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# NATIONAL PARKS OF THE BALKAN: RUGGED WORLDS & WILD BEAUTY

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**Discover the hidden treasures of the Balkan: its National Parks from Croatia to Greece.**

The Balkan Peninsula is one of the three southern European peninsulas and 500,000 square kilometres in size. Politically, it is known as Europe's powder keg. Poetically, it is the geographical border between Occident and Orient. Long shunned, it is an almost unknown beauty. Five seas lap its rugged shores: the Black Sea, the Sea of Marmara, the Aegean Sea, the Ionian Sea and the Adriatic Sea. Its hidden treasures are the national parks from Croatia to Greece. Go on a cinematic journey to the wild part of Europe - across mountains, lakes and seas.

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### **1. Bosnia and Herzegovina**

Bosnia and Herzegovina's landscape is characterized by rivers, lakes and the rugged Dinaric Mountains. Its fauna and flora is rich in species and diverse. Due to the difficult accessibility, its flora and fauna are still little threatened. A cinematic journey from the Alps to the sea through the national parks Una, Kozara and Sutjeska with its waterfalls fish areas, chamois regions and bear forests.

### **2. Croatia**

Croatia's natural beauty is diverse, from the coast to the Velebit mountain range. The cinematic journey leads from the Mljet National Park with its coral reef, through the Dinara Nature Park, where Winnetou was shot, to the Plitvice Lakes. Its ancient forests are "Croatia's green lungs" while its 16 lakes naturally preserve interesting secrets for our future.

### **3. Montenegro**

Montenegro - the land of black mountains and dark forests. In its rugged mountain landscape you can find 5 canyons and the deepest gorge in Europe. Here lies one of the last primeval forests as well as the largest freshwater lake of the Balkan Peninsula. The cinematic journey leads from the National Park Durmitor with its 48 peaks to the National Park Biogradska Gora with one of the last "real" primeval forests in Europe to the Salina of Ulcinj, which together with the Skadar Lake is considered one of the most biodiverse areas in the Mediterranean and Europe.

### **4. Albania   5. Bulgaria**

### **6. Greece**