



100 THINGS TO DO IN DUKAGJIN

CALENDAR OF
CULTURE AND
RECREATION
2019

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KOSOVO

This calendar offers a list of 100 activities in culture and recreation that anyone can enjoy in Dukagjin. The municipalities that cover this region (Deçan/Dečane, Gjakovë/Đakovica, Istog/Istok, Junik/Junik, Klinë/Klina and Pejë/Peć) are acclaimed for the diverse landscape and the unique architecture as a result of distinct historical circumstances.

The regions versatile history dates back from the early periods. Tumefrom Illyrian tribes are discovered in the region while late Roman Period is heavily present with archeological remains of a roman settlement found in Dresnik/Drnsnik, Municipality of Klinë/Klina. Additionally, the area is home to two (2) UNESCO heritage sites namely monastery complexes Pejë/Peć Patriarchate and Deçan/Visoki Deçani that date from the middle ages. A characteristic architecture settlement that is found in the area is the Kulla, that used to serve as a fortified residential building, while today, many of these structures are adapted to offer tourist accommodation and give a unique travel experience. The ottoman legacy becomes evident with the bazars in the main economic centres Pejë/Peć and Gjakovë/Đakovica surrounded by typical craftsman neighborhoods

and narrow cobblestone alleys. The rich nature offers diverse recreation tourist experiences. Hiking in the highest mountain peak in Kosovo, Gjeravica/Đeravica (Junik), 2656m, hiking through the canyon of the White Drin river and exploration of the many caves in Istog/Istok through traditional means or more extreme experiences like Ziplining and paragliding or freeride skiing are among the possibilities that are offered by many tour operators in this region. Water sports enthusiasts can enjoy the beautiful sceneries of Mirushë/Miruša Waterfall in Klinë/Klina, the lakes of Gjeravica/Đeravica in Junik and the lake of Radoniq/Radonjičko (Gjakovë/Đakovica), the thermal springs in Istog/Istok while competing in diving championship from Ura e Fshajtë in Gjakovë/Đakovica. This calendar is drafted in cooperation with the six (6) municipalities of the west region. The dates of the activities may vary due to the weather and technical circumstances, You can have more information on each event by searching any activity online to address you in the web page or social media page of the service provider.

JANUARY FEBRUARY MARCH

09/100
cultural events

09/100

JANUARY

JANUARY 2019 ●

Skiing Championship
Memorial Cup
“Hajrush Demaj”

—

Pejë, Bogë e Rugovës,
Skiing Centre

25 JANUARY 2019 ●

Small Football Memorial
Tournament on the occasion
of the anniversary of the
Fallen Heroes of the Nation
Zahir Pajaziti, Edmond Hox-
ha and Hakif Zejnullahu

—

Junik, “Ereniku” Sports Hall

FEBRUARY

17 FEBRUARY 2019

17 February Festive Concert
Kosovo Independence Day

—

Gjakova, City Center

17 FEBRUARY 2019

Independence Day Hike

—

Junik, Gjeravicë

17 FEBRUARY 2019

Ping-Pong Independence
Tournament

—

Junik, “Kuvendi i Junikut”
Gymnasium

➤ “For the occasion of Independence Day of Kosovo, a hiking is organized in the highest peak in Kosovo “Gjeravica” 2656m, in Junik. The conquest of this mountain peak will begin by departing from Junik. Through the walking path, some special sights will be encountered such as old mountain trails, glacial lakes, alpine grazing hills, and clear streams. Gjeravica’s view is an indication for the extraordinary position of this mountain. From this point almost all Albanian mountains can be seen such as Malësia e Madhe, North Zhaboret, Radohima, Western Mountains, etc.”



