



Welcome to

**ALBANIA**

Albanian College Durres



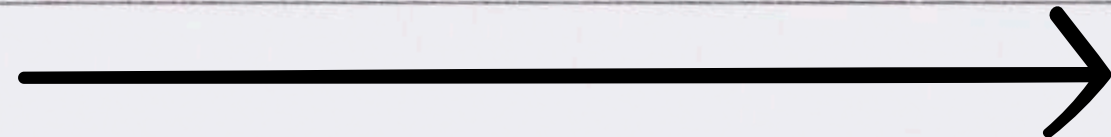
We will give to you short information about Albania in general and Durrës.

Well, first thing is :

Congratulations on making a fantastic decision!

We are looking forward to having you join our school community!

# Where is Albania?



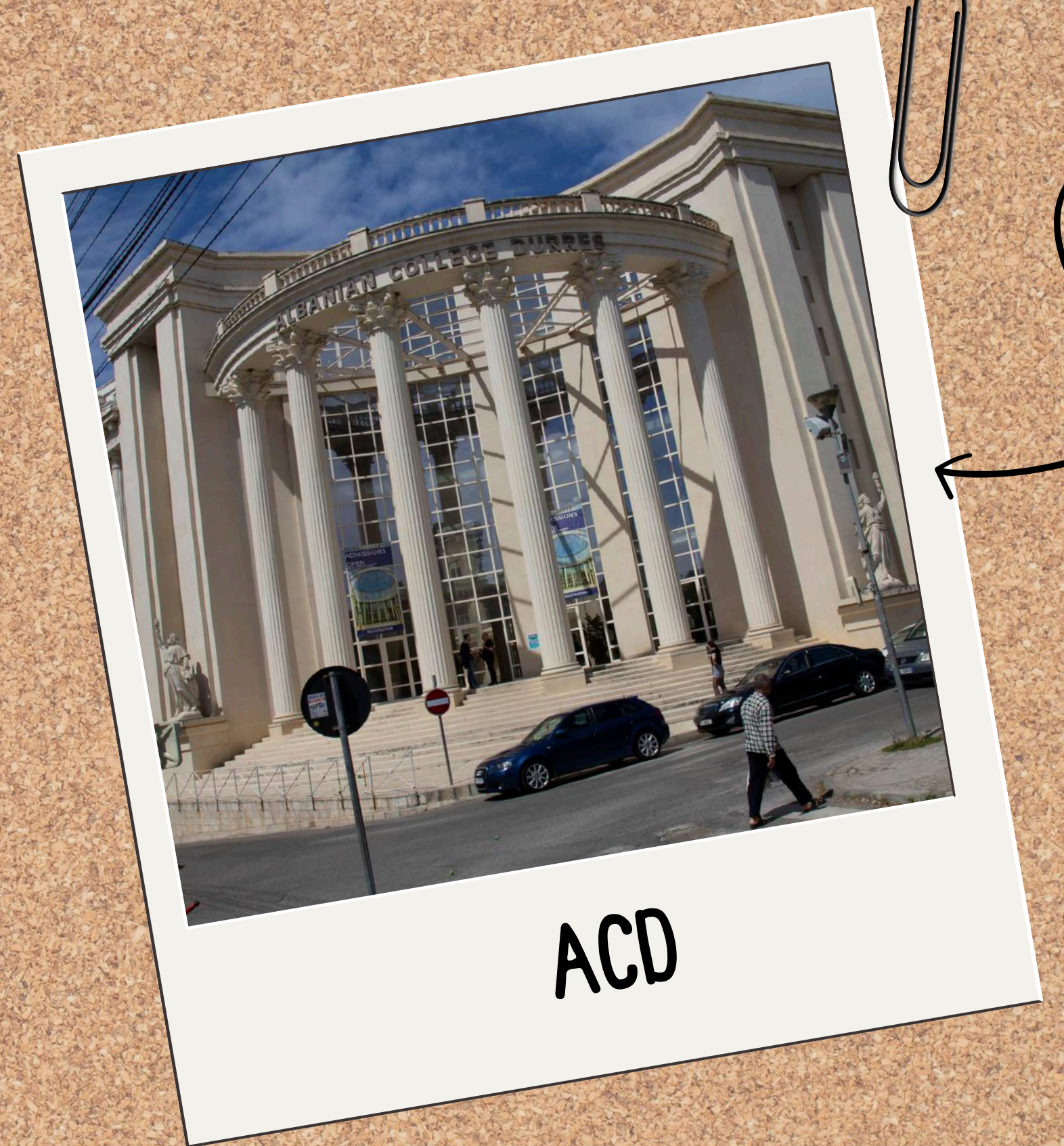
Albania is located in southeastern Europe. Albania is bordered by the Adriatic Sea to the west, Montenegro to the northwest, Kosovo to the northeast, the Republic of North Macedonia to the east, and Greece to the south.



# Albanian College Durres

The Mission of Albanian College is to create a positive, holistic, inquiry-based learning environment that embraces the uniqueness and attributes of each member of the school community.

