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The municipality of Peja lies in the northwest of Kosovo and is the fourth largest municipality with territory and population. Peja is located in the Dukagjini region, and lies at the foot of the Rugova Mountains which are part the Accursed Mountains. Peja location provides easy access to the Accursed Mountains and Rugova Valley which are all a part of the character of this charming city. Peja is known by the people of Kosovo as “Green and Vital City” and a unique city in Kosovo because it has some of the best natural resources and most dynamic people in the country. With so many natural resources at its disposal, the Rugova mountain region offers numerous possibilities for recreational adventure activities and sports. All nature lovers, mountain enthusiasts and sportsmen will enjoy the fresh air, wild nature and scenery. Satisfaction guaranteed! There are numerous adventure activities such as rock climbing, hiking, alpine climbing (up to 2522 m altitude), caving, day trips and weekend breaks, camping, alpine skiing, snowshoeing, x-country skiing, via ferrata, zip-line and lots of other adventure experiences. Peja now offers the opportunity for all nature lovers and recreational tourists to stay and enjoy the beautiful wildness of this region. Peja nowadays is also known as outdoor adventure destination.

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Mountaineering in Peja is practiced not only by locals but also by many international visitors who come to Peja year round. The Rugova mountain region offers gorgeous and diverse mountain hiking trails for fans of both adventure and leisure. Developed trails in this area are designed to offer different exploratory experiences for everyone. Trails are good marked with informational and sign which leads you through the rare beauties of your surroundings, the wild flora, and magnificent waterfalls. They can connect you to local accommodations and the traditional culture of the Rugova region.
The most popular and attractive trails are:

1. Pejë - Maja e Zëzë - Peklena - Vjellak
2. Pejë - Maja e Zëzë - Shushicë
3. Pejë - Livadhi Sakës - Kopranik
4. Jezër - Milishev - Roshkodol
5. Pejë - Jezër - Lumbardh
6. Bogë - Shkrel - Koshutans - Drelaj
7. Drelaj - Reka Allagës
8. Reka Allagës - Lûtovë - Pepaj - Drelaj
9. Drelaj - Dugaivë - Kuqishtë
10. Kuqishtë - Liqeni i Leqinatit - Liqeni i Drelajve

All these above mentioned trails are stunning and can be explored throughout the entire year on foot, skis or snowshoes.
Alpine climbing during the winter season is a sport that can be enjoyed by active thrill seekers. The Rugova Valley offers alpine climbing in these great mountain peaks for all lovers of alpine activities but also for skilled mountaineers who seek out all the challenges nature has to offer. There are more than 19 peaks in this region that are over 2000m of altitude, but among those that are specifically suited for mountain and alpine climbing are: Guri i Kuq 2522m, Peak Çferla 2461m, Hajla peak 2403m and peak of Vjellaku 2014m, an integral part with the peak of Peklena. Please note that to climb these peaks it is very important to have proper mountaineering and safety equipment.
Only 3 km from the center of Peja town, there is a paradise for rock climbers in the Rugova Canyon. In this part of the Accursed Mountains, there are 9 existing rock climbing zones which contain over 40 bolted routes, ranging in length from 10 to 280 m and difficulty from 5 to 8b+. These zones are easily reachable from the main roads. The routes are set by professional rock climbing experts from Italy and local rock climbers and are checked every year in the beginning of rock climbing season. Below are the names of climbing zones which are located in Rugova:

- 3rd Kilometer
- Solarium
- Jezera
- Balcony
- 5th Kilometer
- Plazhi i Marimangave
- Shpelladragoit
- Drelaj
- Reka Allages
The term Via Ferrata is derived from the Italian language which means "Iron Routes" in English. Via Ferrata nowadays is used as a tourist attraction and adrenalin. Almost in many countries that have mountainous areas built Via Ferrat and are used as adventure tourism products. The construction of Via Ferrata is mainly developed in rocky places that have difficult access. In this path, a metal wire extends along the entire path by fixing it to the rock and setting steel stairs to overcome the obstacles. Thus, through the Ferrata, it is possible to create challenging trails and having adrenaline and adventure.

Now in Peja, there are three Via Ferrata trails which have different stretches, different lengths and different difficulties. All of these are built with UIAA standards.

Via Ferrata MAT is only 3 km from the town of Peja and it is belong to the horizontal type of ferrata. Its length is 510m.

Via Ferrata ‘ARI’ starts immediately after the ferrata MAT or in the place known as the Queen’s Cave. This belongs to vertical type ferrata and has a length of 690m.

Via Ferrata ‘MARIMANGAT’ is the third Ferrata that was developed in 2018 at the Gorge of Rugova or in the place known as ‘the 5th kilometer’. Via Ferrata ‘MARIMANGAT’ belongs to the horizontal type and is 1000m long.

To do this, it is necessary to use adequate basic safety equipment such as helmets, harness and quick draws.
Peja is also becoming well known as a cycling center and is a place that offers many recreational opportunities for biking fans. The geography provides easy slopes that have enabled the sport of cycling to become one of the most popular activities for locals and tourists in recent years.
Here are some of the popular biking routes:
1. Pejë – Gryka e Rugovës – Reka Allagës – Pejë

Each of these routes can be accomplished in a day, with the opportunity for nature lovers to extend and combine routes for longer experiences.

There are also regional biking routes that connect the town of Peja with other smaller towns and villages in Dukagjini Plain, such as: Deçani and Junik town in...
Aeronautics has a rich and old history in our city. It is known as one of the sports with a long tradition. There are many Aero-enthusiasts in the city who have formed a local club, where there are year round activities and opportunities to become involved and enjoy the sport. Nowadays there are also tourist offers to fly and see the Peja from the air.
Today around Peja there are two main zones where devotees of paragliding can indulge their love for high altitude. The first one is located at a place called Maja e Zëzë (Black Peak), which has an altitude of 900m and is very attractive because from here the whole city of Peja and almost all Dukagjini Plain is visible during flight. Another location is in the mountain village of Lipa, in the northern part of Peja on the way to the waterfall of Drini Bardha.

The new form of gliding using motorized delta planes is also growing in Peja.
The exploration of caves is well developed in the town of Peja. The karst terrain around town is very interesting not only for experienced caves to explore, but also for all levels interested in this kind of activity. Today there are many caving clubs and individual caves from all over Europe visiting this area, in partnership with our local caving association. There are caving treks organized almost every weekend, to the most interesting caves around town, such as: -Great Canyon, Cave-System, in Rugova Gorge and Cave of Radaci, north from town at Rusolia Mountain with beautiful waterfalls down the White River of Drini, and many more just waiting to be discovered.
Peja has a long tradition in this snow sport, with many ski clubs and international participation in extreme ski events. Boge Ski Center, which is located in the west of Rugova Valley, will offer you different types of accommodations both traditional and modern, delicious food, beautiful slopes and non-stop ski lifts during the winter season. Rugova Region also offers a great opportunity for back-country skiing, with access to local mountain villages at different altitudes.
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