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Current DFAT Travel Advice

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

Exercise normal safety precautions in Serbia. Use common sense and look out for suspicious behaviour, as you would in Australia. Violence against foreigners can occur in some areas and situations. Avoid trouble spots and be ready to leave quickly from nightclubs, bars and inner-city suburbs if trouble arises. See [Safety and security](#). Terrorist attacks have occurred in a number of European cities. See [Safety and security](#).

Avoid political gatherings, protests, demonstrations and road blocks as they can turn violent. Enhanced border controls are in place in response to a significant influx of asylum seekers. Border crossings may be closed at short notice. Delays and disruptions are possible. Avoid large groups near borders. Make back-up plans. See [Local travel](#). Serbia doesn't recognise Kosovo as a separate country. Don't attempt to enter Serbia from Kosovo unless you initially travelled into Kosovo from Serbia. See [Entry and exit](#). Political tensions are high along the border between Serbia and Kosovo. Intermittent unrest is likely. See [Safety and security](#).

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 travel advice, subscribe to updates to this information and to register their presence in Serbia at www.smartraveller.gov.au.

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 traveller's 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 Serbia. 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 risk areas and planning outdoor activities between May and October might 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 Serbia 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.

Serbian Representation in Australia

Serbian Embassy, Canberra

4 Bulwarra Close
O'MALLEY, ACT 2606

Tel: (02) 6290 2630
Web: www.canberra.mfa.gov.rs

Consulate General of Serbia, Sydney

12 Trelawney Street
WOOLLAHRA NSW 2025

Tel: (02) 9362 4637
Fax: (02) 9362 4555

Consulate of Serbia, Perth

3 Risana Close
MADELEY WA 6065

Tel: (08) 9302 4644



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Time Differences between Serbia and Australia

Serbia 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.

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

Important Contact Numbers

Country Code for Serbia: +381
To Dial Australia Call:
00 (or 99, then) 61 <City> <Number>
Tourist Information Centres:
Belgrade - (+381 11) 3061 410
Kragujevac - (+381 34) 332 172
Novi Sad - (+381 21) 633 4207
Travelex Card Services:
Call the US on (00 1 954) 838 8294
Visa Global Assistance:
No local dedicated Number. Call the US on +1 443 641 2004
MasterCard:
No local dedicated Number. Call the US on +1 636 722 7111
American Express Travellers Cheques:
No local dedicated Number. Call the UK on +44 20 7365 4846
Emergency Services: - 112
Ambulance: - 94
Police: - 92
Fire: - 93

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 #: _ _ _ _ _
Name: _____ Passport #: _ _ _ _ _

Credit Cards

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

Travel Insurance

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

Australian Representation in Serbia

Australian Embassy, Serbia
Level 8, Vladimira Popovica 38-40
11070 NEW BELGRADE
Tel: (+381 (0)11) 330 3400
Fax: (+381 (0)11) 330 3409
Web: www.serbia.embassy.gov.au

Australians in Serbia are encouraged to register their presence with the nearest Australian mission or online at www.orao.dfat.gov.au.

Australians may also obtain assistance by contacting the 24 hour Consular Emergency Centre in Australia on (00 61 2) 6261 3305.



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Duty Free Allowances

Duty Free limits when entering Serbia:

Alcohol: 1 L of wine and 1 L spirits
 Tobacco: 200 cigarettes or 50 cigars or 250 g of tobacco
 Perfume: 50 g of perfume or 250 ml of toilet water
 Other Tax Free Goods: Reasonable amounts for personal use.

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)

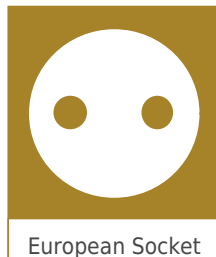
Minors may not claim alcohol or tobacco products. Further restrictions apply to these and other goods, travellers should familiarise themselves with these restrictions before entry.

Electrical and Telephone Adaptors

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

Source: Korjo Travel Products.

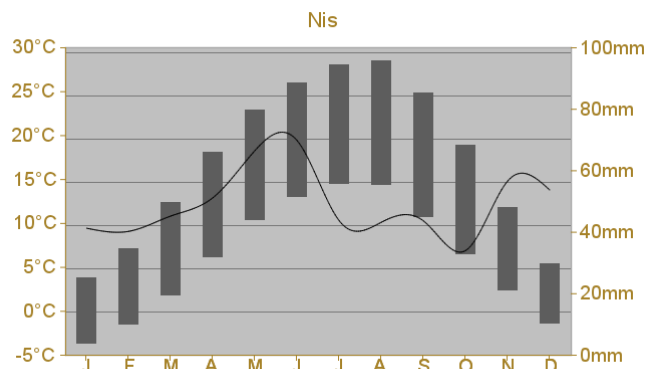
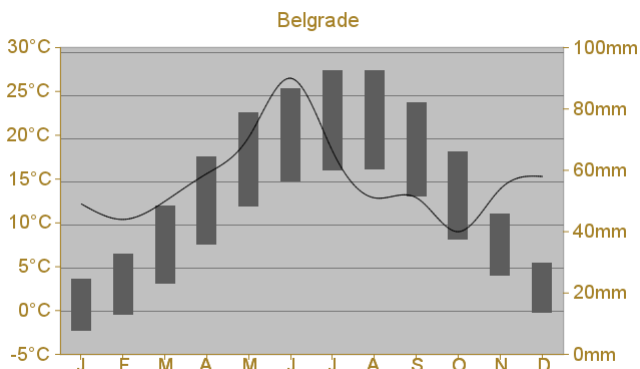
To purchase electrical/modem adaptors, or for further information on this matter, please view the Korjo adapter guide at www.korjo.com.au.