MARCH

MARCH 2019

Boxing Tournament
“Dukagjini Epopee”

—

Peja, “Karagaq” Sports Hall

23-24 MARCH 2019

24th of March
“Dukagjini Epopee”

—

Deçan, Gllogjan

9 MARCH 2019

Ski Race “Kupa e Gjeravicës”
2018

—

Deçan, Belegu Mountain

7-8 MARCH 2019

Handball Tournament for
Women’s Day -7 and 8
March

—

Gjakova, Sports Hall

APRIL

MAY

JUNE

51/100
cultural events

51 / 100

APRIL

APRIL 2019

Memorial Karate
Tournament
“Haki Iberdemaj”
—
Peja, “Karagaq” Gym

APRIL 2019

Judo Tournament
“Judo For Peace”
—
Peja, Judo Federation

23-24 APRIL 2019

International
Dog Show /CACIB
—
Peja, Karagaq Park

APRIL 2019

Brotherhood Days
—
Istog

> Judo Club “Ippon”, J.F.K and MCYS in cooperation with the Municipality of Peja organises the annual tournament in judo “Peace Tour” in Peja. The tournament is organised in order to promote Peace in all its forms all over the world. The tournament has an international character with participation from teams from Kosovo and other countries.



> CACIB Peja is an International Kinologic Exhibition held in the city of Peja where trained and educated dogs are promoted. Various organizations of dogs from Kosovo and from different countries of Europe participate in this activity. This activity is annual, as a collaboration between CACIB Peja and the Kosovo Kinological Federation.



APRIL

21 APRIL 2019 

14 JULY 2019

11 AGUST 2019

View point Podguri & Via
Ferrata Twin Caves

—

Istog, Twin Caves, Bajshë

3-10 APRIL 2019 

Roma Week

—

Gjakova

> Mountain hiking in the Istog municipality is now enriched with the new Observation Point - Podguri Point, built at the Istog Spring. The path to this observation point is 986m and is secured in accordance to the standards. The same offer applies for the walking along the Via Ferrata - Twin Caves with a length of 70m which is walked through accompanied by the mountain guides and using mountaineering equipment provided by managers of these services.



> The Roma Week is marked in honor of the International Roma Day - April 8th. The purpose of the Roma week is to raise awareness among citizens and institutions on Roma culture. Throughout the week, activities of various fields such as lectures, roundtables, visits to institutions, media debates, open-air exhibitions and many other activities are organized.



MAY

MAY 2019

Literary Meetings

“Azem Shkreli”

—

Peja “Azem Shkreli” Library

MAY 2019

Motokros Race

“Motocross Team Peja”

—

Peja, Tabje Hills

MAY 2019

Sabor Boshnjaka

—

Peja, House of Culture

Vitomerica

MAY 2019

“Tinder Flame in Shkëlzen”
 (“Eshkë e Ndezur në Shkëlzen”) Festival

—

Deçan, City Centre, Culture House

> The international motocross competition “Motocross Team Peja” is organised every year in Peja’s Tabora Hills with numerous participants extreme sports enthusiasts from the country and the world. The races take place outside the road path, the mountainous terrain and the beautiful landscape of Tabrava Hills.



MAY

20 MAY 2019 ●

Traditional Chess Festival
“Zeqë Hasaj”

—

Deçan, Culture House

5 MAY 2019 ●

Memorial Tournament “Luan
Haradinaj”

—

Junik “Ereniku” Sports Hall

5 MAY, 9 JUNE 2019 🌊

Paragliding

—

Peja, Shymek, Istog Moun-
tains

**20 MAY AND 24 OCTOBER
2019** ♀

Children on Stage

—

Gjakova, Culture House

6-10 MAY 2019 📖

Poetry Meeting

—

Gjakova, “Ibrahim Rugova”
Library

> Paragliding is organized regularly in the Istog Mountains by professional organizations in this field. Kosovo offers the nature with the ideal conditions to develop this extreme sport. The Istog Mountains welcome enthusiasts of this sport from around the world to enjoy the country's nature and hospitality.



JUNE

JUNE 2019

Reel Rock Peja

—

Peja, Jusuf Gërvalla Cinema

JUNE 2019

Pejë International Guitar
Festival

—

Peja, St. Fehmi Agani

16 JUNE 2019

Peja Liberation Day

—

Peja, Culture Centre

JUNE 2019

Monodrama Festival “Mono
Akt”

—

Peja, Theatre “Istref Begolli”

JUNE 2019

Literary Meetings “Azem
Shkreli”

—

Peja, “Azem Shkreli” Library

JUNE 2019

Street Ball

—

Peja, Town Centre
Main Square

JUNE, SEPTEMBER 2019

Street Art Peja - 3rd edition

—

Peja, Shymek, Istog Moun-
tains

JUNE

JUNE, SEPTEMBER 2019

Via Ferrata dhe Zip Line

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Peja, 5th km of the Rugova Canyon

