

ERASMUS GUIDE



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DESTINATION – BARLETI UNIVERSITY



INFO ABOUT UNIBA

Barleti University, as a non-public institution of higher education, started its activity in 2005 by graduating a large number of successful students. UniBa offers a wide range of programs in different levels of study, such as professional programs, Bachelor programs, Professional Master and Master of Science. UniBa aims to create the model of the applied university, which performs its activity based on five main pillars, as follows: Academic Pillar, "Focus on Student" Pillar, "Applied Research and Innovation" Pillar, the Corporate and Administrative Pillar and the Entrepreneurial Pillar. During this decade, it also aims to become a digital institution.

LOCATION

Barleti University is located in Tirana, precisely in a very quiet area known as Se-litë. From the city center, it can be easily reachable by bus for a couple of minutes, or on foot. There are some shops, cafes and other facilities nearby.

UNIBA SPACES

One of the strongest points of UniBa, are its fantastic spaces. UniBa provides great places for its students, not only for leisure time, but also for academic purposes. It is made of a new a 6-floor building, with great spaces for learning. There are also libraries where students can read or study, laboratories for study purposes, especially IT labs, dentistry, chemistry labs etc. modern classrooms, fully equipped with the latest technology, & laboratories. Furthermore, for sports students, UniBa offers sports environments, gym and other facilities. There are also cafés within the university, which offer great views of Tirana

ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Barleti University works as an academic system organized entirely on a recognized academic basis, according to the model expressed in the principles of the Bologna Declaration of the Ministers of Education of Europe. It consists of faculties and departments, research centers integrated at the faculties. UniBa carries out an academic activity through lectures, seminars, teaching practices, based on contemporary scientific research in the institution, in the country and abroad, recommending a rich contemporary literature for study. The teaching method is interactive by appropriately combining the brief explanation of the basic theoretical principles with the activation of the students themselves, under the guidance of the lecturer. The learning process is concrete with the use of case studies handled by students and is followed by course assignments that serve as the nucleus of a research education to acquire new knowledge through research work.

FACULTIES AND PROGRAMS

GENERAL STRUCTURE OF STUDIES

FACULTY OF ECONOMICS, GOVERNANCE AND LAW

Dep. of Economics, Entrepreneurship and Finance

Dep. of Governance, Political Science and Communication

Dep. of Law

FACULTY OF APPLIED SCIENCES AND CREATIVE INDUSTRIES

Dep. of Applied and Computer Sciences

Dep. of Architecture and Design

Dep. of Creative Industries

FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES, TOURISM AND SPORTS

Dep. of Educational Sciences & Professional Training

Dep. of Physical Education and Sports

Dep. of Tourism, Hospitality and Recreation

Dep. of Behavioral and Health Sciences

FACULTY OF MEDICAL SCIENCES

Dep. of Medical Technical Sciences

Dep. of Medical Sciences and Health

Dep. of General Training and Vocational Development

Barleti also provides professional programs.

They are up to 2 academic years after upper secondary education, with a load of up to 120 credits.



INSTITUTES AND RESEARCH

The institutes operating under the umbrella of Barleti University conduct and promote high-quality applied scientific research. As part of the agenda for the modernization of higher education in Albania, the Institutes aim to help the university meet the requirements of the standards and criteria of the European system for quality assurance.



The Albanian Institute for Public Affairs - AIPA, has been working for 11 years to promote the principles of democracy, good governance and meritocracy, contributing to the drafting, improvement and implementation of a number of laws and reforms in the country.



Adriapol Institute: (Institute for Smart and Creative Growth)

The focus of the Adriapol Institute is Entrepreneurship and Competitiveness, through increasing capacities for sustainable Startups and continuous Innovation.



BIRD (Barleti Institute of Research and Development)

BIRD's mission is to be a center of excellence for multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary research studies in economic, scientific and technological fields.



Barleti Association: Welfare, Education, Sports and Tourism

Barleti Association is a non-profit organization that aims to promote sports, physical activity, recreation, tourism and to educate the community on their importance in improving health and well-being, as well as on the value of adapting a healthy lifestyle.



