

GENERAL NATIONAL PLAN _AREAS OF NATIONAL IMPORTANCE



(Some details regarding the content of this map)

This map illustrates the areas, which are classified as **areas of national importance** due to the values that they have on planning and sustainable development of the territory. A significant number of these areas is regulated by the sectorial legislation in force, such as: the protected natural areas; water resources and their buffer zones; mining areas; industrial areas; areas of historical and cultural heritage; cultural monuments; archaeological areas and parks; historical centers; coastal areas, etc. The GNP supports and reinforces the importance of these areas for the national interest not only by expanding the territories declared as protected areas, but also by proposing new areas that should be protected in accordance with the defined procedures in the sectorial legislation.

A list of areas of national importance, which have special significance for the touristic potential of the country, is detailed below.

The list of **areas with touristic priority** identified on the map

- The coastal belt
- The Park of Alps
- The Park of Buna
- The Park of Vjosa
- All administrative units (in the border of former communes and municipalities) which reach to the sea
- River flows and their buffer zones
- Tourist itineraries and their buffer zones
- Islands

Tourist itineraries

- "Via Egnatia"
- "Via Skënderbeg"
- Alpino-lake route that connects across the border with the touristic itinerary of Dinaric mountains
- Sailing itinerary along the artificial lakes Koman - Fierza
- Agro-touristic culinary itinerary

Panoramic roads and their buffer zones

- Permet - Erseke axis
- Gjirokastrer - Sarandë axis
- Qafe-Krrabe axis
- Elbasan - Librazhd axis

Inland touristic areas

- Terbufi
- Mountain of Dajti
- Lakes of Lura
- Lakes of Belshi
- Lake of Shkodra
- Lakes of Ohrid and Prespa
- Dardha
- Voskopoja
- Gjinari
- Mountain of Lenies, nearby Rehova etc. as shown on the map

Existing and proposed **UNESCO sites**

- Gjirokastra
- Berati
- Butrinti
- Apollonia
- Lower Selca cemeteries
- Natural and cultural area of Ohrid
- Durrës Amphitheater

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- Municipality border
- Albania border
- Rivers
- Culinary and agro-touristic itinerary
- Alpine-lake itinerary
- Sailing itinerary
- Panoramic road axis
- River buffer zones
- Thermal water
- Museum center
- Canions of Osumi/ Vjosa
- Existing UNESCO sites
- Proposed UNESCO sites
- Natural monument
- Coastal area of national importance
- Park of Alps, Buna, Vjosa
- PA_Category I
- PA_Category II
- PA_Category III
- PA_Category IV
- PA_Category V
- PA_Category VI
- Areas with priority for tourism development
- Emerald network