



Bosnian Country Guide

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This advice is current for Mon, 5th November 2018.

Exercise normal safety precautions in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Use common sense and look out for suspicious behaviour. An influx of asylum seekers into Europe has caused some localised disruption to cross-border road and train services in recent years. More disruptions are possible so have back-up plans. See [Local travel](#).

There is a threat of terrorist attack. Terrorist attacks have occurred in a number of European cities. Terrorists are likely to plan attacks in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Be alert in public places such as places of mass gathering. See [Safety and security](#). Lethal unmarked landmines and other unexploded ordnances are a hazard. See [Local travel](#).

The above information is an edited excerpt of the Travel Advice Summary from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. Travellers are encouraged to read the full advice, subscribe to updates to this information and register their presence in Bosnia at www.smartraveller.gov.au.

Australian ordinary passport holders travelling to Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) as a tourist do not usually require a visa if they intend to stay for less than 90 days within a 6 month period. Travellers are recommended to have at least six months validity on their passport from the date they intend to depart BiH and at least two facing blank pages. Travellers may also be requested to show evidence of sufficient financial resources for their proposed period of stay.

Travellers not staying in hotels or hostels are required to register themselves with the local police within 48 hours of arriving in BiH. Most accommodation providers will register foreigners on their behalf. All travellers should possess a certificate of registration. Additional conditions apply to minors. Travellers are recommended to contact a Bosnian mission on the details below for further information and to ensure their specific circumstances make them eligible to enter BiH without a visa.

Vaccinations and Health Precautions

The following information is intended as a guide only and in no way should it be used as a substitute for professional medical advice relative to a travellers individual needs and vaccination history. No guarantee is made as to its accuracy or thoroughness. For further information, please contact The Travel Doctor on 1300 658 844.

Vaccination against Hepatitis A is recommended for all travellers to Bosnia and Herzegovina. Vaccination against Hepatitis B, Typhoid and Rabies should also be considered.

All travellers should be up-to-date with their routine "background" vaccinations. These include vaccinations for Tetanus and Diphtheria (with a booster within the last 10 years), Whooping Cough (which is often combined with the Tetanus and Diphtheria vaccination), Polio (with a booster in adult life), Measles, Mumps and Rubella (two combination vaccinations through life), Chicken Pox and a recent annual Influenza vaccination. Tick-borne encephalitis is present throughout many areas in Europe (predominately in forested regions). Whilst no vaccine is available in Australia, travellers visiting endemic areas and planning outdoor activities between May and September should consider vaccination once in Europe.

Please consult a medical practitioner or contact The Travel Doctor for your specific risk to these preventable diseases and the appropriate avoidance measures. Australians travelling to Bosnia and Herzegovina should also ensure that they have adequate travel insurance to cover the length of their stay. For further information on insurance, please visit the Smartraveller website listed above.

Bosnian Representation in Australia

Bosnia and Herzegovinian Embassy, Canberra

5 Beale Crescent
DEAKIN, ACT 2600

Tel: (02) 6232 4646
Fax: (02) 6232 5554

Opening Hours
10 am to 4 pm.

Web: www.bihembassy.org

Bosnia and Herzegovinian Consulate, Sydney

Level 26, 44 Market Street
SYDNEY, NSW 2000

Tel: (02) 9091 4235



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Time Differences between Bosnia and Herzegovina and Australia

Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) is Greenwich Mean Time +1 or +2 during daylight saving. Daylight saving is observed from the last weekend in March to the last weekend in October.

BiH, 12 noon, Winter (Dec) = Perth 7pm, Darwin 8.30pm, Brisbane 9pm, Adelaide 9.30pm, Hobart, Melbourne, Sydney 10pm.
BiH, 12 noon, Summer (Jun) = Perth 6pm, Darwin, Adelaide 7.30pm, Brisbane, Hobart, Melbourne, Sydney, 8pm.

Important Contact Numbers

Country Code for BiH: +387

To Dial Australia Call:
00 61 <City> <Number>

Tourist Information Centres:

Sarajevo (+387 (0) 33) 220 721
Zenica (+387 (0) 32) 441 050
Banja Luka (+387 (0) 51) 349 910
Tuzla (+387 (0) 35) 257 499

Travelex Card Services:
Call the US on +1 954 838 8294

Visa Global Assistance:
Call the US on +1 443 641 2004

MasterCard:
Call the US on +1 636 722 7111

American Express Travellers Cheques:
Call the UK on +44 20 7365 4846

Emergency Services:
Ambulance: 124
Police: 122
Fire: 123

Important Information to be Recorded

Travellers are encouraged to carry copies of all important documents separately to their originals, and to leave a copy of this information with someone in Australia. This includes copies of travellers cheques and those documents listed below.

