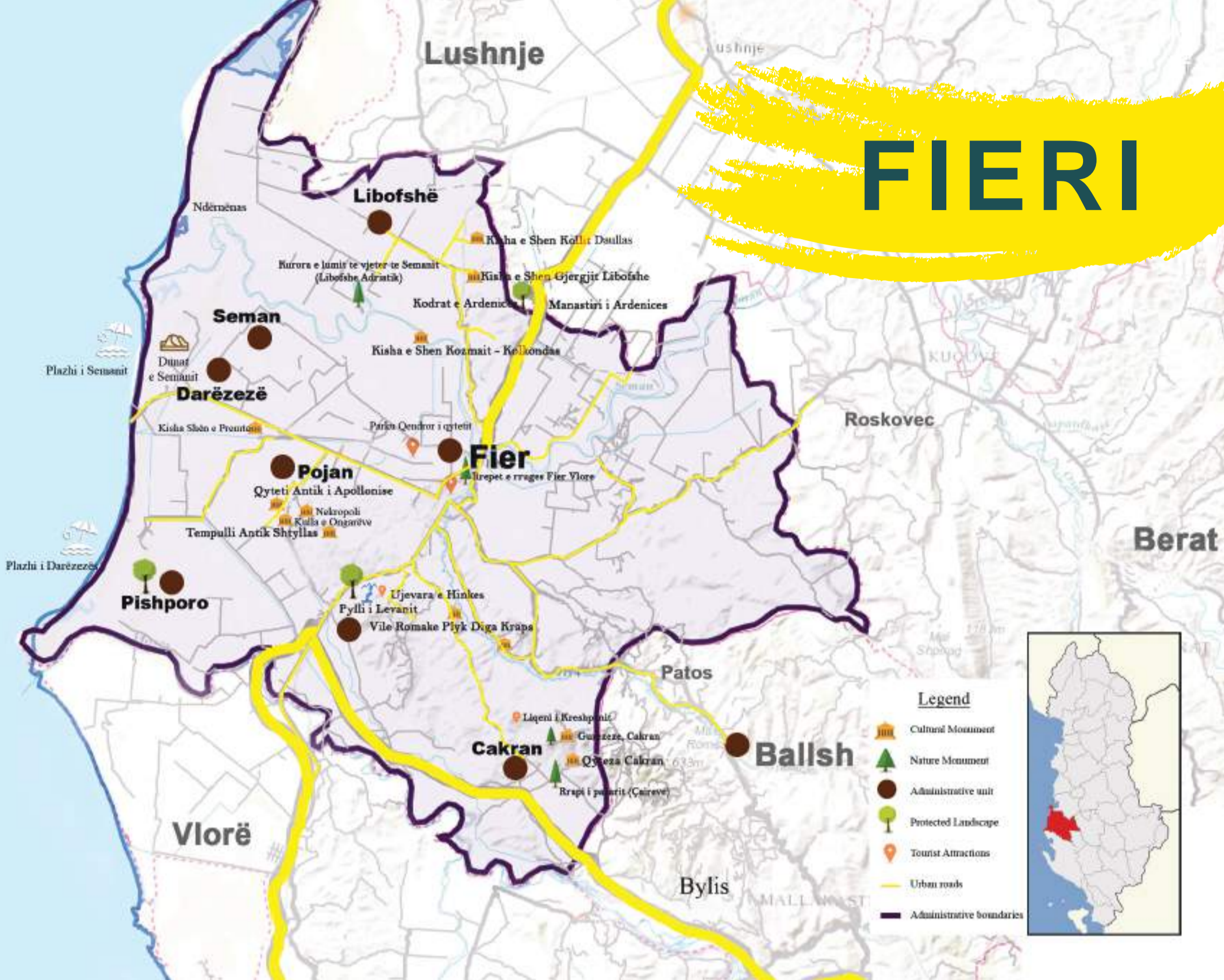






# FIERI



## ABOUT FIER

Fier is situated in the western part of Albania, in Little Myzeqe. The town of Fier is located 18 km from the Adriatic Sea. The municipality has a favorable geographical position, as Fier crosses Corridor VIII and the Blue Corridor (Adriatic-Ionian Highway). Geographical coordinates: latitude: 40°57'05 " (north), 40°33'06 " (south); longitude: 19°49'48 " (east), 19°18'29 " (west). The terrain is flat, with an average elevation of 20 meters above sea level. The Municipality of Fier has an area of 620 km<sup>2</sup>, a population of 206 615 (01.03.2021) and a population density of 331.7 inhabitants / km<sup>2</sup>. The city itself has 94 244 inhabitants (01.03.2021). The municipality consists of 13 administrative units: Fier (4), Mbrostar, Topoja, Dërmënas, Levan, Frakull, Cakran, Libofsha, Portez and Qendër. The municipality of Fier borders with the following municipalities: Divjaka, Lushnje, Roskovec, Patos, Mallakastër, Selenica and Vlorë.

