



Programme universitaire d'été Summer University Programme

SUMMER UNIVERSITY IN ALBANIA

GJIROKASTER
and Tirana (Albania)

6 – 11 July 2021

CULTURE HERITAGE and challenges to safeguard it

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

This program is organized for the first time, in Gjirokaster. It will take place mainly in the Historic Centre (UNESCO) combined with site visits in the rural area of Gjirokaster. The last day will be in Tirana in order to have a chance to take time to visit the capital as well for an easier departure of participants from abroad. Albanian lecturers with great experience will teach in the program, as well the experience of Gjirokaster Foundation, the host organization, will be an important part of the agenda. The municipality of Gjirokaster will be glad to welcome the participants and present aspects of daily work. Classes will deal with specific problems regarding all aspects of culture heritage development, preservation, management, UNESCO principles, local community development, local governance etc. About 12 participants will gather in Gjirokaster, selected from Albania and abroad.

Students enrolled in any University programmes (preferably for 2 years or more) but also young professionals are welcome. Students will have the possibility to acquire 4,5 ECTS academic credits according to the relevant conditions *(please note that ECTS credits are not validated in any university, specially for a program held in a non EU country. You must make sure in advance before applying)*

Gjirokaster is a very historic town, listed on the UNESCO World Heritage sites. The main part of the program will take place in Gjirokaster, inside and outside. Each day, candidates could be invited to visit different locations in the district in relation to the proposed program. If possible, we will try to spend one day in Butrint National Park. Butrint is one of the most important archaeological sites in the country. After this part of the programme, the participants will reach Tirana together for the end of the departure. During the last day in Tirana the students will have enough free time to explore the capital city and to discover the history and the growing urbanization of Tirana.

Participants will stay together in hotels in Gjirokaster and Tirana. There will be 2 or 3 students per room. Accommodation during the session covers rooms for 5 nights, breakfast and one organized meal each day (lunch or dinner, depending of the program).

Students must cover the travel costs from their own country to Gjirokaster. The closer airport is Tirana and frequent regular buses link Tirana to Gjirokaster in about 4.30 h. For the arrival day (July 6th) the trip to Gjirokaster must be done individually. Candidates have to reach Gjirokaster by their own transportation. Since Gjirokaster, the group is picked up by the organizers for the whole duration of the program and until Tirana, which the group will join for the end of the programme. Return journey from Tirana to each personal destination remains under the responsibility of each candidate.

Fees are detailed in the registration form. Grants are available to cover a part of the cost after examination of the complete file. Candidates, who can justify their status of student, are considered first. The registration becomes final only after the integral payment of the expenses (with or without grant)

NB: Please note that a summer school is organized in North Macedonia just a few days after the one in Albania and will deal with environmental themes. Ohrid (North Macedonia) is close to Tirana and there are daily buses to reach both locations. Candidates who would like to take advantage of this proximity to participate in both programs can obtain a discount for two sessions.

