

# WESTERN BALKANS: NEW EUROPEAN BIKE PATH LINKS 8 COUNTRIES

A month ago, a new European bike path was opened to the public, linking eight countries and becoming one of the most significant infrastructure initiatives on the continent. This path runs through the Western Balkans region and aims to promote bicycle tourism and strengthen the connection between these countries. The bike path improves sustainable mobility and boosts the local economy by attracting cyclists from around Europe.

The new Trans Dinarica, stretching almost 5,000 kilometers, connects eight countries in the region for the first time: Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Albania, North Macedonia, Kosovo, Serbia, and Slovenia. Additionally, it runs through national parks, forests, inland villages, little-traveled roads, pre-existing cycling routes, and the Adriatic coast.

The bike path is designed to provide users with a pleasant experience and a safe and comfortable journey. It meanders through stunning natural landscapes, historic cities, and lively urban environments, offering an eco-friendly alternative to motorized transport and promoting regional understanding and cooperation.

The Trans Dinarica offers a unique experience focused on responsible tourism and sustainable economic development by showcasing towns and villages in the Balkans. This trail is intended for people who wish to explore lesser-known parts of the region, including the coast, forests, and inland towns. It is divided into 50 km sections, each ending at a place to eat and stay over the night.

The new bike route was completed at the end of June 2024. The launch will also feature a navigation package with all the information about points of interest, services, and accommodation along the route.

Understanding that this route is more than just a cycling journey is essential. The project's developer has concentrated on promoting responsible travel that brings economic benefits to local communities in the region. The Trans Dinarica aims to showcase the beauty of these landscapes and create sustainable benefits for the areas it passes through.

For those seeking further inspiration for their travels in the stunning Western Balkans, check out their guides on the best things to do in Croatia, Serbia, Albania, and Montenegro. These countries' rich cultural and natural diversity provides endless opportunities for adventurers.

The Trans Dinarica, inspired by the Via Dinarica hiking trail, which covers nearly 1,200 miles through eight countries, offers visitors the chance to tour the area's UNESCO sites, villages, and national parks. Covering the same route as the cycling path, the Trans Dinarica allows tourists to explore the Western Balkans comprehensively and sustainably, combining the adventure of cycling with the cultural and natural richness of the region. This bike path is considered an innovative solution to the connectivity challenges in the area and is expected to improve transport infrastructure. The path promotes integration and sustainable development by connecting various tourist spots and local communities, offering new economic and cultural opportunities for all countries involved.

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