Youth Act: Center for Youth Activation

The vision of the Youth Act Center is to empower youth as a promoter of the country's development, and its aim is to be a link between Albania and the international community for the development and integration of Albanian youth with the globalized world.



Barleti Training and Testing Center - BTTC

BTTC is a training, qualification, testing and certification center for lifelong education and training. The center covers all forms of learning for professional-practical development.



STUDENTS' CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

Barleti University is famous for its students' life. It follows by the motto "Student in the center". It seeks to train ambitious, independent, creative, entrepreneurial students and bearers of the best values of citizenship. There are student clubs, sport activities, competitions, and conferences that make their student life even more enjoyable. Some of clubs where students participate in, are: Art and Culture Club, Media Club, "BOOKS AND TECH" Club, Recreation Club and Outdoors, Volunteering Club, Career Club, Psychology Club, Club of Law and Governing, ICT Club and Architects Club.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS OFFICE

UniBa aims with ambition towards internationalization. Through close collaboration with Civil Society and business, utilizing the capacities of the Jean MONET Chair and the UNESCO Chair, it aims to contribute to the development of knowledge at national, regional and international level, within the profiles of its fields of study: economics, finance, law, social and political science, public administration, education, sports and recreation, architecture, IT, engineering and teacher training. The institution is committed to creating all the opportunities and facilities for the reception and accommodation of international students and academic staff. It plans to evaluate the offer of study programs or special classes in some of the European Union languages as well, to make them more attractive as well as to facilitate the integration of foreign students and invited professors within academic exchanges. Barleti aims to create mobility opportunities for students in all its study programs and in all study cycles. Mobility for Master's degree students has been increasing year by year, along with the introduction of our second cycle programs. The Office of International Relations (IRO) works closely with program coordinators to determine the best partners, with the best exchange opportunities. The institution plans special funds to give program coordinators the opportunity to visit potentially partner institutions. The IRO participates in meetings with potential partners to form its own opinions and beliefs in the service of the process and to take measures for the readiness, procedures, and infrastructures of reception, accommodation, visits, etc.



ERASMUS + PROJECTS & MOU-S AND OTHER ACADEMIC COOPERATION

One of the best benefits for students of Barleti, is the possibility to spend at least one semester abroad, with an Erasmus+ program. This opportunity is for students of all faculties. Barleti has a wide range of cooperation agreements with different universities in Europe and not only. We can mention Erasmus agreements with Transilvania University of Brasov, University of Szczecin Poland, Janos University of Applied Sciences, Hungary, West Attica University – Greece, Sakarya University of Applied Sciences, University of South Bohemia, Les Ribeira do Louro - Vigo, Spain etc. Not only Erasmus agreements, but there are also a high number of signed Memoranda of Agreements, such as with Çanakkale Onsekiz Mart University, Marmara University, Notre Dame University, Beirut, Lebanon etc. Each semester, we send our students abroad and host foreign students, as well.

ERASMUS+ EXCHANGES

DOCUMENTATION BEFORE DEPARTURE

Before the mobility, Erasmus Coordinators of both universities cooperate with each other by asking and receiving the necessary documentation. According to the case, this documents might include Mobility agreements (teaching or training, if it is staff mobility), Nomination Letter, invitation letter, scan of passport etc. Regarding students' exchange, preliminary documents usually include Learning agreement (in which students should choose their subjects), passport, transcript of Records, Confirmation of language competences on B2 level, scan of passport etc. Sometimes, visa is required.

Students' mobility includes 3-5 months, whereas staff exchange is for a period of 5 week days.

ACTIVITIES HELD DURING THE STAY

During their stay in Barleti University, students, of course will take lectures together with the Albanian students of our university. Lectures are held in English, and students will fulfil all their academic obligations in Barleti, even their final assessment. At the end of their semester, they will have the right number of credits required for the next semester. In addition, they will benefit from all the other facilities of Barleti, all the spaces dedicated to students, entertainment activities, student clubs etc.

Whereas lecturers who join Barleti, will have the chance to meet our staff, who is always welcoming their foreign colleagues, aiming to strengthen the relation between universities and also to develop ways for research projects, networking, academic collaborations etc. Except of meetings with the academics, they will sometimes have to deliver lectures (in English) for our students, or other activities depending on their field of study.

