

# Belgrade cultural experience

More than 100 museums and galleries in Belgrade represent the past and the present of this area. Especially interesting is the **Nikola Tesla Museum**, which keeps original legacy of the great scientist and inventor. It is an amazing place that brings to life Tesla's famous inventions and discoveries of electro technology and mechanical engineering from the end of 19th century, that are still in use today.

**Military Museum** - Situated in Belgrade Fortress and was founded in 1878. It holds more than 30.000 ancient and modern items that display all periods of armed combat, also featuring parts of an US F-117 stealth aircraft which was downed by Serbian anti-aircraft gunners in 1999.

**Museum of the National Bank of Serbia** - Situated in old building of the National Bank of Serbia built in 1890, it represents dynamic financial activities in this area. For its visitors it offers a special gift in the form of paper money with the face of the visitor instead of original one.

**Museum of Yugoslav History** - Holds collection of more than 200.000 items that illustrate history of Yugoslavia in 20th century. The largest part of the exhibition are gifts that Tito, as a president of Yugoslavia and founder of Non-Aligned Movement, received from public officials and delegates from all over the world.

**Ethnographical Museum** - The oldest institution of the kind in the South-East Europe. The first permanent exhibition was opened on September 20th, 1904. The museum collections contain about 60.000 of ethnographic artifacts and about 100.000 of paintings, drawings, photographs, documents, archive, rich library (60.000 books, journals and magazines), film collection and other museum materials presenting the phenomena of folk culture.

**Residence of Prince Milos** - Former royal residence, built for Prince Milos Obrenovic in 1831 in Topcider, the valley of cannons. Museum's primary mission is to collect, register, preserve, handle, study and exhibit the materials related to the Serbian people and Serbia in the time of the First (1804-1813) and Second (1815) Serbian Uprising.

**Residence of Princess Ljubica** - Erected in 1831, at present hosts interiors of the Belgrade homes of the 19th century.

**Gallery of Frescoes** - Presents the artistic wealth of monasteries and churches in Serbia. There are some originals but otherwise they're exact replicas of frescoes done by the Byzantine masters before Renaissance in Italy, and Serbian medieval masters, faithful to the last blotch.

**Archeological site Vinca** - Well-known as the center of the most important



Monument of Belgrade winner

European Neolithic culture that flourished about 5.500 BC, on the Danube river bank.

**National Theater** - Built in 1869, now completely renovated, presents drama, opera, ballet and other classic plays in four stages.

**Belgrade Philharmonic Orchestra** - Founded in 1923 cooperation with famous musicians such as Zubin Mehta, Sarah Chang and Nigel Kennedy. After renovation in 2004, young musicians, educated in the world music centers arrived in the Belgrade Philharmonic creating a new image conducted by Mr Muhai Tang, the new Chief Director.

**Terazije Theater** - The only musical theater on Balkan with history starts in 1949 and through that period enriching its drama, orchestra, ballet and choir ensembles with new, young talented schooled artists.

**Belgrade Summer Festival "BELEF"**, with its performing arts, theater and contemporary dance, visual arts and music, represents Belgrade as the largest cultural center of the region. This festival, together with **International Festival of classical music "BEMUS"**, is the sole member of the EFA (European Festival Association) at the territory of Serbia and Belgrade. Enjoy the city that offers an exceptional cultural scene and a tolerant, communicative, urban essence. **Belgrade Jazz festival** is prestigious festival that aims to seduce the audience by showing that jazz is both serious and fun, that it can thrill and captivate you, provoke, excite you physically as well as intellectually - in a word, jazz is very alive!



National Theater