Each student will be empowered with the ability and desire to be a knowledgeable, responsible and internationally-minded citizen. Our school maintains a vision with the aim to develop young people who are intelligent, creative, compassionate and forthright, who take ownership of their learning and demonstrate leadership.



**ACD**

# ABOUT ACD'S PROGRAMME

The American Program is designed and inspired by best practice in international education while being distinctive to Albanian College. The curriculum is built upon the American Education Reaches Out (AERO) Standards and Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) to ensure the learning content remains both academically robust and balanced.





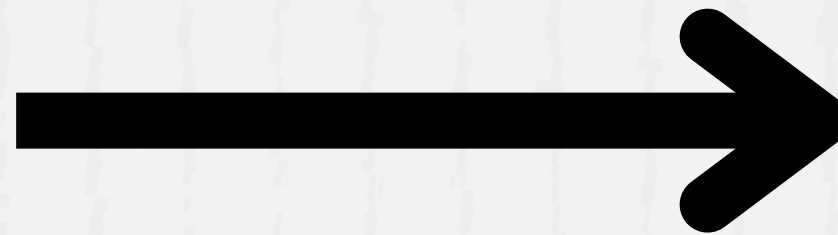
- Albanian, the country's official language, is spoken by almost 98% of the population of Albania.
- Albanian can be quite challenging for English speakers to learn due to its complex grammar
- Albanian is one of the oldest Indo-European languages still in use.
- Albanian culture is a fascinating blend of Eastern and Western influences, offering a unique experience for visitors. You'll find many familiar aspects but also some fascinating and different elements. For expats, the quality of life in Albania can be excellent. It's a country that offers beauty, affordability, and a warm welcome.





- RELIGION - Albania is a multi religious country, in which, for many centuries, have coexisted four traditional religious communities – the Moslems Suni, the Orthodox, the Catholics and the Moslems Bektashi. Their relationships between them are very good ones, characterized by peace, harmony and collaboration.

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- It is very common for Albanians to greet each other with a kiss or a hug, even between the same genders.
- Albanians may frequently talk loudly to each-other but it is not because they are angry. They raise their voices even in normal conversations.
- Albanians are known for their hospitality and willingness to assist, even if a language barrier exists.
- Albanians cut in line...not all of them
- Because of Albanians history, ethnic and religious backgrounds, there are many cultural and arts festivals throughout the country. Every year Albanian people celebrate different festivals and holidays.







## CELEBRATION

1 January - 2 January. New Year's Day, Viti i Ri

14 March. Summer Day, Dita e Verës

22 March. Order Day, Nowruz Dita e Sulltan Nevruzit Bektashi

27 March - 27 March;

27 March - 28 March. The date of Catholic Easter, Pashkët Katolike

1 May - 2 May. The date of Orthodox Easter Pashkët Ortodokse

1 May .Dita Ndërkombëtare e Punonjësve, Labour Day

5 July. The date of Eid al-Fitr Bajrami i Madh (Fitër Bajrami)

5 September. Mother Teresa, Dita e Nënë Terezës Day

12 September. The date of Eid al-Adha Bajrami i Vogël (Kurban Bajrami)

28 November. Independence Day, Dita e Pavarësisë. Albanian Declaration of Independence

29 November. Liberation Day, Dita e Çlirimit

8 December. Youth Day, Dita Kombëtare e Rinisë

25 December Christmas Day, Krishtlindjet



# Some questions to ask yourself before moving

- Cost of Living
- Lifestyle and Entertainment
- Health and Wellbeing






## Cost of Living

Is it expensive to live in Albania?  
The Cost of living in Albania is around 1000 euro per month for a single person, including rent. However, it can vary for an expat depending on where they choose to live. This means that it is possible to maintain a comfortable lifestyle while spending less money.



The average cost of food in Albania for inexpensive restaurants is around ALL 850. A meal for two people in a mid-range restaurant for three is around 3,500, which makes the cost of living in Albania affordable.



## Lifestyle and Entertainment

BAD/BEST DAY AT WORK..NO WORRIES

In the next slide we will suggest you the TOP best places to go and enjoy your lifestyle in Durres



## Health and Wellbeing

The AC colleges offers for all foreign staff Health insurance package. The policy is a product that covers expenses related to accidents and illnesses of the insured person. Health insurance packages cover expenses related to medical services in hospitals and clinics till the maximum insured sum according to terms and conditions of health insurance policy.

Here you can  
buy meat  
products  
and other  
things

KMY MARKET  
EHW MARKET  
ALLGJATA farm  
[online]

EXTRA MARKET  
SPAR MARKETS  
CONAD MARKET  
BIG MARKET

You can buy groceries,  
home supplies, cleaning  
products,  
cosmetic...almost  
everything

Where to  
shop?

