

Albania

Travel Facts



US State Department Travel Advisory

The US State Department currently recommends US citizens exercise increased caution in Albania due to crime. <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html>

Passport/Visa Requirements

For the latest passport and visa requirements for this country, please consult the US State Department's "Learn About Your Destination" search tool, available through the link below.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/International-Travel-Country-Information-Pages.html>

US Embassy/Consulate

[355] 4 2247-285; US Embassy Tirana, Rruga Stavro Vinjau, No. 14, Tirana, Albania; <https://al.usembassy.gov/>; ACSTirana@state.gov

LGBTQIA+, Women, and Special Needs Travelers

Additional travel considerations can be found on the US State Department's International Travel page.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/travelers-with-special-considerations.html>

Telephone Code

355

Local Emergency Phone

Ambulance: 17; Fire: 18; Police: 19

Vaccinations

The CDC and WHO recommend the following vaccinations for Albania: hepatitis A, hepatitis B, yellow fever, rabies, meningitis, polio, measles, mumps and rubella (MMR), Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis), chickenpox, shingles, pneumonia, influenza, and COVID-19. <http://www.who.int/>

Climate

Mild temperate; cool, cloudy, wet winters; hot, clear summers; interior is cooler and wetter

Currency (Code)

Leke (ALL)

Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

230 V / 50 Hz / plug types(s): C, F



Type C



Type F

Major Languages

Albanian (official), Greek, other minority languages

Major Religions

Muslim, Roman Catholic, Orthodox, other minority religions

Time Difference

UTC+1 (6 hours ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time); +1hr, begins last Sunday in March, ends last Sunday in October

Potable Water

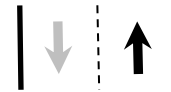
Opt for bottled water

International Driving Permit

Suggested

Road Driving Side

Right



Tourist Destinations

Porto Palermo Castle; Valbona Valley; Apollonia; Saranda; Tirana; Himare; Berat; Shkodra; Pindus Mts. & Dinaric Alps; Kruje; Butrint; Gjirokastra

Major Sports

Soccer, basketball, volleyball, handball, boxing

Cultural Practices

When speaking with an Albanian, you may realize that they make head nods in the opposing direction from Western societies. They shake their head from side to side to indicate yes, and up and down to point no.

Tipping Guidelines

Rounding up the bill at restaurants is fine. Taxi drivers do not expect a tip, but if they help with your luggage and provide you with tourist information, a tip would be appreciated. Tipping the housekeeping staff is not necessary but appreciated.

Souvenirs

Woven kilim rugs, alabaster, copper crafts, leather footwear, perfumes

Traditional Cuisine

Tavë kosi — a dish of lamb, or occasionally chicken, and rice baked with a mixture of yogurt and eggs and added to a roux of wheat flour and butter

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