

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Official name

The Republic of Serbia. It contains two autonomous provinces: Vojvodina and Kosovo and Metohija.

Area

Republic of Serbia: 88,361 sq. km
Central Serbia: 55,968 sq. km
Vojvodina: 21,506 sq. km
Kosovo and Metohija: 10,887 sq. km

Climate

Climate in Serbia is temperate continental, with a gradual transition between the four seasons of the year. Summers are warm, with temperatures up to 35° C and winters are cold and snowy, with temperature from - 10° C to 10° C).

Position

Serbia is located in the central part of the Balkan Peninsula, in the south-eastern part of Europe.

Population

In Serbia live approximately 10 million people. The majority of the population are Serbs (66 per cent), and numerous among 37 nationalities which also live in Serbia are Albanians (17 per cent), Hungarians (3.5 per cent), followed by Romanians, Croats, Bulgarians and others. All citizens have equal rights and responsibilities and enjoy full national equality.

Capital

Serbian capital is Belgrade (original name: Beograd; White city), with a population of 1.6 millions. Belgrade is the administrative, economic and cultural center of Serbia.

Language

The official language is Serbian and official alphabets are both, Cyrillic and Latin. In the areas inhabited by national minorities, the languages and alphabets of the minorities are in official use, as provided by law.

Religion

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

Time

GMT + 1

Currency

The monetary unit is the Dinar (CSD) - 1 Dinar = 100 Para.
Banknotes: 10, 20, 50, 100, 200, 1000 and 5000 Dinars
Coins: 1, 2, 5, 10 and 20 Dinars

Holidays - non working days

New Year - January 1st and 2nd
Orthodox Christmas - January 7th
Statehood Day of the Republic Serbia - February 15th
International Labor Day - May 1st and 2nd
Orthodox Easter - from Good Friday to the second day of Easter.
On non-working holidays only shops and institutions on duty are open. Believers are entitled not to work on their religious holidays, depending on their religion. Holidays - working days
St. Sava Day - January 27th - Spirituality Day
Victory Day - May 9th
Vidovdan - St. Vitus Day - June 28th

Credit cards

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

Banks & Post offices

On week days they are opened from 08.00 a.m. to 07.00 p.m.
On Saturdays they are opened from 08.00 a.m. to 03.00 p.m.
In Belgrade and other bigger cities in Serbia, some banks and post offices are opened on Sundays.

Shops

Alimentary shops are opened daily from 06.00 a.m. to 09.00 p.m. including Saturdays, while on Sundays they are opened from 08.00 a.m. to 02.00 p.m. In every city or town, there are stores open 24 hours a day. Markets are opened every day from 06.00 a.m. to 05.00 p.m.

Medical care

There are organized duties in hospitals and clinics round the clock. Pharmacies are opened from 08.00 a.m. to 08.00 p.m. on working days and on Saturdays from 08.00 a.m. to 03.00 p.m. In Belgrade and bigger cities there are on-duty pharmacies.

Power supply

220 V, 50 Hz

Area codes

Code for Serbia is +381; for Belgrade (0)11, Novi Sad (0)21, Niš (0)18 etc.
For the international calls from Serbia dial 99 + code of the desired country + code for the city.
Phone book for Serbia you can find on www.telekom.rs.

Important phone numbers

Police: 92
Fire service: 93
Medical emergency: 94
Mobile operators:
064 MTS (www.mts.telekom.rs),
063 TELENOR (www.telenor.rs),
061 VIP