TESTIMONIALS

Students and staff that have been part of previous exchanges claim to have had a great unforgettable experience. They say that it was very beneficial in terms of work and their future career. Besides widening their network, they had fantastic moments dedicated to sightseeing, tourism, cultural life etc.

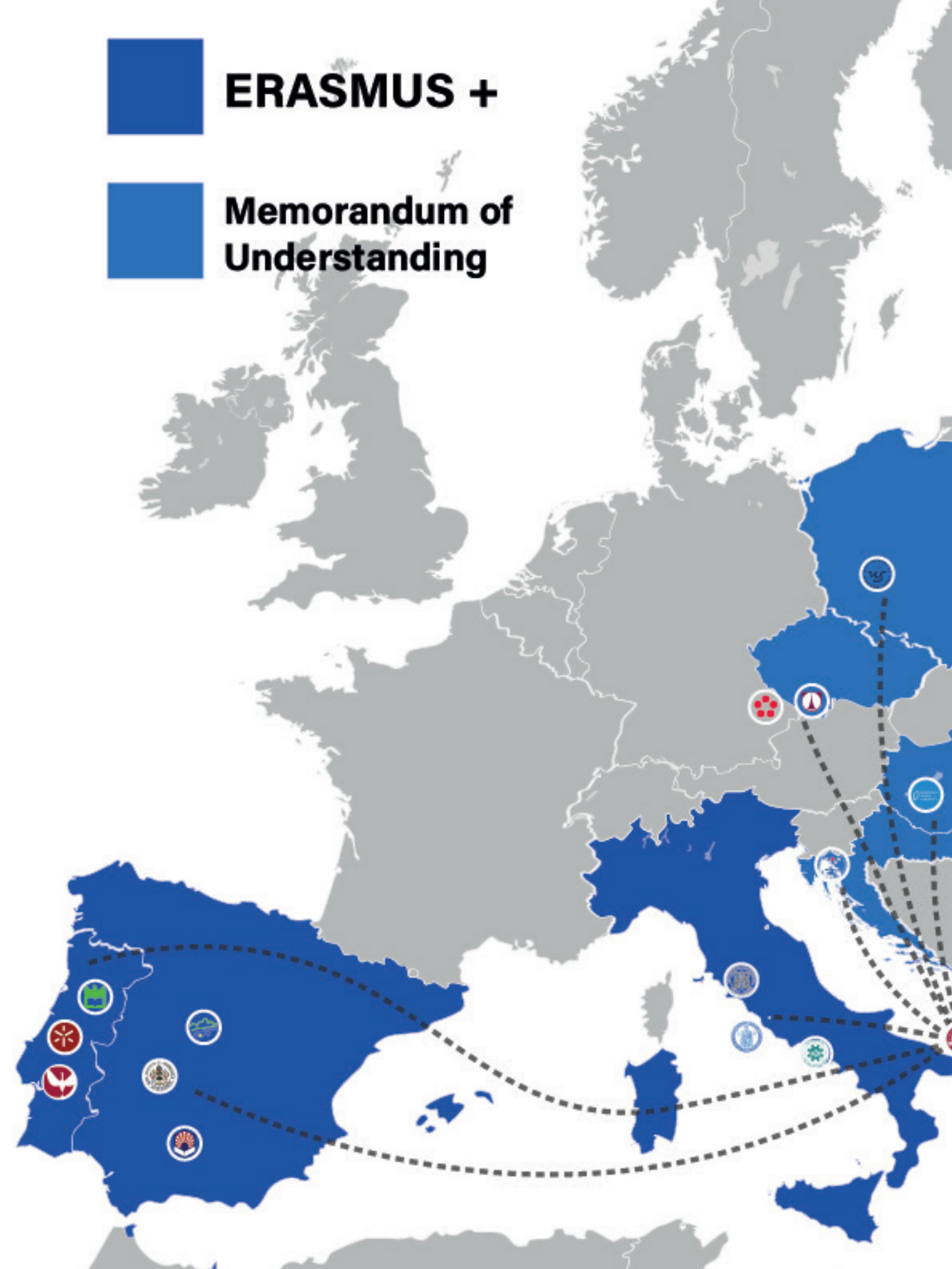




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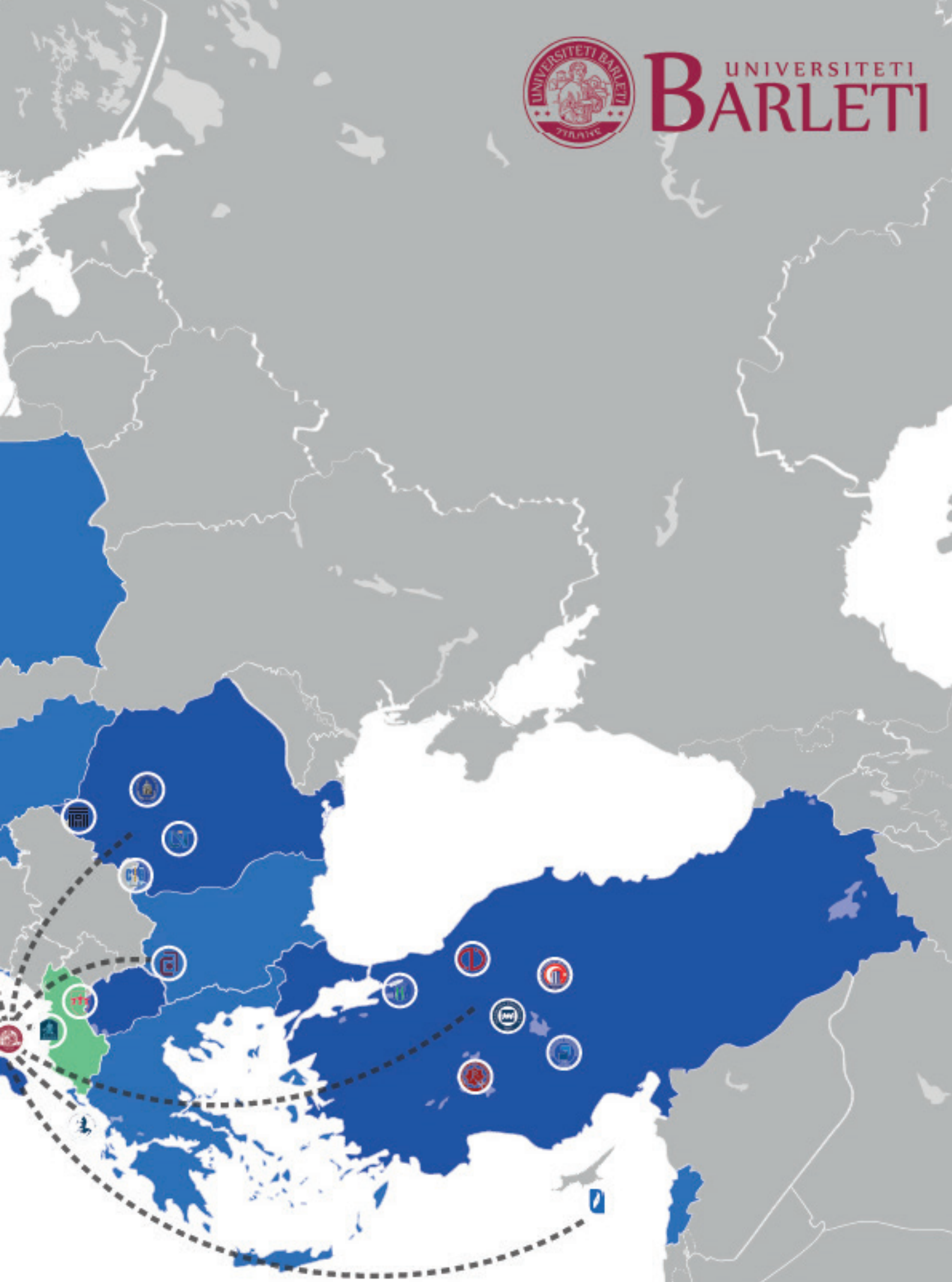


