



## Group trips to ALBANIA 2011

*Eastern European Outreach is organising several trips to Albania, flights will be from London to Tirana, the capital of Albania. In Albania travelling will be mainly by the means of a minivan. The trip is suitable for participants in a good physical condition.*

### DATES 2011

Dates: Spring: 5 - 12 March  
Autumn: 15 - 22 October.

Visiting: Tirana, Shkoder (north) and Tepelena (south)  
Aim price: **£775** (incl. flights, accommodation, local travelling, meals)



### BACKGROUND

Until the early nineties Albania was officially an Atheist country. People who owned a bible at that time were risking their lives. After the fall of communism in 1990 also Albania changed. Communism left a very strong mark on the country, almost all factories closed down, not much is being produced in Albania at this very moment. Most products are imported from Greece and Italy. Corruption is a major problem; the mafia has a very strong presence in the country, thriving on car theft, human traffik and drugs. Salaries are very low, and living on benefits is impossible. Often there is not enough money to buy the basics as food and clothes. Many Albanians don't see any possibilities for work and a better life in their own country and move abroad to work and support their family back in Albania.



### CURRENT SITUATION

The current situation in Albania is very difficult, material help is very much needed. The country is a mixture of the middleages and the 21<sup>st</sup> century; the difference between Tirana and the villages is enormous. Many people are desperate. Also the future is bleak, education is of a very low standard and teachers are not motivated.



Despite all the problems in the country, the Albanians are very friendly and hospitable hosts. Over the years EEO has gained valuable experience in organising trips to this fascinating country.

### GOAL

The goal of the group trip is to encourage the poor and being a blessing for our brothers and sisters in the Lord, this is achieved by the traveller being there, and also by handing out food parcels and clothes. Albania has transformed in over the past 20 years from an Atheist to a Muslim country. The visits are very important for our Christian brothers and sisters. Together with our local contact person Renato Jani a diverse programme will be made. Important elements will be visiting families, institutions, orphanages and projects. There will also be space to visit the local tourist attractions.

### SPECIAL VISITS

As much as possible we try to plan in personal visit requests from participants, for example if they want to visit their sponsor child.

### CONTACT

If you would like to receive more specific information please don't hesitate to call me at 0800 2980 126 or send me an email [gerrit.wiersema@eeouk.org](mailto:gerrit.wiersema@eeouk.org)

## Terms and conditions

(see enclosed 'General Journey Conditions of EEO - international')

You need to:

- have a valid passport, which is still valid at least three months after your return.
- be in a physical condition to cope with the amount of walking.
- be prepared to give up smoking and drinking in companionship of others.

### Costs

The costs of this journey are £775 (estimate)\* per person. This amount includes full board, accommodations, snacks on the coach, hot meal on the last day and the excursions. Married couples can claim, if they wish, a £50, reduction in the total sum

Costs of a cancellation Insurance / travel Insurance and costs of vaccinations are not included.

You can transfer the cost of the journey to:

### CAF BANK

Sort Code: 40-52-40

Account Nr. 00091930

Account Name: Eastern European Outreach, Margate

**Please mention in the description 'trip Albania'**

Alternatively you can send a cheque made out to EEO UK, and post this out to  
**EEO UK, PO Box 399, Margate, CT9 2WE**

We kindly ask you have paid for the trip in full one week prior departure.

If you decide to join our trip, please, apply as soon as possible by sending us a filled in application form.

In principle registrations closes three weeks before departure. If you decide to join after the closing date, please give us a ring at 0800 2980 126 to see whether there are still places available.

Only your fully filled-out application forms will be accepted as a definitive application for the journey!

### Vaccinations

You are personally responsible for vaccinations. EEO advises to consult your for advise. In general DTP and Hepatitis A injections are recommended.

**\* The Costs of the trip are an estimate, the final price will depend on the flight tickets, the number of participants, and the value of the Pound in relation to the Euro.  
The dates of departure and return are conditional.**