

ABOUT ALBANIA

A PLACE WHERE EVERYONE FINDS WHAT THEY ARE LOOKING FOR: from the white and clear snow of the mountains to the purple fields from the spring poppies, Albania's landscape is in constant transformation according to the seasons, offering visitors both hot summer vacations by the sea and hiking in the mountains in autumn. Although small, Albania offers a wide range of landscapes to explore. There are many wonderful beaches, spectacular mountains, river valleys, large canyons, rich flora and fauna, large and small lakes and many other surprises for visitors. Its culture and history are also impressive and have a lot to offer to tourists. Butrint, which is located in the south of Albania, is part of the UNESCO World Cultural Heritage Program and is considered one of the most wonderful places in the world, full of mythology and mystical atmosphere. The site is located in a "jungle" of the Mediterranean and is built in the ancient style of Troy. Two other Albanian cities are on the UNESCO World Heritage List, which stand out for their unique architectural style: Berat and Gjirokastra. Albania is proud to have a wide range of archeological sites, Illyrian castles, medieval fortifications, Byzantine churches and monasteries of the post-Byzantine period. Albania's living connection with its rich cultural heritage is also associated with its commitment to capture the rhythm of dynamic and contemporary life, echoing the spirituality and its presence in the European cultural environment. The Republic of Albania has a magnificent coastline, which stretches for 450 km, including the lagoons, along the Adriatic and Ionian Seas. Albania is a country you fall in love with easily. In this small Mediterranean country, the sunny virgin nature, mountains, plains, hills, rivers, lakes and cultural attractions have come together and created a unique atmosphere. In Albania, visitors are welcomed as guests, because hospitality is part of the country's rich cultural tradition and heritage. Come to Albania! We welcome you as our guest!

TRAVELING IN ALBANIA

BY ROAD

There are about 18,000 km of roads in Albania, of which about 3,700 km are national main roads and 11,000 km are roads within neighborhoods and municipalities. The main road network is about 1,200 km with nine main connections. The government continues to invest heavily in improving roads and new highways are under construction. In any case, if you travel by car in Albania, please be careful and follow the road code. It is best to avoid traveling at night outside the main urban areas, as the dangers of the road are more difficult to distinguish. It is drive under the influence of alcohol and drugs, as well as to use a mobile phone while driving.

TRAFFIC CIRCULATION

Traffic is on the right side of the road, as in many European countries. Except in cases where it is publicly defined differently, there is a speed limit of 50 km / h in urban centers and a 90 km / h limit on National Roads.

WEB TOURISTIC INFORMATION

Information on tourism in Albania: www.albania.al
Source of the Ministry of Tourism and Environment: www.turizmi.gov.al
Source of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs: www.punetesjashtme.gov.al
Hotel information in Albania: www.albania-hotel.com

TOURISM INSTITUTIONS

Ministry of Tourism and Environment: www.turizmi.gov.al
National Tourism Agency: www.akt.gov.al ; www.albania.al

BRIEF COUNTRY DESCRIPTION

Albania is a parliamentary democracy with European aspirations and a market-oriented economic system. Albania is one of the smallest countries on earth, with an area of 28,700 square kilometers (11,000 square miles), ranking 143rd. In 2023, Albania had a population of 2.7 million. Albania's population is very tolerant, hospitable and its attitude towards Western countries is absolutely positive. Public safety is generally good, especially in Tirana. Foreign embassies generally advise the implementation of normal security measures. Tourist structures are constantly improving and the capacity of hotels are enough in Tirana and other big cities. In small towns and villages outside the tourist centers, the hotel offer is limited and often with simple standards. Most Albanians speak Italian and English is widely spoken in cities.

MONETARY SYSTEM

The monetary unit of Albania is called Lek ALL (plural Leke). Banknotes are available in denominations of 10000, 5000, 2000, 1000, 500, 200, ALL. The bank is freely traded, but is quite stable. The currency exchange rate is available on the official website of the Bank of Albania: <https://www.bankofalbania.org/Tregimet/Kursizyrtarikembimit>. Major credit and debit cards are accepted by most banks, large supermarkets and international hotels. Small businesses usually accept only cash. There are many ATMs in Tirana and major cities, as well as foreign exchange offices, where the US Dollar, Sterlina and Euro are widely accepted. Only contact banks or foreign exchange bureaus. The traveler's check is not very widespread, but can be exchanged at banks in major cities or towns. You should be aware when it comes to prices in Albania, especially in the markets, as many people continue to refer to the "old Lek" system, with another zero at the end.

