



Albanian Orienteering Days 2017

We want to welcome you at the
3rd International Orienteering competition in Albania!
22nd to 24th September 2017

3 days international orienteering competition in Tirana Region, Albania

Organizer: Orienteering Club Albania OCA

Support: National Agency of Protected Areas, Dajti express

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Course planner/course setter: Wolfgang Pötsch

Event center: Hotel TeStela, Tirana, Albania, see <http://testela.al/en/>

GPS: 41.356163 N, 19.745264 E

Event Program:

Thursday, 21th September 2017

Arrival, registration, accomodation

Event center open from 12:00 to 21:00

15:00 – 16:00 Training possibilities in Tirana park

Meeting point: Park entrance, west of Politechnical University,

Friday, 22th September 2017

9:00 – 11:00 Event center open

13:00 Meeting point up in front of Dajti mountain cable car station/Hotel Dajti

14:00 Middle distance first start

Saturday 23th September 2017

11:00 Event center opens at Cap Rodon/Kepi Rodonit

Meeting point at Cap Rodon/Kepi Rodonit, inside Fransiscan property at the beach

12:00 Long distance first start

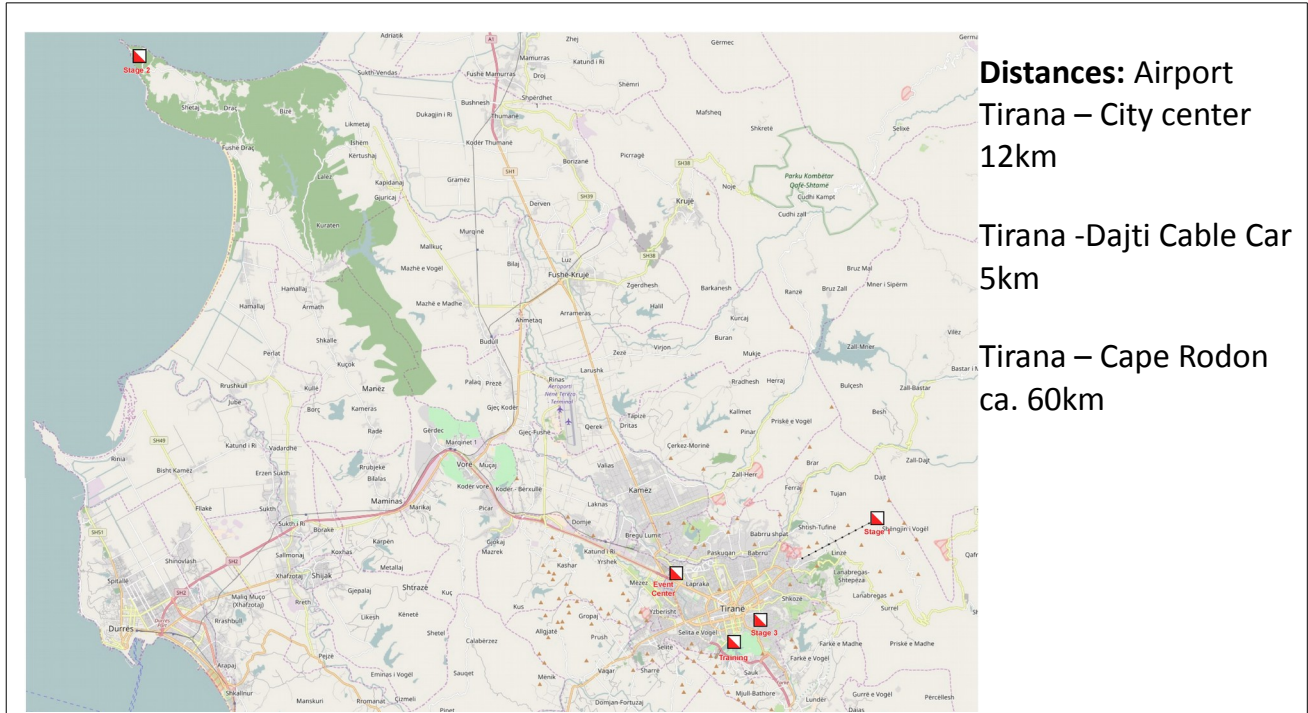
Sunday 24th September 2017

9:30 Meeting at Shkolla 9 vjecare Osman Myderizi, Rruga Drago Siliqi, near Rruga Pjeter Budi, Qytet Studenti.

10:00 Sprint in Tirana first start

12:00 Prize giving ceremony (or after end of race, if it is earlier)

Overview map:



Competition classes:

According to the entries we will publish the courses on the website after deadline of entries, as well as the course lengths.

Late entries will be possible until meeting time.

Start fees after deadline:

for 75€ all 3 races,

For single races: 30€ for Dajti (including cable car), 30€ for Kepi Rodonit including transport, if there are still free places available, 25€ for sprint

Open classes: 20€ for Dajti (including cable car), 20€ for Kepi Rodonit including transport, if there are still free places available, 15€ for sprint

For Albanians we have the following offers:

For single race: 500LEK

For Cable car: 600LEK

For transport to Kepi Rodonit 500Lek, if there are free places left

Detailed program:

Thursday, 21th September 2017

Arrival, registration, accommodation.

