## **SUPPLEMENTARY PROGRAMME** for OVERSEAS VISITORS

## **Friday 20th September**

20h: Welcome dinner in central Tirana

## **Saturday 21st September**

**9.30h:** Depart Tirana city centre by private mini bus to Durres, Lea Ypi's birthplace

**10:30 - 12h:** Guided walking tour of this ancient coastal town, including the Roman Amphitheatre, Venetian Tower and ancient city walls. As a popular seaside resort and Albania's largest port, Durres is a vibrant commercial hub that is also full of history.

**12:30 - 13:45h:** Lunch with Lea Ypi and the Mayor of Durres at Durres' Youth Cultural Centre, the site of the Freedom & Transformation festival.

14 - 18h

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18:20h: Private transport back to Tirana

20h (optional): Speaker gala dinner in Durres followed by a transfer back

to Tirana city centre (supplement £45; max. capacity: 20 pax)

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## **Sunday 22nd September**

9:30 - 14h: choice of two tours to be booked in advance

#### Historic city tour

The tour will begin with coffee and pastries at the Babel Bookshop and Café newly opened in the iconic Pyramid. Arlinda Dudaj, bookshop owner and Lea Ypi's publisher, will host you and give you some insights into the literary scene in Tirana. Afterwards, there will be a guided walking tour of the city centre examining the country's difficult history. Alongside the gem of Et'hem Bey Mosque, one of the few ancient buildings in Tirana, you will see some spectacularly original contemporary architecture. The tour will end with a lunch close to the Opera House, the site of Freedom & Transformation's afternoon talks.

#### Art and Architecture Tour

The tour will begin with coffee and pastries at the centrally located Naan Gallery where you will be given an introduction to the contemporary art scene in Albania. There will be a guided tour of street and gallery art as well as a close look at the contemporary architecture of the city. A visit to the newly opened villa of Enver Hoxha, Albania's last Communist dictator, will be included. The tour will end with a lunch close to the Opera House.

15 - 18h

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# **PACKAGE SUMMARY**

The cost of this weekend package is £350 per person and includes:

- One dinner on Friday September 20th
- Lunches on September 21st and 22nd
- · Morning coffee on September 22nd
- All tours & transportation as listed
- All entrance fees for sites included in the tours
- All talks and events in the Freedom & Transformation programme

An EA festival representative will be available in person and Whatsapp throughout the programme.

Note that the maximum capacity for international visitors is 50 places, so we strongly recommend booking ASAP.

Please contact Jacki Forsyth at <u>jacki@eafestival.com</u> or +44 (0) 7976 756 349 for more information or guidance on travel arrangements.

# **NOTES**

The organiser may modify the contents and timing of this programme at its discretion.

The specific activities, events, tours, meals, transportation, et. al listed in this programme cannot be purchased on an à la carte basis.

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