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PEJA

Outdoors

Green and Vital Destination





It's not important how old are you, all you need is a little strength and psychical preparation to experience the adventures & adrenaline that offer Peja Outdoors.

Peja, which situated in the western part of Kosovo, is the gateway to the Bjeshkët e Nemuna (Accursed Mountains) National Park and the Rugova Gorge, along with the Rugova Mountains, is known as a heaven for fans of recreational activities and adrenaline in nature. Easy access, variety of vegetation, soft and suitable terrains offer opportunities for mountain hiking during the spring, summer and autumn seasons and, particularly for elderly people, while the high alpine areas where mountain peaks reach altitudes above 2000m are attractive very much to all lovers of mountain adventure and mountaineering. All these terrains are also attractive for mountain biking and lowland cycling fans. Rugova Gorge is a natural gem, while the rocks that divide this gorge into two parts offer opportunities for rock climbing and Via Ferrata. The caves located in this gorge, particularly the caves "Gryka e Madhe" and Radaci Cave known as "Sleeping Beauty cave" offer adventure experiences for all curious visitors who like to explore. Peja and the Rugova Mountains can also be experienced from the air. For this, paragliding, paramotor and hot air ballooning activities are offered. The winter season is quite attractive. The terrains with suitable slopes offer very good conditions for skiing in the village of Bogë while the paths which connect the villages along the entire territory of Rugova and Bjeshkët Nemuna (Accursed Mountains) are suitable for snowshoe hiking, ski-mountaineering and beautiful winter adventures.

Welcome to the paradise of adventure and outdoor recreation.

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

Discover hidden nature





MOUNTAINEERING

Mountain hiking is one of the most popular activities in the western region of Kosovo and Peja stands out for this as it is the gateway to the Bjeshkët e Nemuna (Accursed Mountains) National Park. Being also the gateway to this park, from the city of Peja many mountaineers, climbers and nature lovers who visit these mountainous not only spend the weekend, but also to carry out hiking expeditions and conquer the mountain peaks in the Accursed Mountains of or as they are otherwise known to the population by the names Albanian Alps and Blessed Mountains. Rugova as the largest mountainous area in the Accursed Mountains belongs to the municipality of Peja and offers great attractive opportunities for the development of hiking activity. Now in this mountainous area are developed trails that offer daily, weekly but also longer experiences which last up to 12 days and cross the state borders, while these trails are prepared in a very suitable way for all ages and genders by provide experiences for beginners to professionals. What sets Peja apart is the close proximity to its mountains and hiking enthusiasts but also many tourists who visit Peja can start walking right from the city and approach the mountains to continue then on the trails for those who have chosen to cross and enjoy the same. In this regard, all hikers and visitors to Peja can experience local daily trails that reach a length of up to 20km, then regional ones that can last up to 1 week passing some municipalities of the western region among themselves and that the length can to reach up to 100km or even cross-border ones such as the paths "Balkan Peaks, Via Dinarica and Accursed Mountains Experience" that connect the state of Kosovo with Montenegro and Albania and their length reaches up to 200km. Fans of this activity are active during the 4 seasons (spring, summer, autumn and winter) experiencing the many natural beauties as well as experiences from meetings with locals.



A wide-angle landscape photograph of a mountain range. In the foreground, a hiker with a backpack is seen from behind, standing on a rocky, grassy ridge. The middle ground is a vast valley filled with a dense forest of evergreen and some deciduous trees showing autumn colors. In the background, a large, rugged mountain peak rises sharply against a blue sky with wispy clouds. The overall scene is bright and scenic.

PEJA, GATE TO ACCURSED MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK



CLIMBING ON MOUNTAIN PEAKS

The highest peak in Peja is Guri i Kuq (Red Stone) reaches a height of 2522m. But knowing that Peja is the gateway to the Accursed Mountains, thus not only the peaks of Peja but also many other peaks located in other municipalities that are part of the national park Accursed Mountains can be made through Peja. Climbing of mountain peaks or alpine activity is quite developed in Peja and this dates back to 1928 with the establishment of the first mountaineering association in Kosovo known as "Gjeravica". All this is thanks to the easy access to the Rugova and Accursed Mountains from the city, the mountainous terrains suitable for access to the deepest mountain areas, as well as the peaks that Peja offers itself. There are a lot of peaks which exceed the level of altitude above 2000m but those that are more attractive can be singled as Guri Kuq 2522m, Çfërla 2461, Hajla 2403m, Vjellaku 2014m, Rusolia 2381m, Maja Hasanit (the Peak of Hasan) 1900m etc. What made Peja stand out is that some of the peaks such as the peak of Çfërle, the peak Vjellaku, the Hasan peak, Kopraniku peak etc. can be realized starting from the city center without the need for transport, while the other peaks you have to travel to the mountainous area of Rugova which has no great distance and the road to the points where you will start your climbing is very attractive and with many natural beauties such as waterfalls, rivers, gorges, caves, etc.



