

**U.S. EMBASSY TIRANA-ALBANIA
DISPOSITION OF REMAINS REPORT
2018**

1. Country:

Albania

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Resources:

- [Country Information and Travel Advisory](#)
- [Department of State's Travel Advisories](#)
- [U.S. Embassy Tirana's Alerts and Messages](#)
- [Register With the U.S. Embassy](#)

3. Religious Services Available:

- Country Profile: [Department of State's International Religious Freedom Report of 2016](#)
- Country Religions:
 - Roman Catholicism;
 - Orthodox Christianity;
 - Islam;
 - Protestantism;
 - Judaism

4. List of Local Funeral Homes:

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Alba 2000

Address 1: Rr. Dibres, Nr. 302, Tirana, Albania

Address 2: Rr. Duresit, Tirana, Albania

Tel: +355(0)42360639; +355(0)42232921

Cell: +355(0)682047089

Email: funeral_alba_2000@hotmail.com

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/funeralealba2000/>

Hours of Services: 24-hour service. Covers funeral services for all Albania.

Perla

Rr. Kont Uran, Nr. 39

Tirana, Albania

Tel: +355(0)42221578

Cell: +355(0)682092228

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Funeral-Perla-1718386081768894/>

Hours of Services: 24-hour service. Covers funeral services for all Albania.

5. Preparation and Shipment of Remains:

Local Death Certificate: Albanian death certificates are issued by the registrar of deaths in the district civil status office with jurisdiction over either the place of residence or the place of death. Currently, if the deceased was not born in Albania, the family needs to provide an apostilled copy of the subject's birth certificate before the civil status office can issue the death certificate. The certificate is issued in multiple languages including English. This version of the certificate does not include the "cause of death" field. Therefore, it is preferred to obtain the Albanian language version instead. The Albanian language version is issued for a fee of 50 cents (50 ALL). The multiple language version (English, Spanish, Greek, German, French, Italian), if requested and in stock, is issued for an additional fee of \$1.7 (200 ALL).

Consular Report of Death Abroad: A "Report of the Death of a U.S. Citizen or U.S. Non-Citizen National Abroad" (CRODA) is issued by the U.S. Embassy where the death occurred and is generally used in lieu of a foreign death certificate to settle the deceased's estate and for other legal purposes. The CRODA is a report that provides the essential facts concerning the death of a U.S. citizen, the disposition of remains, and the custody of the personal effects of the deceased citizen. The CRODA is based on the foreign death certificate, and cannot be completed until the foreign death certificate has been issued. It can sometimes take two to three weeks after the date of the death to issue a CRODA, depending on how long it takes local authorities to complete the local death certificate.

We will provide the family with up to 20 certified copies of the CRODA. These are provided at no fee. For information on how to request a certified copy of a CRODA, please visit the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Consular Affairs webpage "[Request a Copy of a Consular Report of Death Abroad.](#)"

Burial/Interment: Deceased foreign citizens may be buried in Albania regardless of their residence status. They can be buried in public or religious cemeteries. A “Permission to Bury” certificate must be issued in advance by the local civil records office (this is usually done in conjunction with issuance of the death certificate). The fees for local burial/interment vary from \$300.00 (40,000 ALL) to \$500.00 (70,000 ALL), depending on the place of burial/interment. Costs for the casket vary from \$300.00 (30,000 ALL) to \$3,000.00 (340,000 ALL). Special hermetically sealed caskets that meet international standards for transportation of deceased persons are available on the local market.

Cremation: There are no facilities for cremation in Albania. However, Albanian law allows for cremation of remains to be buried in urns in Albania.

Autopsy: Under Albanian law, an autopsy may be performed in cases when medical personnel believe it is necessary to establish the cause of death, or when requested by the Next-of-Kin or in the deceased’s will. A forensic autopsy will be performed only when ordered by a prosecutor, a court, or the judicial police. If an autopsy is requested, morgue fees may be incurred, which vary from \$40.00 (5,000 ALL) to \$60.00 (6,500 ALL) per day. The autopsy is performed 12-14 hours after estimated time of death, in the presence of police and criminal investigators.

Disinterment: Disinterment may occur after a 15-year period and only with the permission of the municipality or commune officials. Family members or legal representatives may request disinterment with the local municipalities. Disinterment may also occur prior to the assigned period with a Court order or with a prosecutor’s request for investigation purposes as explained in the Autopsy section above. Fees may be involved when disinterment occurs.

Embalming: There are no facilities for embalming in Albania. However, Albanian law allows for embalmed remains to be buried in Albania.

Transportation of Remains to the United States: If the Next-of-Kin decides to transport the remains for burial in the United States, an Albanian funeral home will coordinate transportation with a receiving funeral home of the family’s choice in the United States. Local funeral home expenses, including fees for certificates, morgue autopsy (if performed), a special casket and transportation to the airport vary from \$4,000.00 (410,000 ALL) to \$4,800.00 (490,000 ALL) (not including air transportation). Most Albanian funeral homes require payment in advance. Money can be transferred from the United States using private companies, such as Western Union, or via the Department of State’s OCS/TRUST system or directly transferred to a local funeral home bank account in Albania.

Transportation of Remains to Albania: To transport human remains from the United

States to Albania, one must contact the Albanian Embassy in Washington, D.C. to arrange the necessary paperwork. Funeral homes in the United States may be able to assist with these arrangements. For more information on shipping human remains from the United States to a foreign country, please visit the [National Funeral Directors Association \(NFDA\) website](#).