**Tirana sightseeing tour**Duration: 90 minutes (approx.)

Tour type: History and culture

The city Tirana attracts visitors from all over the world. The tourists reach here to have a look over the ancient historical architectures and monuments that remain intact in the heart of the city. Tirana is the capital of Albania and enjoys a beautiful setting between the ranges of Dajti Mountain from one side and the coastal plains on the other one. Tirana is 110 m above sea level. The city of Tirana, is located on a plain on the site of a Byzantine fortress and has been the capital since 1920.

**Highlights**

* Colorful Tirana buildings
* Skanderbeg square, National Museum
* Mosque of Ethem Bey, the Clock Tower, Tirana Castle
* catholic and orthodox cathedrals
* Mother Teresa Square
* Parliament

The tour starts from Skanderbeg Square, (photo stop at Skanderbeg’s Monument), National Museum (the huge mosaic on front represent the Albanian history development and the stages of this development are presented on respective pavilions). Then you continue to see other important buildings: Palace of Culture/Opera/National Library, Mosque of Ethem Bey, the Clock Tower, Tirana Castle, Parliament, Ura e Tabakeve, National Art Gallery, mean government buildings, catholic and orthodox cathedrals, the Pyramid, Prime Minister building, Palace of congresses, Mother Teresa Square, Archaeological Museum (there are presented many archaeological discoveries since the Stone Age up to the Medieval), Presidential palace, Ex-Blloku (which used to be the most beautiful and protected zone were the ex-communist leaders families lived). Visit the Cold War corner (one Bunker, part of famous Spac Political Prison, and a piece from Berlin Wall). Walk back to finish the tour in center.