ALPINE CLIMBING

ROCK CLIMBING



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To visit Peja and Rugova Gorge it is necessary to try yourself in the recreational climbing activity which will give you adrenaline and unforgettable experiences. Climbing has started to become a unique offer and Peja is always becoming the destination of rock climbing and this thanks to the demand which is increasing from tourists looking for this type of adventure activity. Almost all tourists who visit Peja and have reached this destination for a different purpose, and they at least book one day for the rock-climbing activity in order to experience the spiritual adventures and unique experiences offered by climbing in the Mountain region of Rugova. Only 3 km from the center of Peja town, there is a paradise for rock climbers in the Rugova Canyon. In this part of the Accursed Mountains, there are 10 existing rock-climbing zones which contain over 60 bolted routes, ranging in length from 10 to 280 m and difficulty from 5 to 8b+. These zones are easily reachable from the main roads. The routes are set by professional rock-climbing experts from Italy and local rock climbers and are checked every year in the beginning of rock-climbing season. Below are the names of climbing zones which are located in Rugova:

- 3 Kilometer
- Solarium
- Jezera
- Balcony
- 5 Kilometer
- Vertigo
- Plazhi i Marimangave
- Shpella dragoit
- Drelaj
- Reka Allage



VIA FERRATA

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Via Ferrata is also an activity that offers experience and adrenaline and is highly demanded by visitors who visit Peja. This activity is performed on the rocks, but you are insured all the time and your climbing will be carried out through the stairs placed on these rocks. At present in Peja-Rugova Gorge, a total of 4 Via Ferrata trails have been opened and are offered to all visitors seeking outdoor experiences and adventures. These recreational trails that develop in rocky parts have a length of 300m to 1000m, whereas the height they reach while walking up to 300m.

Via Ferrata "ARI" belongs to the vertical type ferrates and has a length of 450m while in terms of difficulty it is ranked in system B (Moderately Difficult) which is ranked by ferrates with medium difficulty and can be used by all nature lovers and ordinary tourists. Climbing this trail takes 2 to 3 hours.

Via Ferrata "MAT" belongs to the horizontal type ferrates and has a length of approximately 500m, whereas in terms of difficulty it is ranked in system B (Moderately Difficult) and is ranked by ferrates with medium difficulty and can be used by all nature lovers and ordinary tourists.

Via Ferrata "MARIMANGAT" (Spiders) belongs to the horizontal type ferrata and has a length of 1000m, while in terms of difficulty it is ranked in system D (Difficult) and is ranked by via ferrats with medium difficulty and can be used by all experience nature lovers and tourists. It is the most special as it passes through heights up to 300m experiencing panoramic views of the Rugova Gorge and the Lumbardhi River which meanders along the gorge. It has a length of 1km and it takes 3 to 4 hours to climb it.

Via Ferrata "SHPELLAT" (Caves) belongs to the ferrets of the combined vertical and horizontal type and has a length of 510m, whereas in terms of difficulty it is ranked in system C (Difficult) which is ranked by via ferrata with medium difficulty and can be used by all nature lovers as well as ordinary tourists. It is even more special as the trail passes along a system of 8 caves which were once also inhabited and have an ancient history of mankind. The maximum height that they reach is 900m, while below all the time you can experience the flow of the river Lumbardhi as well as the panoramic part of the Rugova Gorge and the view of Peja.

It is necessary to use adequate basic safety equipment such as helmets, harness and quick draws.





RECREATIONAL BIKING



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Peja is known as a not very big city, but it is a very attractive city and offers a beautiful environment through which the river runs along the center, while the mountain crowns which lie in the western part of the city create its attractive landscape. Access to this city is easy, but what made this city more attractive is the opportunity the use of bike for all ages to visit the various cultural and natural heritage sites which are intertwined and as a heritage of separates this city by giving it special values in Kosovo in terms of tourist importance.

The cycling offer in Peja is expended in three levels:

City offer is a trip through the history of Peja, where visitors can cross the trail which contains 14 points of cultural heritage. At present in Peja is created a good infrastructure for orientation and in the city are located signals for cultural heritage so your journey will be easy but also very attractive learning a little bit of the ancient history of Peja and the periods in which this city has gone through. In addition to the cultural trail, visitors can also enjoy the nearby parts such as the Rugova Gorge, the Health Trail or by spending time in the Karagaq Park, which is a very attractive park.