Memorandum of Understanding



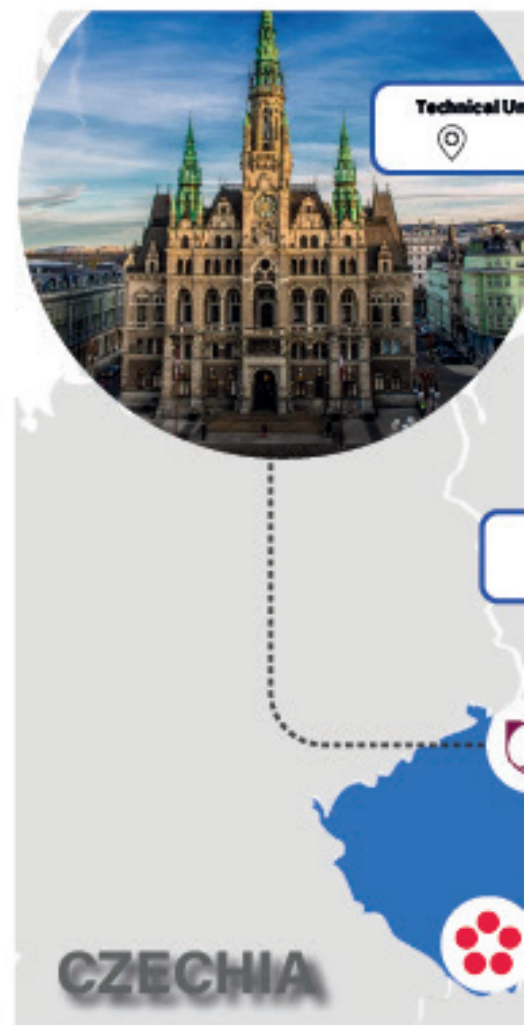


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BARLETTI











STAFF



Lecture from staff of
Transilvania University
of Brasov



Staff from
IES Ribeira do Louro,
Vigo, Spain



Staff from University of
Ss.Cyril and Methodius
Slovak Rep



Our staff in
IES Ribeira do Louro Vigo, Spain



Our staff in
University of Genoa, Italy



Lecture from staff of
South Bohemia



Our staff in ES Ribeira do Louro,
Vigo, Spain



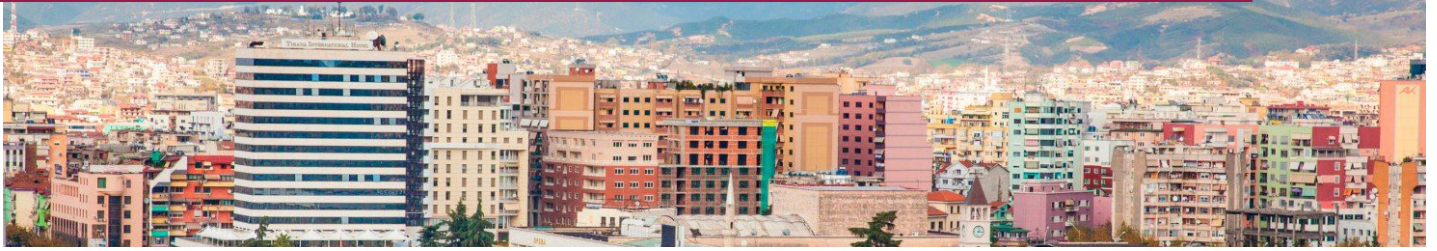
Lecture from staff of
Sakarya Univeristy, Turkey

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BEFORE COMING TO ALBANIA



ALBANIAN'S GEOGRAPHICAL POSITION

Albania is a small country in southern Europe, located in the western part of the Balkan Peninsula on the Strait of Otranto, the southern entrance to the Adriatic Sea. It shares borders with Montenegro and Kosovo to the north and northeast, Macedonia to the east and Greece to the south. To the west, Albania's coast abuts the Adriatic and Ionian seas.

ALBANIAN MONEY

The Albanian lek (ALL) is the national currency of the Republic of Albania. 1 Euro is equal to approximately 120 ALL.