BANKING HOURS

OTP Bank: www.otpbank.al
Intesa San Paolo: www.intesasanmarpaolobank.al
Credins Bank: www.bankacre-dlins.com
Raiffeisen Bank: www.raiffeisen.al
Banka Kombetare Tregtare (BKT): www.bkt.com.al
ABI Bank: www.abi.al
First Investment Bank: www.fibank.al
Pro Credit Bank: www.procreditbank.com.al
Raiffeisen Bank: www.raiffeisen.al
Tirana Bank: www.tiranabank.al
UBA: www.uba.com.al
Union Bank: www.unionbank.com
World Bank: www.worldbank.org.al
Banka di Albania: www.bankofalbania.org

GAS STATIONS & CAR REPAIR

Fuel stations are numerous and available, both in rural and urban areas. The points located on the main roads often provide repair services for vehicles and restaurants. Vehicle repair services are generally found throughout the country, including rural areas.

SELECTED GAS AND SERVICE STATIONS IN TIRANA

Anas Fiat:
Rr.Dritan Hoxha, Nr 54, Tiranë, Shipëri;
Tel: +355 68 20 93 908;
Tel: 042 227 888;
E-mail: info@fiat.com.al;
Web: www.fiat.com.al

BMW Group Albania:
Autostrada Tiranë-Durrës;
Tel.: +355 4 23990999;
E-mail: service@tomic.al
www.bmw-albania.com

Mercedes Benz:
Autostrada Tiranë-Durrës, Km-7, Tirane, Albania;
Tel: +355 4 4500 334 ;
E-mail: info@mercedes-benz.al;
Web: www.mercedes-benz.al/

Opel Noshi:
Autostrada Tirane-Durrës Km7, Kashar;
Tel: +355 672034229;
E-mail: info@opel-noshi.com;
Web: www.noshi.al

Porsche Albania:
Autostrada Tiranë-Durrës, Km
Tel.: +355 69 80 80 044;
E-mail: office@porsche.al;
Web: www.porsche.al/

INTERURBAN TRANSPORT

In Albania's main cities, passenger buses are widely available, providing an affordable and scenic way to travel through charming villages. Bus fares typically range from 1,000 to 1,200 lek for longer distances, such as the trip from Tirana to Saranda. While many travelers prefer the convenience of public buses, private vans are also a popular alternative, functioning as a parallel transport system. In Tirana, the primary bus terminals are:

INTERNATIONAL BUS TERMINAL:
Adresa: TEG, Tiranë, Shqipëri
Tel.: +355 4 2211111
E-Mail: tiranaparking@tirana.al
Destinations: Greece, Italy, Kosovo, Bulgaria, Germany, Northern Macedonia, Montene-gro, Turkey

NORTH, SOUTH BUS TERMINAL:
Adresa: Stacioni i autobusëve ndërqytetës zona Jug, Durrës dhe Veri, Rruga e Shkodrës, Kashar, Tirane
Tel.: +355 4 2211111
E-Mail: tiranaparking@tirana.al
Destinations: Bulqizë, Shkodër, Mirditë, Buzëmadh, Pukë, Burrel, Dibër, Krujë, B. Curri, Has, F. Arrëz, F. Krujë, Klos, Vau i Dejës, Koplik , Memalia, Tepelena, Polican, Sukth, Shijak, Roskovec, Konispol, Përmet, Saranda (Coast), Saranda, Himara, Fratar, Orikum, Kavaja, Peqin, Divjaka, Manza, Delvinë, Rrogozhinë, Libohovë, Fier, Patos, Gjirokastra, Lushnja, Berat, Vlora, Durrës, Skrapar)

SOUTHEAST BUS TERMINAL:
Adresa: Rr. Arben Broci,Qyteti Studenti,Tiranë:
Tel.: +355 4 2211111
Destinations: Elbasan, Belsh, Cërrik, Gramsh, Librazhd, Përrenjas, Pogradec, Korçë, Ersekë, Leskovik, Biliisht

TRAINS

The Albanian railway network extends towards Shkodra in the northern direction; towards Vlora in the southern direction and towards Pogradec in the eastern direction.
For information on time tables or other information that may be useful to you, please access the website www.hekurudha.al

HOW TO COME TO ALBANIA?

