

SPICE ROADS

CYCLING



IONIAN ASCENTS: ALBANIA, NORTH MACEDONIA AND GREECE BY ROAD BIKE

Tour Code
MCT-AMG

9 DAYS
8 NIGHTS

	Destinations	3
	Tour Meets Tour Ends	Tirana, Albania Tirana, Albania
	Fly in to Fly out of	Tirana International Airport Nënë Tereza (Rinas Airport), TIA Tirana International Airport Nënë Tereza (Rinas Airport), TIA
	Group Size Minimum Age	4-16 riders 18 (on scheduled departures)

ACTIVITY PROFILE



7
Cycling days

563 km
Total cycling distance

81 km
Avg distance / day

1246 m
Avg climbing / day

PRICING



Price	US\$ 2,795
Bike Hire (Road Bike)	US\$ 490
Single Supplement	US\$ 390

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- ✓ SpiceRoads jersey
- ✓ Water bottle
- ✓ Support vehicle
- ✓ Guide(s)
- ✓ Meals (as indicated)
- ✓ Airport drop off
- ✓ Accommodation
- ✓ Snacks and drinks

WHAT'S EXCLUDED

- ✗ International flights
- ✗ Domestic flights
- ✗ Airport pick up
- ✗ Visa fees
- ✗ Alcohol
- ✗ Tips

DEPARTURES



11 April - 19 April 2026
02 May - 10 May 2026
23 May - 31 May 2026
29 August - 06 September 2026
26 September - 04 October 2026
17 October - 25 October 2026
10 April - 18 April 2027
01 May - 09 May 2027
22 May - 30 May 2027
28 August - 05 September 2027

See website for later departures

TRIP PROFILE

Our average distance per day is 82 km (the maximum daily distance being Day 3, with up to 103 km), while the average elevation gain is +1246 m/day (the maximum gain is on Day 8, with up to up to 2500 m). On Day 2, we will transfer out of Tirana and begin our first ride, a moderate 53 km, while Day 3 increases the daily distance to 90 km with increased elevation gains. The true climbs begin on Days 4 & 5, with 1600 m of elevation gain respectively. Day 6 is a bit shorter and easier, allowing for a respite before the bigger final days of the tour. Day 7 features 740 m of vertical ascent, but much of it is packed into a short, steep climb towards the end of the ride. The beautiful final ride on Day 8 is potentially the toughest, offering up to 85 km and +2500 m of ascent. However, you may also wish to stop in the city of Dhermi rather than making the final climb. This shorter version is 71 km long, with +1500 m of ascent.

The trip is fully supported, and your guide's expert knowledge of the area and terrain means that you always know what is coming up in terms of distance and difficulty. This makes a tremendous difference, as does the constant supply of water and refreshments along the way.

Suitability: This is a challenging cycling tour that caters to experienced road cyclists with good physical fitness. You should be comfortable with daily climbing of +1500 m or more over consecutive days, and be able to handle your bicycle well on narrow roads with steep descents and hairpin turns. While the days vary in difficulty, and the tour includes a rest day, each day of riding will bring significant climbing challenges, potentially with extreme mountain conditions such as heat, cold, high winds, and rain along the way. Of course, we will always have support vehicles available in case you need a lift!

Biking conditions: The rides are chosen to be ideal for cycling, meaning heavy traffic will be rare, but it's always possible to encounter vehicles along the way. We will also ride into historic town centres and other settlements, which will mean navigating among numerous vehicles and other obstructions. Road surfaces are generally tarmac, but may include some rough broken asphalt, occasional gravel sections, and cobblestones. Steep, extended descents on mountain roads mean that control of the bike and ease with braking will be a must.

Riding in the mountains, we can expect a wide variety of climates and temperature swings from hot to cold, as well as sudden changes in the weather. Appropriate cycling gear for mountainis, including layers and waterproof apparel, will be essential.

We generally ride rain or shine, but based on the guide's discretion or your level of comfort, modifications to the planned route can be made. It's all part of the adventure!



