll luxuriate in the soothing natural hot springs of the Benja Thermal Baths.

We end the day in the charming village of Permet along the bank of the Vjosa River, where our next adventure begins tomorrow. *(Keep in mind, we've designed this to be perfect for travelers who like a little adventure and for those who like to relax. First, for the adventurous...)*



Day 5 – The Vjosa River – Wednesday. April 24

The Vjosa River is fast becoming legendary. Just this past March 2023, The wild river of Vjosa was declared Europe's first Wild River National Park. Today we white water raft through its most exciting Class III sections of the Kelcyre Gorge – very safely by our local guides who know the river like the back of their hand. And by the most experienced river explorer in the world, our own [Richard Bangs](#)!



Day 5 – The Vjosa River to Tepelene – Wednesday, April 24 (continued)

We end the day at the historic village of Tepelene – you'll be surprised at how historical it is! The center of Tepelene is Lord Byron Square – named after England's famous poet Lord Byron who came here in 1809 to meet Albania's famous warlord Ali Pasha, renowned for fighting the Ottoman Turks. We'll stay, of course, at the Lord Byron hotel – where else?



Day 6 – Progonati Double Waterfall to Gjirokaster – Thursday, April 25

We start by visiting the stunning undiscovered Progonati Double Waterfall.

We're enroute to the magic city of Gjirokaster, a truly amazing [World Heritage Site](#), oozing welcoming charm and capped by its giant castle above. It's a joy to explore.



Day 7 – Gjirokaster to the Adriatic Coast – Friday, April 26

After a relaxing morning and lunch in Gjirokaster, we make our way to the Adriatic Coast via a wonder of nature called *Syri Kalter*. That means *Blue Eye* in Albanian – and trust us, you’ve never seen anything quite like the hypnotic beauty of Blue Eye Springs. No one knows how deep it is, for the sparkling clear water gushes up so fast no scuba diver can get to the bottom. You’ll want to linger here.



Day 7 – The Adriatic Coast – Friday, April 26 (continued)

We continue to the gem of the Albanian Riviera, the resort town of Saranda. Ready to chill after all this adventure? We spend three nights at this beautiful resort.



You'll enjoy relaxing at the Saranda Palace Resort – or, you may choose to explore more...



Day 8 – Butrint – Saturday, April 27

For those who are ready to *explore more*, we'll visit the nearby [World Heritage Site of Butrint](#). The Greeks built it first as Buthrotos, starting in 800 BC. For the Romans, it was Buthrotum, filled with villas, amphitheaters, and vineyards. It's well-preserved.



Day 9 – Ksamil Islands – Sunday, April 28

Today we offer an escape to get away from it all and revel in the solitary serenity of Saranda's gorgeous Ksamil Islands. At this time of year, you'll have them just about all to yourselves.



Day 10 – Albanian Riviera – Monday, April 29

We drive back to Tirana today in the most memorable way – along the entire Albanian Riviera. We'll be stopping along the way to experience the beauty of places like this...



Then it's back to our lovely hotel in Tirana for our Farewell Dinner.

Day 11 – Departures – Tuesday, April 30

Today is Departure Day – we must say goodbye until we meet again for another great adventure.

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Dates: Saturday April 20 to Tuesday, April 30, 2024

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Register: [Adventure Albania 2024-April-20-30](#)

All Inclusive per person: \$5,750 (\$2,850 deposit to register; balance by March 15th)

Albania Adventure is designed and co-led by Jack Wheeler and Richard Bangs exclusively for Wheeler-Windsor Expeditions. It is unique in what we experience, how we experience it, and in value.

All Inclusive: All accommodation as specified in itinerary. All 3 meals with group (B-L-D), including bottled water and soft drinks, throughout the itinerary. All transportation. All activities and excursions with the group in the itinerary. All entrance fees to museums and monuments. Double-Occupancy. (If you are traveling solo, we will try to arrange it with no fee pending availability.)

Cost does not include: International air travel. Meals, snacks, services, and activities not with group or in itinerary. Personal expenses for incidentals, laundry, internet, gratuities, and alcoholic drinks. Visa fees. Note: We provide all support documents required for visas if needed.

Contact to discuss: holiday@wheelerwindsorexpeditions.com

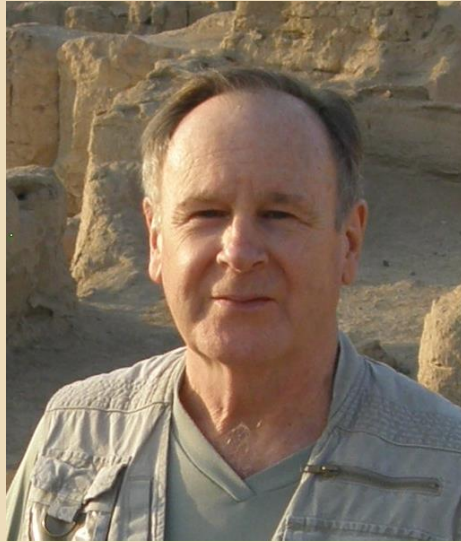
Important caveat: Every effort will be made to adhere to the itinerary above. Due to the vagaries of travel in this region and of adventure travel in general, the itinerary may be altered in any way necessary. Participants agree to accept this and that they maintain a cheerful attitude on an adventure such as this.



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Meet Our Expedition Leadership Team for ADVENTURE ALBANIA

Welcome to our world of exploration and adventure! We look forward to sharing this extraordinary expedition with you. We know that these experiences deepen our lives in countless ways and create lifelong memories to treasure and share. Join us to experience it for yourself!



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