

Mountain Pastures Bring People Together ...

The trek was designed to travel through areas which had particularly suffered from conflict and to visit villages destroyed by war. In Kosovo/a, it was necessary to seek advice concerning the location of remaining landmines. Following the 1999 War rebuilding took place at a great pace. However, four years later, hundreds of families, especially in the rural areas, were still living under blue plastic sheeting. Despite this, trekkers were greeted with traditional hospitality.



Photo: Fatos Lajçi
Sheep on a mountain road in the Rugova Valley, Kosovo/a.



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Spring wildflowers in the Mariash Valley, Kosovo/a.

Traveling in northern Albania took trekkers through the region renowned for its ongoing bloodfeuds. However, as the 'closed' families threatened by revenge do not interact with outsiders, trekkers were free to enjoy the magnificent natural beauty of the area without becoming embroiled in local conflicts. Moreover, the Peace Park Project supports the work of mediators bringing reconciliation between those involved in such vendettas; another aspect of peacework in the region.



Photo: Antonia Young

Man of the mountain, Thethi, Albania.



Photo: Richard Hargreaves

A trekker plays the flute while over looking the Rugova Vally in Kosovo/a.

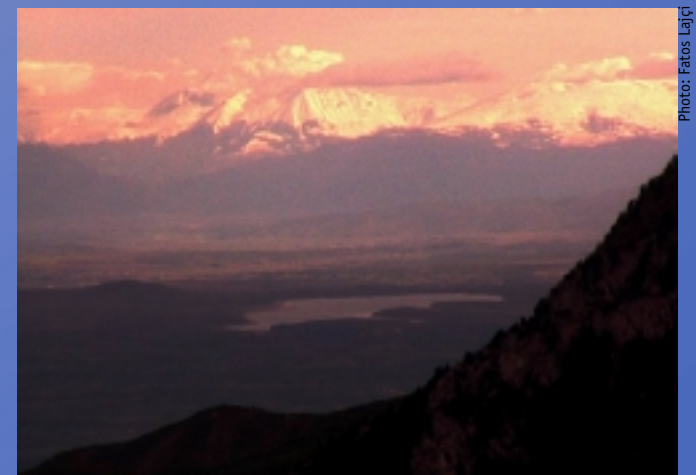


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Sunset over Rrezet e Dlellit in Kosovo/a.