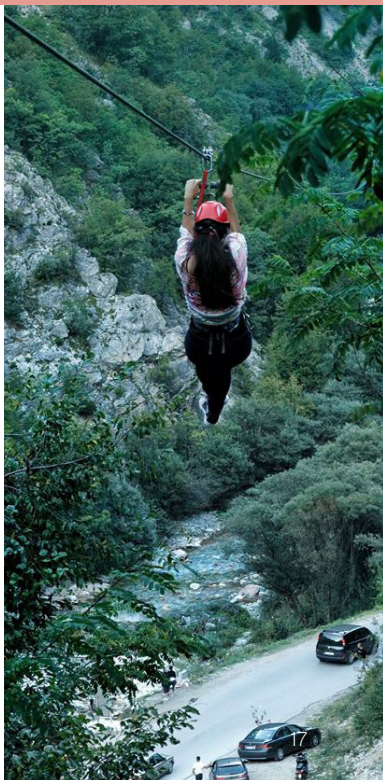
JUNE 2019

“Gryka e Madhe” Cave/
Canyon

—

Peja, 7-8 km of the Rugova Canyon

> Throughout the summer season in Peja Municipality, the 5th kilometer of Rugova Canyon, visitors can enjoy the tourist attractions offered by 2 Via Ferrata (walking / climbing on one of Rugova Canyon’s cliffs). NGOs and local companies manage with the offer and rent the necessary equipment for this activity that lasts about 2 hours. Another option for interested visitors is Zipline, an icon of eco-tourism in modern times. The Zipline is a suspended cable on the slope of Rugova Canyon, which uses the gravitational force to be released through the defined line and to enjoy the mountain landscape. Tourists are reinforced in cables an safety equipment provided by the managers of these services.



JUNE

16 JUNE 2019 🏠

Deçan Liberation Day

—

Deçan, City Centre

9 JUNE 2019 🧑🏃

Gjeravica Mountain Peak

Conquest

—

Deçan, Gjeravicë

1 JUNE 2019 🧑🏃

“Singan Children” Festival

—

Istog, Culture House “Adem
Jashari”

JUNE, SEPTEMBER 2019 🌊

“Sleeping Beauty” Cave

—

Istog, Near “White Drini”
Spring

20 JUNE 2019 🏠

Istog Liberation Day

—

Istog, City Center

5-7 JUNE 2019 🧑🏃

“Sing for Freedom” Festival

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Klina, City Center, Çabiç -
Mujë Krasniqi Kulla

> The traditional folklore festival “Sing for Freedom” is held in Klina, and it serves as a venue for local folklore art lovers of all ethnicities. The festival is organized in honor of freedom, independence and bravery of the fighters and coincides with the birthday of the fallen Commander Mujë Krasniqi. The festival begins in Çabiç, the birthplace of Mujë Krasniqi, from the Museum Kulla. During 3 days there are organized concerts accompanied with folk dance and music and other cultural and sports activities.



JUNE

18 JUNE 2019 

Klina Liberation Day

—

Klina, Mujë Krasniqi Square

12, 14 JUNE 2019 

Gjakova Liberation Day

—

Gjakova, Culture House,
Town Square

21 JUNE 2019 

International Music Day

—

Gjakova, Music School
“Prenk Jakova”

21-25 JUNE 2019 

“Young Pianist” Festival

—

Gjakova

JUNE-SEPTEMBER 2019 

Events - Cultural Park Ali
Podrimja

—

Gjakova

JUNE 2019 

Çarshia Fest

—

Gjakova, Old Çarshija

> Çarshia Fest is a festival organized in the Bazaar of Gjakova, known as the largest çarshia/bazaar in South East Europe. The idea of this activity is to promote and protect the Old Bazaar, which has been restored from destruction to a frequented area and a destination for

Gjakova. Throughout the day through the Bazaar, in 4 different scenes there are numerous musical performances by artists and the premises offer the services and hospitality of Gjakova people.



