



## Albania



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- Visas are required by South African passport holders
- Visas are not required by British passport holders
- Visas are not required by E.C. passport holders
- A border tax of US\$25.00 is payable for foreign citizens entering Albania

### **There is no Albanian Embassy in South Africa.**

The visa regime for foreign citizens in the Republic of Albania is provided for by Law No. 108/13 "On foreigners" and by the Decision of the Council of Ministers No. 513/13 "On the treatment of foreigners", amended.

1) Can enter Albania without visa:

a) Foreign citizens who have a valid, multiple-entry Schengen visa, which has been previously used in one of the Schengen states, or foreign citizens who have a valid permit of stay in one of the Schengen states;

b) Foreign citizens who have a valid, multiple-entry US or UK visa, which has been previously used in the respective country of issuance, or have valid permit of stay in the US or UK.

2) Can enter without a short-term visa (without a visa Type C) for touristic motives during the period 15 May – 1 November citizens of Saudi Arabia, Belarus, Georgia, Qatar, Oman and Russia\*;

Can enter without a short-term visa (without a visa Type C) for touristic motives during the period 10 June – 1 November citizens of Saudi Arabia, Belarus, Georgia, Qatar, Oman and Russia;

\*(subject to approval by Decision of the Council of Ministers)

3) Long term visa (Type D) is required for all foreign citizens that will stay in Albania for more than 90 days during a six month period (90/180 days) and will apply for a residency permit from the migration office;

4) As attached please find the visa regulation table for foreigners: [Visa regime for foreign citizens](#)

Please note: Exclusive Global Visas are not obliged to obtain visas or any documentation related thereto on behalf of the applicant or any company representative. The service offered by Elite Visas is purely that of a visa courier service. Any discrepancies should be directed to the High Commission, Consulate or Embassy concerned. All visa and courier fees are the responsibility of the applicant or company representative irrespective of the outcome of the visa application. Any fees charged are non-refundable. Application fees are paid in advance. Service/Courier fee charges are payable regardless of the outcome of the application once the application has been collected from the said offices.

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5) All foreign citizens from countries that are not included in the table are required to have a visa before travelling to Albania. They can apply for a visa in the Albanian embassy that is geographically closest to their country of origin or residency;

### **REQUIREMENTS FOR THOSE NOT COVERED UNDER THE EXEMPTION ABOVE**

#### **How to apply for a Visa**

If you are currently resident in the United Kingdom you can apply for an Albanian visa at the Embassy of Albania in London. If you are a visa national and have temporary permission to stay in the United Kingdom (for example, as a visitor), you must check by [clicking here](#) where you should present your visa application. As part of your application, you will need to visit the Consular Section at the Albanian Embassy in London. Exceptions are made for holders of diplomatic passports, official delegations and humanitarian cases. Tour groups can present their application through a representative of an accredited travel agency.

The Consular Section is open for Visa applications Monday – Friday, 09.00 – 12.00 (except for Embassy's public holidays). No appointment is required. Please note that the Embassy does not accept visa applications submitted by e-mail, fax, post or courier services.

In general, applicants are required to submit their passport, the completed visa application form and 2 recent passport-sized photographs.

For more information on the types of visas and supporting documents please, click here:

[http://www.mfa.gov.al/index.php?option=com\\_multicategories&view=category&id=112%3Acriteria-procedures-and-documentation-for-issuance-of-visas&Itemid=89&lang=sq](http://www.mfa.gov.al/index.php?option=com_multicategories&view=category&id=112%3Acriteria-procedures-and-documentation-for-issuance-of-visas&Itemid=89&lang=sq) or contact the Embassy.

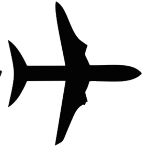
Visa processing times are usually 7 working days. However, each visa application is assessed individually, and processing times may vary.

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**Download or print application form from here:**

<https://docs.google.com/file/d/0B8QMDmp6vgOMcEdLSII0bnA3LW8/edit?usp=sharing>

### **PROCESSING TIME**

- +- 8 Weeks. There is no representation in South Africa for visa issuing, see above details.

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