

Albania

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Travel & Possession Not Permitted Under Any Circumstance



Summary

- Law No. 61/2023 legalizes cannabis cultivation and processing but strictly for licensed entities exporting for medical and industrial purposes. Personal or domestic medical use is prohibited.
- Albanian law does not allow the import or use of medical cannabis by individuals, even with a valid prescription from abroad.
- Recreational cannabis remains illegal under Albania's Penal Code, with penalties for possession, sale, or trafficking.

Background

- In July 2023, the Albanian Parliament approved Law No. 61/2023 regulating cannabis for medical and industrial use; this established a National Cannabis Control Agency to issue cultivation/export licenses.
- Regulations issued in early 2025 specify licensing criteria, security measures, transport protocols, and licensing for entities only, not individuals or patients.

Non-Medical Cannabis

- Recreational cannabis remains illegal.
- Offenses such as sale, possession, or trafficking are punishable by imprisonment (typically 5–10 years).



Traveling to Albania with Medical Cannabis

Import and use not permitted

- Law does not recognize foreign prescriptions or allow personal cannabis imports for medical use.
- Any attempt to bring cannabis (THC or CBD) can lead to seizure, legal penalties, or denial of entry.

Steps to Take Before Departure:

1. Do not bring any cannabis products, even if prescribed elsewhere.
 2. Expect no exceptions or exemptions at customs, carry only legal, prescribed non-cannabis medicines.
 3. Communicate if needed with the Albanian Embassy.
 4. Verify transit-country regulations if your route passes through nations with cannabis leniency.
 5. Carry all legal medication in pharmacy-labelled packaging with valid prescriptions, but keep cannabis products out entirely.
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Practical Tips

- Albania's medical cannabis laws are strictly export-focused. No domestic patient access or personal use frameworks exist.
- Customs and border police enforce zero-tolerance for cannabis imports from individuals.
- Even short-term visitors cannot legally possess medical cannabis. No personal import pathways exist.
- If you require cannabis-based treatment, consider obtaining it before or after your visit in a country with patient access protocols.

The information provided reflects the most current data available; however, as cannabis laws are continually evolving, this content should not be interpreted as legal advice.

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