## A SHORT HISTORY OF FIER

Fier is the largest city in the Myzeqe Field. It is located in the western part of Albania. It is a district and prefecture center. There are special beauties: natural assets, cultural monuments, natural monuments and archaeological sites, etc. Apollonia Archaeological Park is one of the most important national archaeological sites in Fier and Albania. The city of Fier was founded in 1864 by Kahraman Pasha Vrioni and his son Omer Pasha Vrioni, who with the help of French urbanists and architects laid the foundations of the modern city of Fier according to the model of 19th century European Renaissance cities. Fier received the status Municipality in 1909 and the first mayor was Sami Bej Vrioni. Today, the Municipality of Fier is composed of 13 administrative units: Fier(4), Mbrostar, Topoja, Dërmënas, Levan, Frakull, Cakran, Libofshë, Portez and Qendër. It borders with the following municipalities: Divjaka, Lushnje, Roskovec, Patos, Mallakastër, Selenica and Vlorë. Due to the numerous bridges over the rivers Vjosa, Seman and Gjanica, Fier is also called the city of bridges as well as the city of flowers.

## VISITING FIER

Fier is located in the south-western part of Albania, 113 km from Tirana, 87 km from the port of Durres, 39 km from the port of Vlorë, 164 km from the port of Saranda, 222 km from Hani i Hotit (border with Montenegro), 250 km from Morina (border with Kosovo), 150 km from Qafë-Thana (border with Macedonia), 140 km from Kakavija border crossing (border with Greece).  
**Via Air:** Via Tirana Mother Teresa International Airport. This airport is located 83 km from the center of Fier.  
**From the seaports**  
 Port of Durres - Fier 87 km  
 Port of Vlorë - Fier 40 km  
 Port of Saranda - Fier 166 km  
 Port of Shengjin - Fier 148 km

**DISTANCE FROM BORDERS**

Kakavijë – Fier	141 km
Kapshicë – Fier	234 km
Qafë Botë - Fier	190 km
Tre Urat Përmet – Fier	160 km
Muriqan – Fier	187 km
Hani i Hotit – Fier	222 km
Vermosh – Fier	278 km
Qafëthanë – Fier	150 km
Tushemisht – Fier	180 km
Goricë (Korçë) – Fier	220 km
Billatë (Dibër) – Fier	180 km

**DISTANCE OF TOURISTIC DESTINATIONS FROM THE CITY CENTER**  
*(Travel by car or public transport)*

Apolonia	11 km
Kisha Shën e Premte, Sopë (Darëzezë)	17 km
Tempulli antik – Apoloni (rrugë këmbësore)	3.5 km
Manastiri i Shën Kozmait	13.7 km
Kisha e Shën Gjergjit, Libofshë	14 km
Kisha e Shën Kollit, Libofshë	18 km
Manastiri i Ardenicës	17.3 km
Gurëzeza	25 km

## PUBLIC TRANSPORT

A number of passenger transport companies provide transport services throughout the Municipality of Fier. Their offices can be found in the city center.  
 ✓ Intercity bus terminal is located in "15 October" neighborhood, "Rauf Nallbani" street, near the train station. Buses depart daily, every 15-30 minutes; service hours: from 05:00 to 22:00.  
 ✓ Terminals for international passenger transport and the Fier - Vlorë line are located on the outskirts of the city, on the street "St. Leonardo Murialdo", the eastern ring of the city and on the street Fier - Patos.

## TAXI SERVICE

The taxi service is a mode of transport to the city. You can find it online or by calling. City-licensed taxis are yellow or have yellow plates. They offer safe travel and convenience. Taxis offer 24 hours / day service, 7 days a week. They are equipped with a taximeter. Prices for 2-3 km distances are 250-300 ALL (3 Euro); for distances over 20-40 km are 70-77 ALL / km; for distances over 40 km are 60-66 ALL / km. Prices at night time vary from day to day. Taxis in the city are parked at 6 stations: Mother Teresa Square, "Rauf Nallbani" Street, "Sharra" Square, "Jakov Xoxa" Street, "Bylis" Square, "Independence" Square, Square near Gold Shopping Center, roundabout of "Sheq i Madh"

- 8 intercity bus stations are found in:**
- Street "Jakov Mile": line station Fier - Kallm i Madh/Kallm i Vogël, Grecalli, Mujalli, Hamil, Seman i Ri;
  - Street "Brigada XI Sulmuese": line stations Fier - Çlirim, Topojë, Pojan, Darëzezë, Seman;
  - Street "Skëndërbeu", near TV "Kombi"-it: line station Fier – Libofshë;
  - Street "Leon Rei": line stations Fier – Frakull, Levan – Pishë Poro, Levan-Cakran (autostrada Levan-Tepelenë)
  - Street "Ramiz Aranitasi", near the Prefecture: line stations Mbrostar – Fier - Zhupan and Fier - Patos Fshat;
  - Sheq roundabout : the station of the big ring road of the city stacioni i unazës së madhe të qytetit;
  - Street "Vasil Peçuke": line stations Fier – Kreshpan – Cakran – Gorishovë;
  - Street "Jakov Xoxa", near the fountain: line station Fier – Patos.
- Car rental- Agencies have offices on the main squares and streets, as well as at the entrance of the city.

