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## **INTRODUCTION:**

Albania has an excellent accessibility "Mother Theresa" International Airport, close to capital Three seaports available to passengers (Durrës, Vlora, Saranda). One marina in Orikum. Fourteen border crossing all around the country. Two seas, Adriatic and Ionian in total length of 450km







some of them unique for the Balkan peninsula (Lake Shkodra, Ohrid and Prespa) 2/3 of the country is compound of mountains and rolling hills.10 peaks are over 2.000 meters high.

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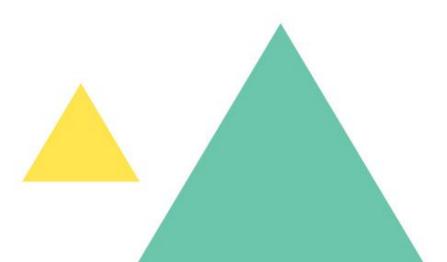
#### 25 YEARS AGO, CANNES WAS THIS UNTOUCHED.

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Foreign Direct Investment in Albania reached this year up to 1 billion 97 million. This is a very big milestone in the effort of all the Albanians to realize their greatest project of all time; Albania a developed country Albania: an increasingly free economic force in the Heritage Foundation's 2014 Index of Economic Freedom, Albania's score improved to 66.9 out of 100, making its economy the 54<sup>th</sup> freest economy in the world.





## FREE MARKET ACCESS

 The Albanian economy is now completely open and characterized by fully liberalized trade

• The most resilient of South-Eastern European economies

 The only economy in the region that did not go through a recession period

## FAVORABLE TAX SYSTEM

- Corporate tax rate15%
- Personal tax rate0 23 %
- Treaties for the Avoidance of Double Taxation with over 30 countries
- Non distinction between foreign and domestic investors



## COMPETITIVE WORKFORCE ABILITY

- In foreign languages, (English, Italian and Greek are widely spoken. French and German included in the education system)
- 57 % of the population under the age of 35
- Over 1,071,948 young, well-educated and motivated professionals
- Approximately 116.292 students registered in University annually
- One of the lowest minimum wages in the region 157 Euro



#### RECOMMENDED TOURIST DESTINATION

- Albania is listed 4<sup>th</sup> on "52 Places to Go in 2014" by New York Times
- Top Destinations 2012 "Frommer's Travel Guide"
- The first of the 10 best places to visit 2011- Lonely Planet



### FACTS ABOUT VISITORS

For period January – September 2014 there was an increase of 9% of the total number of visitors compared to 2013.

No	Period 1° quarter	Number of Visitors		
1		2013	2014	
2	2° quarter	354.701	453.649	
3	3° quarter	612.919	760.925	
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	TOTAL	2.565.664	2.911.419	





### **REVENUES FROM TOURISM**

Revenues for the period January – September of 2014 showed an increase of 24% compared to 2013

No	Period	Revenues (EURO)		Growth in %
		2013	2014	%
1	January - September	760.000.000	946.000.000	24%



## YESTERDAY, TODAY, TOMORROW .hospitable as an Albanian!

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## 2 sites are under RAMSAR

international convention (Natural Park of Karavasta and National Park of Butrint )

Natural Park of Karavasta

## National Park of Butrint

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#### 100 YEARS AGO LAS VEGAS WAS JUST THE WORLD'S PREMIERE DESERT

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A mixture of civilianization's going through thousands of years. Albania's UNESCO cultural World Heritage Sites (Butrint, Gjirokastra and Berat)







Butrinti, a microcosm of Mediterranean history

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## BERATİ, THE 2400 YEAR OLD TOWN.

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## GJIROKASTRA "THE STONE CITY".

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## ALBANİAN İSO POLYPHONY İS PART OF WORLD ORAL HERİTAGE (UNESCO)



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## A RİCH CULTURAL HERİTAGE:

Many archaeological parks, A range of castles, dating back since the İllyrian period, Byzantine and Post – Byzantine monuments, folklore and tradition.







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#### ORTHODOX CHURCH IN SOUTH OF ALBANIA



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#### SOUTHERN COASTLINE OF ALBANIA

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#### **KSAMIL COAST**



#### ALBANIAN RIVIERA

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# **OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES**



## BERATI UNESCO SITE

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## DAJTI NATIONAL PARK

#### RAFTING IN OSUMI RIVER

## SCAMPA CASTLE IN ELBASAN

## APOLONIA ARCHEOLOGICAL PARK

# CASTLE OF KRUJA

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## "GJERGJ KASTRIOTI SCANDERBERG" MUSEUM IN KRUJA

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## COLD WATER BEACH IN VLORA

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**ALBANIAN RIVIERA** 

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