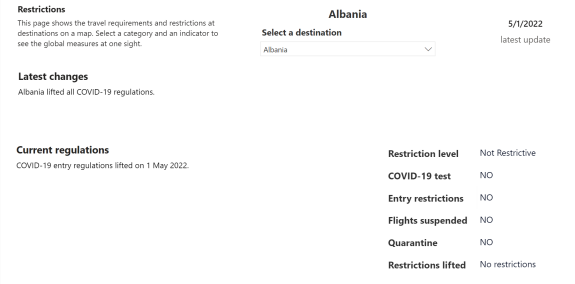
Albania

Source: World Tourism Organization UNWTO

01.05.2022



Restrictions

This page shows the travel requirements and restrictions at destinations on a map. Select a category and an indicator to see the global measures at one sight.

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5/1/2022

latest update

Latest changes

Albania lifted all COVID-19 regulations.

Current regulations

COVID-19 entry regulations lifted on 1 May 2022.

Restriction level	Not Restrictive
COVID-19 test	NO
Entry restrictions	NO
Flights suspended	NO
Quarantine	NO
Restrictions lifted	No restrictions

Source: https://www.unwto.org/tourism-data/unwto-iata-destination-tracker-easy-travel

Source: Ministry of Health and Social Protection: https://shendetesia.gov.al/

15.03.2022

- Measures to contain COVID-19 remain in effect, including night-time curfews from 11pm to 6am, and mandatory face masks indoors and on public transport.
- All land borders are open and there is no restricted movement around the country.
- All foreign nationals over the age of six must have one of the following: proof of vaccination, a negative PCR test taken less than 72 hours before arrival, a rapid antigen test taken less than 48 hours before arrival or evidence that you have recovered from COVID-19 within the last six months.

More information **here**.

Source: The Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs - https://punetejashtme.gov.al/

17.06.2021

Protocol to be followed by visitors entering the territory of Albania during the Covid-19 pandemics 2021

1. The Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs informs all foreign citizens interested in travelling to Albania, that there are no general entry restrictions, neither the Covid-19 test nor a special document is required.

- ***For all citizens transiting through the territory of Albania by land or who travel by sea:***

Remarks from the International Road Union

29.06.2020

As from 15 June, maritime and air borders have re-opened, while public transport operations are banned until further notice. Since 1 June, land borders with all neighbouring countries are open. Taxi services are allowed for a maximum of two passengers from the same family per vehicle. More information can be found here.

Source: OECD

22.03.2020

From 23.59 of 22/3, the following applies:

- Tirana airport suspends all flights to and from Germany, Switzerland, Austria and Hungary. Very limited connection to Istanbul is maintained.
- Movement of people outside their home/household is strictly limited from 05.00h -13.00h. People can leave their home only for professional interests and for buying goods or medical supplies. From 13.00h until 05.00h of the next day, only authorised personnel can leave their home.
- International and domestic passenger transport is forbidden.
- Transport of goods and medical supplies is exempted from the provision, prior to authorisation.

Source: ANALTIR

- Citizens traveling by land to Albania should obtain prior information at the Embassies of the countries through which they have to transit,so they can be informed about the rules set by these countries in the framework of the pandemic or relevant entry /transit regulations.

- ***Citizens traveling from third countries by air and using one of the International Airports for transit should know that:***

They will be allowed to leave the airport transit area and/or will not be allowed to continue their journey if the next destination is another country of the Schengen Area, as it will not be considered a transit but entry into the Schengen Area. Therefore the airport authorities will return them to the departing countries.

- ***All passengers who are allowed to enter the territory of the Republic of Albania, in addition to complying with the protocols about airline international standards worldwide, must also follow and respect the rules listed below:***

- The passengers can access automated points at the airport which can provide them masks (which is mandatory indoors) and disinfectants;
- In case passengers manifest symptoms, they will be asked to discontinue their travel and to comply with the rules of their domicile state.

- For more information: https://www.tirana-airport.com /c/116/measures-and-rules/

- ***Keep in mind the local measures that are currently in force:***

- Based on Order no. 218, dated 04.06.2021, on an amendment to Order no. 169, dated 05.06.2020, “The implementation of the Operation Protocol in air, road and sea transport in the framework of preventing COVID-19 pandemic for the tourist season 2021, aims to guarantee the well-being of tourist activity and to prevent the risk of COVID-19 infection, inside and outside accommodation structures”.

