



# ALBANIA IS YOUR STAGE!

Albania is your chance to take your choir off the beaten track!

A surprise for even the experienced traveler, Albania offers unparalleled nature dynamics, unbelievably ancient roots and some of the friendliest people in Europe.

With tours and performance opportunities in the country's capital and its two historical towns, Albania will steal your hearts with its rich culture, warm hospitality, stunning scenery, and delicious cuisine. Witnessing a live performance of Albanian folk iso-polyphony, part of UNESCO's Intangible Cultural Heritage, is one of the event's highlights and a unique experience for choir singers.

For everyone eager to go off the beaten track onto exciting discoveries, this is definitely an event not to miss!

**ON STAGE in Albania** brings all this experience for your choir. As part of the ON STAGE Event Series, this festival brings together international and local choirs for some great singing, touring, learning and performance opportunities.

Running from Wednesday to Sunday, the event creates a pleasant haven for participating choirs to meet and make friends, sing and explore three Albania cities, learn a few Albanian songs, perform in a historical church and celebrate it all with delicious Albanian food.

**ON STAGE in Albania** will keep you and your choir wonderfully entertained.

Let's go ON STAGE!



# ON STAGE IN ALBANIA

June 8 - 12, 2022

## SCHEDULE

(SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

### **DAY 1** | Wednesday, June 8

#### ARRIVAL

Transfer from the airport to the hotel and check-in.

#### WELCOMING CONCERT

Meet the other choirs participating in the event.

The choirs' representatives will make a brief presentation of the ensemble and every participating choir will perform one song from their repertoire.

#### WELCOMING COCTAIL

### **DAY 2** | Thursday, June 9

Breakfast

#### SINGING TOUR IN TIRANA!

Meet the local choir welcoming you to Albania and, together with the other international choirs, explore the city, and perform together in mini concerts of 5-10 minutes each.

Duration of the Singing Tour: ca. 3 hours.

Lunch

#### WORKSHOP

**For international choirs:** Learn more about Albanian choral music and traditions with maestro Suzana Turku and study a few Albanian pieces which will be performed by all choirs together at the Closing Concert.

**For local choirs:** Learn about Italian choral music led by maestro Matteo Valbusa.

**Free evening:** Take your time to enjoy Albania at your own pace. If you would prefer to sing at an additional concert, we will gladly make that possible for you.

### **DAY 3** | Friday, June 10

Breakfast

Transfer to Berat by bus.

#### SINGING TOUR IN BERAT!

City tour (including entrance into Onufri museum) & performance opportunities in the historic city and at the medieval castle. Mini-concerts of 5-10 minutes each.

Berat is a UNESCO World Heritage Site for its unique style of architecture with influences from several civilizations coexisting there for centuries.

Duration of the Singing Tour: ca. 3 hours

#### OPEN-AIR CONCERT

Transfer back to Tirana by bus.

Dinner

### **DAY 4** | Saturday, June 11

Breakfast

Transfer to Shkodër by bus.

#### SINGING TOUR IN SHKODËR!

#### REHEARSAL

Prepare for the Closing Concert by having stage rehearsals with your choir as well as a joint rehearsal of all participating choirs for the common pieces studied during the workshop.

#### CLOSING CONCERT

Give your best performance on stage with your choir and then join all the other choirs for the concert highlight – a joint performance of the common pieces.

#### Distribution of the Certificates of Participation

#### Get on stage for Group Photos

#### CELEBRATION DINNER WITH ALL PARTICIPANTS

Transfer back to Tirana by bus.

### **DAY 5** | Sunday, June 12

Breakfast

Picnic and Singing Matinee at Tirana's Lake, the city's meeting point for families and friends on weekends.

Check-out and transfer to the airport.

Additional programs can be made available upon request in case of a prolongation of stay.

#### DEPARTURE

\*Optional offers are not included in the Event Package.



