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# **SURVIVAL GUIDE**

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## 1. Where are we?

### 1.1 Serbia

Serbia is a country located in both Central and South-eastern Europe. Its territory covers the southern part of the Pannonia Plain and central part of the Balkans. The capital is Belgrade.



#### **Official name and structure:**

Republic of Serbia (Republika Srbija). It has two autonomous provinces: Vojvodina (in the north) and Kosovo and Metohija (in the south).

#### **Area:**

88.361 km<sup>2</sup>

## **Climate:**

The Serbian climate is a continental climate in the north, with cold winters, and hot, humid summers with well distributed rainfall patterns. The temperature vary from -150C in the winter to +400C in summer. Average temperature in spring is 120C - 230C.

## **Population:**

The latest 2011 census puts the population of Serbia (excluding Kosovo and Metohija) at 7,120,666.

## **Capital:**

Belgrade (Beograd), with a population of 1,6 million, is the administrative, economic and cultural center of Serbia.

## **Language:**

The official language in Serbia is Serbian, and the script in official use is Cyrillic, while Latin script is also used. In the areas inhabited by ethnic minorities, the languages and scripts of the minorities are in official use, as provided by law.

## **Religion:**

The main religion in Serbia is Christian Orthodox. There are also other religious communities in Serbia: Islamic, Roman Catholic, Protestant, Jewish and other.

## **Currency:**

The monetary unit is the Serbian Dinar (RSD, local abbreviation din). Euro is not accepted, so you will have to change it in an official exchange office. Exchange rate may vary, but it is approximately:

$$1\text{€} \approx 104\text{RSD}$$

para = 1/100 din (as cent in EURO)

\*Coins: 1, 2, 5, 10 and 20 Dinars

\*Banknotes: 10, 20, 50, 100, 200, 500, 1000 and 5000 Dinars

## **Credit card:**

International credit cards Visa, Master Card, Diners are accepted in most shops, airline companies, hotels and restaurants.

## **Banks & Post offices:**

On week days they are open from 08:00 till 19:00. On Saturdays they are open from 08:00 till 15:00. On Sundays most of them are closed.

## **Shops:**

Grocery stores are open daily from 06:00 till 22:00 including Saturdays, while on Sundays they are open from 08:00 till 14:00. There are also stores open 24 hours a day. Markets are open every day from 06:00 to 21:00.

## **Medical care:**

There are organized duties in hospitals and clinics round the clock. Pharmacies are open from 08:00 till 20:00 on working days and on Saturdays from 08:00 till 15:00. There are also pharmacies that are working round the clock.

## **Power supply:**

220V, 50Hz (usual for continental Europe)

## **Area codes:**

Phone code for Serbia is +381, for Belgrade (0)11, for Novi Sad (0)21. For the international calls from Serbia dial "00" + "code of the desired country" + "code for the city". You can find area codes for other cities here.

## **Important phone numbers:**

Police: 92  
Fire service: 93  
Ambulance: 94

## 1.2 Vojvodina

Vojvodina is an autonomous province in Serbia, containing about 27% of its total population according to the 2002 Census. It is located in the northern part of the country, in the Pannonia plain of Central Europe. Its capital and largest city is Novi Sad, with over 300.000 people, while its second largest city is Subotica. Vojvodina has six official languages, and there are more than 26 ethnic groups in the region.

## 1.3 Novi Sad

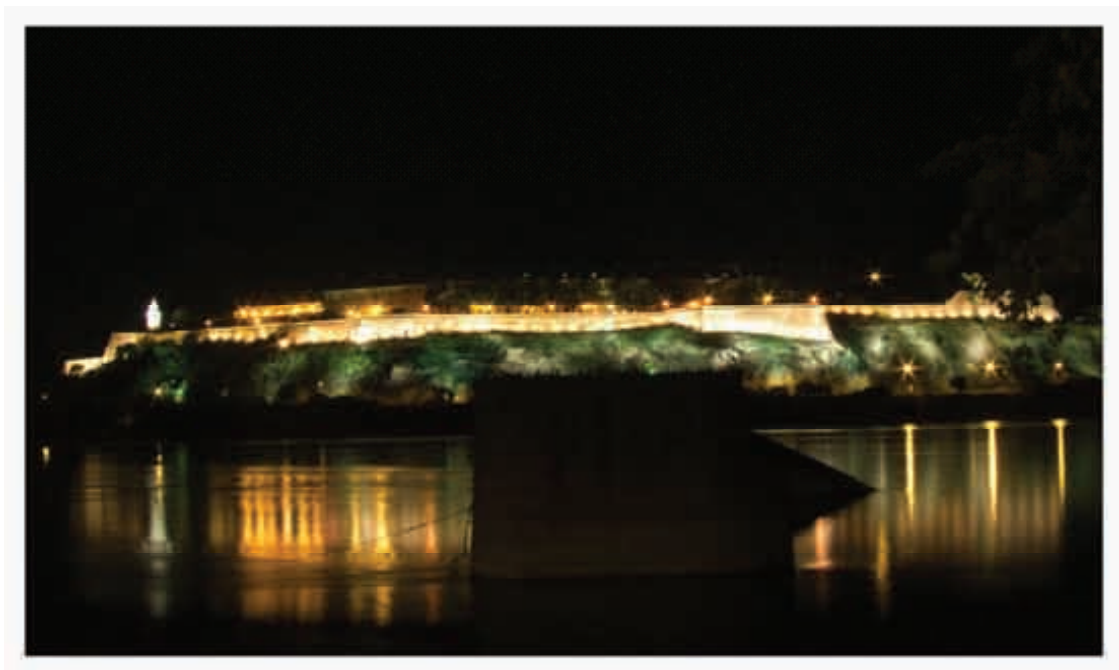
Novi Sad lies on the left bank of Danube and it is the second largest city in Serbia. It has approximately 335.701 residents. Novi Sad is situated 80 km north of Belgrade. It was founded in 1694. Novi Sad became the center of Serbian culture and earned its nickname Serbian Athens. Today, Novi Sad is a large industrial and financial center of the Serbian economy; it is also one of the biggest construction sites in the region.