ALBANIAN PEOPLE

Traditionally, Albanians are well known for their hospitality. While being in Albania, you will feel like being home. They like hosting people, and they do their best to make them feel happy and comfortable. They will never let you pay for anything, in a cafeteria or restaurant. In addition, they are very friendly and easy going. Passing some free time with an

Albanian, means having lots of fun and entertainment, since they love joking and laughing. Some other features include loyalty, bravery, courage, etc., this being related to their rich history and challenges over time.

COST OF LIVING

Albania does not have a very high cost of living, especially small cities and villages. Nevertheless, Tirana, with an estimated population of 418K, is the 1st largest city in Albania. The average cost of living in Tirana is \$736, which is in the top 32% of the least expensive cities in the world. In comparison to other European countries, Tirana looks cheaper for foreigners, but expensive for its inhabitants, since the proportion of salaries and daily products prices, is not very well balanced.

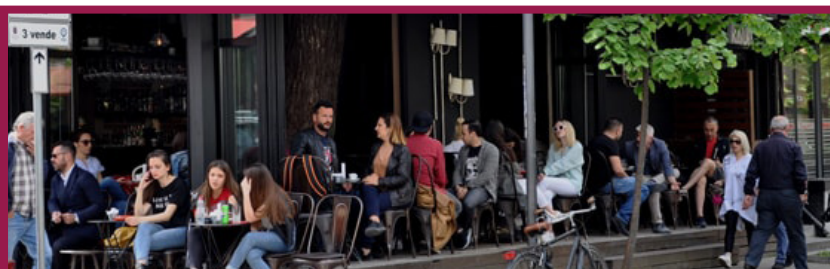
CLIMATE

Albania lies in the subtropical belt and has a Mediterranean climate, with relatively short and mild winter and hot and dry summers. The climate of Albania varies a lot from one region to another with big contrasts in terms of temperature, rainfall, sunshine, air humidity, etc.

ACCOMMODATION

Tirana offers a wide range of hotels, from budget to luxury, to fit everyone's lifestyle. Most hotels are small with an average of 20–30 rooms. The largest include Plaza Hotel (190 rooms) Tirana International Hotel (170 rooms) etc. Most hotels have spacious rooms with luxury amenities, to suit business people and leisure travelers.. [http://www.visit-](http://www.visit-albania.com) offers information about hotels.

If you want to stay longer in Tirana, for more than a month, you can rent an apartment. These are easy to find, and there are a number of real estate agencies in the city to provide you with lots of options for buying or renting an apartment in Tirana.



TIRANA FROM THE LOCAL PERSPECTIVE

As Albania's capital, Tirana certainly has a lot to offer you according to your tastes and preferences. Let us lead you to this lively and new city. This is Tirana, our city.

HISTORICAL TIRANA

Tirana is the capital and the largest city of Albania. It has a very old history, dating back to the Palaeolithic, some 10,000 to 30,000 years ago. The oldest settlements are found close to Mount Dajti and Pëllumbas Cave, while Tirana and its suburbs are filled with Illyrian toponyms. The Illyrians called the settlement Tërana. But the city itself is relatively new, about 400 years old, founded in 1614 by Sulejman Pashe Bargjini a feudal lord from this region. Its geographic location, between mountains and sea, in the very heart of Albania, has made this city very attractive to the Albanians, encouraging them to move here. Brasini laid the basis for the modern-day arrangement of the ministerial buildings in the city centre. The plan underwent revisions by Albanian architect Eshref Frashëri, Italian architect Castellani and Austrian architects Weiss and Kohler. Modern Albanian parliamentary building served as a club of officers. It was there that, in September 1928, Zog of Albania was crowned King Zog I, King of the Albanians. Some building in Tirana, still today inherit parts from Italian architecture, Communist style etc. Let us lead you to this lively and new city. This is Tirana, our city.