Serbian Public Holidays 2018

01 Jan:	New Year's Day	08 Apr:	Orthodox Easter
02 Jan:	New Year's Holiday	09 Apr:	Easter Monday
07 Jan:	Orthodox Christmas	01 May:	May Day
15 Feb:	Statehood Day	02 May:	May Day Holiday
16 Feb:	Statehood Holiday	11 Nov:	Armistice Day
06 Apr:	Great Friday	12 Nov:	Armistice Holiday

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



Source: Republic Hydrometeorological Service of Serbia. For local forecasts please go to www.hidmet.gov.rs.

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Interbank Rate

1 Australian Dollar (AUD) = 75 Serbian Dinara
 100 Serbian Dinara (RSD) = 1.34 Australian Dollars

With 4% Margin

1 Australian Dollar (AUD) will buy 72 Serbian Dinara
 100 Serbian Dinara (RSD) will cost 1.39 Australian Dollars

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 din = \$0.70 AUD		This cheat sheet uses the "With 4% Margin" rate of exchange listed above.		10,000 din = \$139.25 AUD	
100 din = \$1.39 AUD	1,000 din = \$13.92 AUD	20,000 din = \$278.50 AUD	300 din = \$4.18 AUD	3,000 din = \$41.77 AUD	30,000 din = \$417.75 AUD
200 din = \$2.78 AUD	2,000 din = \$27.85 AUD	40,000 din = \$556.99 AUD	400 din = \$5.57 AUD	4,000 din = \$55.70 AUD	40,000 din = \$556.99 AUD
300 din = \$4.18 AUD	3,000 din = \$41.77 AUD	50,000 din = \$696.24 AUD	500 din = \$6.96 AUD	5,000 din = \$69.62 AUD	50,000 din = \$696.24 AUD
400 din = \$5.57 AUD	4,000 din = \$55.70 AUD	60,000 din = \$835.49 AUD	600 din = \$8.35 AUD	6,000 din = \$83.55 AUD	60,000 din = \$835.49 AUD
500 din = \$6.96 AUD	5,000 din = \$69.62 AUD	70,000 din = \$974.74 AUD	700 din = \$9.75 AUD	7,000 din = \$97.47 AUD	70,000 din = \$974.74 AUD
600 din = \$8.35 AUD	6,000 din = \$83.55 AUD	80,000 din = \$1,113.99 AUD	800 din = \$11.14 AUD	8,000 din = \$111.40 AUD	80,000 din = \$1,113.99 AUD
700 din = \$9.75 AUD	7,000 din = \$97.47 AUD	90,000 din = \$1,253.24 AUD	900 din = \$12.53 AUD	9,000 din = \$125.32 AUD	90,000 din = \$1,253.24 AUD
800 din = \$11.14 AUD	8,000 din = \$111.40 AUD	100,000 din = \$1,392.49 AUD			
900 din = \$12.53 AUD	9,000 din = \$125.32 AUD				

Notes and Coins

The currency of Serbia is the Dinar (plural Dinara), which is abbreviated using the symbol RSD or din (for example 100 RSD, 100 din). The subunit of the dinar is the para, of which there are 100 in every dinar, although these are rare. The following units of currency are the most common however other units are also in circulation. Pictures are not to scale.





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About Serbia

Full Name: Republika Srbija (Republic of Serbia).

Size: 77,474 sq km (34% of Victoria).

Population: 7.2 million.
Belgrade 1.2 mil.; Novi Sad 250,000.; Nis 180,000; Kragujevac 150,000.

Ethnicity: Serb 83%, Hungarian 3.5%, Romany 2%, Bosniak 2%.

Language: Serbian 88%, Hungarian 3.4%, Bosnian 1.9%.

Religion: Serbian Orthodox 85%, Catholic 5%, Muslim 3%.

GDP PC: US\$13,300 (Australia US\$46,600).

Significant Dates:

- 168 BC-106 AD. Rome conquers the Balkans.
- 395 AD. Balkans become part of the Eastern (Byzantine) Roman Empire.
- 600's AD. Serbs begin to migrate to the Balkans from north of the Black Sea.
- 879. Saints Cyril and Methodius convert the Serbs to Christianity.
- 1217. Kingdom of Serbia founded. Serbia becomes the most powerful Balkan state.
- 1389. Serbs are defeated at the Battle of Kosovo, rule of the Ottoman Turks begins.
- 1817. Serbia becomes autonomous, gains independence from Ottoman Turks in 1878.
- 1914. Austria-Hungary declares war on Serbia, sparking the First World War.
- 1918. Kingdom of Serbs, Croats and Slovenes formed. Later renamed the Kingdom of Yugoslavia (Southern Slavs).
- 1941. German forces invade Yugoslavia.
- 1945. Communist partisans take power, the monarchy is abolished.
- 1945-80. Authoritarian rule of Josip Tito.
- 1948. Tito-Stalin (Yugoslav-Soviet) Split.
- 1991-95. Several states succeed, leading to the Yugoslav Wars. Up to 140,000 are killed and many war crimes committed.
- 1999. NATO airstrikes force Serbia to withdraw from Kosovo.
- 2006. Montenegro succeeds, Serbia becomes an independent state.