

# TRAVEL TIPS AND RESOURCES FOR SERBIA AND BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA

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## Serbia (Republic of Serbia)

Population: 7,344,847 (est 2010) (excludes Kosovo)

Total Area: 77,474 sq km (slightly smaller than South Carolina)

## Bosnia-Herzegovina

Population: 4,621,598

Total Area: 51,187 sq km (slightly smaller than West Virginia)

**Former Yugoslavia**



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Serbia and Montenegro have asserted the formation of a Joint Independent state, but this entity has not been formally recognized as a state by the United States.

Macedonia has proclaimed independent statehood, but has not been formally recognized as a state by the United States.

## RESOURCES

### Travel Websites

Balkanology: Explore Southeast Europe - Travel website for the Balkan Peninsula  
<http://www.balkanology.com/>

Serbia	<a href="http://www.serbia.travel">www.serbia.travel</a>
Belgrade	<a href="http://www.beograd.rs/cms">www.beograd.rs/cms</a> <a href="http://www.belgraded.com/belgrade-guide-tips-things-to-do">www.belgraded.com/belgrade-guide-tips-things-to-do</a>
Novi Sad	<a href="http://www.novisad.rs/en">www.novisad.rs/en</a> <a href="http://www.novisad.org">www.novisad.org</a>
Bosnia-Herzegovina	<a href="http://www.bhtourism.ba/eng">www.bhtourism.ba/eng</a>
Mostar	<a href="http://www.visitmostar.net">www.visitmostar.net</a>
Sarajevo	<a href="http://www.sarajevo.ba/en">www.sarajevo.ba/en</a> <a href="http://www.sarajevo-tourism.com/eng">www.sarajevo-tourism.com/eng</a>

### Lodging recommendations

Novi Sad	Tal Centar Hotel	
Mostar	Villa Anri	<a href="http://www.villa-anri-mostar.ba">www.villa-anri-mostar.ba</a>
Sarajevo	Residence Hostel	<a href="http://www.residencerooms.ba">www.residencerooms.ba</a>
	Hayat Hotel	<a href="http://www.hotel-hayat.ba">www.hotel-hayat.ba</a>

### Language

- [www.serbianschool.com](http://www.serbianschool.com)
- <http://mybalkan.org>

## Websites for news

- <http://www.balkaninsight.com>
- [www.setimes.com](http://www.setimes.com)

## Travel Books

- Bosnia & Herzegovina - Bradt Travel Guide - Tim Clancy (2010)
- Serbia - Bradt Travel Guide - Laurence Mitchell (2010)
- The Western Balkans - Lonely Planet - Marika McAdam, Richard Plunkett (2009)
- Bosnia & Herzegovina - Culture Smart Series - Elizabeth Hammond (2009)
- Belgrade: A Cultural History - David A. Norris - (2009)

## Non-Fiction Books

- The Balkans - Misha Glenny (2000)
- Balkan Ghosts: A Journey Through History - Robert D. Kaplan (1993)
- Black Lamb and Grey Falcon: A Journey Through Yugoslavia-Rebecca West 1941
- Empty Casing: A Soldier's Memoir of Sarajevo Under Siege - Fred Doucette 2008
- Like Eating A Stone : Surviving The Past in Bosnia - Wojciech Tochman (2008)
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## Fiction Books

- The Bridge on the Drina - Ivo Andrić (1945)
- Bosnian Chronicle - Ivo Andrić (1945)
- The Women from Sarajevo - Ivo Andrić (1945)
- Dictionary of the Khazars - Milorad Pavić (1988)
- Sarajevo Marlboro - Miljenko Jergovi (1997)
- The Magic of Belgrade - Momo Kapor (2008)
- How The Soldier Repairs The Gramophone - Saša Stanišić (2008)
- The Cellist of Sarajevo - Steven Galloway (2008)
- The Tiger's Wife - Téa Obreht (2011)

## **Movies**

### Ordinary People

Country: France Serbia 2009

Director: Vladimir Perisic

(not yet available on dvd)

### Will Not Stop There - aka Will Not End There

Croatia Serbia 2008

Director: Vinko Breson

(not yet available on dvd)

### Witnesses

Country: Croatia 2003

Director: Vinko Breson

(Netflix)

### The Trap

Country: Bosnia Herzegovina 2007

Director: Srdjan Golubovic

(Netflix)

### Grbavica: The Land of My Dreams

Country: Bosnia Herzegovina 2007

Director: Jasmila Zbanic

(Netflix) (Hennepin County Library)

### Awakening From The Dead

Country: Serbia 2005

Director: Milos Radivojevic

(Netflix)

### Hey Babu Riba

Country: Serbia 1987

Director: Jovan Acin

(Netflix)

## **Streaming audio websites**

[www.listenlive.eu/bosnia.html](http://www.listenlive.eu/bosnia.html)

[www.listenlive.eu/croatia.html](http://www.listenlive.eu/croatia.html)

[www.listenlive.eu/serbia.html](http://www.listenlive.eu/serbia.html)

### **Advantages of travel in the Balkans**

- Friendly welcoming people
- Affordable fresh food (minimum use of commercial fertilizers, pesticides, & herbicides)
- Affordable accommodations
- Cities are very walkable

### **Challenges and annoyances of travel in the Balkans**

- Prevalence of smoking
- Motor vehicle exhaust
- Trains can be somewhat unreliable - buses are more reliable
- Cyrillic alphabet
- Dearth of reliable travel books - but more books and more frequent updates in future

### **Travel Tips**

- Good air connections thru Vienna on Austrian Air
- Do not leave Serbia with any Serbian Dinar as this is a soft currency. Exchange before leaving.
- If you need a taxi, call a reliable taxi company. Beware of unlicensed taxis, claims of broken meter and potential overcharges.
- Exercise caution when crossing the street