

International Staff Guide of University of Elbasan

"Aleksandër Xhuvani"



Dear all,

Please allow me to welcome you to the beautiful city of Elbasan! Since some of you are visiting Elbasan and Albania for the first time, I hope this material would be helpful during your traveling arrangements, accommodation, and stay.

Once known as Skampis, the city in the 'navel' of Albania, which today is known as Elbasan, is one of the earliest areas that prove the ancient heritage and culture of our country. During your stay in Elbasan, you have the possibility of visiting amazing cultural objects, beautiful landscapes, and the most remarkable and hospitable people you have ever met.

In the city is located one of the oldest higher education institutions in the country known as the University of Elbasan. It was proudly given the name of Aleksandër Xhuvani, entitled as "teacher of the teachers".

Enjoy your stay in Elbasan and take a lot of unforgettable memories with you.

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Welcome to University of Elbasan "Aleksandër Xhuvani"



THIS BROCHURE IS ADDRESSED TO ACCADEMIC AND ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF WHO VISITS UNIVERSITY OF ELBASAN WITHING THE FRAMEWORK OF ERASMUS + PROGRAMME.





THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF GUIDE IS DESIGNED AS A PRE-INFORMATION TO PACKAGE FOR THOSE MOVING TO ELBASAN, AS WELL AS AN ON-GOING REFERENCE GUIDE FOR CURRENT INTERNATIONAL STAFF.

Before coming to University of Elbasan

We hope that with our guidance, you will be able to handle all aspects of your visit as smooth as possible. In our university, the International Relations Office is in charge of incoming staff and students.

Below you will find who is responsible for which aspect of your stay:

International Relations Office (Erasmus+)

-  **Travel arrangements (information about connections, local public transport, etc.);**
-  **Assistance with accommodation (information about hotels, booking a room, etc.);**
-  **Issuing necessary documents (e.g. Letter of invitation, Letter of confirmation);**
-  **Providing information about practical aspects of your visit (health insurance, procedures at the University of Elbasan, etc.);**

In all the above mentioned issues, please contact:

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- Approving academic programme (dates of your visit, topics and number of lectures/ classes, meetings with faculty members/students);
- Organizing practical aspects of your lectures/classes (advertising your visit in the Department/Institute, booking a suitable room for your lectures, preparing necessary IT devices etc.).
- In all these aspects, please contact Erasmus+ Office.

Welcome in Elbasan



Elbasan is one of the largest and most important Albanian cities located in the middle of Albania. It has a surface of almost 872km² and its population is about 142,000 habitants. Located at the Shkumbin River, where it crosses the famous Via Egnatia, the city of Elbasan – ancient Scampini – is just 33 km away from Tirana. In ancient times, Scampini was a Roman fortification, but in the 4th century it received a new administrative status and, with its new name Hiscampis, became one of the major cities of the new Epirus, home of the area's only Roman legion. In 1466, the Ottomans took control of the castle of Scampini and reconstructed it almost entirely. They renamed the city Elbasan and it became center of the sanjak (Ottoman administrative region) between the 17th and 18th centuries. This was a time of flourishing trade, both in and out of the country, which encouraged the significant development of handicrafts. In the documentation of the time, it is proved that in the middle of 17th century, Elbasan had 2000 houses, 900 shops, leather, wool, silk, metals and especially silver. The products of the city of Elbasan found sales market both at home and abroad. Having such rich history, the city of Elbasan is bound to have a wide variety of historical monuments worth visiting, not to mention the many natural monuments or parks which attract thousands of tourists every year. We are going to mention some of them in this guide, but it is impossible for this guide to contain every single one of them. We hope you enjoy your stay in our lovely city.

Navigating Elbasan

Navigating Elbasan is simple, mainly due to its small size and simple urbanistic plan, but to facilitate it even more, this is a map of the city



<https://goo.gl/maps/AfeNJFDVYDsZKMXg8>

Reaching Elbasan

Reaching Elbasan is simple. You can use public transport or a personal car to travel to different cities in Albania. Elbasan is about 30 minutes far away from Tirana, reachable by car or public transport

The nearest airport is Airport "Mother Thereza" in Tirana.