Day 1: Meet in Tirana

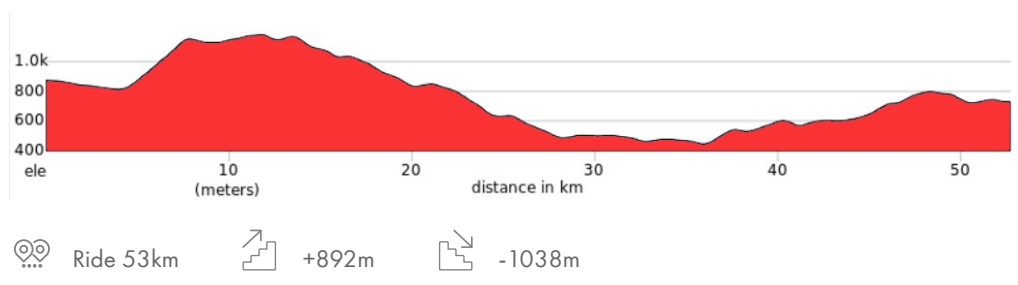
Upon arrival, settle in and explore colourful, lively Tirana, with its cafes and shops set amid eclectic architecture from different eras. Later, meet for dinner in the city centre and prepare for the cycling adventure ahead!

 Hotel Sky 2 or similar  Dinner

Day 2: Tirana - Peshkopi

This morning, we will leave Tirana for a 2-hour eastward transfer to the quaint village of Borovë. Upon arrival, have a coffee and get fitted on your bike. We'll then set out on our first ride, heading towards Peshkopi with moderate climbing, warming up on this 55-km route across a variety of terrain. We will follow a ridgeline that parallels Albania's border with North Macedonia, offering sweeping views of the frontier country. Crossing several turquoise rivers, we will stop for refreshments in the villages dotted along the route. With a final modest climb into Peshkopi, we will settle into our hotel and explore this pleasant town, known for its thermal baths. With the nearby mountains, Peshkopi is also known as an outdoor activity hub.

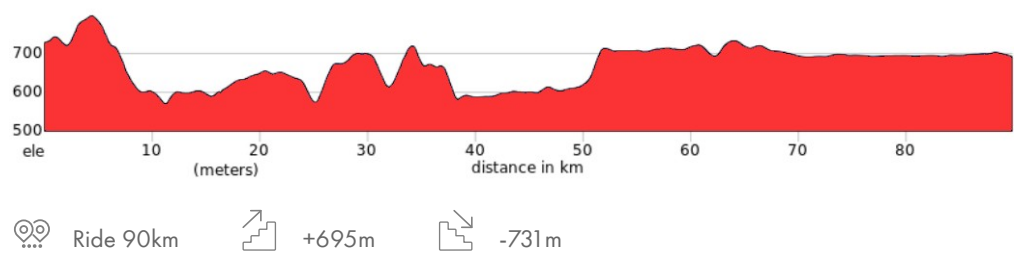
 Hotel Mangalem or similar  Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day 3: Peshkopi - Ohrid

Start the morning with a fun descent out of Peshkopi's mountaintop perch. After 15 km, we will reach the North Macedonian border. From here, an undulating road leads us to Lake Debar, the reservoir formed by the damming of the Black Drin River in the 1960s, under Tito's government of Yugoslavia. Continuing south along the Black Drin, we will reach the picturesque, ancient town of Struga on Lake Ohrid. The final 10 kilometres of today's ride will be along the shoreline of this fascinating body of water: this is one of Europe's oldest and deepest lakes, and it is a natural marvel, with 200 endemic species. We will stay the night with views over the lake in the charming town of Ohrid. Tonight, you will have the chance to choose your restaurant for dinner and try hearty North Macedonian cuisine!