BY AIR:

Albania's Airport is "Mother Teresa International Airport", located in Rinas, 17 km northwest of Tirana.
Travel Tirana - Airport takes 20 - 30 minutes, depending on traffic, and by taxi costs about 1500-2500 ALL, or 15-25 € one way.
Travel Tirana - Airport and vice versa can be done by bus. The bus is parked in Tirana behind the Palace of OPERA and BALLET. The service fee for a road is 300 ALL or 3 €. Service hours:
Tirana - TIA: Every hour starting from 07:00 to 22:00
TIA - Tirana: Every hour starting from 08:00 to 23:00

AIRPORT "MOTHER TERESA" Tirana International Airport, Administrative Building, Rinas, Tirana
Tel: +355 42 381600; Fax: +355 42 381545; Email: info@tirana-airport.com Web: www.tirana-airport.com.
LOST OBJECTS :
Tel: +355 42 381681/82 Cell: +355 69 2066626; Email: tia-lost&found@tirana-airport.com
CALL CENTER:
Phone: + 355 69 70 81 800
The airport has a duty free shop. Customs works 24 hours a day.

AIRLINES OPERATING AT TIRANA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT:

Aegean Airlines Web: www.aegeanair.com; Tel: +355 4 238 19 50
Air Albania: Web: www.airalbania.com.al; Tel: +355 4 224 60 00
Air Serbia/JU: Web: www.airserbia.com; Tel: +381 11 311 21 23
Albawings/2B: Web: www.albawings.com; Tel: +355 45 800 100
Alitalia/AZ: Web: www.alitalia.com; Tel: +355 4 451 22 22
Austrian Airlines/OS: Web: www.austrian.com; Tel: +355 4 223 50 28
British Airways/BA: Web: www.britishairways.com; Tel: +49 421 5575 473
Easy Jet: Web: www.easyjet.com; Tel: +44 330 551 51 51
Edelweiss: Web: www.flyedelweiss.com; Tel: +41 848 333 593
Jet Airfly: Web: www.tuifly.be; Tel: +32 70 22 00 00
Lufthansa/LH: Web: www.lufthansa.com; Tel: +355 4450 0295
Pegasus Airlines /PC: Web: www.flypgs.com; Tel: +90 8502506777
Turkish Airlines/TK: Web: www.turkishairlines.com;Tel: +355 4 2240965
Transavia/TO: Web: www.transavia.com;Tel: +352 27002728
Wizz Air: Web: www.wizzair.com; Tel: +36 1 6777 515
Ryanair: Web: www.ryanair.com; Tel: +44 127 935 8395

BY SEA

Tourists can come to Albania by ferry through ports, located in its largest coastal cities, where many foreign companies have regular travel services:

PORT OF DURRES: Rruga Tregtare, No. 1, Durrës, Tel.: +355 5223115; Web: www.durresport.al is connected to the Italian ports of Bari, Ancona, Trieste in Italy and Istria in Slovenia. Customs operates 24 hours a day.

PORT OF SARANDË: Rruga Mitat Hoxha, Saranda, Tel: +355 8525827; Cel: +355692073215
Fax: +355 8525827; Web: www.portisarande.com.al. Daily excursions are organized to the Greek island of Corfu. Customs operates until 22:00.

PORT OF VLORA: Lagja Pavarësia, Skelë, Vlora. Tel: +355 33409700; Fax: +355 33409700;
Email: info.portivlore@gmail.com; Web: www.portivlore.com. It connects with Brindisi and Otranto in Italy. Customs operates until 22:00.

