

**Discovering Hidden Attractions** 













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#### 1. Vasha's Bridge

The most magnificent bridge, cultural monument and one of the oldest bridges of this style of Albanian architecture. "Vasha Bridge", human masterpiece of the XVIII century. This bridge carries great historical value in a landscape of gorgeous natural.

#### How can you visit it?

**Location:** in Fshat Village, only 20 min away from Klos town very close to the new Arber road.

# Are you an Adventurer?

#### 2. We invite you to visit Balgjaj Lakes

Location: On the Kurdari Village

One of the miracles which nature has blessed this area. Balgjaj Mountain in the Municipality of Klos is located above the villages of Kurdari and Patin. It is 2101 meters above sea level. The relief is fragmented, the glacial processes



have processed the ridge of this mountain and have formed circuses, valleys and glacial ridges, in which there are about 15 glacial lakes, spread mainly in the northern and central part of the ridge belonging to the Municipality of Klos. The view that this mountain offers while standing in it, is stunning, intertwined with vegetation, water and mountains. The road is a bit difficult, it is suggested foristrad type.





#### 3. The poet's field of flowers

**Location:** Keti meadows are located about 8 km Away from Klosi and about 25 km from Tirana, on the open route

The climb from the center of the administrative unit Xiber, to the destination is about an hour walk on a not very difficult terrain.



This very rare flower, usually grows at an altitude of 1,100 to 2,060 meters above sea level and blooms for a month. The "poet lilv" resists only the month of May.

#### 4. "Gurrat of Guri Bardh"

Location: On the village of "Guri Bardh"

The Gurrat of Guri Bardh are the most beauty of the area, for the water, the colors of nature that are beautifully composed in the mountainous landscape of Klos. The first place "Gurrat" took place in the village of Guri i Bardhë, where water is the symbol of the country. Guri i Bardh is classified in 100 tourist villages of Albania.



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#### 5. Heshi Museum House

**Location:** On the village of Klos Katund

Cultural Monument of the first category. Among the early characteristic wellings of the area. This building, more than 100 years old, was built for the first time by the owner of the house and turned into a museum house. In Lleshi Museum House we have exhibited historical-cultural objects such as; Traditional clothing of the area, various items that with the lifestyle in this area, wood processing facilities



#### 6. The ruins of Petralba Castle



**Location:** Petralba Castle is located between the villages of Guri i Bardh and Fshat in the Municipality of Klos, built on a mountain ridge.

This fortification has its beginnings in late antiquity, to be reinforced again in the century. XV by Skanderbeg. For the historical and archaeological values that this castle preserves, in 1973 it received the status of "Cultural Monument" of the first category. Nowadays, only ruins carrying history remain in the place where the castle is located. The ruins of the castle are built of stone at a height of about 800 m.

### 7. Xhabza Gorge

Travel towards a sight you have only encountered in Valbona.

Location: It is located between the village of Dars and the village of Xibër Hane. The road to Gryka is a bit difficult, it is suggested foristrada type car. Just 20 minutes away from Klosi, you can find yourself in a place where nature has forgiven miracles, resembles a



magnificent canyon, ideal for photo sets. You can even do mountain climbing, hiking to see the whole view from the top of the mountain on offer.

# 8. "Allamani Bridge"

Location: at the entrance to the Klos town

One of the oldest bridges built of river stones and slabs, erected on a rocky bottom along the stream.



#### 9. "Hoxhaj Bridge"

**Location**: on the village of Guri i Bardh Bridge" is located "Hoxhai in the neighborhood "Kodër" of Guri i Bardhë. This is one of the smallest bridges built of limestone, 6 m long and 1, 85 m wide. This bridge has served for the passage of caravans coming from Tirana to Mat and Dibër and for the communication of the neighborhood with the mountain. It was built at the beginning of the century. XIX by Mehmet and Ali Mikli (Hoxha) residents of neighborhood "Koder" and the restored by Gurabardha master Hamit Karai.



#### 10. Halilaj Bridge

**Location:** in Dars village.

This bridge is erected on a rocky spot on two high shores. It is formed by an arch and a complementary window on the right bank. Her bow is outstretched and broken in the middle. The arch of the bridge has a length of 15 m, the width between its two legs is 11 m, and the height from the water mirror reaches

9 m. The route of the road has a width of 2.6 m and is paved with stones and river stone slahs

The Halilaj Bridge is said to have been built by a member of the Halili tribe. This bridge is one of the oldest bridges found today undamaged in Mat and has been declared a cultural monument



#### 11. Saint Prene Bridge

Location: village of Gurre e Vogel

A bridge with a special and early architectural style, built on a rocky bottom, along the stream of the stream formed by an arch. This bridge carries great historical values, one of the oldest bridges of Albanian architecture



#### 12 The Tower of Muharram

Location: in Gurre village

Did you know that the art of beauty composed so beautifully with nature is located in the "Gurra Tourist Complex" in the village of Gurrë.