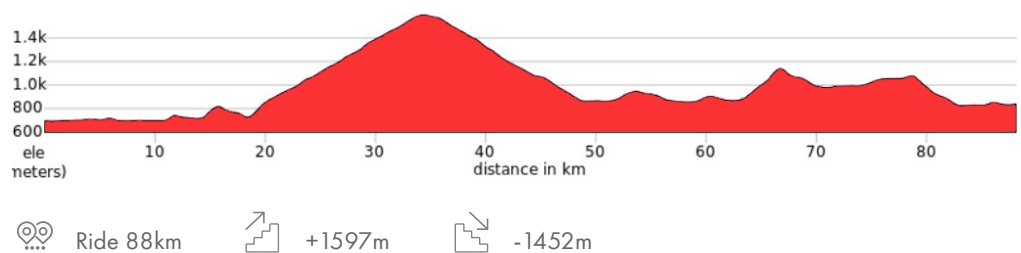
 Royal Hotel or similar  Breakfast, Lunch



Day 4: Ohrid - Kastoria

This morning, we warm up with flat lakeside riding through settlements inhabited since the Bronze Age or before. Around the 14 km mark, we start our big climb for the day, gaining almost 1000 m of elevation in about 20 km. This is Galičica Mountain, which divides Lake Ohrid and its neighbour, Lake Prespa. Featuring a summit of 2,265 m above sea level, the mountain is a natural park, bursting with local flora. With panoramic views at every turn, we will descend to a road high above Prespa which brings us back from North Macedonia into Albania once more. Emerging from the mountains, we will end our ride near the farming community of Plase, then transfer for just under 1 hour into Greece, our third country of the day! We will spend the night in Kastoria, situated on a promontory on Lake Orestiada. The town is known for its beautiful Byzantine architecture, and it's the perfect place to spend our first night in the Hellenic Republic. Stroll its streets and choose a restaurant for dinner after this big day on the bike.

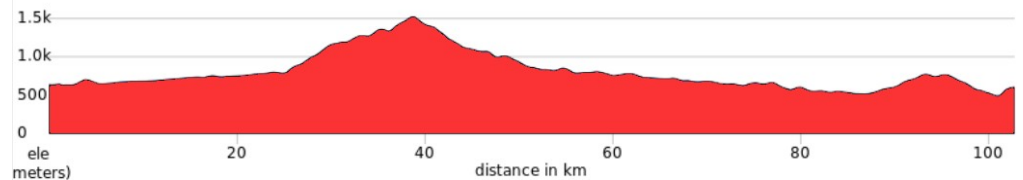
 Hotel Kastoria or similar  Breakfast, Lunch



Day 5: Kastoria - Konitsa

Wake up in the beautiful ambience of Kastoria, with views over the lake on all sides of the promontory. Setting out by bicycle, we begin a long, gradual climb alongside the beautiful Haliacmon River, eventually gaining 1000 m of elevation of a span of about 38 km. The final 14 km are the most demanding, with an average grade of 5%. We are then rewarded with a great view from the summit, Nea Kotili, at 1450 m ASL, followed by 50 km of almost constant descent, making the afternoon a true joyride. We glide into Konitsa, our destination for the night. Settle into your hotel, then explore this small, historic town at the confluence of the Aoos and Voidomatis Rivers. Tonight, we will gather for dinner and sample delicious foods from this region, which historically was the heart of the region of Epyrus.

 Hotel Rodovoli or similar  Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

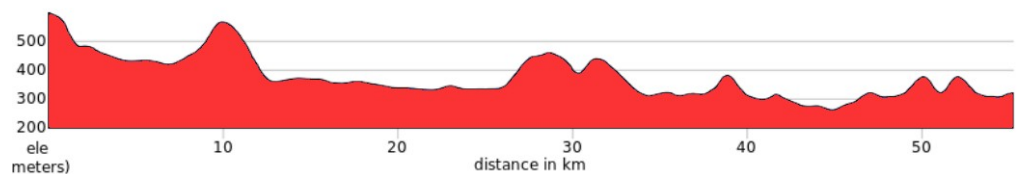


 Ride 102km  +1635m  -1668m

Day 6: Konitsa - Përmet

Today is a more relaxed affair, as we ride among densely wooded hills above rushing rivers, reaching the Greek-Albanian border near the Ponte Perati, a bridge famed for a pivotal battle in World War II. Crossing the Sarantoporos River, we then follow the Vjosa upstream, with views to the lofty peaks above. We'll stop along the way for a traditional Albanian lunch, cooked with delicious ingredients from this farming region. Our destination is the thermal baths at Benje, in Lengarica Canyon. Take time to relax in these therapeutic waters, enjoyed by weary travelers since time immemorial, surrounded by natural beauty. Later, we'll transfer to our accommodations in the town of Përmet, where you will have the evening free to browse the many artisans' shops, sample local wine and raki, and choose your restaurant for dinner.

