



Steph's Quick Budget Fact Sheet

Serbia - Belgrade

Quick Facts

- ✓ **Capital:** Belgrade
- ✓ **Language:** Serbian - Cyrillic/Latin script
- ✓ **Population:** ± 1.3 mln
- ✓ **Sq km:** ± 360
- ✓ **Currency:** Dinar (RSD - ДИН)
- ✓ **Country code:** +381 (11)
- ✓ **Visa:** For some nationalities, [info here!](#)
- ✓ **Emergency phone:** 192 (police), 193 (fire), 194 (ambulance)
- ✓ **Vaccinations:** Hep-A, Hep-B



History Recap Over 1 Drink

15-18th century: Ottoman Empire. 1817: Autonomous principality. '78: Independence. 1918: Kingdom of Serbs-Croats-Slovenes after WWI → '29: Kingdom of Yugoslavia. '45: Added Macedonia-Bosnia-Montenegro: Social Federal Republic of Yugoslavia under Tito. '89: Milosevic pres Serbia (*pro-Serbian nationalism with regards to Albanians in Kosovo*). '91: Slovenia-Macedonia-Croatia-Bosnia out Yugoslavia. Rise nationalism & independence aspirations: bloody conflict Croats & Bosnian Muslims. UN sanctions Yugoslavia. '95: Srebrenica massacre Muslims by Bosnian Serb forces. End Bosnian war. '97: Milosevic pres Yugoslavia. '98: Kosovo Liberation Army rebels → brutal crackdown. Serbs force Albanians 'back' to Albania. '99: NATO air strikes against Serbia. Kosovo UN protectorate. 2000: Kostunica pres, Milosevic fraud → charged for war crimes and genocide (*dies in cell*). Yugoslavia joins UN. '01: Rugova pres Kosovo. '03: PM Djindjic assassinated. Union Serbia – Montenegro. '04: Violence Mitrovica (*Kosovo-Serbia*). '04: Tadic pres. '06: Sejdiu pres Kosovo. '06: Montenegro separates. New constitution: Kosovo integral part of Serbia. War. '08: Kosovo declares independence → declared illegal by Serbia. EU takes over policing Kosovo from UN. EU-application. '10 Tadic at Srebrenica & Vukovar & apology. '12: Nikolic pres. '17: Brnabic 1st female gay PM.

Travel Seasons

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Spring												
Summer												
Autumn												
Winter												
Budget												

Altitude: 117m. Climate: Humid subtropical climate (Cfa/Cfb).

Bucket List For Free

- ☺ **Sights:** Belgrade Fortress, Kalemegdan Park, Skadarlija Bohemian Quarter, Vracar Plateau, St. Sava Temple, Savamala, Royal Complex Dedince, Palace of Serbia, Prince Milo's Residence, [National Assembly](#), Crkva Svetog Marka, Zemunski Kej, St. Michael Cathedral, Terazije Fountain, Clock Tower, [Tresije](#), Zapadna Kapija Beograda.
- ☺ **Nature:** Avala Mountain (*get out at Ripanj train station*), [Ada Ciganlija](#), Danube River, Sava River, Kosutnjak Hill, Lido Beach.

Worth The Extra \$€¥

- 👍 **Museums & sights:** [Nikola Tesla Museum](#) (*certain times for English tours*), [Military Museum](#), [Museum of Aviation](#), [Ethnographic Museum](#), [Museum of Science & Technology](#), [Museum of African Art](#), Railway Museum, [Belgrade City Museum](#).
- ☺ **Museums:** [National Museum](#) (*Sun free*), [Zepher Museum](#) (*Sun free*), [Museum of Contemporary Art](#) (*Wed free*), [Museum of Yugoslav History](#) (*1st Thu free: 4-6PM*), [Museum of Applied Art](#) (*Last Sat/month free*),