Novi Sad is a typical Central European town. There are only a few building dating before 19th century, though, due to numerous bombardments. Around the city center old houses used to dominate the cityscape, but they are now being replaced by modern buildings.



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On the left bank of Danube lies Petrovaradin fortress.



### 2. How can I reach this beautiful piece of land?

You can reach Serbia by road, rail, air and water. On foot or riding a bicycle, by car, bus, plane, train, ship... :)

#### 2.1 By plane

The biggest international airport in Serbia is Nikola Tesla airport near Belgrade.

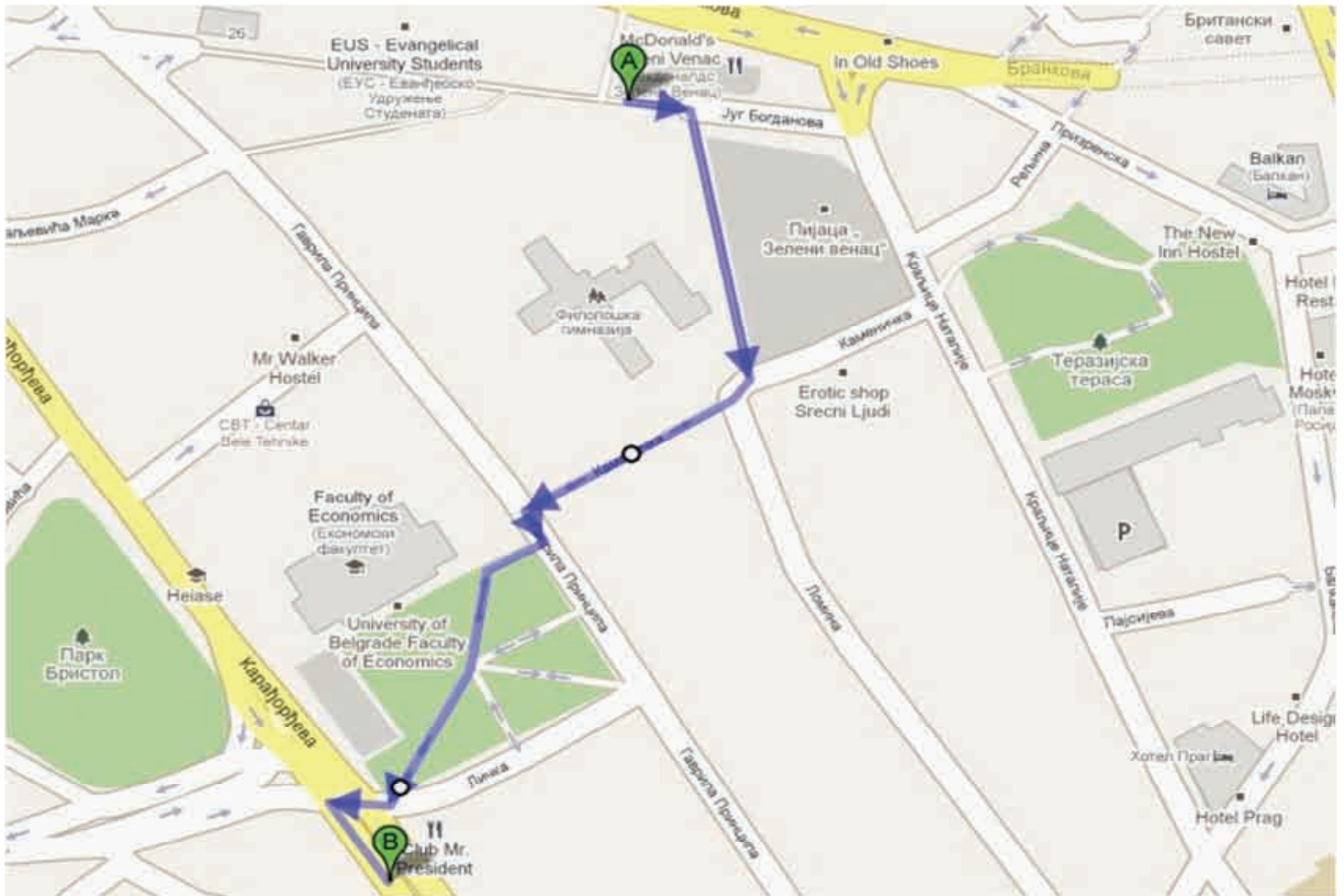
JAT Airways is Serbian national air company, but its tickets usually are not so cheap. There are also many more companies that are flying from this airport. You can find list of cities with direct connection here. There are basically only 3 low budget companies flying to Serbia, Germanwings, Niki airlines, Wizzair. Some other companies have announced that they will start flying from Belgrade in a few months.