 Hotel Alvero or similar  Breakfast, Lunch

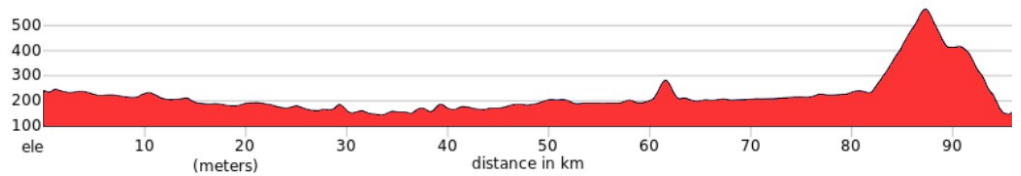


 Ride 55km  +665m  -943m

Day 7: Përmet - Gjirokastër - Sarandë

This morning, leave Përmet by bike, continuing along the Vjosa for some 35 km on a gradually descending road. A panoramic ride along the Drinos River follows, with terraces aplenty offering the chance to take in the views along the way. The valley widens to broad pastoral hillsides. The town of Gjirokastër, a trove of history and culture, rises up out of this rural landscape. You may wish to visit Gjirokastër castle and the old Ottoman-era bazaar. 20 km out of town, we'll reach our cycling challenge of the day: a steep 5 km climb with an elevation gain of 340 m over the Muzina Pass, which takes us away from the Drinos Valley and down towards the coast of the Ionian Sea. We'll ride into a natural sanctuary called Blue Eye (Syri i Kaltër) National Park, a natural wonder known for its vibrant blue spring and surrounding forest. After unwinding in this natural setting, we'll transfer a short distance to the coastal town of Sarandë, an invigorating change of setting and atmosphere after our days in the mountains. Walk along the promenade, check out the shops, and explore the dining scene, with seafood and plenty of other options available.

 Hotel Agimi or similar  Breakfast, Lunch

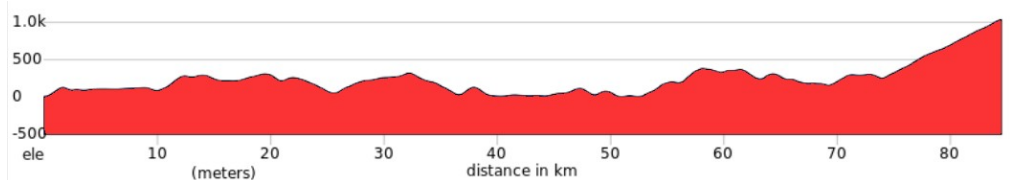


Ride 96km
 +738m
 -822m

Day 8: Sarandë - Llogara - Berat

We ride out of Sarandë northward through rugged hill country that soon yields awe-inspiring coastal views. Descending to idyllic bays of azure waters, we'll reach Dhërmi, a jewel of this Ionian coastline. The town sits perched about 200 meters above sea level, with old stone streets and peaceful retreats with spectacular views as we stop for lunch. You may wish to stop cycling here in Dhërmi, or take on the afternoon challenge of the Llogara Pass. This road soars high above the Riviera, entering the Ceraunian Mountains through Llogara National Park, with a gain in elevation of 750 m in a distance of just 10 km via a series of switchbacks. Reaching the summit, take in views over the sea 1000 m below. We'll transfer from here to the UNESCO heritage site of Berat, which dates from the 7th century BCE. Byzantine churches and fortifications dominate the town, along with remnants of Persian, Roman, and Ottoman periods. We'll gather in this inspiring ambience for our final night dinner, raising our glasses to celebrate and recollect this grand journey through this scintillating region.

