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REQUEST FOR FUNDING Toursim Study Trip to Berat por 16 Students from the Valbona School

Introduction

We are students of the school "Hajia Mushak" Valbona. We are writing this request because we need financial help to make a trip that is very important for us.

Tourism has begun to develop in Valbona. In the last five years tourism has increased 30% every year. The population of Valbona is approximately 230 inhabitants and the only opportunity for employment is the tourism industry. It is very important for our future - both for the economy and to protect the Valbona Valley.

We have the energy and desire, but we really need new ideas and experiences. Our idea is to make a 3 day trip and 2 nights to see the maximum number of tourist sites in Albania. We are focused on Berat because we have heard on television and read that Berat is one of the most visited cities in Albania and Europe. With the help of an agency in Tirana have made a travel schedule. Please read our schedule which is attached. In all these places, we hope that we can see how tourism is developed. We hope to see examples of cultural tourism, ethnographic, and agro-tourism, to see how to operate tourism businesses – restaurants, hotels, tourism shops and other tourist activities, as well as examples of guiding services, waiters and all the other things that we do not have the opportunity to see in Valbona. We hope that when we return, we will be full of new ideas.

We wish and hope that you have the desire to help us. For specific amounts of assistance needed please see the attached budget.

Thank you very much.

Timetable

First Day:

- 4h30 Meet at School
- 4h45 Depart by Furgon to Fierze
- 6h00 Depart by Passenger Boat
- 9h00 Arrive in Koman and depart for Shkoder
- 10h00 Arrive in Shkoder and Visit:
 - Rozafa Castle
 - City Center
 - Marubi Photography Museum
- 12h00 Depart for Blinisht
- 12h30 Lunch at Mrizi i Zaneve, Blinisht
- 13h30 Depart for Kruja
 - Skenderbeg's Castle, Skenderbeg's Museum, Ethnografic Museum and Old Bazaar.
- 14h30 Depart for Durres
- 15h30 Arrive in Durres and visit City Center, Roman Amphitheater, and walk on the waterfront.
 - 17h00 Depart for Berat
 - 18h30 Arrive in Berat and check in to Guesthouse
 - 20h00 Dinner at the Berat "Grill" Restaurant.

Second Day:

- 8h00 Breakfast
- 9h00 Depart for Berat Castle
 - Onufri Icon Museum
 - Visit Castle
 - Tentative: Visit Berat Middle School
- 12h00 Lunch at Hotel Mangellemi and tour of Hotel
- 13h00 Visit to the Vizit ne Medieval Center
- 13h30 Short Visit to the Beqari Mosque, and walk in Mangellemi landmarked area
- 14h30 Visit the Bridge of Gurices and Gurica neighborhood
- 15h30 Tour of Hotel in Gurica
- 16h00 Rest in Guesthouse
- 17h00 Free time to explore
- 18h00 Meet at Hotel
- 19h30 Dinner at another Restaurant

Third Day:

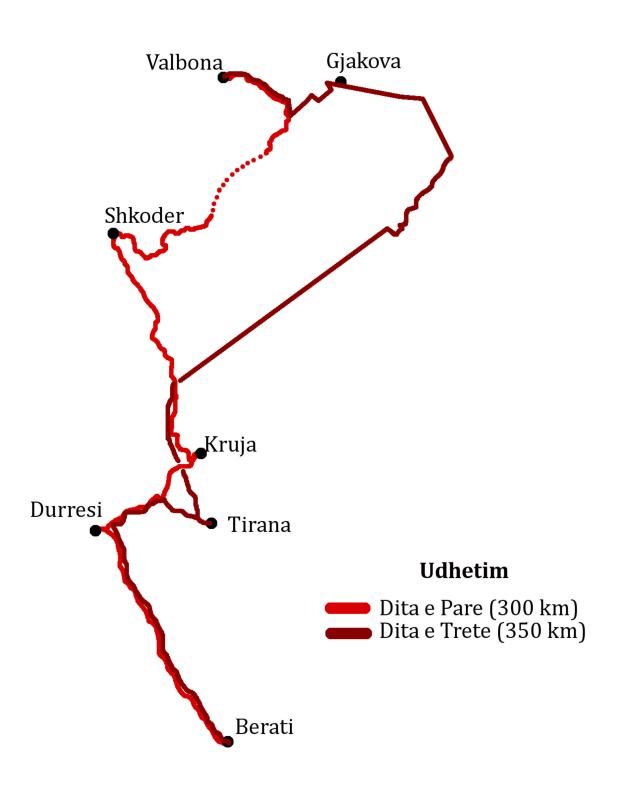
- 8h00 Breakfast
- 9h00 Depart for tour of Cobo Vineyard
- 9h45 Depart for Arednitca Monastery
- 11h00 Tour of Monastery
- 12h00 Depart for Tirana
- 14h00 Arrive in Tirana, Lunch at Bujtina e Gjelit

15h00 Walk in Boulevard Deshmoret e Kombit, noting exteriors of Parliament, Prime Ministry, the Assembly, the Presidency, Congress Buildings, University of Tirana, Arts Academy and the National Stadium)

• Visit to Skenderbeg Square, the Mosque of Et'hem Begut, the Clock Tower, the Cultural Center, and tours of Tirana International Hotel and the National History Museum

16h00 Departure for Valbona on the National Highway, with stop for dinner in Gjakova at the Old Bazaar

23h00 Arrive in Valbona



Budget

Transport:

Bus to Fierze	5,000
Boat to Koman	11,200
Bus for 3 Days	75,000
Total for Transport:	91,200

Accomodation:

2 Nights in Guesthouse:	2,100 per person for 2 nights, 20 people = 84,000
Total for Accommodation:	84,000

Food:

Lunch at Mrizi i Zaneve	1,000 per person, 20 people = 20,000
Dinner in Berat	1,120 per person, 20 people = 22,400
Lunche at Hotel Mangallemi	1,000 per person, 20 people = 20,000
Dinner in Berat	1,120 per person, 20 people = 22,400
Lunch in Tirana	1,000 per person, 20 people = 20,000
Dinner in Gjakova	1,000 per person, 20 people = 20,000
Total for Food: 12	24,800

Entrance Fees to Museums and Monuments:

Total for Entrance Fees:	24,000
in Tirana	200 per person, 20 people = 4,000
in Berat	300 per person, 20 people = 6,000
in Kruja	500 per person, 20 people = 10,000
in Shkoder	200 per person, 20 people = 4,000

TOTAL for TRIP:

324,000 Lek (16,200 lek per person)

Please note:

20 People includes: 16 students, 2 teachers (1 male, 1 female), professional guide (fee donated) and bus driver.