Near Durres  
QTU  
CITYPARK  
MEGATEK  
CASAITALIA

BLUE STAR  
FLAG SHIP  
GALACTIK CENTER

Fresh market  
Only for groceries  
Fresh and cheap  
\*preferable early in  
the morning

SALLOON BAR

THE WALL

WILD WEST

OLD TOWN

ZERO LOUNGE

IRISH BAR

Restaurants

Bars

MEMA HOUSE

2 GUITARS

RESTAURANT ARTUR

GOGO RESTAURANT

4 SEASONS

ARVI

SUNSET BAR

PORTSIDE BEACH CLUB

EPIDAMN HOTEL, BAR,

RESTAURANT

ROOF TOP XV

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FAMA AGROTOURISM

VINEA AGROTOURISM

ABAIA

PEMA E JETES

# What to visit?

## Amphitheater

The most important historic monument of the city. The evidence of the rich and turbulent history of Durrës. The city was founded by the Greeks in VII B. C. E.

## Archeological museum

Perfect place for the ones interested in history and local archeology. The collection of exhibits numbers 2 thousand prehistoric finds in chronological order.



# What to visit?

## Venetian tower

This piece of history represents the rich past of the city. The Byzantine Empire made Durrës the most fortified city in the Adriatic sea and later was an important region of the Venetian Republic.

## Residence of King Zog I

The House of Zogu also known as the Royal Villa of Durrës was built in 1937 on the highest hill of the city and was used as a summer house for Royal Family.



# What to visit?

## Byzantine market

Durres has a wealth of historical monuments, some are quite hidden amongst modern day buildings.

What else to visit.....??





## GOLEM

If you are looking for wide and sandy beaches Golem is a place to go. It's a small and calm town in the south of Durrës. There is located Plazhi i Gjeneralit - a very lovely beach.



KALLMI BEACH  
GENERAL'S BEACH  
LALZI BAY BEACH  
SPILLE BEACH



## CAPE OF RODON

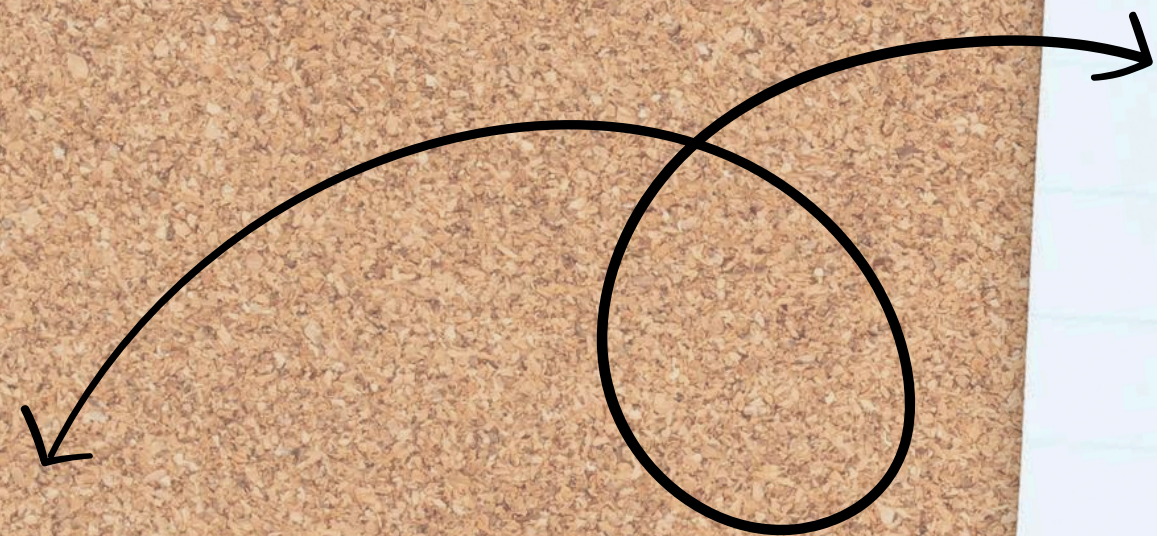
is not only about the landscape but also a few important historical and cultural monuments of Albania. The cape is known for the location of the Skanderbeg Castle which was built around the year 1450.





**FOOD**

BEST CHOICES



Fërgesë is undoubtedly one of Albania's most traditional dishes. The dish consists mainly of tomato sauce, cottage cheese, green peppers and garlic.

Byrek is an appetiser, a snack, a staple at breakfast and is even eaten as a late evening snack. This dish is very typical in all Balkan countries. Albanians usually spell it byrek.

Pispili is another traditional Albanian dish. It is made with cornbread and leeks or spinach. The thickness of the cornbread varies from place to place.

Tavë Kosi is an Albanian casserole with yogurt, eggs, garlic and lamb meat among other ingredients.

The traditional Albanian baklava recipe features layers of flaky phyllo dough, finely chopped walnuts, and a spiced sugar mixture that is baked to perfection and then drenched in a sweet honey syrup.

'Qofte' in Albania are mainly meatballs. Often, in the best 'qebaptore' they appear as small sausages, they are called 'qofte zgate'

Stuffed peppers: Yellow, orange or red peppers stuffed with rice, ricotta and spices, before being baked in the oven. One of the typically Albanian dishes, rich in flavor and also quite healthy

Hasude is an old traditional dessert recipe that is prepared in many parts of Albania. It's a cornstarch-type pudding that's very easy to make, and it's a pretty light dessert, usually served chilled. It has a Turkish origin, although the recipe has been adapted over time.

Thanks!