Hotel Mangalem or similar
 Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Ride 85km
 +2500m
 -1467m

Day 9: Berat - Tirana Departure

This morning, we will depart by group transfer of approximately 2-2.5 hours. You can choose your drop-off point: at Tirana's Rinas Airport (TIA) for onward flights, or Tirana's city centre, if you prefer to linger in Albania!

Faleminderit... udhëtoni të sigurt!

Breakfast

Disclaimer: The adventure cycling tours we operate often go beyond the beaten track, and the countries where we ride are not always predictable. Due to these reasons, it is occasionally necessary to reroute or update itineraries. Our guarantee is that we will not change a trip unless for safety or to improve it. Our listed hotels are always accurate at the time of writing, but should we have to change any hotel, it will always be for a similar or better one.

NUTS & BOLTS

Bikes

Because some people can't imagine going on a trip without their own beloved bicycle, we do not provide them as part of this tour. However, you can hire bikes locally for the price listed in the tour pricing section.

If you bring your own bike, please make sure it is a road bike in good mechanical order, and that you bring any specialty/spare parts that might be needed for your model of bike.

Bike Repairs

Basic spares and tools are carried by the guide and on the support vehicle, though we cannot guarantee having spares for every conceivable problem. Carrying a basic tool kit, a spare tube and a pump while riding is recommended.

Safety

Wearing a helmet is required on all our biking adventures and is non negotiable. If you do not wear a helmet you will not be allowed to cycle. Your tour leader is trained in first aid and emergency rescue, but to a large degree you must be responsible for your own safety while riding. It is therefore compulsory that you take out travel insurance that will cover you for a mountain biking tour.

Guides

You will be led by a local English-speaking guide and if the group is 9 people or more we will add another guide to the tour. All our guides are well informed in the history, culture and religions of the area where you are biking and are skilled at passing that knowledge on to you. Your guide is also medically trained and an experienced cyclist, able to handle most minor repairs en route.

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ALBANIA

Passports and Visas

Albania is not a member of the Schengen Area, though it maintains a very liberal entry policy for tourists. Citizens of the UK, US, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand do not require a visa for stays of up to 90 days. For US citizens, this stay is often extended to one year without a visa. While the ETIAS system is required for entry into the neighbouring Schengen zone, it is not currently required for entry into Albania. Please ensure your passport is valid for at least three months beyond your intended date of departure.

Health & Insurance

No specific vaccinations are mandatory for entry, but it is advisable to be current on standard boosters such as Tetanus and Hepatitis A/B. Comprehensive travel insurance is essential and must specifically cover cycling activities and medical evacuation. While private medical facilities in Tirana are of a high standard, medical infrastructure in remote mountain regions is more basic. We recommend drinking bottled or filtered water while in rural areas.

Weather

The prime window for cycling in Albania is from late April to June and September to October.

- **The Best Window:** Spring and autumn offer the most comfortable riding temperatures, typically ranging between 20°C and 26°C.
- **Summer Heat:** July and August can be exceptionally hot, with coastal and inland temperatures often exceeding 35°C.
- **Coastal Winds:** When riding along the Ionian coast, be prepared for occasional sea breezes.
- **Gear:** High-quality, lightweight waterproof layers are recommended for mountain sections, and high-factor sun protection is essential for coastal riding.

Food

Albanian cuisine is a delicious fusion of Mediterranean and Balkan traditions, focusing on fresh, seasonal ingredients. You must try **Byrek**, a flaky filo pastry filled with spinach, cheese, or meat. Another national favourite is **Tavë Kosi**, a hearty baked dish of lamb and rice in a yoghurt sauce. Along the coast, the seafood is exceptional and often caught the same morning. We cater to all dietary needs; please notify us of any requirements at the time of booking.

Drink

Coffee culture is central to Albanian life, with strong espresso and traditional Turkish-style coffee served in every village square. Hydration is vital on the long coastal climbs, and we provide

ample water and snacks during every ride. The national drink is **Raki**, a potent fruit brandy usually made from grapes, often served as a gesture of hospitality. Albania also has a long history of winemaking, with unique local varieties like **Kallmet** and **Shesh**. Please note that alcohol during meals is not included in the tour price.

