Offer 1: Korça-Pogradec- Ohrid-Struga

Time spent: 1 night/2 days

### Day 1 – Korca – Pogradec (Full day 8 hrs)

* Arrival at Kapshtice crossing point (Greece) / Albania
* Sightseeing tour of Korca (1)
* Lunch in a restaurant with Korça’s traditional food
* Departure for Pogradec
* Visit of the water springs of Drilon (2)
* Dinner in a local restaurant in Pogradec
* Overnight in Pogradec

(1) Sightseeing in **Korça**:

**Korça**, the city of serenades, situated in Southeastern part of Albania, is a charming and pristine city, with clean streets and many **typical stone lanes and sidewalks**. The most outstanding constructions are the magnificent **orthodox “Cathedral”** (the biggest in Albania), “**Mesonjtorja**” (the first Albanian school opened in 1887), and the **traditional bazaar**, lying in the western part of the city. Very interesting and appealing is the **Museum of Medieval Arts**, with **6000 icons** dating from 13th – 14th century. Another attractive building is the **Mosque of Ilyaz Bey Mirahori** (1484), the oldest city monument still in existence.

(2) **Drilon springs -** Near the border 5km east of Pogradec, Drilon is a lush and delightful park set around the ponds where crystal-clear water originating from Lake Prespa bubbles up from the side of *Mali i Thate* ('dry') mountain at an amazing 7 cubic metres per second. You can feed the ducks and swans and rent a boat for a quiet paddle around. The small village of Tushemist, a few hundred metres east of the park, is worth a visit for its 6th century St. Pantaleon church with its original floor mosaic.

### Day 2: Pogradec -Ohrid (Full day 8 hrs)

* Breakfast at the hotel
* Departure to Ohrid, Macedonia
* Tushemisht Border crossing point (Macedonia)
* Sightseeing in Ohrid old town (3)
* Lunch at a local restaurant
* Sightseeing Struga (4)
* Departure to the Macedonia / Greece border

(3) The **Ohrid castle** dates back the III century B.C. In the X century it became the habitation of Cezar Samuel, and it was known as the Samuel castle. The antique theatre is found below the castle to the main center of the old bazaar. It was built in the II century B.C.

(4) **Sightseeing in Struga**

Among the more important cultural monuments is the church St. George, whose effigies date from the 13 to 19 centuries. In another church whit same name ("St. George") built in 1267, where the mosaic from the 5th century has been discovered. It is worth visiting the fisherman village Kalishta and the church St Bogorodica that is on the lake shores itself and the cave's church St. Atanasij. In Struga there is also old mosque architectural like Helveti teke mosque and the "Amam."