Every group will get a „Welcome package“ with Trainingmap, Start bib, Payment receipt, maps and other useful information. All who ordered a package will be taken from the airport and brought to their hotel. All others will get their package at their hotel, if they give their address or can take it at Hotel Te Stela

15:00 – 16:00 Training possibilities in Tirana park, **GPS: 41,316650N, 19,819578E**
Terrain: city park with forest, Map scale: 1:4000, 5m equidistance
Form: free order of controls, paper flags

Stage 1 -Friday, 22th September 2017

9:00 – 11:00 Event center open

Location:

Dajti mountain, Linze, about 6km north east of Tirana center

Access via cable car – Station GPS: 41.350705N, 19.860854E

See: website: <http://dajtiexpres.com/v1/>

Ticket for cable car included in the entryfee. You will get it either in your welcome bag or at the ticket office.

Time for cablecar: 15 Minutes.

13:00 Meeting point up in front of Dajti mountain cable car station/hotel Dajti, Start and finish nearby

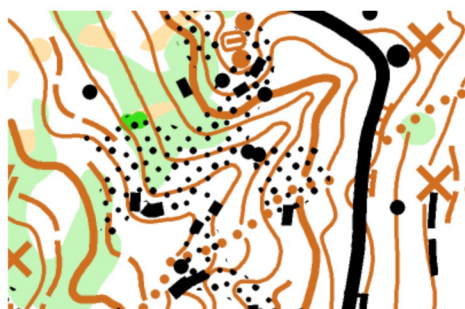
14:00 Middle distance first start

Map Scale: 1:7 500, 5m equidistance

Terrain first day, middle distance:

The terrain will be on the „Balcony of Dajti“, a rather flat part between the steep lower part and the summit.

Beautiful forest with old trees, several paths, various relief, some times steep rocks to surround change with semiopen and open terrain, mostly good runnability.



Attention: There are a lot of bunkers, often surrounded by deep trenches, may be hidden by vegetation. So mind your steps and look where you are going!

Be careful near military terrain – forbidden access- marked as out of bound area on the map, fences are sometimes not clearly visible. Keep distance to all buildings, installations in this area.



Dajti Hotel

Stage 2 - Saturday 23th September 2017

11:00 Meeting point at Cap Rodon/Kepi Rodonit, inside Fransiscan property at the beach GPS: 41.582997N, 9.458429E

12:00 Long distance first start

There are 2 starts:

Start 1 for longer courses, At low tide along the sea (probably, but not sure) 1,5km

Otherwise 2,5km on the accessroad (we will think about transport, if wanted)

Start 2 near finish area

Map Scale: 1:10 000 (Cape: 1:4 000), 5m equidistance

Terrain second Day, long distance:

Cap Rodon/Kepi Rodon

It is a beautifully situated penninsula surrounded by the Adriatic sea.

Terrain is a variation of open and semi open areas with good runnability, parts of very dense vegetation, forest, steep precipices (not for running!) with beautiful view on the sea. At this stage you will have to take care not to forget the race about the breathtaking views you will have from the course. The finish area will be at the beach.

At the same time you can enjoy Albanian history with a church from 12th century and ruins of a castle of Skanderbeg.



Attention:

Kepi Rodonit consists mostly of sandy underground and is very fragile, so please use only shoes with Dobb spikes or without.

There are some parts where the borders of the land are breaking off, so please take care where you are going and don't approach too near to the parts marked black on the map.

All the way to the „landsend“ there are paths, sometimes hidden under vegetation. Make your route choices carefully!



Finish area

Stage 3 - Sunday 24th September 2017

GPS: 41.322109N, 19.83062E

9:30 Meeting at Osman Myderizi school, Rruga Drago Siliqi, Qytet Studenti

10:00 Sprint in Tirana first start

12:00 Prize giving ceremony (or after end of race, if it is earlier) at the finish area/Meeting point

Map scale: 1:4000, 5m equidistance

Terrain third day, sprint:

Tirana qytet studenti

This race will be a highlight for those who like challenging sprint races.

This part of Tirana consists of buildings from communist time with a labyrinth of streets, often ending in a doorway, open spaces without structure, impasses. And the part of University with big blocks and parks.



General Information:

- Punching system: Sport ident, SI-rent 2€per stage, price for purchase on demand. Please write your SI-card number when registering.
- Competitions will be organized according to the rules of IOF
- All competitors take part in the competition at their own risk. Organizer only provides basic medical help at the Finish area. Competitors are not insured by organizer, also against third persons.
- In case of cancellation due to facts beyond our control no liability can be accepted.
- All participants agree with the publication of photos taken during the event and also the results in internet.
If you don't agree, please inform the organizers at your registration.

- You are kindly asked to carefully read all the organizer's notes, including this invitation.

Childcare: A free of charge Kindergarden will be organized as well as a string course – **only on demand.**

Packages:

To make your preparations as easy as possible, we offer you complete packages including start fees, transfers, accomodation, meals and trips to see more of Albania
Basic Packages for accomodation in Tirana:

The price includes:

- Start fee
- Transport from Airport to your accomodation and back, as well as to the competition areas
- 2 nights in hotels of the chosen category
- breakfast

category	price of package	supplement single room
4 star hotel	200€ p.P.	€ 80,00
simple hotel	150€ p.P.	€ 40,00
hostel	120€ p.P.	

Other Packages on demand.

Important information:

After AOD 2017 you can continue with 3 more orienteering races at **MOCPA in Prilep/Macedonia**. More information at <http://speleo.mk/mocpa/>

We can offer you packages for both events, including different offers for the days between the events. More information below and on our website.

Tourist program:

Apart from these basic packages we offer to organise trips through Albania. We will be pleased to arrange for you your personal travel through Albania or to the event in Macedonia, in a range from visiting archeological sites with a roundtrip guided by an archeologue until to guided tours in the mountains or stay at the beach according to your wishes!

More details will be available on the website.

Information:

website: <http://orienteering-al.com>

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Thank you for contributing to the Albanian orienteering project with your participation!

Welcome in Albania!