Solo Travellers

SpiceRoads welcomes solo adventurers and does not charge a mandatory single supplement. We will arrange for you to share a room with another traveller of the same gender. If no match is available, you will receive a single room at no additional cost. If you prefer to guarantee your own private room for the duration of the trip, a single supplement is available at the rate listed in the tour pricing.

Extra Expenses

Albania remains one of the most affordable destinations in Europe. You should budget for personal incidentals such as artisanal snacks, traditional hand-woven textiles, or visits to local archaeological sites like Butrint. Tipping is not mandatory but is a common gesture of appreciation for excellent service in restaurants and for your support crew.

Money

The currency is the **Albanian Lek (ALL)**.

- **Cash is King:** While credit and debit cards are increasingly accepted in major hotels and restaurants in Tirana and Sarandë, Albania remains a largely cash-based society.
- **ATMs:** Cash machines are available in larger towns and accept most international cards, though they may charge a small withdrawal fee.
- **Exchanges:** It is useful to carry a supply of Lek for use in small village tavernas, local markets, and rural guesthouses where card terminals are non-existent.

GREECE

Passports and Visas

Greece is a member of the **Schengen Area**. Citizens of the **UK, US, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand** do not require a visa for short-term tourism. These travellers are permitted to stay for up to **90 days within any 180-day period**.

Visa-exempt travellers are required to obtain a valid **ETIAS** (European Travel Information and Authorisation System) approval prior to arrival. This digital registration is linked to your passport and is valid for three years. Additionally, the **Entry/Exit System (EES)** is operational at all borders. This involves a quick biometric registration, including a facial image and fingerprints, upon your first entry into the Schengen zone. For citizens of the EU, Switzerland, and Norway, entry is permitted with a valid National ID card or passport. Please ensure your passport is valid for at least three months beyond your intended departure date.

Health & Insurance

No specific vaccinations are mandatory for entry, though it is advisable to be current on standard boosters such as Tetanus and Hepatitis A/B.

Comprehensive travel insurance is essential and should specifically cover cycling and medical evacuation. This is particularly important if you are exploring remote island roads or the high Pindus Mountains. If you are an EU citizen, ensure you carry a valid European Health Insurance Card (EHIC). UK citizens should carry a Global Health Insurance Card (GHIC) to access reciprocal state-provided healthcare during their stay.

Weather

The Greek climate is typically Mediterranean, featuring long, dry summers and mild, wet winters.

- **The Best Window:** **April to June** and **September to October** are the ideal months for cycling. During these periods, the temperatures are comfortable and the landscapes are at their most vibrant.
- **Summer Heat:** In July and August, temperatures can frequently exceed **35°C**. During this time, coastal breezes offer some relief, but inland mountain routes remain the best escape from the heat.
- **Mountain Conditions:** Weather in high-altitude regions like the Peloponnese or Central Greece can change rapidly. Even in late spring, mountain passes can be significantly cooler than the coast.
- **Gear:** Breathable, high-quality sun protection is vital. A light, windproof layer is also recommended for long descents or cooler evening sea breezes.

Food

Greek cuisine is a masterclass in the Mediterranean diet, focusing on fresh, seasonal, and local ingredients. Signature dishes include **Moussaka** (layers of aubergine and spiced meat), fresh grilled octopus, and the ubiquitous Greek salad topped with premium feta. The regional specialities, such as the wild mountain greens known as **Horta** or the honey-soaked **Baklava**, provide a true taste of the landscape. Most meals are served family-style to encourage sharing. We cater to all dietary needs, so please notify us of any requirements at the time of booking.

Drink

Staying hydrated is a priority, particularly during the warm climbs of the mainland. We provide ample water and local snacks during every ride. Greece has a winemaking tradition that spans millennia. You should sample the crisp, volcanic whites of the islands or the robust **Xinomavro** reds of the north. For a local post-ride ritual, try a small glass of **Ouzo** or **Tsipouro**, often served with a small plate of appetizers. Please note that soft drinks and alcohol during meals are not included in the tour price.