Passports

Name: _____ Passport #: _ _ _ _ _
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Credit Cards

Name: _____ Institution: _____
Card Number: _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _
Name: _____ Institution: _____
Card Number: _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _

Travel Insurance

Name: _____ Institution: _____
Policy #: _____ Emergency #: _____
Name: _____ Institution: _____
Policy #: _____ Emergency #: _____

Australian Representation in Bosnia and Herzegovina

Embassy of Australia, Austria

Mattiellistrasse 2-4
1040 VIENNA

Tel: (+43 (0)1) 506 740
Fax: (+43 (0)1) 504 1178

Web: www.austria.embassy.gov.au

Honorary Consulate of Australia,
Bosnia and Herzegovina

Balibegovica 15
71000 SARAJEVO

Tel: (+387 (0) 33) 206 167
Mob: (+387 (0)) 61 183 395

The Australian Embassy in Vienna provides full consular assistance to Australians in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Australia has a Consulate in Sarajevo headed by an Honorary Consul which provides limited consular assistance.

Alternatively, Australians may obtain assistance by contacting the 24 hour Consular Emergency Centre in Australia on (+61 2) 6261 3305. Australian travellers in Bosnia and Herzegovina are able to register their presence with the Australian Embassy in Austria or via the internet at www.orao.dfat.gov.au.



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Duty Free Allowances

Duty Free limits when entering Bosnia and Herzegovina:
 Alcohol: 1 L (>22% alc vol) or 2 L other beverages.
 Tobacco: 200 cigarettes or 250 g of tobacco.
 Perfume: 60 ml of perfume or 250 ml of eau de toilette.
 Other Tax Free Goods: Up to the value of BAM 200.

Duty Free limits when entering Australia:
 Alcohol: 2.25 L.
 Tobacco: 25 cigarettes plus one open packet of cigarettes.
 Other Tax Free Goods: Up to \$900 (\$450 for minors).

Minors may not claim alcohol or tobacco products. Further restrictions apply when entering/exiting Bosnia and Australia. Travellers are encouraged to familiarise themselves with these restrictions before crossing the borders of either country. For information on Bosnian customs visit www.uino.gov.ba, or for further information on Australian customs please visit www.homeaffairs.gov.au.

Public Holidays 2018

The two states within Bosnia and Herzegovina celebrate different holidays. Many other regional and religious holidays are also observed.

Public Holidays - Republika Srpska

01-02 Jan: New Year	09 Apr: Orthodox Easter Monday
06-07 Jan: Orthodox Christmas	01-02 May: Labour Day
09 Jan: Republic Day	09 May: Victory Day
14 Jan: Orthodox New Year	28 Jun: St Vitus Day
06 Apr: Orthodox Good Friday	21 Nov: Agreement Day

Public Holidays - Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina

01-02 Jan: New Year	21 Aug: Feast of the Sacrifice
01 Mar: Independence Day	01 Nov: All Saints Day
02 Apr: Easter Monday	25 Nov: Statehood Day
01-02 May: Labour Day	25 Dec: Christmas
15 Jun: End of Ramadan	

Electrical and Telephone Adaptors

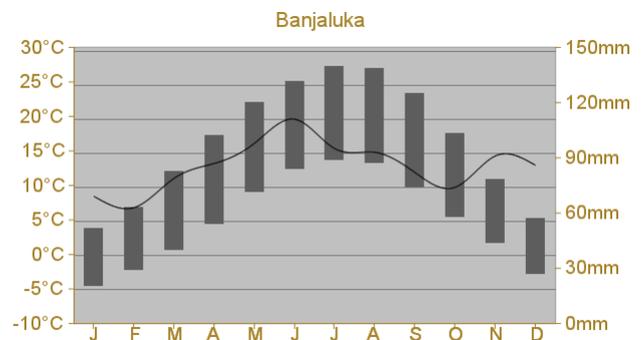
Electrical Plug: European
 Voltage: 220-240 volts (same as Australia)
 Modem Plug: USA (same as Australia)

Source:
 Korjo Travel Products.

To purchase electrical/modem adaptors, or for further information on this matter, please view the Korjo adapter guide at www.korjo.com.au.



