



# **DUKA WINERY**

## **SHESHI TOUR**

Nestled in the picturesque hills of Ishmi, Duka Winery combines natural beauty with exceptional wines, making it a sought-after destination for both locals and tourists. Established in 2007, this 7-hectare vineyard flourishes in a lush, wooded setting, producing premium red wines, including Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, and Tempranillo, with an average annual output of 250 hectoliters.

Renowned for its rich flavors and distinctive character, Duka Winery offers a range of standout wines. The Cabernet Sauvignon is celebrated for its deep ruby hue and aromatic complexity, the Merlot delights with notes of red apple and blackberry, and the Tempranillo charms with its hints of blueberry and spice.

Visitors can indulge in guided wine tours and tastings, perfectly complemented by delectable dishes from the on-site restaurant. With a 4.5-star rating on Google, Duka Winery is conveniently located just 40 minutes from Durrës and an hour from Tirana. The winery also offers activities such as kayaking and fishing, creating an ideal retreat for a day of relaxation and enjoyment amid breathtaking landscapes.



## **HERTA WINERY**

### **SHESHI TOUR**

Herta Winery, established by the Osmani family, spans 6 hectares of vineyards in the scenic hills of Maminas in Central Albania, near the serene Forest Lake. Utilizing state-of-the-art Italian technology from "Della Toffola," the winery produces premium wines from both native and international grape varieties, including Shesh i Bardhë, Shesh i Zi, Merlot, Trebbiano, and Cabernet Sauvignon.

Signature products like "Bukuroshja e Maminasit" and Merlot Dyrrah highlight the unique flavors of the region. Visitors can enjoy guided vineyard tours, savor traditional dishes from the family-owned Osmani Bakery, and taste the winery's exceptional wines in the picturesque setting by the lake. Visits are available by prior reservation, ensuring a tailored and enriching experience.



## **BELLO WINERY**

### **SHESHI TOUR**

Bello Winery is situated in the picturesque Perlat region, just 2.5 km from the Adriatic Sea, amidst rolling hills and a stunning natural landscape. The soil, rich in small, translucent stones with sulfur content, features a distinctive red hue, indicative of its mineral-rich composition—an essential factor in cultivating premium-quality grapes.

Covering 7 hectares, the vineyard is thoughtfully divided into 7 sections, each dedicated to growing a variety of grapes, including Merlot, Shesh i Bardhë, Carmenere, Cabernet Sauvignon, Touriga Nacional, and Malbec.

Thanks to its prime location and nutrient-rich soil, Bello Winery offers a unique blend of tradition and quality, producing exceptional wines that embody the essence of the region's terroir.



## **ABAIA WINERY**

### **SHESHI TOUR**

Abaia Winery launched its operations in 2019 with a one-hectare vineyard and celebrated its first wine production in 2021. The winery is uniquely housed within two repurposed bunkers from the communist era, now transformed into spaces for wine production and aging. In 2023, Abaia expanded its offerings with a restaurant, providing visitors the opportunity to enjoy expertly crafted dishes paired with the winery's signature wines. The experience is enhanced by the restaurant's distinctive and atmospheric setting, making it a truly memorable destination.



## **GJERGJ KASTRIOTI WINERY**

### **SHESHI TOUR**

The "Gjergj Kastrioti Skënderbeu" Winery, established in 1933 in Sukth, near Durrës, is renowned as Albania's oldest and largest winery, boasting a production capacity of 130,000 liters. Spread across approximately 45 hectares, the winery grows a diverse selection of international grape varieties, including Cabernet Sauvignon, Chardonnay, and Merlot. With significant investments in modern processing and packaging technology, the winery produces around 13 varieties of wine and alcoholic beverages, including the iconic "Skënderbeu" cognac.

Beyond its exceptional wine offerings, the winery provides agritourism experiences through its Vinea Farm, featuring activities such as hiking, horseback riding, and the production of fresh, high-quality farm goods. Visitors can immerse themselves in a complete experience—enjoying wine tastings paired with local delicacies, exploring the farm and its animals, or participating in seasonal harvests—all while admiring the stunning vineyard landscape. The farm also offers accommodations, a spa, and a summer pool, making it an ideal destination for relaxation and a true taste of Albania's rich culture and hospitality.



