

# Albania

## TIPS FOR CRUISING ALBANIA



### ALBANIA PORTS



#### 📍 SARANDE PORT

Sarande Port has berths that can hold yachts up to 180 metres in length and 11 metres in draft. The Sarande Port stands out for its favourable position as it's next to Cortu which could be an advantage for those passengers embarking or disembarking from Corfu Airport. Thanks to its proximity to the city centre, which is just a five minutes walk away, Sarande Port offers the possibility of finding everything you need as shops, bars, restaurants and shopping centres are nearby. Arrival and departure procedures are done 24/7 all year round together with the port entry and exits.



#### 📍 HIMARA PORT

It is about 19 miles from the Port of Saranda and about 30 miles from Corfu, it is a port where yachts up to 60m with a max draft of 6m can be moored and it is positioned in the center of the city and close to the best attractions of the area



#### 📍 VLORA PORT

Vlora Port offers berthing options for yachts up to 120 metres in length and 7 metres in draft. Vlora Port has wide access to the surrounding cities and it's about an hour from Tirana International Airport.

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#### 📍 SHENGJIN PORT (NORTH PORT IN ALBANIA)

It is 18 miles from Port Ulcinj and 31 miles from Port Bar Montenegro, yachts with a length of up to 70 m and a draft of 6.5 m can be docked in this port.



#### 📍 DURRES PORT

Durres is the largest port in Albania and the place where one of the largest Marinas along the Mediterranean Sea is being built. This marina has recently started working. Durres Port can accommodate larger yachts of any size. Durres Port is located about 20 min from Tirana Airport

### SUGGESTED ANCHORING SPOTS IN ALBANIA



#### 📍 SARANDE ANCHORAGE

By anchoring in Saranda you can enjoy its amazing views and visit the three islands of Ksamil and Butrint with your tender. Butrint has been Inhabited since prehistoric times, being the settlement of a Greek colony, a Roman city, and a bishopric. With a period of prosperity under Byzantine administration, followed by a brief occupation of the Venetians, the city was abandoned in the late Middle Ages after the formation of marshes in the area. The archaeological remains are a repository of ruins that represent each period of the city's development.



#### 📍 PORTO PALERMO CASTLE ANCHORAGE (HIMARE ALBANIA)

Porto Palermo Castle is, a Castle located near Himarë, in southern Albania. It belongs to the bay of Porto Palermo, which is just a few kilometers south of Himarë, along the Albanian Riviera. Huffington Post ranked this ideal place as the first, among 15 Undiscovered European Destinations of the year 2014. Porto Palermo, it's nearly an island that is connected to the mainland by a narrow strip of land. The fort located in Porto Palermo served as former Soviet submarine base during the communist regime in Albania. However, nowadays it's semi abandoned tunnel and barracks together with the stronghold walls and gates built by the powerful Ali Pasha of Ionina attract the attention of the visitors. In addition to its historical interest, you can also enjoy beaches and beautiful bays. In Porto Palermo, there is a small dock. We can provide you with information about staying in the castle or other places that you can visit in the area. In case you want to be at anchor we will give you all the necessary orientations.



#### 📍 VLORA ANCHORAGE

Vlora is a city surrounded by two seas, the Adriatic Sea and the Ionian Sea. Provided with closed bays of vegetation and unexplored areas, the Bay of Vlora is one of the last remaining virgin bays that can be found in the Mediterranean. If you anchor in Vlora, you can visit the Pirate Caves of Sazan island.



### DID YOU KNOW THAT...?

#### WE CAN ARRANGE FOR YOU A PRIVATE TOUR IN BUTRINT ARCHEOLOGICAL SITE

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### DID YOU KNOW THAT...?

#### **OUR AGENCY CAN ORGANIZE A ROMANTIC DINNER IN THE CASTLE OF PORTO PALERMO IN HIMARÉ**

You can enjoy folk and traditional music in Albania, which is special and protected by Unesco... Porto Palermo is a Castle near Himarë in southern Albania. It is situated in the bay of Porto Palermo, a few kilometers south of Himarë along the Albanian Riviera. Huffington Post ranked Porto Palermo first among 15 Undiscovered European Destinations for 2014, and makes nearly an island that is connected to the mainland by a narrow strip of land.