Mountain offer is also very attractive. I can start from the city of Peja to continue along the Rugova Gorge which is under protection because of its natural values, to continue to Rugova Mountains or even in the mountain territory in the municipalities of the region. This offer is beautiful for mountain bicycle fans and offers suitable paths to spend a day or even one week through the Rugova Mountains and the Nemuna Mountains. The mountain bicycle is now the offer that connects the paths between Kosovo and Montenegro as they are known Accursed Mountain Experience offering unique experiences.

LowLands offers is a very attractive offer combined between town and villages and offers a lot of adventures. It offers opportunities to visit several municipalities in the western region of Kosovo and at the same time your experiences will be complemented by visits to the heritage of this region and experiencing the beauties of the villages in the remote areas of Kosovo through which you will pass. These trails are designed creating the connection of 6 municipalities in the Dukagin region and at the same time are recreational trails which are offered for all ages but also for families. The paths are designed to pass through local roads which have no traffic congestion and are very attractive in terms of biodiversity.





FLYING ABOVE PEJA

Flying over the city of Peja is a completely different experience from other recreational experiences offered in the city of Peja. Experiencing Peja from the ground is a unique experience but experiencing it from the air is an experience that will always remain in your memories. The beauty of the city, the river which flows along the city dividing into two parts, the green parks and oases, the panorama of the Rugova Gorge and the crowns of the mountain peaks, the mountain peaks over 2000m and many other attractions can be experienced completely differently through the activity of paragliding or even para-motor flight. The flight started to develop quite early in Peja sometime in the 50s as a recreational activity and as a sport, and nowadays this activity is also offered for tourist activities and many visitors from different parts of the world who visit Peja are quite curious to experience this tourist offer. This activity is offered from different places, like Maja e Zezë (Black Height) which is located in the north of Peja and the flight from there is very attractive as it gives you the opportunity to experience the city of Peja from above and the next point is in the Lipa mountain which is also an attractive point with stunning views from the Drini i Bardhë waterfall and the Dukagjini plain where you can see other municipalities such as Istog, Klina, then from the mountains of Rugova and Bjeshkët e Nemuna, from the top of Guri i Kuq peak 2552m and Çfërla peak 2461m etc.



PARAGLIDING





SPELEOLOGY

Speleology is an activity that in Peja has started to develop quite early and has a great experience in this regard both in cave research and the leadership of tourist groups. Almost every year arrive in Peja different teams of speleologists who research in the caves of Peja and this has been going on for years as they have discovered large caves which require time and long expertise to explore. The two main and most attractive caves in the western region of Kosovo are located in Peja and are located in the most attractive tourist places like Rugova Gorge and Drini i Bardhë Waterfall.





The cave "Gryka e Madhe" (Great Gorge) which is located in the gorge of Rugova, 8km away from the city of Peja, is a mega attraction which is under constant research by speleology experts from around the world. This cave has so far been explored up to 16km of canals and its exploration is still ongoing and will continue for many years to come. It is distinguished by the stunning beauties that are found in it as canals and galleries (rooms) with large dimensions containing natural creations with millions of years of stalagmites, stalactites, etc. What makes this cave interesting is also the presence of water in it where during your expedition you will have the opportunity to see small lakes, water holes, small waterfalls, etc. This cave is unique and ranks among the 10 caves in the world because it has a vertical climb which reaches over 300m. To carry out the expedition in this cave you must be an organized group and have little experience in recreational activities.

The other cave is located in the village of Radac near the waterfall and the source of Drini i Bardhë, 11km away from the city of Peja. This is also a very attractive cave and is otherwise known as the "Sleeping Beauty". After small interventions in infrastructure that have been made in this cave, it has managed to open and be offered to visitors throughout the year. It also serves for educational activities which are organized with schools, etc. Even in this cave there are various galleries in which stalagmites and stalactites are found which offer amazing beauties created by nature for years. The entirety of the cave consists of three parts: the entrance channel, the central gallery and the bathtub channel. It is presented by archaeologists as a cave which was once inhabited.



SKIING AND SNOWSHOEING

The tourist village of Bogë is one of the most touristic villages in the destination of Peja, which is visited throughout the year, especially in the winter season. It is located 36km west of the city of Peja and access to it is very easy as the road is all paved and maintained at all times. In this village exist the ski slope and the ski lift which offers good conditions for all ski fans starting from those of the basic level up to the advanced level. In this village there are available ski schools where parents who love winter sports can offer courses for their children ranging from basic to professional ones who with the experiences, they can get can be ready to participate in ski races. Trails are also connected from this village where visitors can make daily walks with snowshoes enjoying the views of the mountains of Rugova. In this village, but also in the entire mountainous region of Rugova, there are trails that connect the villages and these trails are available during the winter season for snowshoeing. Recently tour operators started to offer Nordic-ski in the different terrains of Rugova and Accursed mountains national park.









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