LANDMARKS AND OTHER TOURISTIC PLACES

SKANDERBEG SQUARE

The Skanderbeg Monument is a monument in Skanderbeg Square, which has been considered the centre of Tirana for more than 50 years. The monument is 11 meters high and was inaugurated in 1968 on the 500th anniversary of Skanderbeg's death. Skanderbeg Square is like a meeting place for all Albanians. It is where almost all the cultural sites of Albania and Tirana are located, such as the National Museum, the Sahat Tower, the Et'hem Bemosque, the Palace of Culture, the National Library, the Opera and Ballet Theatre, the National Bank and behind it are all government buildings. Small parks, benches, flowers, photo-taking platforms and a wedding altar are all in the square. 32 square meters are planted with different aromatic trees and 90,000 square meters is pedonal, while the underground car park has space for 300 cars.



NATIONAL HISTORICAL MUSEUM

If you like to learn about Albania's troubled history, this is the right place. The National Historical Museum is the most important museum in Albania, which contains all well-documented Albanian history. The museum has 8 pavilions: Antiquity, Middle Ages, Renaissance, Independence, Iconography of the National Liberation War, Communist Terror and Mother Teresa. The Communist Terror Hall has photos, documents and videos showing the persecution of Albanians during the communist regime. A visit here can last up to 3 hours if you take it easy and you really want to learn something.



THE HOUSE OF LEAVES

The House of Leaves is the intriguing museum in Albania. It is considered the same as stasis headquarters in East Germany. Leaves mean hidden things that the public did not know about that regime. All the curious who want to know what's hiding in the notorious state security center, otherwise known as the Spy House, will leave speechless. The leaf house was built in 1931 and originally functioned as a clinic. During World War II it was used by the Gestapo as an investigation office, and after World War II, it was used by Enver Hoxha's communist regime as an investment headquarters, but also torture for regime opponents. Within it you will see facts and stories of persecution of political opponents, but also stories of espionage, equipment of the time used for all these investigations and continuous persecution of suspected people.

In January 2015, the idea of transforming this house into a museum was introduced to the public. It is located in the heart of the city, opposite the Orthodox Church and near the National Bank of Albania. The museum has been open to the public since 23 May 2017.



MUSEUM OF NATURAL SCIENCES IN ALBANIA

The Museum of Natural Sciences in Albania represents a rare national asset with cultural and scientific values. Just by visiting its 7 pavilions you will get in a short time knowledge about animals and plants. You will see aquatic invertebrates, fish, reptiles, mammals etc.



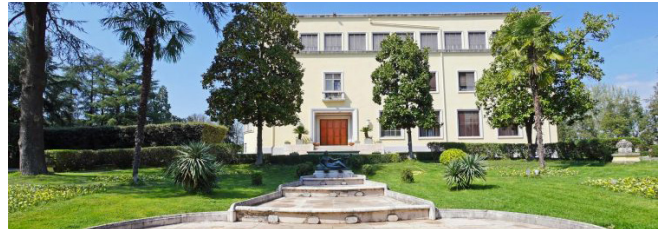
BUNKART 2

Bunkart 2 is the latest and newest museum opened in Tirana on November 17, 2016, in the framework of the National Liberation Day of Tirana. This top-secret bunker is already a museum in the center of Tirana, behind the Ministry of Public Order. A very high number of tourists have visited the museum since its opening. It tells of the communist era and the persecution of opponents of the regime.



BRIGADE PALACE IN TIRANA

The entrance to the Palace begins with a giant garden surrounded by tall trees. The Royal Park is a separate magic, with mythological sculptures in gardens, in the style of the Muza Temple. For all nature fans, this place was ideal for planting colorful flowers, or spiral-shaped



THE PYRAMID

It is absolutely an important tourist attraction. As a symbol of a notorious communism, it resisted some attempts to be destroyed by previous governments. But it is still there, unrestored, a symbol of the mixed and contradictory history of Tirana. It was inaugurated on October 14, 1988, as the mausoleum of the dictator, Enver Hoxha. The pyramid form was designed by a group of architects led by the daughter and son-in-law of the dictator. Construction began in 1986 and ended in 1988. It did indeed serve as a mausoleum for Hoxha, until 1991, after which it became a conference and fair center.



BUNKART

BunkArt is a museum that offers an astonishing journey into the dictator's mind. Symbol of political paranoia during the rule of Enver Hoxha. All those who visit Tirana and are interested in the history of the country should see this museum.