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REGIONAL BUS STATIONS AND TAXI STATIONS:

- To Tirana: <https://goo.gl/maps/51jJR8BXxS67BPws9>
- Other cities: <https://goo.gl/maps/j6AfDSxkhLRfLf89A>
- International bus station: <https://goo.gl/maps/j6AfDSxkhLRfLf89A>
- Taxi station: <https://goo.gl/maps/HHXfj4Ps1bHtHYLRA>

Tourism in Elbasan

Tourism is an important part of Elbasan as it has a lot to offer, in culture, history, nature and food. Below we are presenting you some of the most known attractions our city has to offer, but leaving some unmentioned for the adventurous spirited and explorers.

The Castle (1.2 km from the University of Elbasan)

The castle of Elbasan lies in the center of the city. Originally was a roman fort, then rebuilt by the ottomans. Like many ancient Roman forts, it has an octagonal structure. The clock tower stands nearby the castle. On the south arch of the gate, it is carved "Sultan of the world, Abdul Hamiti, generous under his cinders the graceful clock raises. Honored men of Elbasan in their kindness revive this beautiful time-teller.



The Ethnographic Museum (1.3 km from the University of Elbasan)

Build-in 1986, the ethnographic museum of Elbasan has considerable architectonical and historical values within its walls. It has 80 types of crafts inside. It serves as historical documentation of the lifestyle throughout history, through objects, like furniture, dresses, etc. It has the appearance of a traditional Elbasan house. The current building of the museum used to be the house of the Sejdin family, a well-known family in Elbasan throughout history, which is protected as a cultural monument. Build with a unique tent it looks like typical houses of Berati and Shkodra but with unique elements within.



The Normal School of Elbasan and the Museum (1.4 km from the University of Elbasan)

The Convention of Elbasan held on 2-9 September 1909, decided the opening of the first national Albanian high school. The Normal school (Pedagogy) opened on 1st December 1909 and enrolled about 140 students from all over Albania. The Museum has 5000 original and copied documents. There are 500 pictures representing the generation of teachers. In the showcases can be seen many files, photo albums, different relics, and manuscripts of the past.



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The Basilica in Tepe (1.7 km from the University of Elbasan)

The Basilica in Tepe in Elbasan is found on the olive hill nearby the city. Found in the graveyard of Scampa, its position makes clear the relation with the old town. It directs the east with marble columns of iconostas and with the decoration of lions and dears in its tiles. The building dates from the V-th century and changed in the VI-th. This monument was discovered by excavations made in 1968-69, it occupies an area of 600m² and is a paleo Christian basilica oriented as usual with the apse from the east. It retains some construction phases.



Basilica of Bezistan (1.2 km from the University of Elbasan)

In the south of the castle is placed the Basilica of Bezistanit. It was discovered in 2007 and it is of the V e.s. It is a monumental grave, and over it lies a mosaic. With the findings so far here are 25 m mosaics, in which, apart from the two human figures, in its composition there are other elements that show the scheme of eternity and are realized with rare workmanship. Its name is related to the closed market, called Bezistan, an important trading nucleus built in the 17th century, which included a considerable number of shops.



St. Mary's Church (1.0 km from the University of Elbasan)

The church's building started in 1483, but it ended almost a century later: the church had its first religious services only in 1556. It was built entirely in stone in a completely particular way, with stones carved in the shape of a cross, which can still be seen today. The church was frescoed by Onufri and restored by David Selenica. In the 18th century, it was entirely burned by a fire, so it was rebuilt at the beginning of the 19th century. Nearby the church is the grave of Konstantin Kristoforidhi, a great Albanian linguist.



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The King Mosque (1.0 km from the University of Elbasan)

The King Mosque stands well persevered inside the castle nearby the central gate. Historians believe that its building dates to the XV century from Turkish sultan Bajazit II. It has interesting architecture and is preserved as a cultural monument. It is considered one of the oldest mosques built in Albania.



Skampa Theater (1.2 km from the University of Elbasan)

"Skampa" Theater (or former "Nacional" cinema) is located in the city of Elbasan. It was built in 1935 with the financing of Xhavit bey Bicakçi [1] as his gift to the city of Elbasan. It was realized by the architect Halit Narazani and represents the most important building with a cultural function in the city of Elbasan. It has a capacity of 292 seats. The acoustics of this theater is one of the best in Albania and one of the best in the Balkans.



The Church of Shelcan (6.8 km from the University of Elbasan)

Across the road from Elbasan to Gjinar stands the church of Shelcan. In this church are found the famous mural paintings of Onufri who is famous for the use of vivid red and inimitable colors in his art. The mural painting date from 1554. As far as dating is concerned, starting from two and three horizontal brick construction techniques, it is supposed to meet the end of the XVI century.



