

BRITISH EMBASSY TIRANA



INFORMATION FOR BRITISH NATIONALS VISITING ALBANIA TO SUPPORT THE “ALBANIA-WALES” FOOTBALL MATCH ELBASAN, ALBANIA 20 NOV 2018

DO'S AND DON'TS IN ALBANIA

- TRAVEL INSURANCE:** Do make sure you are fully covered for unexpected losses or expenses such as missing flights, particularly if you are travelling on 'discount tickets'. Do specify Albania in your insurance cover. Do check the travel advice for Albania in www.fco.gov.uk before you leave UK.
- MEDICAL INSURANCE:** Do make sure you are fully covered for medical treatment and medical evacuation. European health insurance card (EHIC) is **not** valid in Albania.
- PASSPORTS:** Do keep a separate record of your passport details, preferably a photocopy of the details pages with next of kin contact details also. Do report a lost/stolen passport immediately to the local police. Police reports are needed to obtain a new passport. The British Embassy in Tirana **only** issue Emergency Travel Documents (ETD). See ETD Fee.
- FUNDS:** Albanian Lekë (ALL) is the normal currency for everyday transactions in Albania. **Don't** attempt to change money on the street. You should only change money through official exchange offices or banks. Do declare all foreign currency above 10.000 Euro's on entry into the country. Customs officers hold declaration forms. Do use the Western Union money transfer or Moneygram, or any other, in case of loss of funds. Be prepared to pay for some types of consular assistance, e.g. issuing Emergency Travel Document.
- BELONGINGS/VALUABLES:** Do leave passports/valuables in a safe place. Beware of bag and mobile phone snatchers nearby or inside the stadium, on the public transport, restaurants and cafés. **Don't** leave them in the bus unattended. Do ensure you know whom to contact to obtain emergency credit cards and replacement cheques if they are stolen. Do report the loss of valuables to the local police and **do obtain a report.**

- DRUGS:** **Don't** get involved in any way with drugs. Penalties can be severe, heavy fines or imprisonment. **Don't** carry anything through customs for anyone else.
- VISAS/TEMPORARY RESIDENCE:** Visas are not required for visits to Albania for stays up to 90 days. **Do** enter the country at official border crossings. Carry identification at all times.

WHAT THE EMBASSY CAN DO:

- Issue an Emergency Travel Document;
- Provide information about transferring funds from the UK;
- Provide a list of local lawyers;
- Do all we properly can to contact you within 24 hours of being told that you have been detained;
- In an emergency, contact family and friends for you, if you want.

WHAT THE EMBASSY CANNOT DO:

- Get you out of prison or interfere in criminal or civil court proceedings;
- Give you legal advice;
- Investigate a crime;
- Get you better treatment in hospital or prison than is given to local people;
- Pay any bills or give you money;
- Make travel arrangements for you or find accommodation;

EMERGENCY TRAVEL DOCUMENT (ETD) FEE:

Emergency Travel Document, £100, payable in UK or local debit/credit card or on exceptional circumstances in Albanian Lek in cash only. (ALL amount subject to monthly Consular Exchange Rate i.e.: Oct 18=148).

Documents for a replacement lost/stolen passport:

- ETD application form (available at the Embassy)
- Two passport size photographs
- Evidence of travel plans e.g. e-ticket reservation
- Local police report of lost/stolen passport
- Proof of identity e.g. copy of passport, driving licence.

Note: You should keep a copy of the police report of the lost/stolen passport to show the border police on exiting Albania.

Embassy details: **British Embassy (Consular Services)**
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Embassy working hours from 08:30-17:00 Monday to Thursday, 08:30-14:30 Fridays. *British citizens in urgent need of consular assistance out of office hours should call the above number.*