



ALBANIA & GREECE

April 18 - May 2, 2023



TRAVELING:

- You will arrive in **Tirana on Wednesday, April 19th**. If there are any changes in your itinerary, missed connections, delays etc., please notify your trip leader and/or WMA office ASAP. Leave a message if calling after hours.
- When asked at the passport control, what is your purpose for traveling to Tirana your response is always "Tourism".
- At the airport in **Tirana**, there will be a plan in place to meet up with your team. This info will come soon via email.
- Please wear your WMA name badge in a visible spot during travel time - this helps other team members identify you on the connecting flights, and helps our staff at the **Tirana** airport during the pick-up procedure.
- Communication is vital during travel. Call your cell phone carrier and find out the necessary steps to take to set your phone up for international calls. If you do not have a cell phone please notify WMA office as soon as possible.
- **Visa - Not required**
- **Hotel Info:** TBD
- **Immunizations - Not necessary UNLESS** your physician deems it necessary for your situation.
- **COVID** - No test is required to enter

EMERGENCY NUMBERS FOR WMA

Within and Outside of the United States call 1-417-231-4131 (Office)

Text Only 1-417-894-4327 (Chuck) or 1-417-894-5055 (Helen)

Email rfwma@rfwma.org

MINISTRY:

There will be an Orientation Meeting on **Thursday, April 20th**. You will be given a tentative schedule of ministry, briefing on the **Albanian** culture and ministry specifics. We have been invited to minister hope in this country and we are looking forward to building relationships with the **Albanian** people. When traveling to **Greece**, you will be given the same orientation about the people and culture there. Along with information on our specific ministry there.

WEATHER:

In Tirana and Thessaloniki the month of April is fairly comfortable with daily temps in the mid to upper 60's and evening lows in the mid to low 40's.

SHOPPING/SIGHTSEEING:

There will be a day of shopping and sightseeing. Major credit cards are accepted in some places. The local currency is the **Albanian lek and the Euro in Greece**. You will be able to exchange your money at the currency exchange offices after arriving. The amount of money you bring is dependent on what you normally spend. We suggest around \$200 - \$300.

**If you need further assistance, please do not hesitate to call
Jamie at the WMA office at 417-231-4131.**



Please check your list !



1. Passport
2. Travel Itinerary
3. E-Ticket/Airline Ticket
4. WMA Name Badge (Must be visibly worn - Especially important at arrival time)
5. WMA contact number: **Call 1-417-231-4131 or text 1-417-894-4327 Chuck or 417-894-5055 Helen**
Or email rfwma@rfwma.org
Please call if there is a change in your travel schedule
6. One "church outfit"
7. Casual outdoor clothing for the **10 day trip** (no shorts, low-cut, or sleeveless blouses)
8. Good walking shoes
10. **Please check the actual weather ahead of time during our travel dates on weather.com (4-5 days prior to departure) to ensure weather-appropriate clothing is packed**
11. INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL RULES: (*Check your airline for specifics if in doubt*)
 - One piece: 'Carry On' Luggage to fit under seat or in compartment above. Luggage that exceeds the approved size must be checked in as "Additional Baggage" at the passenger's expense.
 - One piece: 'Check In' Luggage (check with your airline for weight limit)
12. Alarm clock (recommended)
13. Spending cash/Credit cards for souvenirs, shopping and extras not included in your trip (e.g. soda, coffee, ice cream, admission to some tourist sights, etc.)
14. **All prescription medicine.** (Keep in your carry on or handbag, not your checked bags)
15. Do not bring expensive jewelry and watches
16. World Missions Alliance ministers outside of the USA. The Voltage is 220. Voltage transformers are not encouraged. They normally create more problems than they help. Hair dryers are provided at the hotel. You will be able to charge laptops and cell phones if you purchase a suitable **plug adapter** which can be purchased at Walmart; Kmart; Radio Shack or any other travel store. **Know the difference between an adaptor and a converter** [note: a converter is used to convert the voltage of an electric device. For example, if your hairdryer requires 110V, you will need a converter when traveling to Europe, which runs on 220V. An adapter allows you to plug your American two-pronged plug into a different outlet. Use this for dual-voltage devices; for example, your laptop computer and cellphone charger.]