Traditional Food

Bugaçe, a traditional Elbasan break-fast roll found nowhere else in Albania. Smothered in butter and with a dash of salt, this roll is delicious but very fatty.

BUGAÇE



BOLLOKUME



Bollokume is another Elbasan speciality rarely found elsewhere in Albania. It is essentially a large sugar cookie. It is cooked only with eggs, flour, and sugar. Even though they are very difficult to cook they taste delicious.

This yummy dish was first cooked in Elbasan but is now served all over the country! One of the secrets of Tavë Kosi is that it is cooked only with the meat of young livestock, generally lamb

TAVË KOSI



Traditional Food

The tables of Elbasan are rich in poultry or cattle-based meals all year round. Qull me arra, an old traditional dish of the area, is usually reserved for the year's most special occasions. It is cooked with chicken.

QULL ME ARRA



TAVË ME PISTIL



Especially during the cold, long winter days, Elbasan's traditional cuisine serves up the delightful Tavë me pistil, a typical winter food that has been inherited from generation to generation during the last two centuries.

Its origin comes from the Ottoman period and refers to dishes that use poultry as a main ingredient. What is most important is that you have to boil the fresh turkey. The meat and the broth are used to cook the mysnik with the fresh poultry, butter and aromatic species.

MYSNIK ME KALASTRE



Accommodation

1. Hotel Vila Imperial (1.1 km from the University of Elbasan)

<http://hotel-vila-imperial.elbasan.hotels-al.com/en/> 40 € per night

Featuring free Wi-Fi, Hotel Vila Imperial is set in Elbasan. Boasting luggage storage space, this property also provides guests with a terrace. Guests can enjoy city views. At the hotel, the rooms include a desk, a flat-screen TV and a private bathroom. Rooms come with air conditioning, and certain rooms are fitted with a balcony. All rooms include a wardrobe. The nearest airport is Tirana International Mother Teresa Airport, 71 km from Hotel Vila Imperial.

2. Hotel Monarch (1.1 km from the University of Elbasan)

https://www.tripadvisor.co.nz/ShowUserReviews-g774870-d6673980-r220458107-Hotel_Monarch-Elbasan_Elbasan_County.html 35 € per night

Hotel Monarch is located in Elbasan. Free Wi-Fi access is available. Each room here will provide you with a flat-screen TV, air conditioning and a mini-bar. Featuring a shower, private bathroom also comes with a hairdryer. Extras include cable channels. At Hotel Monarch you will find a 24-hour front desk, a terrace and a bar. Other facilities offered at the property include shops (on site). The property offers free parking. This property also has one of the top-rated locations in Elbasan! Guests are happier about it compared to other properties in the area.

3. Real Scampis Hotel (1.1 km from the University of Elbasan)

<https://www.booking.com/hotel/al/real-scampis.html> 27 € per night

Located in Elbasan, Real Scampis Hotel has 3 accommodations with private balconies. The property has a garden, as well as a terrace. The property provides a 24-hour front desk, and currency exchange for guests. At the hotel, rooms come with a closet. Rooms have a private bathroom, while some feature a garden view. The rooms at Real Scampis Hotel are equipped with a flat-screen TV with satellite channels. The accommodation has a playground. The nearest airport is Tirana International Mother Teresa Airport, 70.8 km from Real Scampis Hotel. This property also has one of the top-rated locations in Elbasan! Guests are happier about it compared to other properties in the area. We speak your language!

4. Grand Hotel (1.8 km from the University of Elbasan)

<http://hotelgrand-elbasan.al/> 25 € per night

Grand Hotel is located in Elbasan. Featuring luggage storage space, this property also has a restaurant and a terrace. Rooms are equipped with a balcony with city views. All rooms in the hotel are equipped with a TV with cable channels. Rooms contain a private bathroom. The rooms include a desk. A continental breakfast is served every morning at the property. Grand Hotel provides a laundry service, as well as business facilities like fax and photocopying.

Accommodation

5. Imperial Hotel IH (2.0km from the University of Elbasan)

<https://www.booking.com/hotel/al/imperial-ih.en-gb.html> 20 € per night

Located in Elbasan, Imperial Hotel IH has a garden and terrace. The property features a shared lounge, as well as a bar. Both free WiFi and private parking are available at the hotel. A continental, Asian or halal breakfast is served at the property. You can play pool at Imperial Hotel IH. The reception can offer helpful tips for getting around the area.

