



Country Profile: Bosnia-Herzegovina

Since the December 1995 signing of the Dayton Peace Accords, there has been significant progress in restoring peace and stability in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Although the physical infrastructure was devastated by the war, in recent years there has been significant improvement, and reconstruction is progressing. Hotels and travel amenities are available in the capital, Sarajevo, and other major towns, but they are relatively expensive. In the more remote areas of the country, public facilities vary in quality. Read the Department of State [Background Notes](#) on Bosnia and Herzegovina.

COUNTRY OVERVIEW



Country Name:	Bosnia-Herzegovina or Bosnia and Herzegovina
Continent:	Europe
Capital City:	Sarajevo
Boundary Countries:	Croatia, Montenegro, Serbia
Recommended Hospitals in Capital:	
Main Cities:	Sarajevo, Zenica, Tuzla, Bihac, Brod, Gorazde, Mostar, Banja Luka, Prijedor
Country Size:	51,129 sq km
Population:	4,498,976

COUNTRY GENERAL INFORMATION

Language:	Bosnian, Croatian, Serbian
Currency:	marka (BAM)
Predominant Religions:	Muslim 40%, Orthodox 31%, Roman Catholic 15%, other 14%
National Holidays:	National Day, 25 November (1943)
Economic Status:	Bosnia and Herzegovina ranked next to Macedonia as the poorest republic in the old Yugoslav federation. Although agriculture is almost all in private hands, farms are small and inefficient, and the republic traditionally is a net importer of food. The private sector is growing and foreign investment is slowly increasing, but government spending, at nearly 40% of adjusted GDP, remains unreasonably high.
Security:	VF Army (the air and air defense forces are subordinate commands within the Army), VRS Army (the air and air defense forces are subordinate commands within the Army)
US Presence:	U.S. Embassy in Sarajevo 1 Robert C. Frasure Street, 71000 SARAJEVO tel: +387 33 704-000 Fax: +387 33 659-722
Major Airports:	Airports: 28, Airports with paved runways: 8

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