PORT OF SHENGJIN: Port Road, Shengjin, Tel: +355 28122201; Fax: +355 28122201;
E-mail: port_shengjin@yahoo.com; Web: www.portshengjin.com. only for raw materials. Customs operates until 22:00.

FERRY LINES from Durrës and Vlora: Ferry lines, Agencies, Tel / Web (www)

FERRY LINES	SHIPS	AGENCIES	Telephone	Web (www)
DURRES-BARI				
Adria Ferries	AF Francesc	Adria Ferries	+355 52 220105	adriaferries.com
Adria Ferries	AF Marina	Adria Ferries	+355 52 220105	adriaferries.com
Adria Ferries	AF Claudia	Adria Ferries	+355 52 220105	adriaferries.com
Adria Ferries	AF Michela	Adria Ferries	+355 52 220105	adriaferries.com
Nobel Maritimelnc.	Riegel I	DuniPortAgency	+355 52 230200	duniport.al
Nobel Maritime Inc.	Riegel II	Duni Port Agency	+355 52 230200	duniport.al
Nobel Maritime Inc.	Riegel III	Duni Port Agency	+355 52 230200	duniport.al
Nobel Maritime Inc.	Bari	Duni Port Agency	+355 52 230200	duniport.al
Grandi Navi Veloci	GNV Azzura	Niki Mare	+355 52 200172	gnv.it/it/tratte-gnv/bari-durazzo.html
DURRES-ANKONA				
Adria Ferries	Adria Ferries	Adria Ferries	+355 52 220105	adriaferries.com
VLORE-BRINDISI				
Euro Ferries	Starlines	Euro Ferries	+355 69 7023339	euro-ferries.com

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Public Holidays January 1 & 2 New Year's Eve
March 14 Summer Day
March 22 Novruz Day
May 1 International Workers' Day
September 5 St. Teresa's Day of Sanctification
November 22 Alphabet's Day
November 28 Flag and Independence Day
November 29 Liberation Day
December 8 National Youth Day
December 25 Christmas
The following days are also holidays that are not celebrated on the same date every year: Catholic Easter
Orthodox Easter Eid al-Adha Eid al-Fitr

OPENING HOURS

The opening hours of commercial activities are very liberal in Albania. Most shops in major cities and tourist centers open 7 days a week from at least 9.00 to 20.00.
In the village the shops can be closed on Sunday, but usually you can always find an open grocery store.
Government agencies, post offices and banks are closed on Saturdays and Sundays.

HEALTH ISSUES

Pharmacies ("farmaci" with a green cross) can be found in all cities, where most of them are modern and well equipped. Their staff is well trained and usually speaks English. Doctors and dentists are easily found throughout Albania, both in hospitals and in private clinics.

POSTAL SYSTEM AND PHONE CALLS

Albanian post offices that are distinguished by their yellow and blue logo with the inscription PTT "can be found all over the country and perform reliable postal services.
The central post office works from 7:30 to 20.00, from Monday to Saturday.
As an addition to regular services they offer an express mail service called EMS Albania – www.ems.post and Albanian Courier – albaniancourier.al

CONTACT

Tel: 08004141; +355 682044727; +355 682044707; E-mail: asistence@postashqiptare.al


OTHER POSTAL PRIVATE COMPANIES THAT OPERATE IN ALBANIA:

FEDEX www.fedex.com
DHL www.dhl.com
UPS www.ups.com

MOBILE PHONE AND INTERNET

There are currently four mobile phone companies operating in Albania: ONE, Vodafone. In Tirana and major cities, the Internet is widespread and many bars and restaurants offer access to Wi-Fi.