- ***Starting from 15st of June 2021***:

- 28 summer health centers are opened in the tourist areas of Albania, which in addition to qualified staff, will be equipped with rapid tests and will come to the aid of suspected cases.
- Outdoor gatherings will be allowed up to 50 people, following the protocol of rules and social distance, set by the Institute of Public Health Albania. http://www.ishp.gov.al/
- Restricted public movement between 11.00 P.M to 06.00 A.M, except for health reasons or emergencies. The same restriction for bars and restaurant, except the delivery service.
- The rule for mandatory masks outdoors is lifted but is still in force for indoors and public transportation. Night clubs remain closed, music is allowed till 10:00 P.M.

- ***Starting from 01st of July 2021:***

- Restricted public movement between 00.00 A.M to 06.00 A.M, except for health reasons or emergencies. Music remains allowed till 10:00 P.M.
- Sports championships, the activities of theatres, artistic, cultural performances, and conferences will be allowed with the presence of fans, with a reduced capacity of up to 30% according to the IPH protocol.

- ***Please visit the page of the Civil Aviation Authority Albania, for more information regarding flights and list of countries:*** http://www.aac.gov.al/
- ***For more information about the Covid-19 data's in Albania:*** https://bit.ly/3xtMuJ7
- ***For further information on COVID-19 visit*** https://shendetesia.gov.al/category/lajme/ ***or call local numbers 127. For psychological support call the green line 0800 40-40.***

Further information: https://punetejashtme.gov.al/en/services-and-opportunities/the-covid-19/protocol-to-be-followed-by-visitors-entering-the-territory-of-albania-during-the-covid-19-pandemics-2021&page=1

Source: Albanian National Tourism Agency - http://albania.al

09.08.2021

COVID 19 INFORMATION

Important Information about the Covid-19 situation in Albania

Ministry of Health and Social Protection

Ministry of Tourism and Environment

The Protocol of anti-COVID 19 Measures during the Summer Season

Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs

COVID-19 Announcements and Measures taken by the Diplomatic Represantations

Tirana International Airport

Measures and Rules - COVID-19 Coronavirus Update

In order to contact the family doctor, or for any other information about Covid19, the Ministry of Health has provided the green line 0800 40 40 to the citizens.

Further information: http://albania.al/traveling-information/

Source: Albania's Ministry of Health and Social Protection

21.01.2021

Updates from Albania's Ministry of Health and Social Protection: (original language)

Informacion i përditësuar mbi COVID-19

Klikoni në titull për të lexuar informacionin

- **Informacion i përditësuar për COVID-19**
- **Covid-19, pyetje dhe pergjigje!**
- **Vaksina AntiCOVID pyetje-përgjigje**
- **Disa mite mbi Koronavirusin**
- **Rregullat për t'u mbrojtur nga Covid-19**
- **Vendimet për parandalimin e COVID-19**
- **Plani i Veprimit për parandalimin, përgatitjen dhe përgjigjen kundër COVID-19**
- **COVID-19 Strategjia e rihapjes**
- **Strategjia e pergjigjes vjeshte dimer 20-21**

- **Thirrje për Vullnetar: DUA TË KONTRIBUOJ PËR COVID-19**

Source: https://shendetesia.gov.al/koronavirusi-i-ri-dhe-masat-ndaj-tij/

Source: General Directorate of Customs

15.05.2020

In terms of the situation created by the pandemic of COVID-19, the customs authority has taken measures not to interrupt the supply of goods at all border crossings. Passenger crossings are prohibited, while the movement of goods is functional in each customs branch.

The Customs Authority continues to implement the Order No. 30098 of the DPD Customs, date 06.12.2019 for the operation 24/7 **of the border customs points with the CEFTA countries**, a measure envisaged to precede the Balkan Schengen, a measure which has been suspended for the time being as it has not been implemented by other border parties. Also, in accordance with this measure, a reconciliation of other structures operating at the border is required.

As part of the pandemic, the customs personnel were provided with protective measures and the disinfection of the premises was carried out at all points of the crossing. Currently, despite the fact that we are working with reduced staff the continuation of the work of the customs service at all its points is guaranteed.

Also, in the framework of measures and based on the order of the Ministry of Health No.131 date 08.03.2020, the export of medicines and medical equipment and medicines from our territory has been banned.