The guest house, which is built as a tower type model of modern times, preserving the old model that has been cured in detail. welcomes you to Gurrë. Described as the best investment for the homeland. The master of a lifetime has decided to change it into a masterpiece that serves not only the inhabitants of the area but anyone who seeks to find a perfect combination of nature with human hand.

The road to Kulla Muharremi is easily passable and a weekend with the family would be ideal



13. Kurdaria Tower's

#### Location in Kurdari village

The Klos area is notable for the presence of the early characteristic towers of the area. Kurdaria is one of the villages



which has considerable presence of these towers. The Sata Tower and the Allaman. Tower are Category I cultural monuments. older and of unimaginable historical value. These towers are fanatically guarded by the owners of the house, and are objects that are visited by tourists.



#### 14. "Skura Bridge".

**Location:** It is located in Guri i Bardhë Bay, a few meters west of "Vasha Bridge.

Skura Bridge is 9 m long and 2.5 m wide. Residents say that this bridge facilitated the passage of caravans in the service of the "Vasha Bridge". The construction of the "Skura Bridge" is associated with the end of the XVIII century and the beginning of the XIX centery.



# 15. Illyrian Castle of Xibri

**Location:** between the villages of Xibër - Hane above the neighborhood "Splaj", the village of Shkalë and the village of Dars.

The Illyrian castle of Xibri is located at an altitude of 930 meters above sea level. This castle belongs to the Illyrian period in the 5th century BC, making it one of the oldest in Albania. According to historians archaeological records have shown the basic elements of culture Illyrians and the Pirust tribe. The Illyrian castle of Xibri has been declared a cultural monument of the first category.



#### 16. Tomb of the Wild Girl (Kurdari)

Location: in Kurdari village

A tombstone full of mystery, the locals tell various stories, there are many legends, all you have to do is come and visit it up close, becoming a good listener of the folklore that is said about the girl's tombstone. There are many tourists in this country.



#### 17. Xibër Written Cave

#### Location:

Near the Illyrian fortress of Xibri about 350m in the village of Shkalle.

"Writen Cave" with pictograms (rings and crosses carved in stone as symbols of the Sun) evern earlier than the Illyrian period. Among the rarest caves of this type in all of Albania.



18. "Kulmarës Brigde"

**Location:** in Guri i Bardh above Sheun e Dishit and connects the Hoxhaj neighborhood with Dishit mountain.

It is also called the "Cow Bridge" because it serves for the passage of castle in the mountain pastures. The bridge is 11 m long and 2.5 m wide. This is one of the highest bridges in Mat. This bridge is also said to have been built as a charity by Hasime Tuska from Guri i Bardh. This is a rare gesture in the field of engineering construction for the name of a girl in the highlands.



19. Gujat of Guri Bardh

Location: in village of Guri Bardh

The riches of Guri Bardh are endless, among them are the meadows otherwise called Gujat e Guri i Bardh. The beauty of nature is extraordinary, in this country is organized every summer the holiday of immigrants in August. Also the Gujat of Guri Bardh are the ideal place for a picnic with your friends or family.



#### 20. Lake of Flowers (Balgiai)

Location: On the mountain of Balgiai

We talked to you about Balgjaj lakes but we did not well on details, the beauty of these lakes is extraordinary, as is the lake of flowers. This lake created by glacial formations carries and preserves a rare beauty. The resistance of flowers in the lake stays even during the winter, do not miss such a view. come visit!



# Come to Klos, discover the hidden destinations, and the assets that Klos offers!



#### 21. Klos Valley

If you are coming to Klos, the first place you will visit is the valley, which is described by the flow of the Mat River. In the valley you will find the tranquil nature of the area as well as the hospitality of the locals. The flow of the Mat River during the summer is the resort to spend time in the fresh waters of the Mat River, and there is no lack of fishing enthusiasts.

And for you adventurous you can canoe along the river.

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# ORIENTATION MAP OF 21 TOURIST POINTS IN KLOS MUNICIPALITY



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