Average Temperature (Bar) and Precipitation (Line) in BiH



Source: Meteorological Institute of Bosnia and Herzegovina. For local forecasts please go to www.fhmbih.gov.ba.

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Interbank Rate

1 Australian Dollar (AUD) = 1.24 Bosnian Marks
 1 Bosnian Mark (BAM) = 0.81 Australian Dollars

With 4% Margin

1 Australian Dollar (AUD) will buy 1.19 Bosnian Marks
 1 Bosnian Mark (BAM) will cost 0.84 Australian Dollars

The Bosnian Mark is pegged to the Euro, with a rate of 1.95583 marks to 1 Euro. Thus many transactions in Bosnia and Herzegovina use the euro instead of the mark (generally at a rate of 2 marks to 1 euro).

All rates were correct at a point in time on Monday, 05 Nov 2018. The "Interbank Rate" does not take into account any exchange fees, while the "With 4% Margin" adds 4% to the exchange rate to simulate a typical margin that would be paid when exchanging these currencies. These currency rates have been rounded and should not be used when calculating transactions of large value.

Currency Cheat Sheet

50 fenings = \$0.42 AUD		This cheat sheet uses the "With 4% Margin" rate of exchange listed above.			
1 KM	= \$0.84 AUD	10 KM	= \$8.42 AUD	100 KM	= \$84.18 AUD
2 KM	= \$1.68 AUD	20 KM	= \$16.84 AUD	200 KM	= \$168.37 AUD
3 KM	= \$2.53 AUD	30 KM	= \$25.26 AUD	300 KM	= \$252.55 AUD
4 KM	= \$3.37 AUD	40 KM	= \$33.67 AUD	400 KM	= \$336.74 AUD
5 KM	= \$4.21 AUD	50 KM	= \$42.09 AUD	500 KM	= \$420.92 AUD
6 KM	= \$5.05 AUD	60 KM	= \$50.51 AUD	600 KM	= \$505.11 AUD
7 KM	= \$5.89 AUD	70 KM	= \$58.93 AUD	700 KM	= \$589.29 AUD
8 KM	= \$6.73 AUD	80 KM	= \$67.35 AUD	800 KM	= \$673.48 AUD
9 KM	= \$7.58 AUD	90 KM	= \$75.77 AUD	900 KM	= \$757.66 AUD
				1,000 KM	= \$841.85 AUD

Notes and Coins

The currency of Bosnia and Herzegovina is the convertible mark, which is abbreviated using the symbol KM (for example 100 KM). The subunit of the mark is the fening, of which there are 100 in every mark. Banknotes are issued by both The Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina and The Republika Srpska with different designs used for each. The following designs are those of the Federation, however all notes are accepted by both entities. Pictures are not to scale. Other notes and coins are also in circulation.

Coins

Value

Value	Front	Reverse
5 KM		
2 KM		
1 KM		
50 fening		

Notes

Front

Front	Reverse
	
	
	
	

Reverse

Front

Front	Reverse
	
	
	

Reverse



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About Bosnia and Herzegovina

Full Name: Bosna i Hercegovina (local form).
Independence: 1 March 1992 (from Yugoslavia).
Size: 51,197 sq km (75% the size of Tasmania).
Population: 3.9 million (17% the size of Australia).
 Sarajevo 510,000; Banja Luka 195,000.
Religion: Muslim 40%, Orthodox 31%, Catholic 15%.
Language: Bosnian, Croatian and Serbian, all of which are mutually intelligible.
GDP Per Capita: US\$9,800 (Australia US\$46,600).

Significant Dates:

- 168 BC - 106 AD. Rome conquers Illyria (the Balkans).
- 600's AD. Serbs and Croats begin to migrate to the Balkans.
- 879 AD. Cyril and Methodius convert the Slavs to Christianity.
- 1463. Ottoman Turks conquer Bosnia. Many convert to Islam, the remaining Christians become surfs.
- 1878. Austria-Hungary occupies Bosnia, annexing it in 1908.
- 1918. Kingdom of Serbs, Croats and Slovenes formed. Later renamed the Kingdom of Yugoslavia (Southern Slavs).
- 1941. German forces invade Yugoslavia.
- 1945. Communists take power under Tito who rules until 1980.
- 1991-95. Several states succeed, leading to the Yugoslav Wars. Up to 140,000 are killed and many war crimes committed.
- 1995. Massacre of Srebrenica. Dayton accords end the war.