Budget Bites

- ⌘ **Big supermarkets:** Maxi, Idea, Lidl, Super Vero.
- ⌘ **Markets:** Zeleni Venac, Kalenic Pijaca, Bajlonijeva Pijaca, Zemunska Pijaca.
- ⌘ **Local food:** Cevapi (*grilled minced meat*), Karadordeva Snicla (*schnitzel*), Sarma (*cabbage rolls*), Kackaval (*cheese*), Pirot Lamb, Peglana Kobasica (*sausage*), Pljeskavica (*hamburger*), Cvarci (*pork rinds*), Sopska Salata (*salad with cheese*), Riblja Corba (*fish soup*), Duvec (*stew*), Pecenje (*roast meat*), Punjene Paprike (*stuffed paprikas*), Gibanica (*cheese pie*), Burek (*Serbian börek*), Palacinke (*sort of pancake*), Skembice (*tripe stew*), Rakija (*alcoholic drink*).
- ⌘ **Go vegan:** Being vegan is ridiculously easy in Europe, but slightly challenging in Serbia. Local 'accidentally vegan' dishes: Prebranac (*baked beans*), Ajvar (*red peppers – garlic spread*), Becar Paprikas (*stew*), Dzuvec (*stew*), Posna Sarma (*filled cabbage rolls*), Srpska Salata (*salad*), Posni Burek (*vegan börek*), Corba od Pecuraka (*mushroom soup*). Check vegan-friendly restaurants here: [Happy Cow – Belgrade](#).

Mama Said

- ☠ Europe in general, and also Belgrade, is rather safe... but use your common sense like everywhere. Pick pocketing happens mainly in tourist areas.
- ☠ Boycott zoos or aquariums like Palic Zoo, Belgrade Zoo and the Public Aquarium, where animals are held in captivity.
- ☠ Tap water is drinkable.
- ☠ Don't exchange foreign currency on the streets of Belgrade, as the exchange rates are disastrous. Take Serbian Dinar into the country if possible, as also the ATM-exchange rates are really bad.

Next?

- ➔ **In Serbia:** Nis, Novisad, Vrsac, Backa Palanka.
- ➔ **International destinations close by:** Hungary, Croatia, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Montenegro, Kosovo, Albania, Macedonia, Bulgaria, Romania.

Sleep Cheap

- ❖ Hostels and alternative accommodation are very affordable in Serbia, but includes a city tax. Book hostels with \$15 discount via this [Booking.com link](#)! Belgrade charges pretty high tourist taxes, so double-check this hidden costs before confirming the booking.
- ❖ Go [Couchsurfing](#) or Housesitting ([20% discount for Trusted Housesitters via this link](#)!) Also check [WorkAway](#) or [HelpX](#) for work-exchanges.

Festivals

- ⚙ Guitar Art Festival: Mar.
- ⚙ Belgrade Summer Festival: June.
- ⚙ Belgrade Beer Festival: Aug.

Nights Best Spent

- ◆ **Nightlife areas:** Skadarlija, main streets city centre.
- ◆ **Theatres:** Narodno Pozorište u Beogradu (*national theatre*), Opera I Teatar Madlenijanum, Jugoslovensko Dramsko Pozorište, Terazije Theatre, Beogradsko Dramsko Pozorište, Bitef Theatre, Zvezdara Theatre, Little Theatre Duško Radovic.

Free-Riding?

- Walking is an excellent option to see the more subtle details of downtown Belgrade. To see the entire city alternative transport might be necessary.
- Belgrade is connected by a bus/trolleybus/tram system, which can be rather slow due to traffic. A 'Bus Plus card' has to be bought and charged in advance in a kiosk and scanned upon entry. There are also minibuses, which are more expensive. The main bus terminal is located at Железничка 4. Budget bus lines are [Eurolines](#) and [Flixbus](#).
- Trains twice as slow but twice as scenic. All departures are nowadays from new the Beograd Centar Station south of center (*reached by bus 41*).
- Airport: Belgrade Nikola Tesla Airport (BEG).
- Hitchhiking is relatively safe and quite common. You can also use apps like [Blablacar](#) for a cheap ride.

The Earth Becomes My Throne