JUNE

JUNE 2019

Handicrafts Fair

—

Gjakova

20-21 JUNE 2019

Gjeravica Days

—

Junik

13 JUNE 2019

Junik Liberation Day

—

Junik, Center - “Edmond
Hoxha” Square

JUNE 2019

Downhill Gjeravica

—

Junik, Gjeravicë

1 JUNE 2019

National Children’s and
“Abetare” Day

—

Junik, Elementary School

15-16 JUNE 2019

Gjeravica Camp

—

Junik, Junik Mountains

JULY

AUGUST

SEPTEMBER

84/100
cultural events

84/100

JULY

JULY 2019

Diaspora Days

—

Peja, St. William Walker

JULY 2019

Art Colony

—

Istog, Art Gallery

JULY 2019

Traditional Rugova Games

—

Pejë, Kuqishtë

JULY 2019

Diaspora Days

—

Deçan, City Center
Culture House

7-13 JULY 2019

Visual Arts Festival in Kullas

—

Deçan, Villages of Deçan
Municipality

> Rugova Traditional games are a popular ethno-cultural feature of Rugova and represent a diversity of customs and traditions of this area. The games feature disciplines such as shilor climbing, hand wrestling, llastar throwing, stone throwing, rope pulling etc. The games are accompanied by the traditional folk music and dancing.



JULY

15-21 JULY 2019

Anibar

—

Peja, Cinema “Jusuf Gërvalla”

JULY 2019

Camping Fest

—

Klina, Dresnik

JULY 2019

National Poetry Award “Dr.
Ibrahim Rugova”

—

Istog

JULY 2019

Traditional Festival “Sofra”

—

Gjakova, Lama e Drithit

JULY 2019

Festival “In the Gjakova
Highland Oda”

—

Gjakova, Gjakova city square

> Animated Film Festival Anibar, the only one of its kind in Kosovo, is open to animators, artists and audiences from all over the world. Participants have the opportunity to watch animated films or become part of other activities such as workshops, presentations and masterclasses. Anibar’s activities take place during 1 week, held in 4 cinemas of the city of Peja, 2 open-air cinemas and 2 closed cinemas (cinema “Jusuf Gërvalla” and Theater “Istref Begolli”)



AUGUST

AUGUST 2019

Motorist Meeting “Steel-wings” Kosova

—

Peja, St. William Walker

1 AUGUST 2019

Revival match between veterans from Diaspora and Peja

—

Peja, “Shahin Haxhiislami” City Stadium

AUGUST 2019

Open Fun Football

—

Peja, Footbal Stadium Vitomericë

AUGUST 2019

Bosnian Diaspora Days Dani Diaspore

—

Peja, House of Culture, Vitomerica, Bokud Djerdan

AUGUST 2019

Handicraft Week

—

Peja

AGUST 2019

Sheep Shearing Ritual

—

Decan, Decan Mountains

AUGUST2019

Compatriots Day “Welcome Compatriots”

—

Istog, Banjë

18 AUGUST 2019

Cycling &Walking, White Wellspring - Bajshë

—

Istog, White Wellsptings, Bajshë

22-30 AUGUST 2019

“Esma” Festival

—

Gjakova, Culture House

18 AUGUST 2019

Auto Slallom Race

—

Gjakova

6-13 AUGUST 2019

Diaspora Days

—

Junik, Moronica Amphitheater

AUGUST

AUGUST 2019

“The Shearing” Festival

—

Istog, Istog Mountains
Lugu i Butë



> The High Diving Competition Fshajt Bridge is organised in Gjakova from a height of 22m, at the bridge connecting Gjakova with Prizren. This race has been traditionally organized in this city since the late 50s. This event is attended by many renowned contestants from all over the world and has extensive media coverage. The race takes place in two disciplines, breaststroke and freestyle.

AUGUST 2019

High Diving Competition in
Fshajt Bridge

—

Gjakova, Fshajt Bridge

> The Sheep Shear Rite is an ancient tradition in the Dukagjini region. The Municipality of Istog organizes this event annually in the Istog Mountains, at Lugu i Bardhe. Various visitors have the opportunity to witness the shearing of sheep in traditional ways by the farmers of Istog during the day, as well as to enjoy the mountainous nature and traditional food under the sound of folk songs and dances



SEPTEMBER

SEPTEMBER 2019

“Days of Honey” Fair

—

Peja, Town center - “Fallen Nations Heroes” Square

SEPTEMBER 2019

FASK - and Automoto -

“Peja VISARI”