6. Hotel Unvers (2.3km from the University of Elbasan)

<http://www.univershotel.eu/> 30 € per night

Set in Elbasan, in a building dating from 1990, Unvers Resort features a garden and guestrooms with free WiFi. This 4-star hotel offers a 24-hour front desk and a shared lounge. The hotel features an outdoor swimming pool and room service. At the hotel, all rooms are equipped with a desk and a flat-screen TV. Each room is equipped with a private bathroom with a hot tub and free toiletries. Guest rooms at Hotel Unvers feature air conditioning and a wardrobe.

7. Hotel Colombo (11 km from the University of Elbasan)

<https://www.hotel-colombo.net> 45€ per night

Located on the 5th km on the National road from Elbasan to Librazhd, Colombo Hotel offers an outdoor pool and an a-la-caret restaurant. Free Wi-Fi access is provided. All the rooms are air-conditioned and come with a flat-screen cable TV and a minibar.

Featuring a shower, private bathrooms also come with free toiletries and towels. Breakfast is included in the room rate. Hotel Colombo runs a 24-hour front desk and offers an on-site bar. A children's playground and free private parking are also available. The centre of Elbasan is located at a distance of 5 km.

8. Hotel le olive (1.5 km from the University of Elbasan)

<http://hotel-bar-restaurant-le-olive.elbasan.hotels-al.com/en/> 40€ per night

Offering a terrace and views of the city, Hotel Bar Restaurant Le Olive is situated in Elbasan. Guests can enjoy the on-site bar. Free WiFi is offered throughout the property and free private parking is available on site. Rooms come with a flat-screen TV. Certain units include a seating area for your convenience. The rooms include a private bathroom. For your comfort, you will find free toiletries and a hair dryer. The nearest airport is Tirana Airport, 46 km from Hotel Bar Restaurant Olive.

9. Hotel Guri (1 km from the University of Elbasan)

<http://hotel-guri.elbasan.hotels-al.com/en/> 35 € per night

Situated in Elbasan, Hotel Guri offers accommodation with private balconies. Among the various facilities are a terrace and a bar. The accommodation provides a 24-hour front desk. All units in the hotel are equipped with a TV with satellite channels. The rooms at Hotel Guri feature air conditioning and a desk. An Italian breakfast is served every morning at the property. The nearest airport is Tirana International Mother Teresa Airport, 71 km from the accommodation.



UNIVERSITY OF ELBASAN "ALEKSANDËR XHUVANI"

The University of Elbasan "Aleksandër Xhuvani", founded in 1991, is an important scientific and educational institution in the Republic of Albania. It is one of the best-known universities in the country for the preparation and training of pre-service teachers, new specialists, and scholars in various fields of study. Its history, spanning more than four decades, has recognized significant achievements in a variety of areas of its activity, particularly teaching and scientific research. This university has its roots in a valuable and rich tradition. Without doubt, this tradition is closely connected with the name of the "Normal School," which opened its doors in 1909.

Nowadays, the University of Elbasan continues its educational tradition not only in the teaching field, but also in other new and dynamic fields of scientific research. UE` activity is based on article 57, section 7, of the Constitution and Law No.80/2015 dated 22.07.2015 "On higher education and scientific research in the institutions of higher education in the Republic of Albania," in the Statute of UE and regulations approved for the implementation of the law.

Faculties

Faculty of Human Sciences



Faculty of Economics



**Faculty of Medical Technical
Sciences**



Faculty of Natural Sciences



Faculty of Education Sciences



Useful links and addresses

The Municipality of Elbasan City

<https://elbasani.gov.al/>

Elbasan TripAdvisor

https://www.tripadvisor.co.uk/Attractions-g774870-Activities-Elbasan_Elbasan_County.html

Emergency Numbers

Emergency 127

Firefighters 128

Police 129





English - Albanian dictionary

The basic vocabulary and phrases:

Hello	Përshëndetje
Good morning/afternoon	Mirëmëngjes/mirëmbrëma
Good night	Natën e mirë
Goodbye/bye	Mirupafshim
Thank you	Falënderit
Please/you're welcome	Ju lutem/jeni i mirëpritur
Not at all	Aspak
Yes	Po
No	Jo
I do not know	Nuk e di
Maybe	Mbase
I do not understand	Nuk kuptoj
I need help	Kam nevojë për ndihmë



<https://uniel.edu.al/bashkepunime/bashkepuni-me-nderkombetare/erasmus-mobilitete>