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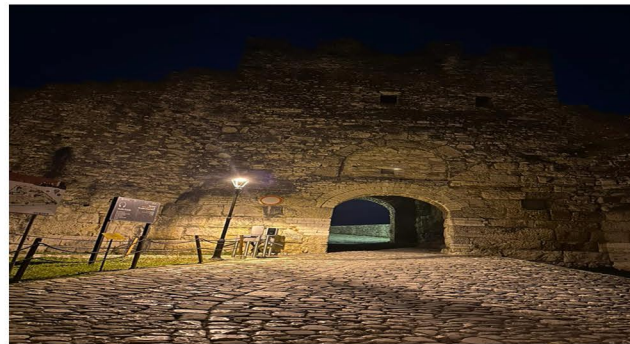


### DID YOU KNOW THAT...?

**FROM VLORE ALSO GUESTS CAN VIST 2 ARCHEOLOGICAL SITES LIKE APOLLONIA AND BERAT.**

The city's life began in the 6th-5th century B.C. as an Illyrian settlement. Later, in the 3rd century B.C., it was turned into a castle city known as Antipatrea. The castle expanded afterwards, particularly during the feudal dominion of the Muzakaj family. Inside the castle, they built churches with valuable frescoes and icons, and also a calligraphy school. Uniquely today, residents still live inside of the castle walls. The three major neighborhoods of the old city are Mangalemi, Gorica, and Kala, where the castle itself is located.

In Mangalemi, below the castle, you can see the famous view of the facades of the houses, with windows that seem to stand above each other. In general, a traditional house has two floors, where the second is prominent and has many cambered windows and wood carvings. With its houses built along the steep hill, the view of Mangalemi is the reason that another name for Berat is the City of the Floating





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#### GJIROKA STRA

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Throughout Ottoman occupation, Gjirokastër was officially known in Ottoman Turkish as Ergiri and also Ergiri Kasrı. During the Ottoman period conversions to Islam and an influx of Muslim converts from the surrounding countryside made Gjirokastër go from being an overwhelmingly Christian city in the 16th century into one with a large Muslim population by the early 19th century. Gjirokastër also became a major religious centre for Bektashi Sufism. Taken by the Hellenic Army during the Balkan Wars of 1912–3 on account of its large Greek population, it was eventually incorporated into the newly independent state of Albania in 1913.

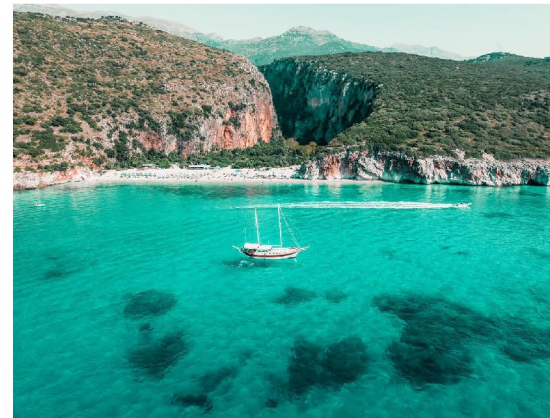
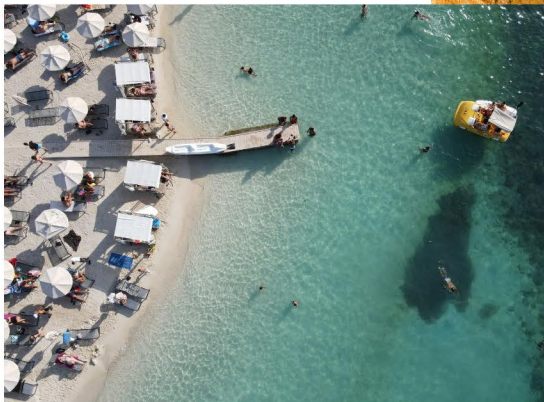
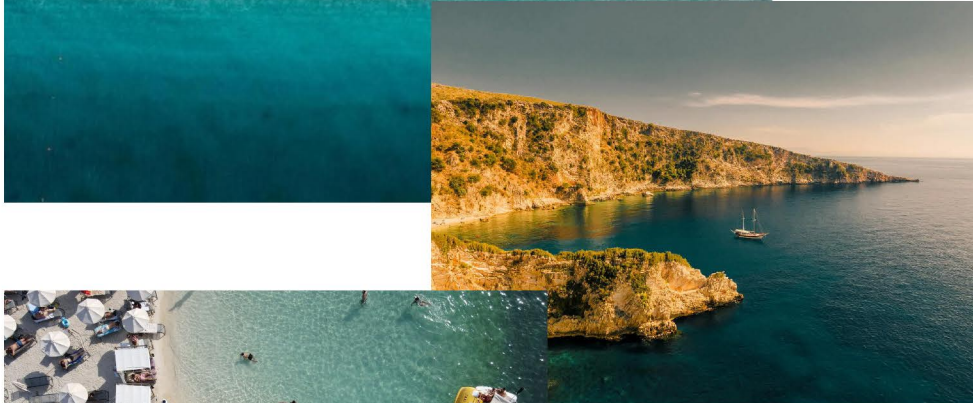




### DID YOU KNOW THAT...?

Along the coastline from Sarande to Vlora, there are many fantastically beautiful and sheltered bays, where yachts can stay at anchor and can dive, sunbathe and use unlimited water sports..

Also on this coastline are the best resorts in Albania where you can find everything, and we can organize for you at any time anything you want.





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YOU SIMPLY CHOOSE MTSKY YACHTING**