—

Peja, Kulla Street

29-30 SEPTEMBER 2019

Hiking- Hajla Peak

—

Peja, Hajla

21 SEPTEMBER 2019

Traditional Children Festival

“Ardhmëria”

—

Deçan, Culture House

SEPTEMBER 2019

Apple Day

—

Istog, Kovragë

1 SEPTEMBER 2019

Cycling & Walking and Dyna Hill Camp

—

Istog, Dyna Hill Istog, Vrella

6 SEPTEMBER 2019

Literature Event “Tahir

Desku”

—

Klina, Culture House

27 SEPTEMBER 2019

Përmbyllja e Kulturave

Verore

—

Gjakova, Pallati i Kulturës

SEPTEMBER 2019

Comedy Fest

—

Gjakova, Culture House

7-9 SEPTEMBER 2019

Mountain Race Auto

Sllalom

—

Gjakova

OCTOBER NOVEMBER DECEMBER

100/100
cultural events

100 / 100

OCTOBER

OCTOBER 2019 🏠

Cultural Days
“Jusuf Gërvalla”
—
Peja, Culture Centre

8-9 OCTOBER 2019 🚶

Hiking - Liqenat, Rugova
—
Peja, Liqenat, Rugova

29 OCTOBER 2019 🚶

Hiking - Shtupeq i
Vogël(Small Shtupeq),
Hasani Peak
—
Peja, Hasan Peak

OCTOBER 2019 🏠

Chestnut Day
—
Deçan, Eko Market

13-15 OCTOBER 2019 🚶

The Wellspring of Albanian
Folklore
—
Istog, Culture House
“Adem Jashari”

15 OCTOBER 2019 🚴

Cycling & Walking Mokna
Mountains
—
Istog, Mokna Mountain
forest



> Chestnut Day is an activity that has become a tradition and is marked by the Fair that is organised by the Decan Municipality, where the domestic products that the region is famous for are exposed. The purpose of this activity is to promote chestnuts and its products and by-products in order to increase the number of its cultivators. This celebration is accompanied by folk music concert and dancing as well as traditional food

OCTOBER

OCTOBER 2019

Gjakova Highland

Marathon

—

Gjakova

OCTOBER 2019

Chestnut Day

—

Junik, Gymnasium

“Kuvendi i Junikut” Yard

NOVEMBER

23-24 NOVEMBER 2019

Walking through Ibrahim Rugova path, Dyna Mountain Hill Peak

—

Istog, Vrella, Dyna Mountain

28 NOVEMBER 2019

Traditional Manifestation
“Art Klina”

—

Klina, Culture House

NOVEMBER 2019

Children Festival “Lyra Fest”

—

Gjakova, Culture House

NOVEMBER 2019

Turneu “Xhafer Thaqi”

—

Gjakova

NOVEMBER 2019

“Bashkim Idrizi” Tournament

—

Gjakova, Culture House

NOVEMBER 2019

Hiking Pashktrik Mountains

—

Gjakova, Pashktrik Mountains

15-18 NOVEMBER 2019

High School Graduates Project
“Darka e Djergave”

—

Junik, “Kuvendi i Junikut”
High School

> The Lyra Fest festival is a song festival for children aged 5-13 years, organized in the city of Gjakova. The festival aims to create a room for gifted children for singing, composing, orchestrating and songwriting.



27 DECEMBER-1 APRIL 2019

Freestyle skiing and snow-boarding “Freeride”

—

Junik, Gjeravicë
Junik Mountains



> Croatian Operator “Lynx Freeride” operates in Junik Mountains as a tour-operator in freestyle skiing known as Free-Ride that takes place on unexplored snow. This activity, during the winter gathers in Junik many enthusiasts of this sport from all around the world. The transport to the mountains is arranged through the snow vehicles and helicopters.

- Sports
- 🧑🏃 Walking in nature
- 🏠 Cultural Events
- 🧑🏃 Walking in the Mountains
- + Others
- 📖 Literature
- 🎨 Visual Arts
- 🧑🏃 Performing Arts
- 🎮 Recreation
- 🧑🏃 Ritual
- 🏠 Fair
- 🍷 Gastronomy
- 🧑🏃 Concert/Dance/Education
- 🧑🏃 Traditional dancing, Acting, Concert
- 🏠 Craft