Solo Travellers

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Extra Expenses

Greece offers excellent value, but you should budget for personal incidentals. This includes post-ride coffees in a traditional *Kafenio*, local handicrafts such as olive wood products or ceramics, and tips for your support team.

Money

The currency of Greece is the **Euro (€)**.

- **ATMs:** Cash machines are widely available in all towns and at major ports. They accept most international debit and credit cards.
- **Cards:** Visa and Mastercard are accepted in most hotels, restaurants, and larger shops.
- **Cash:** It is highly recommended to carry a small amount of cash for use in small village tavernas or for minor purchases in more remote rural areas where card machines may not always be available.

NORTH MACEDONIA

Passports and Visas

North Macedonia is not a member of the Schengen Area, though it maintains a liberal entry policy. Citizens of the UK, US, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand do not require a visa for short-term tourism and are permitted to stay for up to 90 days within any 180-day period. While the ETIAS system is required for entry into the neighbouring Schengen zone, it is not currently a requirement for entry into North Macedonia. Please ensure your passport is valid for at least three months beyond your intended date of departure.

Health & Insurance

No specific vaccinations are mandatory for entry, but it is advisable to be current on standard boosters such as Tetanus and Hepatitis A/B. Comprehensive travel insurance is essential and must specifically cover cycling activities and medical evacuation. While medical facilities in Skopje are modern, infrastructure in the high mountain regions of Mavrovo is more limited. We recommend drinking bottled or filtered water in rural areas.

Weather

The prime window for cycling in North Macedonia is from May to June and September to October.

- **The Best Window:** Late spring and early autumn offer mild temperatures and exceptional visibility in the mountains, typically ranging between 18°C and 26°C.
- **Summer Heat:** In July and August, temperatures in the valleys and in Skopje can exceed 35°C. During this time, the high-altitude routes in the national parks provide a cooler and more comfortable environment for riding.

- **Mountain Shifts:** Weather at altitude can change rapidly. We recommend carrying a high-quality waterproof shell and a warm mid-layer for long mountain descents.

Food

Macedonian cuisine is a hearty and flavourful blend of Mediterranean and Balkan influences. You must try the national dish, **Tavče Gravče** (fresh beans baked in a traditional earthenware pot). Another staple is **Ajvar**, a delicious savoury spread made from roasted red peppers and aubergine. In the Ohrid region, the local trout is a delicacy. Most meals are served family-style with fresh local breads and sheep's milk cheeses. We cater to all dietary needs; please notify us of any requirements at the time of booking.

Drink

Coffee culture is a fundamental part of the Macedonian social fabric, with strong Turkish-style coffee served in every village and town. Hydration is key during the long mountain climbs, and we provide ample water and snacks during every ride. North Macedonia has an ancient winemaking tradition, particularly known for its robust red wines made from the local **Vranec** grape. For a traditional post-ride digestif, try a small glass of **Rakija** (fruit brandy). Please note that alcohol during meals is not included in the tour price.

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Extra Expenses

North Macedonia remains one of the most affordable destinations in Europe. You should budget for personal incidentals such as traditional copperware from the Old Bazaar in Skopje, local honey, or visits to historic monasteries. Tipping is not mandatory but is a common gesture of appreciation for excellent service in restaurants and for your support crew.

Money

The currency is the **Macedonian Denar (MKD)**.

- **Card Acceptance:** Credit and debit cards are accepted in major hotels and restaurants in Skopje and Ohrid.
- **ATMs:** Cash machines are available in larger towns and accept most international cards.
- **Cash-Heavy Society:** Outside of the main urban centres, North Macedonia remains largely cash-based. It is essential to carry Denars for use in small village shops, rural guesthouses, and for small purchases at local markets.

GENERAL BOOKING INFO

If this is the tour for you here's what you need to do to confirm your place:

FLEXIBLE BOOKING CONDITIONS

Booking a SpiceRoads cycling adventure is easy and we try to do everything possible to make sure you have full flexibility and peace of mind. We do not require a deposit to hold your place on a tour and once full payment has been made your money is protected in our client account and you have the flexibility to cancel or change your booking if needed.