Sometimes it is much cheaper to fly to some of the surrounding countries and then come to Novi Sad by train/bus. Budapest (round trip by train 22€), Timisioara (~25€), Sofia (~35€), Zagreb (30€) and Bucharest (50€) are usually much cheaper option. There are also some minibus companies usually with double prices that will pick you up at almost any time from the airport and the journey takes much less time.

Nikola Tesla airport is located ~15km north from Belgrade and there is a direct bus line (no. 92) from the airport to Novi Sad Bus Station. There are departures from the Airport at 05:00, 09:30, 11:30, 13:30 and 14:30. Departures from Novi Sad to the Airport are at 06:35, 09:05, 11:05, 13:05 and 15:05. The one way ticket costs 700 RSD (cca. 7 EUR).

It takes about an hour and 15 minutes to get to Novi Sad. You can also take bus or taxi from the airport to Belgrade bus/train station, and then catch a bus or train from there. If you are going by bus, you should take bus number 72 which goes from Belgrade "Nikola Tesla" Airport to Zeleni venac. Bus goes from 05:20 until 00:00 hours; departs every 30 minutes and the price of ticket is 65 RSD (if bought on newsstand), 100 RSD (if bought in the bus). When you get to Zeleni venac (point A on the map below), you can go on foot to the bus/train station (B).

If you decide to take taxi the regular price should not be more than 10€. Always check the price before entering a taxi!



## 2.2 By train

Trains are the cheapest and the slowest way of traveling in Serbia. For example one-way ticket to Belgrade costs around 300 RSD by passenger and 500 by Inter-city train. You can find the timetable [here](#). We strongly suggest you to take only IC/B/Ex trains because passenger trains "like" to be late!

Novi Sad has direct train connection with Vienna, Budapest, Prague, Bratislava, Kiev, Moscow... It is also connected via Belgrade with Munich, Zagreb, Ljubljana, Venice, Skopje, Thessaloniki, Sofia, Bucharest and Timisoara. If you are still searching for a connection check [here](#).

## 2.3 By bus

Novi Sad city station is connected with most of larger cities in Europe. If you are coming from Belgrade you will have a bus every 10-20 minutes and it will cost around 600 dinars. It is a good idea to ask for a bus which goes via motorway ("auto-put") since it will travel at least 40 minutes less than for buses going through villages.

You can check the timetable [here](#).

## 2.4 By car

Novi Sad lies on E75 international motorway ("Corridor 10"), so it is also easy-reachable by car. If you are planning to come by car please contact us and we will provide you with all information.

## 2.5 Getting around Novi Sad

In Novi Sad you can use buses and taxis to see town from other perspective that is not on foot : ) If you decide to take a bus you can see urban and suburban bus timetables here. Ticket for urban buses (you will most likely need only them) are 45 dinars and you can buy them from the bus driver.

