

VLORA

Thanks to its strategic position on the Adriatic Sea, especially to the Bay of Vlorë, which forms a natural harbor, was a significant place during the classical times for the trade by many peoples. Vlorë is considered as one of the oldest cities in Albania and the region. The city was founded by the Ancient Greeks in the 6th century BC and named Aulôn. It is also one of several colonies on the Illyrian coast,[a] mentioned for the first time by Ptolemy (Geographia III xii, 2). Other geographical documents, such as Peutinger's Tabula and the Synecdemus of Hierocles, also mention it. The city was an important port of the Roman Empire, when it was part of Epirus Nova.

In November 28, 1912, Ismail Qemali declared Albania's independence in Vlorë, during the First Balkan War. The city became Albania's first capital following its independence, but was invaded by Italy in 1914, during the World War I. The city remained occupied by Italian forces until 1920, in which an Albanian rebellion forced the Italians out of Albania.

Tourism has become a major industry in recent years, with many hotels, recreational centers, and vast beaches. It is a pleasant place to relax, to have a coffee and admire the beautiful view over the Bay of Vlorë. A particularity of this bay it is that it is considered as the frontier between the Adriatic Sea and the Ionian Sea. The Island of Sazan is close-by, at the entrance to the Bay of Vlorë. With 300 sunny days per year is the perfect location to stay for business or vacations, eating mediterranean diet food, great wine, olive oil, doing mountains and beach and sports

Plazhet me te mire te Vlores jane:

- Plazhi i Sodes (treporti) – pjese e detit Adriatik, i njohur per reren dhe gjelberimin e pishave.