## **AGRITOURISM VINEA WINERY**

### **SHESHI TOUR**

Vinea Agritourism is a welcoming farm that embodies the spirit of the “Slow Food” movement while diversifying the services of the "Skënderbeu Durrës" beverage winery. Nestled among rolling hills and surrounded by 45 hectares of lush vineyards, the farm produces high-quality wine exclusively for its guests. Visitors can enjoy a range of recreational activities, including hiking, horseback riding, and farm tours, where they can explore local grape varieties and participate in seasonal harvests. The farm also features a children’s playground, accommodations with nine rooms, and relaxation options such as a spa and a summer pool.

Every dish served at the restaurant is prepared with ingredients grown on the farm or sourced from local farmers, ensuring freshness and top quality. In addition to exceptional wines, guests can savor handcrafted cheeses, cured meats, prosciutto, and bacon, all produced on-site. Visitors can also explore the farm’s facilities, including a chicken coop and barns housing sheep, goats, and cows, creating a complete agritourism experience.



## **BELBA WINERY**

### **SHESHI TOUR**

Belba Winery, situated in Kavajë, seamlessly blends modern technology with traditional craftsmanship to cater to both local and international markets.

Established by the Belba brothers, who refined their expertise in vineyard cultivation and winemaking in Montepulciano, Tuscany, they returned to Albania to bring their vision to life.

Known for its cutting-edge facilities, Belba Winery carefully selects grape varieties tailored to the unique soil conditions, producing exceptional wines such as “Shesh i Zi,” “Shesh i Bardhë,” Chardonnay, and more. Their vineyards in Golemas are the source of celebrated labels like “Vera Reserve Cavaljon,” Chardonnay Kavaljon, and expertly crafted blends featuring Sangiovese and Montepulciano.

Since 2018, Belba wines have been recognized at prestigious Balkan and European competitions. Guests are invited to experience wine-tasting tours paired with traditional Albanian appetizers at the nearby restaurant, creating a memorable culinary journey that showcases the rich flavors and heritage of the region.



## **HAJDAR KUÇI FARM**

### **SHESHI TOUR**

The Kuçi family organic farm covers approximately 15 hectares, including greenhouses, fruit orchards, an olive grove, and field crops. The farm's owner, Mr. Hajdar Kuçi, is an experienced agronomist specializing in organic and environmentally friendly farming practices. As one of the founding members of the Albanian Organic Association, he actively uses the farm to promote organic agriculture and agritourism. This farm serves as a shining example of sustainable and green initiatives in Albania.





## **BARDHA WINERY**

### **SHESHI TOUR**

Bardha Winery, nestled in the picturesque hills of Marikaj, has been crafting 100% Albanian wines since 2006, skillfully combining modern winemaking techniques with ancient viticultural traditions. Situated between Tirana and the Adriatic Sea, the winery is inspired by Albania's rich 4,000-year winemaking heritage. Bardha cultivates four authentic grape varieties—Mavrud, Shesh, Merlot, and Debinë—producing premium wines that have garnered international acclaim, including notable awards at the Verona Wine Competition in 2019.

Guests can indulge in wine tastings accompanied by locally sourced appetizers and enjoy guided tours of the winery. Reservations are essential to fully immerse yourself in this harmonious blend of culture and flavor, set against the stunning backdrop of Marikaj Valley's scenic olive groves.



# **KORRIKU WINERY**

## **SHESHI TOUR**

Korriku Winery, situated in the scenic Bubq area of Krujë, is ideally located near the historic landmarks of Preza Castle, Krujë Castle, and Cape Rodon, popular destinations for tourists. Rooted in local vineyards devoted to winemaking, the winery has evolved to include a charming traditional guesthouse offering delicious food and drinks.

Their standout red wine, crafted from Sangiovese grapes, pairs perfectly with locally made prosciutto, delivering a harmonious culinary experience. All other ingredients are sourced from local farmers, ensuring freshness and authenticity. Surrounded by lush greenery, the guesthouse provides a serene and relaxing environment, making it an ideal retreat for families and nature lovers alike.