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## EVENT PACKAGE

All prices are per person	3* Hotels in Tirana (walking distance from the city center)	4* Hotels in Tirana (walking distance from the city center)	4* Tirana International (directly on Tirana's main square)	5* The PLAZA Excellence redefined (300 m from Tirana's main square)
Multiple Room	324 EUR	329 EUR	374 EUR	n.a.
Double Room	349 EUR	344 EUR	424 EUR	506 EUR
Single Room	424 EUR	469 EUR	579 EUR	694 EUR

Additional night with breakfast				
Multiple Room	27 EUR	28 EUR	39 EUR	n.a.
Double Room	33 EUR	32 EUR	52 EUR	72 EUR
Single Room	52 EUR	63 EUR	90 EUR	119 EUR

We cannot guarantee the availability of all accommodation categories for choirs registering after the official registration deadline, which is **January 17, 2022**.



## WHAT YOU GET

### Activities & Performances:

- Participation in the Welcoming Concert
- Participation in the Singing Tour in Tirana & Berat
- Participation in the Concert in Berat
- Participation in two workshops
- Participation in the Closing Concert in Shkoder
- Participation in an additional concert (optional upon request)
- Participation in a Sunday Mass (optional upon request)
- Scheduled stage rehearsals for your choir
- Certificate of Participation

### Accommodation & services:

- 4 x overnight stays in the requested hotel category (minimum length of stay)
- 4 x breakfast, 1 lunch 1 dinner (depending on the schedule) and 1 lunchbox for the picnic
- Airport transfers, transfers to Berat and Shkoder
- Welcoming Cocktail & Farewell Dinner with all the participating choirs
- Preparation of your choir's daily schedule
- Competent assistance at your performances
- Support on-site from the INTERKULTUR International Team
- Promotion through photos and videos on the ON STAGE Facebook Page

## TESTIMONIALS

### KENKÄVAAPTO-KUORO, FINLAND

"...Once more, thank you for the festival!

The happy memories of light and sounds of On Stage bring us still strength now that November is here."

### UKMERGĖS KULTŪROS CENTRO MOTERŲ VOKALINIS ANSAMBLIS, LITHUANIA

"Our time in On Stage was very special to all of us.

We loved the people, the music, the churches and the atmosphere in general.

Thank you for making our time there so wonderful and for organizing everything so smoothly..."

### VOCA CHOIR, MALTA

"The lovely memories of so many beautiful and musically talented persons will stay in my heart forever. We are all so eager to continue taking our music abroad in the future, so you will surely see us again in your events."

### KOLOT BAT YAM, ISRAEL

"...Your professional work and your kindness were for sure a great help to bring the success of our choirs participation in this festival..."



### Early Bird Registration

The registration documents must be received **by November 17, 2021** to secure the following:

- ✓ Complimentary participant: For every 35 participants you register, you will receive one (1) complimentary event package in double room
- ✓ 3-5% discount on the Event Package

#### Discount payment terms:

**Option #1:** The **down payment** invoice must be paid **by December 17, 2021** and the **second invoice** (balance) must be paid in full **by March 17, 2022** to receive a **3% discount** on the event package\*, to be deducted on final invoice.

**Option #2:** If the **full payment** is made **by December 17, 2021** you will receive a **5% discount** on the event package\*.

\* *Early Bird discounts will be deducted from the standard 3-night-event package only (this does not include additional services such as transfers, excursions, additional nights, extra meals, etc.).*

\*\**Persons added after September 1, 2021 will not qualify anymore to get the early bird discounts.*

### Example for Early Bird Registration SAVINGS!

Savings on the event package:

**1) Option #1 -> 3% discount = Total savings for the group: 757,33 €**

Choir, 40 participants in double rooms		
3* Hotel in Albania (40 pax x 349 €)	<b>Initial total:</b>	<b>13,960 €</b>
Less 1 complimentary participant in double room		-349 €
		<b>13.611 €</b>

50% downpayment paid by <b>December 17, 2021</b>		<b>6,805,50 €</b>
<b>AND final payment paid in full by March 17, 2022</b>		<b>6,397.17 €</b>
entitles you to a 3% discount (408.33 €)	<b>Final total:</b>	<b>13,202.67 €</b>

**2) Option #2 -> 5% discount = Total savings for the group: 1.029,55 €**

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Less 1 complimentary participant in double room		-349 €
		<b>13.611 €</b>

Full invoice paid by <b>December 17, 2021</b>		
entitles you to a 5% discount (680,55 €)	<b>Final total:</b>	<b>12.930,45 €</b>

On behalf of your Viajes Tauros Team, welcome to **ON STAGE in Albania 2022**.