NATIONAL ARCHAEOLOGICAL MUSEUM

The Archaeological Museum of Tirana is located in Mother Teresa Square in Tirana. It is the first museum created after World War II. It was opened on November 1, 1948 as an Archaeological-Ethnographic Museum and continued as such until 1976, when the ethnographic pavilion was separated and it was organized as a profiled archaeological museum. The Archaeological Museum presents archaeological research and discoveries throughout the territory of Albania. Located in the same building as the Institute of Archeology and the Academy of Sciences of Tirana, the museum displays archaeological values from the early Middle Ages. It is considered the mother museum for all other museums of this type in the country, including the Museum of Durres. His library has 7200 volumes.



CULTURE MONUMENTS

Tirana has a list of monuments and cultural objects randomly distributed throughout the city, which presumes many visitors. Ottoman, Italian, Islamic, Stalinist influence are present without any rules, making exploration a real fun. Tirana had an image improvement when the grey palaces of communism were painted in bright colours. These colorful facades constitute an attraction to cities. Other monuments include sacred sites such as mosques or churches, but also historical objects. Each of them has a story, waiting to be discovered.





LIFE IN TIRANA

CUISINE AND RESTAURANTS

Albania has a rich cuisine, mainly similar to Turkish cuisine. You can select from huge menus at many restaurants in the city and try Albanian food such as byrek, fërgesa e Tiranës or tavë dheu. But you can also find typical Italian food, from salads and meat dishes, fish to pizza. Albanian food is excellent. The food in Albania is delicious and special. It is a mixture of Greek, Turkish and Italian, though with some traditional Albanian flavour.

BEST CAFÉ'S

Some of the best cafés include Mulliri i Vjetër (offering coffee, tea, pastries) Komiteti Kafe Muzeum, Sophie, Mon Chéri Sky Tower (with a fantastic view) D'Angelo Chocolate & Coffee etc.

PRIVATE PUBLIC TRANSPORT

You can come with bus from all neighboring countries: Kosovo, Montenegro, Macedonia and Greece. Every city of Albania also has a direct bus to Tirana, the capital. Despite the popularity of intercity bus travel in Albania, Tirana remains the last city in the universe without a bus station. Buses drop off passengers at various points around the city; you may need a taxi or city bus to get to the center.

FREE TIME AND ENTERTAINMENT

Tirana has returned to a center known for major events attracting many foreign artists. It's a city with an energetic youth. Famous singers such as Dua Lipa, Anastasia, John Newman, Bebe Rexha and Rita Ora have performed in Tirana squares. If you want to join events in Tirana, check this link: [Events in Tirana](#), [festivals in Tirana](#), [activities in Tirana](#) (visit-tirana.com)

CINEMA

All the latest films arrive quickly in Tirana. There are many cinemas in the city, downtown or in the Mall and other areas. All feature the most popular films in the world's largest cinemas. Cineplex, Millennium Cinema, Imperial Cinemas are some of the most famous cinemas

SHOPPING IN TIRANA

As a fast-growing city with a population of up to 1 million, Tirana offers many good shopping opportunities. The best experiences in Tirana are offered in major shopping centers such as TEG, Ring, QTU, City Park, etc., which sell the latest products from the fashion world. These centers have their own dedicated transport lines as they are on the outskirts. However, there are other centers such as Ring Center, Coin, and ETC, which are located in populated areas not far from the center. They offer variety of choices and styles as well as international brands such as Zara, Bershka, Massimo Dutti, US Polo, Mango, Geox etc. If you prefer shopping streets, Myslym Shyri is a good choice.

TIRANA CITY TRANSPORT

Tirana is very busy city, and has more than 20 bus lines. You can find public bus from 6 AM-11 PM. It takes from 3-10 minutes to wait in bus stops for next bus. Information about urban bus lines is available at <https://tirana.al/pikat-e-interesit/linjat-urbane>. There are also taxis that operate fast and are available 24h /24, such as Tirana taxi, City taxi, Speed taxi etc. It costs approximately 20-30 euro to reach Tirana from the airport.



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