Taxis are very cheap. Minimal price is usually 100 dinars and it includes 1,5km and after that it is 40 dinars per kilometer. It is rather hard to make the bill bigger than 250 - 300 dinars :)

If you decide to take a taxi we recommend the following ones:

1. Novus taxi : +381652202202
2. Beli taxi : +38162400800
3. Naš taxi : +381653003000
4. Vip taxi : +381694440000
5. Super taxi: +38163240044

## 3. "Don't forget" list

1. A good mood and positive energy!
2. Passport \* (except for holders of EU passports and citizens of Switzerland, Norway and Iceland who can enter Serbia with their ID)
3. Visa\* if you need one (please check: [click here](#))
4. Health/Travel insurance (have in mind that your regular health insurance won't cover your trip)
5. Money (pocket money and fee)
6. Clothes ;)
7. Slippers for bathroom
8. Toothbrush and other necessary accessories
9. Towels
10. Small backpack
11. Medication (if you need any)
12. Camera and cable
13. National food, drinks, flag and other stuff for international evening
14. Gift for the organizers ;)

\* Contact and information from Serbian embassies

## 4. Keeping contact with the rest of the world

Serbia has 3 mobile phone operators, Telekom Srbije, Telenor and VIP. You can buy SIM cards at almost any kiosk so it is better option than using very expensive roaming! You can also consider using VoIP based services.

## 5. Prices

All prices are in dinars. Hell yes this is cheap :)

- A loaf of bread 60
- A coke 100 (in a pub)
- Crisps (chips) 100
- A bottle of coke (2L) 100 (in a supermarket)
- A liter of petrol 120
- Pljeskavica (hamburger) 130
- Burek (local pie) 70
- A beer 120 (in a pub)
- A bottle of beer 60 (in a supermarket)
- Ice cream 50-100
- A pack of cigarettes 100-...

## 6. Useful phrases

In Serbia both Latin and Cyrillic scripts are used. Generally most signs are written in both Serbian and English, but still it is good idea to keep this list with you!

Personal data:

Name	Ime
Surname	Prezime
Passport	Pasoš
ID	Lična karta

Frequently used phrases

Hello	Zdravo
Good morning	Dobro jutro
Bye!	Zdravo

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How are you?	Kako si?
I don't understand you	Ne razumem te
In English, please	Na engleskom, molim
Yes	Da
No	Ne
Thank you	Hvala
Sorry	Izvinite
Help!	Upomoć!
My name is...	Zovem se...
I'm ___ years old	Ja imam ___ godina
Excuse me, where is the bus station ?	Izvinite, gde se nalazi autobuska stanica?
Excuse me, where is the train station ?	Izvinite, gde se nalazi železnička stanica?
Can you show me the way to Novi Sad?	Možete li mi pokazati put za Novi Sad?
What time is it?	Koliko je časova?
Customs	Carina
I have nothing to declare.	Nemam ništa da prijavim
Thank you very much	Hvala puno
Train station	Železnička stanica
Bus station	Autobuska stanica
Exchange office/Bank	Menjačnica/Banka
Post office	Pošta
Bakery	Pekara
Restaurant	Restoran
Fast food	Brza hrana
Ticket (bus or train)	Karta

### Party time

Note: The meaning of some words and phrases may vary ;)

What's your name?	Kako se zoveš?
I find you very attractive!	Izgledaš prekrasno!
Do you want to dance with me?	Imaš krive noge?
Would you like a drink?	Častićeš me pićem?
I am very pleased to meet you!	Jesu li prave?
Cheers	`ebiga
I like this song.	Tarmi Rićmi je konza!
Let's exchange phone numbers	Prodaću ti svoj mobilni po bagatelnoj ceni!
May I see you tomorrow?	Bojler?
I'm having a really great time and you are really nice!!	Mi smo par kao iz bajke, ti si lepotica a ja sam za hopa-cupa i druženje kod klupice!!
I'm not drunk!	Nisam pijan majke mi, samo mi se malo vrti!
Bartender, another drink please!	Piće za celu kafanu, na moj račun!

## Latin/Cyrillic Pronunciation

A	А	like "a" in "past"
B	Б	as "b" in "bring"
V	В	as "v" in "vessel"
G	Г	as "g" in "go"
D	Д	as "d" in "dog"
Đ	Ђ	as "gi" in "Giaconda"
E	Е	like "e" in "men"
Ž	Ж	like French "je" in "Je t'aime"
Z	З	like "z" in "zoo"
I	И	as "i" in "in"
J	Ј	like "y" in "yo-yo"
K	К	"k" in "keep"
L	Л	"l" as in "love"
Lj	Љ	combination of L and Y, like "gl" in Italian "tagliatelle"
M	М	"m" as in "make"
N	Н	"n" as in "nose"
Nj	Њ	as ñ in Spanish "mañana"
O	О	as "o" in "lost"
P	П	as "p" in "peer-to-peer"
R	Р	as "r" in (Scottish ;) ) "road"
S	С	like "s" in "snow"
T	Т	"t" in "teach"
Ć	Ћ	as "ci" in Italian "ciao bella"
U	У	as "oo" in "look"
F	Ф	"f" as in "french"
H	Х	"h" like "hot"
C	Ц	"zz" in "pizza"
Č	Ч	"ch" in "cheer"
Dž	Џ	"j" in "John"
Š	Ш	like "sh" in "hush"

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