## CURRENCY EXCHANGE / MONEY TRANSFERS

The monetary system in Albania consists of "lek" currency. But you can easily perform financial transactions in Euros as well. Various foreign exchange agencies offer numerous services such as currency exchange, money transfers, or remittances to all countries of the world. Various financial transactions can be performed at any ATM with VISA or MasterCard logo, exchange office, or through bank subsidiaries.

## HEALTH SERVICE

Health services are provided free of charge throughout the City Hall. Fier citizens and foreigners receive quality medical care in public and non-public hospitals and health emergencies. In Fier there are a considerable number of pharmacies (with green cross), including 24-hour pharmacies. Some pharmacies are located near hospitals and polyclinics in the city.

## EMERGENCY NUMBERS

<b>Fier Postal Code: 9301</b>	Address: former chemical fertilizer production factory Cel: 00 355 34 22 22 22
<b>Local Directorate of Police Fier- 24 hour</b> Neighborhood: " 1 Maj" Street: "Naftëtarët e Fierit" Tel: 00 355 34 2 15 19	<b>FIER REGIONAL HOSPITAL</b> Neighborhood: "1 MAJ" Street: "Invalidet e Luftes" Cel: 00 355 34 22 27 61
<b>OPERATING ROOM</b> Tel : 00 355 69 41 10 223 129, 112, 126, 128 (free of charge)	<b>FIER REGIONAL MEMORIAL HOSPITAL</b> Address: Bypass Fier Vlorë
<b>PMNZZH</b> Fire Protection and Rescue Police Station	<b>EMERGENCY</b> Cel:00 355 34 22 20 21

## TOWN INSTITUTIONS

Fier Municipality and Fier Regional Council are two of the most important local institutions of Fier. Here are taken the most important decisions for citizens, investments and economic development of the city.  
**The Prefecture of Fier Region** - It is an old building with special architecture. It was built in 1929-1931 under the reign of King Zog I. It was designed as a sub-prefecture of the Prefecture of Berat, while after 1990 it was created as a Prefecture of the District of Fier. Today it is one of the most important institutions directly dependent on the Albanian government.  
**"Bylis" Theater** - It is the most important cultural and artistic center of the Municipality of Fier, created in 1971. The most recent reconstruction of this building was made in 2019. The theater has a capacity of 450 seats. Here are the most important local, national, but also international theater performances and in this theater take place the largest cultural events. Address: "Independence" Square, "Ramiz Aranitasi" street in front of the Prefecture of Fier.

## WELCOME IN FIER! WHAT CAN YOU VISIT IN 1 DAY!

### 1-DAY TOUR OF FIER

#### MOTHER TERESA CENTRAL SQUARE

The central square is one of the most attractive sites of the city of Fier, rebuilt in 2020, on the basis of a project designed by the Municipality of Fier. In this area you can enjoy the 3 panoramic city bridges, built on the river Gjanica, promenades and gardens near this river that passes through the city. It is an area where you can take outdoor walks and runs. It hosts the most important outdoor and cultural activities of Fier.



The largest object in this recreation area is the St. George Orthodox Cathedral Church. It is a monumental basilica-type building and is the most important building for the Orthodox community of believers, built in 1997 on the foundations of the old St. George's Church (dated 1782) and with a height of 1020 m2. Connected to the city center is the city's largest boulevard, the "Jakov Xoxa", where shops, boutiques, bars, cafes and a considerable number of banks and other institutions are located.

#### CENTRAL CITY PARK

It is one of the most recreational spaces of the Municipality of Fier. It was built in 2017 by the Municipality of Fier. It covers an area of about 17,000 m2 and offers a green and relaxing environment for all ages, artistic, cultural and theatrical activities. Visiting the park, you can see old neighborhoods, with blocks of socialist-era architecture. Here you can enjoy the best works of visual art, which are located in the Gallery of Visual Arts. In the Central Park of the city there is also the Great Mosque of Fier, built in 2002 - 2005, with Turkish type architecture, with an area of 2000 m<sup>2</sup>.



#### VILSON KILICA FINE ART GALLERY

Vilson Kilica Fine Art Gallery is located in the Central Park and it's one of the most important cultural institutions of the Municipality of Fier. This Gallery is set up on the ruins of the former Fier flour mill building. It is a historic building whose architecture dates back to 1936, designed by Italian urbanists. The Vilson Kilica Art Gallery was founded in 1979 as a national museum, research institution, with the aim of preserving and promoting the national heritage in the field of visual arts. The gallery operates in two directions: permanent exhibitions and the opening of temporary exhibitions by Albanian and foreign artists. Today the Art Gallery Fund counts 198 works of art: in painting, sculpture, artistic photography, graphic arts and other applied arts, ect.



**Location:** 150 meters (2 minutes) from Fier municipality.  
**Hours:** Open from Tuesday - Saturday  
**In summer:** 9am - 1pm (midday) and 18am - 8pm (noon)  
**In winter:** 9am - 1pm (mornings) and 4pm - 6pm (afternoons)