CONFIRMING YOUR BOOKING

Just complete our online booking form or send your booking details offline (email or post), and we will confirm your participation. No deposit is needed to confirm your place on a SpiceRoads tour.

You are advised to read our [Booking Conditions](#) in full before you make your payment and should you require further clarifications of any of the conditions below, please [email us](#) or call our office.

TRIP STATUS

There is a minimum number of participants (usually 2) required to enable the trip to go ahead. Once the minimum number is reached, the trip status will change from 'Available' to 'Guaranteed to Depart'. Once a trip is guaranteed to depart you are free to book your flights and make other

travel arrangements. If the trip status is 'Limited' will mean we have only a small number of spaces available for booking. If you are unsure about the trip status, please [email us](#) or call our office.

BOOKING ONLINE

From the tour page, click the 'Book Now' link. All departures for this tour will appear, just select the date you'd like to travel. For the next steps, you'll need to know the names of the people travelling. If you wish you can also provide extra details such as passport numbers, height (for bike hire), or you can add that later by logging into [Manage My Trip](#) (we'll set up an account for you automatically if you don't already have one). Our system will contact you from time to time to fill in the missing information, as it will be required before departure. However, if the trip that you are booking offers a child discount, you will have to fill out the date of birth of each rider (so we can calculate the appropriate discount).

If you are having any problems [please send us an email](#), or give us a call (+66 026 3295) and one of our travel specialists will assist you with your booking.

BOOKING OFFLINE

Just call us or send an email indicating which trip you want to join and we will happily send you a list of questions and process your booking for you.

DEPOSITS AND PAYMENTS

We do not require a deposit or full payment to book a place for you on a tour.

The balance of the tour's cost (final invoice) will need to be paid 60 days before the departure date with fees for any bicycle rental(s), single supplement(s) and extra hotel nights.

In the case where a booking is made when there are less than 60 days until the tour departure date, the tour's cost should be paid in full within 72 hours of receiving an invoice from SpiceRoads. Payment can be made by credit card using our online payment gateway or by bank transfer. When making payment online you will need to confirm that you have read these booking conditions during the "checkout" process, which equates to agreeing to the terms of services and stipulations as indicated in this document.

In all cases, tour fees need to be paid "in full" before participation in a tour. No person(s) will be allowed to join a tour without fully settling their invoice and receiving a confirmation number from SpiceRoads.

The exception can be made for last-minute miscellaneous fees that can be paid locally (visas, additional local hotel bookings, etc.) can be settled on the day of arrival.

FULL FLEXIBILITY FOR TOUR CANCELATIONS

If the tour is cancelled or postponed by SpiceRoads because we didn't make the trip numbers and the tour can't run, we will make a full cash refund (by bank transfer or on your credit card).

If the tour is cancelled for any other reason, including due to Covid related travel restrictions, we will give you a full credit (with no deductions for admin or any other small-print item) to use on any SpiceRoads tour with no time limit. (Exceptions being flights, special permits and other non-refundable items and these will be advised when booking the trip).

Before paying for your tour, you can cancel your booking with no charge and up until 40 days before departure, you can change your booking to another travel date or move your booking onto another SpiceRoads tour with no charges.

If you need to cancel after you have made full payment, please see our [cancellation policy](#).

Loyalty Riders Club

For those who have been on several long tours with us, we reward customer loyalty by offering repeat customers a special discount off the tour price (excludes single supplement and bike rental). If this is your fourth scheduled tour or more you will receive a 5% discount. If this is your eighth scheduled tour or more we will extend a 10% discount. The discount will be reflected in your online booking, but please contact us if any questions. Loyalty discounts cannot be used in conjunction with any other offer. Note: Only tours of 7 days or more will be applicable for a loyalty discount.

International Flights

International flights, to and from the start and finish points are not included in the tour price. Once your tour is Guaranteed to Depart you can book your flight. Please contact us for advice before arranging flights for the best arrival and departure times. We would only cancel a trip for an extreme circumstance, but in that case, where we cancel your trip, we cannot be liable for losses incurred

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