EMBASSIES

 Austria Rruga e Xibrakeve, Tiranë +355 4 22 74 855 +355 4 22 74 856	Poland Rruga e Bogdanëve. nr. 50, Tiranë 1016 +355 4 451 0020	+355 4 224 01 02 +355 4 225 65 35
People's Republic of China Rruga Skenderbej, nr. 57 +355 4 2 232 385	Romania Rruga Pandeli Evangjeli nr. 15 Tiranë +355 4 230 3134	USA Rruga Stavro Vinjau, 14 Tiranë, Albania +355 4 2247 285
Egypt Rruga e Xibrakeve, Villa, nr. 1, Tiranë +355 4 223 3022 +355 4 224 7986	Russia Tiranë, Mjull-Bathore, Rruga Dervish Shaba + 355 4 225-60-40	Brazil Rruga e Elbasanit, Tiranë 1010 - 2.4 km +355 4 225 8226
Greece Rruga Skënderbej, nr. 88, 1023 Tiranë +3554 2274669, 668 +3554 2234290	Sweden Rruga Pjeter Budi Nr. 56. 1003 Tiranë +355 4 238 06 50	Japan Rruga e Kavajës, Nr. 50, Tiranë, 1010 +355 4 454 7930
Hungary Rruga e Xibrakeve, nr. 47, Tiranë 22 32 238, 22 34 903	Switzerland Rruga Ibrahim Rugova, Nr. 3/1 1019 Tiranë	Ukraine Ukraina e Lire N. 5 1001 Tiranë +355 445 055 33

BY ROAD:

KOSOVA:

• From Kosovo, the road passes through Qafe Morina (Albania) and connects Prishtina with Kukes. The other entry points are Morina, which connects Tropoja with Gjakova, and Qafe Prushi, which connects Has with Gjakova.
Email contact:
Morine: PKK.Morine@ASP.gov.al
Qafe Morine: PKK.QafeMorine@ASP.gov.al
Qafe Prush: PKK.QafePrush@ASP.gov.al

GREECE :

• From Greece via Kapshtica to Korca. Customs works 24 hours.
e-mail: PKK.Kapshtice@ASP.gov.al
• From Greece via Kakavija to lead to Gjirokastra. Customs works 24 hours.
e-mail: PKK.Kakavije@ASP.gov.al
• From Greece via Qafe Botës (Konispol) to take you to Filat. Customs works until 22:00.
e-mail: PKK.Qafebote@ASP.gov.al
From Greece through Three Bridges, which connects Permet with Konica. Customs works until 22:00.
e-mail: PKK.TreUrat@ASP.gov.al

MONTENEGRO:

• From Montenegro via Hani i Hotit, to lead to Shkodra and Lake Shkodra. Customs works until 22:00.
e-mail: PKK.HaniHotit@ASP.gov.al
• From Montenegro through Murriqan - Sukobina, which connects Shkodra with Ulcinj (Montenegro). Customs works until 22:00.
e-mail: PKK.Murigan@ASP.gov.al
• Recently, a road has been opened in Vermosh, which connects the Kelmendi area in Albania with Plava e Gucine (Gusinjë) in Montenegro. Customs works until 22:00.
e-mail: PKK.Vermosh@ASP.gov.al

NORTH MACEDONIA:

• From North Macedonia via Qafe Thana to take you to Pogradec, Librazhd, Elbasan. Customs works until 22:00.
e-mail: PKK.Qafethane@ASP.gov.al
• From North Macedonia via Tushemisht at the southeastern tip of Lake Ohrid, connected to Pogradec. Customs is open until 22:00.
e-mail: PKKTushemisht@ASP.gov.al
• From North Macedonia via Blata, which is connected to Peshkopia, Bulqiza and Burrel. Customs works until 22:00.
e-mail: PKK.Bllate@ASP.gov.al
• From North Macedonia via Gorica connected to the northern shores of Lake Prespa. Custon works until 19.00.
e-mail: PKK.Gorice@ASP.gov.al

BORDER FORMALITIES

PASSPORT & VISA:

All the foreigners who have a valid multi-entry Schengen visa, type "C" or "D", or a valid residence permit in one of the Schengen member states, can enter, stay and transit Albania without visa, within the validity term of the visa or the residence permit. All visitors from the following countries are allowed to enter Albania without a visa.
Albanian law allows foreigners to remain in Albania for 90 days only within a specific 180-day period, starting from the date of first entry.