## **ENOL WINERY**

### **SHESHI TOUR**

Enol Winery is a charming retreat nestled in the lush green landscape of Preza, just 30 minutes from Tirana. Founded by Qemal Alushi, the winery is named after his children, Eni and Olsi, and reflects the family's passion for winemaking. The vineyard was established between 2002 and 2004, and in 2008 it began producing wines such as Cabernet, Sangiovese, Merlot, and Trebbiano, with an annual production of 10,000 bottles. The winery's restaurant serves dishes made with organic ingredients from their farm, while guests can stay in double rooms offering views of the vineyards and Preza Castle. Visitors can enjoy nature walks and participate in grape harvesting during the September festival, making Enol an ideal destination for relaxation and authentic Albanian experiences.



# GJEPALI AGRITOURISM

## SHESHI TOUR

Gjepali is a destination crafted for those who value exceptional culinary experiences and meaningful journeys. It embodies six generations of devotion to the land and its bounty.

“Our family has always been deeply connected to the earth, treating it with care and harvesting its finest gifts.

My grandfather, Elez Gjepali, owned a large and renowned farm in central Albania, rich with fruit trees and livestock, making it one of the most important farms of its time. However, political changes led to the loss of the land, and the farm was destroyed. After the 1990s, my father and I shared a dream of rebuilding that lost paradise. Through quiet dedication, my father began replanting trees and contributing to the farm’s revival.

Three years ago, I took the initiative to create a space where friends and visitors could spend a unique day enjoying the finest local foods. Together with my family, we built Agroturizëm Gjepali as a special place for those seeking an authentic Albanian experience.”



# **CASSAR AGRITOURISM WINERY**

## **SHESHI TOUR**

Cassar Agritourism is an exciting new venture featuring a modern winery where unique wines are crafted from local grape varieties. This hidden gem offers a serene atmosphere, ideal for relaxation and enjoyment. The friendly and attentive staff is committed to providing excellent service, ensuring a memorable and enjoyable experience.

With an impressive 4.8-star rating on Google, Cassar Winery is highly praised by visitors for its warm hospitality and inviting ambiance. Whether you're here to savor the exquisite wines or simply to enjoy the tranquil surroundings, Cassar Agritourism Winery offers a perfect blend of charm and quality.



## **THREE BROTHERS WINERY**

### **SHESHI TOUR**

The company has been operating in the market since 1992. Officially established on January 29, 1996, and registered on February 5, 1996, it now operates under the entity name "Tre Vëllezërit" (The Three Brothers) and is managed by Mr.

Haxhi Tufa. Specializing in the production of wines and alcoholic beverages, the company has built a strong reputation for its products.

Thanks to its commitment to quality and competitive pricing, its offerings have become widely recognized and highly favored by a broad consumer base, earning a reputation as a popular and well-loved brand in the industry.



# VILA-SHEHI VITICULTURE & FAMILY WINERY

## SHESHI TOUR

VILA-Shehi Viticulture & Family Winery, established in 1994 by the Shehi family in the traditional vineyard region of Vora, traces its roots back to vineyards planted as early as 1967. Spanning 2 hectares, the winery is dedicated to sustainable farming practices, utilizing organic fertilizers and collaborating with local farmers. The grapes are hand-harvested and undergo a winemaking process that blends traditional and modern techniques, aging in oak barrels before being bottled in glass.

With an annual production capacity of 20,000 bottles, the winery features well-known labels such as Shesh i Bardhë, Shesh i Zi, Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, and various types of rakia. Visitors can explore local grape varieties, enjoy wine tastings paired with fresh local products like "nape" cheese and farm-raised veal, all while taking in the picturesque landscapes near Gjokaj Lake. The winery offers an immersive experience in the rich history of Albanian viticulture, making it a remarkable destination for wine enthusiasts.



# ALIMANI WINERY

## SHESHI TOUR

Alimani Winery, established in 2016 in Tirana by the Alimani family, combines over 28 years of winemaking experience with a strong commitment to quality. Founded by Ramazan Alimani and his children, Rezart, Erjon, and Denisa, the winery sources its finest grapes from Durrës, benefiting from the region's ideal grape-growing climate.

Although they do not own vineyards, they invest in modern technology to produce exceptional wines. Currently, the winery produces approximately 15,000 bottles annually, offering varieties such as Merlot, Merlot Reserve, Chardonnay, Shesh i Bardhë, and Shesh i Zi. Each batch of grapes is hand-harvested and carefully processed, with aging in stainless steel tanks or oak barrels. Their first reserve wine was released in 2018, with a limited production of just 1,000 bottles.

