



**Albania Experience / 9 days**

## Trip Summary

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### Suggested hotels

Tirana

Dhërmi

Sarandë

### Practical Information

## Day 1 – Arrival in Tirana

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Upon arrival in Tirana, guests are met and transferred to the hotel.

The remainder of the day is at leisure—allowing time to settle in, adjust after the journey, or take a relaxed walk through the city center.

For those who wish to begin exploring, Skanderbeg Square and the surrounding streets offer an easy introduction to Tirana's atmosphere, with cafés, restaurants, and local life.



## Day 9 – Tirana Private Discovery



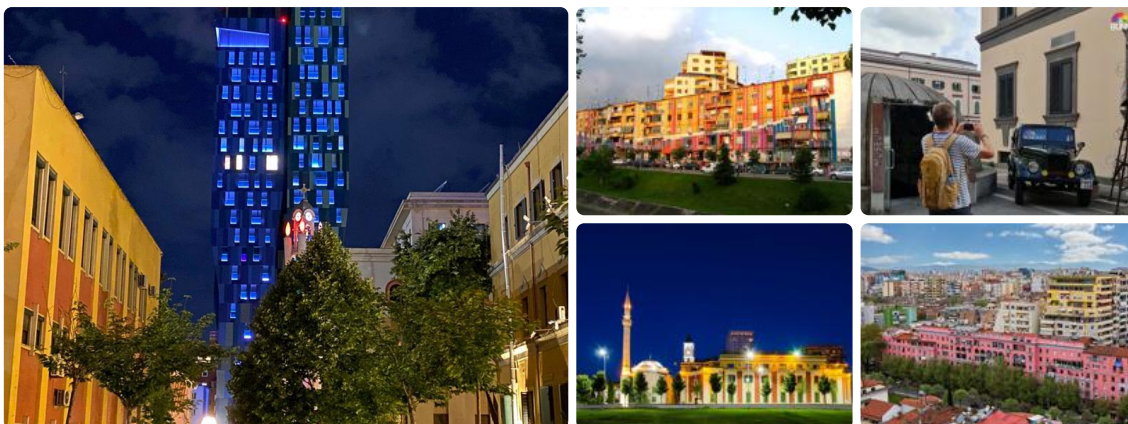
The day begins with a **private guided tour of Tirana**, introducing Albania's dynamic capital.

The experience includes:

- **Skanderbeg Square** – the city's central landmark
- **Et'hem Bey Mosque** – one of the oldest buildings in the city
- **Bunk'Art** – a unique museum set inside a former Cold War bunker

The tour continues through the city's main boulevards, colorful architecture, and local neighborhoods, offering insight into Tirana's transformation over time.

Free time in the afternoon.



## Day 3 – Day Trip to Ohrid



Early departure for a full-day excursion to Ohrid.

The journey includes **crossing international borders** into North Macedonia.

Upon arrival, guests explore the historic town of Ohrid, known for its lakeside setting, churches, and old town atmosphere.

Free time for lunch and exploration before returning to Tirana in the evening.



## Day41 – Tirana to Dhërmi (via Berat)



After breakfast, departure toward the Albanian Riviera.

A stop is made in **Berat**, a UNESCO-listed town known for its distinctive white houses and hillside setting. A short guided walk introduces its historic charm.

The journey continues along the coast toward Dhërmi.

Arrival and check-in, followed by time to relax by the sea.



## Day 5 – Dhërmi Leisure Day



The day is left at leisure to enjoy the Albanian Riviera.

Options include beach time, exploring nearby coastal villages, or relaxing at a beach club.



## Day 6 – Dhërmi to Sarandë



After breakfast, departure from Dhërmi toward Sarandë, following one of the most scenic coastal drives along the Albanian Riviera.

Arrival in Sarandë and check-in at the hotel.

In the evening, a short drive leads to **Lëkurësi Castle**, located above the city. The setting offers wide views over Sarandë and the Ionian coastline, making it an ideal spot to enjoy sunset.

Return to the hotel in the evening.



## Day 7 – Day Trip to Gjirokaštër



The day is dedicated to a visit to **Gjirokaštër**, a UNESCO-listed town known for its distinctive stone architecture and hillside setting.

A **guided walk through the old town** introduces its narrow streets, traditional houses, and local atmosphere, including a visit to the castle overlooking the valley.

Free time for lunch and exploration before returning to Sarandë in the afternoon.

The combination of coastal stay and inland cultural experience creates a well-balanced extension.



## Day 8 – Sarandë Leisure Day

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The day is left at leisure to enjoy Sarandë and its surroundings.

Options include beach time, visiting nearby coastal areas such as Ksamil, or simply relaxing by the sea.

## Day 9 – Departure from Sarandë via Tirana

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After breakfast, departure from Sarandë toward Tirana.

The journey follows a scenic inland and coastal route, offering views of the Albanian Riviera and mountain landscapes along the way.

Arrival in Tirana, followed by a **private transfer to the airport** for departure.

## Suggested hotels

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### Tirana

#### 5★ Hotels:

- Maritim Hotel Plaza Tirana
- Xheko Imperial Hotel



### Dhërmi

#### 5★ Hotels:

- Green Coast Hotel – MGallery Collection



### Sarandë

#### 5★ Hotel:

- Kep Merli

## Practical Information

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### Best Time to Visit

The ideal time to visit Albania is from **May to October**.

Summer months are best for the coast, while spring and early autumn offer more comfortable conditions for inland exploration.

### Currency

The official currency is the **Albanian Lek (ALL)**.

Euros are often accepted in tourist areas, but local currency is recommended. Credit cards are widely used in cities and hotels.

### Weather

- **Coast (Dhërmi, Sarandë):** Mediterranean climate—hot, dry summers
- **Inland (Tirana, Gjirokaštër):** Warmer with slight continental influence  
Summer temperatures typically range between **25–32°C (77–90°F)**

### Language

The official language is Albanian.

**English is widely spoken** in hotels, restaurants, and tourist areas.

### Getting Around

Travel is best arranged with **private transfers**, especially when moving between coastal areas and inland cities.

### Driving Distances

Distances are relatively short, but travel times can be longer due to mountainous terrain and coastal roads. Scenic drives are a key part of the experience.

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