The Accursed Mountains: Journeys in Albania

By Robert Carver

HarperCollins Publishers, United Kingdom, 1999. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 196 x 130 mm. Language: English. Brand New Book. The remarkable tale of a series of journeys through remote, extraordinary Albania in the brief period between Communism and anarchy before it was again closed to Western travellers. Travelling by bus, on foot, by mule and horse, staying with Albanians in their houses and crumbling Stalinist tower blocks, Robert Carver meets Vlach shepherds and village intellectuals, ex-Communist Special Forces officers and juvenile heroin smugglers, missionaries with jeeps and light planes, and ex-prisoners of Enver Hoxha who have spent 45 years in the Albanian gulag. In the remote villages of the Accursed Mountains of the far north, he is the first Briton seen since the Second World War, when Intelligence officers were parachuted in to help fight the German occupiers. On his journey to Lake Gashit, high above the snowline on the Serb-Montenegrin border, Carver survives murder attempts and suicidal bus rides. He sees villages last visited by outsiders in 1933, which had effectively been hermetically sealed off from the rest of the world. In Tirana he experiences the contrasting side to life in Albania when he finds himself in the diplomatic…

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The Accursed Mountains’ is his fabulous account of the country post-communism and pre-anarchy of 1997. It is a personal travelogue with rich seams of the land's history running through it. Having lived in Albania myself for a decade, it is with some self-reproach that I took so long to arrive at reading it. Carver's observations are highly insightful about the culture, funny and at times painfully déjà vu to read, like how, as a foreigner, he got financially skinned at a fish restaurant on Lake Pogradec poor man. It holds its own with the works he refers to, Edith Durham’s 'High Albania' and Julian Amery's 'Sons of the Eagle', on the top shelf of British sojourners in the country. A book by the reviewer set in Albania: The Silencer. Read more. 2 people found this helpful. But Albania also has an alpine region worth visiting: The Accursed Mountains sound scarier than they are â€“ they're actually really, really beautiful. Slowly but surely, tourists from across Europe and beyond are heading north to explore the popular hiking route from the town of Valbonë to Theth, which is only open during the warmer months of the year. Shkoder is an easy two-hour bus ride from Tirana and onward journeys to Montenegro and Croatia are plentiful. Online forums will tell you that travelling by bus in Albania is difficult and, compared to more well-connected cities, it is a little trickier because timetables aren’t set in stone and bus station don’t really exist. Rather, buses gather in car parks around town, with the location changing every couple of weeks. Explore The Accursed Mountains holidays and discover the best time and places to visit. | Names don’t come much more evocative than the ‘Accursed Mountains’ (Bjeshkët e Namuna; also known as the Albanian Alps), but the dramatic peaks of northern Albania truly live up to the wonder in their name. Offering some of the country's most impressive scenery, and easily its finest hiking, the mountains spread over the borders of Albania, Kosovo and Montenegro, and in Albania they reach a respectable height of 2694m. Ready to go? Get to the heart of The Accursed Mountains with one of Lonely Planet's in-depth, award-winning guidebooks. Go to store. The Accursed Mountains in detail. On the ground. Activities.