For added convenience, they offer free delivery in Tirana for online orders. Discover the passion and dedication poured into every bottle at Alimani Winery.





# **SHEHI FAMILY WINERY**

## **SHESHI TOUR**

VVILA-Shehi Family Winery, established in 1994, is a family-run winery located in the Vora region of Albania, with a viticulture heritage dating back to 1967. Managing approximately 20 hectares of vineyards, the Shehi family is committed to sustainable farming practices, using only organic fertilizers. The winery blends traditional and modern techniques, with hand-harvested grapes processed on-site.

Under the leadership of Dr. Agr. Isuf Shehi and MSc. Enologist Gazmend Shehi, the winery produces up to 20,000 bottles annually, offering varieties such as Shesh i Bardhë, Shesh i Zi, Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon, and Raki. Visitors can enjoy local wines paired with traditional Albanian cuisine, including fresh cheese, seasonal vegetables, and farm-sourced meat.

Located near Gjokaj Lake, the winery provides a serene setting for relaxation and exploration. VILA-Shehi is a must-visit destination for tourists in Tirana, offering insights into Albanian viticulture and the opportunity to savor its exceptional wines.



## UKA FARM

### SHESHI TOUR

Uka Farm, established in 1996 by Prof. Assoc. Dr. Rexhep Uka, is a biodynamic vineyard and restaurant located about 8 km from Tirana in the village of Laknas. Spanning 2 hectares, the farm produces approximately 20,000 bottles of wine annually, focusing on local varieties such as Kallmet, Mavrud, Merlot, and Ceruja, a grape known for its unique characteristics and often enjoyed as an aperitif.

Uka Winery prioritizes quality through hand-harvesting and sustainable practices, with organically grown grapes cultivated without the use of pesticides. The farm has become a popular tourist attraction, offering a true “farm-to-table” experience with traditional dishes paired with its wines.

Visitors can immerse themselves in the natural beauty of the vineyards, sample the farm’s wines, and enjoy locally sourced meals in the picturesque setting among the vines and fruit trees. For more information, visit the Uka Farm website or contact them directly to explore their offerings and schedule a visit.



## **AGROTOURISM BONUM**

### **SHESHI TOUR**

"Bonum" is a farm dedicated to the production of goat milk and its derivatives, established in 2015 and introduced to the market in 2020. The farm focuses on providing high-quality, organic products for health-conscious consumers. As one of the largest goat farms in Albania, Bonum employs a "farm-to-table" approach, maintaining full control over the food chain—from feeding the goats to delivering the final product.

In addition to milk production, Bonum offers an agrotourism experience where visitors can interact with the goats. The farm features a designated play area for children designed to engage with young goats. This hands-on experience allows children to "adopt" a goat, fostering a connection while enjoying delicious organic meals made with farm-grown ingredients.



## **BLERINA'S AGRITORUSIM CONCEPT**

Blerina's Farm covers an area of 10,000 square meters and is committed to practicing regenerative agriculture to produce clean, nutritious products while promoting healthy soil. The farm hosts a variety of animals, including cows, goats, sheep, and chickens, which play a vital role in supporting sustainable farming methods. Rather than using chemical fertilizers, the farm enriches the soil with compost made from livestock manure and manages pests with organic solutions.

Visitors are invited to explore the farm's vibrant gardens, which include olive groves, colorful Albanian flowers, grapevines, and Mediterranean trees. The farm offers a tranquil and picturesque environment, ideal for connecting with nature and experiencing the beauty of sustainable agriculture.



## FUSTANELLA FARM

### SHESHI TOUR

Fustanella Farm, established three years ago in Zaranik, Petrelë, combines agritourism with organic farming. The farm features a welcoming guesthouse with three comfortable rooms, an organic restaurant, and a diverse agricultural operation focused on local vegetables and traditional Mediterranean and Balkan cuisine prepared with seasonal ingredients.

Led by agronomist Kujtim Shera, Fustanella is striving for 100% organic certification, employing organic fertilizers and avoiding pesticides. The menu, inspired by Arbëreshë cuisine, is crafted by renowned chef Lucia Martino. Future plans include expanding into poultry farming, constructing a greenhouse, and improving facilities for product storage.

Surrounded by natural beauty and located near Petrelë Castle, Fustanella is a perfect destination for history and culinary enthusiasts. The farm also aims to join Slow Food International, celebrating sustainable and organic practices.