

## Albania

### US State Dept Travel Advisory

The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens RECONSIDER TRAVEL to Albania due to COVID-19. Exercise increased caution due to crime. Consult its website daily via the link below for any travel advisories about visiting this country.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html>

### Passport/Visa Requirements

US citizens should make sure their passport will not expire for at least 6 months after they enter the country even if they do not intend to stay that long. They should also make sure they have at least 1 blank page in their passport for any entry stamp that will be required. A visa is not required as long as you do not stay in the country more than a year.

### US Embassy/ Consulate

[355] (4) 2247-285; US Embassy Tirana, Rruga e Elbasanit, No. 103, Tirana, Albania

### Vaccinations

An International Certificate of Vaccination for yellow fever is required for travelers arriving from countries with a risk of yellow fever transmission and for travelers having transited through the airport of a country with risk of yellow fever transmission. See WHO recommendations.

<http://www.who.int>

### Climate

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

### Currency (Code)

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### Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

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



### Major Languages

Albanian 98.8%, Greek 0.5%, other 0.6%, unspecified 0.1%

### Religions

Muslim 56.7%, Roman Catholic 10%, Orthodox 6.8%, atheist 2.5%, Bektashi (a Sufi order) 2.1%, other 5.7%, unspecified 16.2%

### 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

<b>Tourist destinations</b>	Porto Palermo Castle; Valbona Valley; Apollonia; Saranda; Tirana; Himare; Berat; Shkodra; Pindus Mts. & Dinaric Alps; Kruje; Butrint; Gjirokastra
<b>Cultural Practices</b>	Albanians will usually save gifts to open in private. Wrapping them nicely is a good idea.
<b>Tipping Guidelines</b>	Rounding up the bill at restaurants is fine, unless the service was outstanding, in which case, a good tip will be much appreciated. 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.
<b>Telephone Code</b>	355
<b>Local Emergency Phone</b>	Ambulance: 17; Fire: 18; Police: 19

Please visit the following links to find further information about your desired destination.

[World Health Organization \(WHO\) - To learn what vaccines and health precautions to take while visiting your destination. http://www.who.int](http://www.who.int)

[US State Dept Travel Information - Overall information about foreign travel for US citizens. https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html](https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html)

[To obtain an international driving permit \(IDP\). Only two organizations in the US issue IDPs: American Automobile Association \(AAA\) \(www.aaa.com\) and American Automobile Touring Alliance \(ATA\) \(www.aataidp.com\)](http://www.aaa.com)

US citizens may call the US Dept of State (+1-202-501-4444) for emergencies abroad.

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