At the central level, the work with reduced staff is being administered by offering some online services with the staff working from the residential premises but by offering every convenience provided in the customs legislation.

Information is currently being exchanged between the CEFTA Parties through the SEED platform for international exports and transit. Electronic alerts have been implemented in the SEED system. They are functional for both customs and AKU personnel.

UNCTAD experts have reflected in the AW Central Server the changes in the transit declaration for box 36, enabling the selection in the declaration of the codes 'EG - Essential Goods' and 'NEG - Non Essential Goods'. This modification is also reflected in the SEED Server, enabling the generation of XML messages for the exchange of data in this field with other CEFTA parties in transit.

DPD through the point of contact has made a daily report 7/7 at the Permanent Secretariat of the Transport Community for the time of crossing and the flow at the border crossing point Kakavijë, Durrës, Morinë, Qafë Thanë, Hani Hoti.

All tightening and facilitating measures in import, export, transit, have been published on the Customs Web site.

The General Directorate of Customs has approved several orders as measures taken for the current situation as follows:

1. Order No. 6697 date 3.04.2020 on the exclusion from the rule of territorial jurisdiction of foodstuffs (flour, sugar, oil, pasta, bread, cake, biscuits, rice, cheese, butter, yogurt, salt, water, milk, eggs)) in order to accelerate the import procedures of these items within the measures to cope with the situation of natural disaster. Based on this order, the economic operators who import the above goods are enabled to perform the customs clearance procedures directly at the border, regardless of the place of performing the activity, saving time / cost for the transition to the internal customs terminals.
2. Based on the European Commission Guide on Customs Issues during the Emergency during the COVID- 19 Crisis Period with Reference of TAXUD 1813731 date 30.03.2020 and the letter of the EC no. TAXUD / 2110517/20 date 31.03.2020, addressed to all countries parties to the Pan-European Mediterranean Convention, in relation to the presentation of evidence of preferential origin during the CoVid19 period, the GDC approved Order No. 6895 /1 date 09.04.2020 "On the procedures for accepting the certificate of preferential origin during the COVID-19 crisis".

This order provides that until a second Order, after the completion of the natural disaster situation, in order to implement preferential tariff treatment, the certificate of preferential origin issued by EU countries will be accepted even in cases where it occurs. *As a copy of the original EUR-1 certificate signed and stamped as well as when the EUR-1 certificate is issued electronically. Only agrarian products with tariff quotas are exempt from this order*.

1. Based on the Verbal Note of the Italian Embassy addressed to the Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs (letter No. 1077 Prot, date 03.04.2020) which raises concerns about the impossibility of issuing certificates of non-preferential origin from the Chambers of Commerce and Italian Industry during this period of the COVID- 19 crisis. DPD issued Order No. 9, date 07.04.2020 "On the procedures for accepting the certificate of non-preferential origin during the COVID- 19 crisis".

This order provides that up to a second Order, in order to implement the customs legislation, the certificate of non-preferential origin issued by the Chambers of Commerce and Industry in Italy, will be accepted even in cases when it is issued electronically.

1. The GDC has approved Instruction No. 4, date 15.06.2020 "On the determination of the goods of the first need in the transit declaration" on the basis of which for the goods considered as the first need "essential goods", according to the agreed list with CEFTA member countries, Hani Hoti, Morina-Kukës, Qafë Thanë border customs offices take all necessary measures to give priority in terms of accelerating the movement for entry / exit to / from the customs territory as well as customs procedures for the customs destination designated by their host.
2. The GDC has drafted Order No. 16, date 21.04.2020 "On the implementation of measures to facilitate the transport and trade of priority goods", for customs branches, on taking logistical measures to identify green lanes and practical guidelines for prioritizing customs control procedures of goods of primary need.

At the Customs checkpoints, there were no additional problems for the situation, taking into account the fact that there are no vehicles / buses and passengers and all the staff is focused only on performing customs procedures for goods.

17 March

All the freight transport, international and domestic ones, by road, railway, sea and air, are all allowed to operate.

All the ferry lines with Italy and Greece for passenger transport are suspended until an undefined date.

All the airlines with Italy and UK are interrupted for an undefined period of time. The other airlines are still operating in Tirana International Airport, depending on the restriction measures of the destination airports.