



Pellumbas Park - The Black Cave

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Budget

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Municipal contribution

The Municipality of Tirana through the TPRA may cover up to 15% of the total amount of the budget in addition to providing access to the land.



Municipal sectors/ directorates

Tirana Parks and Recreation Agency (TPRA)



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PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Pellumbas Cave, also known as The Black Cave, is a natural monument, a public asset, and an area of archeological interest. The cave is situated in Skorana strait, in proximity of Pellumbas village, around 23 km distance from Tirana. This cave is located at the left side of Erzen river valley. The cave is 360 m long, 10-15 m large, 15-45 m in heights and contains many stalactites, stalagmites and columns. This cave is one of among six carstic caves that exist in Europe. The Black cave was discovered in 1995 by the Albanian Speleologic, Scientific and Didactics Society.

The proposed project focuses on the restoration of the path leading to the cave and the establishment of necessary signages outside and inside the cave. The signage system shall be extended also inside the cave, but in this case a more specific system shall be used, besides the signage showing direction and distances. Pedestrians' path up to the cave is 2.3 km, while the cave is 360 m long.

A 2-meter wide wooden footbridge will be constructed inside the cave, from the entrance up to the exit point, enabling further access to the cave's interior. The Black Cave has an urgent need for an illumination system. Relaxation and recreative infrastructure is also necessary. This project presents a specified itinerary that transforms this area into a tourist destination. This project meets tourist's requests through the establishment of the necessary signage system in the path leading from Pellumbas village to the Black Cave in order to ease the visit to the cave.

OVERALL OBJECTIVE

This project aims to increase access to the Black Cave.

A more efficient exploitation/administration of the rural areas offering points of touristic interest.

Tourism related economic opportunities for the rural areas.

The creation of a recreative area around the object enabling the visits to the Black Cave, through a Recreative Natural Park enabling a safeguarded attendance by the national and international tourists.

PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION MODALITY

- The implementation will commence with the transfer of this asset under the management of the Tirana Parks and Recreation Agency (TPRA).
- Work will follow with the development of a detailed timeline for project implementation, inclusive of all technical and infrastructural aspects.
- The work will include the implementation of the necessary signage from the center of Tirana City to this destination and especially in the path leading from Pellumbas village to the Black Cave.
- During the implementation, the Black Cave will be equipped with the necessary lighting and interior signage system in order to meet local visitors' and tourists' needs, offering a pleasant and safe visit inside the cave.
- The promotion of this very natural richness will become part of Tirana tourist guides, and My Tirana Outdoor platform managed by TPRA. This cave's geological elements will be promoted in order to urge excursions in this natural monument and studies.

PRELIMINARY IMPACTS

Increasing the number of green areas and preserving places of natural, historical and cultural interest in order to raise the number of inland visitors and foreign tourists. This natural richness shall be visited by a large number of national and international visitors. Schools and research tours from other cities are also in the focus of this project.