COUNTRIES

1. Andorra (90 days)	23. Czech Republic (90 days)	46. Luxembourg (90 days)	Nevis (90 days)
2. Antigua and Barbuda (90 days)	24. Denmark (90 days)	47. North Macedonia (90 days)	66. San Marino (90 days)
3. Argentina (90 days)	25. El Salvador (90 days)	48. Malaysia (90 days)	67. Serbia (90 days)
4. Armenia (90 days)	26. Estonia (90 days)	49. Malta (90 days)	68. Seychelles (90 days)
5. Australia (90 days)	27. Finland (90 days)	50. Mauritius (90 days)	69. Singapore (90 days)
6. Austria (90 days)	28. France (90 days)	51. Mexico (90 days)	70. Slovakia (90 days)
7. Azerbaijan (90 days)	29. Georgia (90 days)	52. Moldova (90 days)	71. Slovenia (90 days)
8. Bahamas (90 days)	30. Germany (90 days)	53. Monaco (90 days)	72. South Korea (90 days)
9. Barbados (90 days)	31. Greece (90 days)	54. Montenegro (90 days)	73. Spain (90 days)
10. Belarus (30 days)	32. Guatemala (90 days)	55. Netherlands (90 days)	74. Sweden (90 days)
11. Belgium (90 days)	33. Guyana (90 days)	56. New Zealand (90 days)	75. Switzerland (90 days)
12. Bosnia and Herzegovina (90 days)	34. Honduras (90 days)	57. Nicaragua (90 days)	76. Trinidad and Tobago (90 days)
13. Brazil (90 days)	35. Hungary (90 days)	58. Norway (90 days)	77. Turkey (90 days)
14. Brunei (90 days)	36. Iceland (90 days)	59. Panama (90 days)	78. United Arab Emirates (90 days)
15. Bulgaria (90 days)	37. Ireland (90 days)	60. Paraguay (90 days)	80. United Kingdom (90 days)
16. Canada (90 days)	38. Israel (90 days)	61. Peru (90 days)	81. United States (1 year)
17. Chile (90 days)	39. Italy (90 days)	62. Poland (90 days)	82. Uruguay (90 days)
18. China (90 days)	40. Japan (90 days)	63. Portugal (90 days)	83. Venezuela (90 days)
19. Colombia (90 days)	41. Kazakhstan (90 days)	64. Romania (90 days)	84. Kosovo (90 days)
20. Costa Rica (90 days)	42. Kuwait (90 days)	65. Saint Kitts and Nevis (90 days)	
21. Croatia (90 days)	43. Latvia (90 days)		
22. Cyprus (90 days)	44. Liechtenstein (90 days)		
	45. Lithuania (90 days)		

VISAS:

All other foreigners must be provided with a visa before entering the Republic of Albania. The website of the Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs Web www.mefa.gov.al provides information on the requirements to be met for a visa and the relevant application process.

CUSTOMS:

All personal items, new and old, can be obtained in Albania without customs duties. A reasonable amount of tobacco, beverages and perfumes for personal use is negligible. Prohibited items include firearms, narcotics ammunition, drugs and products that endanger public order and public safety. Special export permits are required. For precious metals, relics, antiques, books and works of art, especially those considered part of the national culture and heritage. For further information, please visit: www.dogana.gov.al



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MONTENEGRO

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NORTH
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LEGEND

- ★ National Capital
- District Capital
- Town
- Village
- ✈ International Airport
- ⚓ Seaport
- ⚓ Marina
- 🚩 Border Crossing
- Country Border
- National Road
- Secondary Road
- Railroad
- 🌲 Camping Site
- 🏛 Archaeological Site
- ⛪ Christian Monastery
- 🕌 Old Mosque
- ⛪ Orthodox Church
- 🕌 Old Bridge
- ⛪ Catholic Church
- 🕌 Bektashi Tekke
- 🏰 Fortress
- 🏰 Traditional Tower
- 🏛 Museum
- 🏛 UNESCO Site
- 🍷 Vineyards
- 🏖 Beach
- 🏊 Water Sports
- 🎿 Skiing
- 🧭 Spelunking
- 🪂 Paragliding
- 🎣 Fishing
- 🤿 Diving
- 🐾 Hunting Ground
- 🌲 National Park
- ♨ Thermal Waters
- 📍 Tourist Information

