



Country Profile: Serbia

Serbia is a country that is working to strengthen its democratic, economic, and social institutions. On February 17, 2008 Kosovo declared its independence from Serbia; so far, this change has had little effect on foreign travelers. Travelers should be aware, however, that Serbia does not recognize Kosovo's borders. For more information on Kosovo, please read our Country Specific Information for [Kosovo](#).

Tourist facilities are widely available within Serbia but vary in quality. Some facilities are not up to western standards. Read the Department of State [Background Notes on Serbia](#) for additional information.

COUNTRY OVERVIEW



Country Name:	Serbia
Continent:	Europe
Capital City:	Belgrade
Boundary Countries:	Bosnia and Herzegovina 302 km, Bulgaria 318 km, Croatia 241 km, Hungary 151 km, Kosovo 352 km, Macedonia 62 km, Montenegro 124 km, Romania 476 km
Recommended Hospitals in Capital:	Belgrade: Zepter Dental Clinic
Main Cities:	Belgrade, Pristina, Nis, Bor, Novi Sad, Prizren
Country Size:	88,361 sq km
Population:	9,396,411

COUNTRY GENERAL INFORMATION

Language:	Serbian (official nationwide); Romanian, Hungarian, Slovak, Ukrainian, and Croatian (all official in Vojvodina); Albanian (official in Kosovo)
Currency:	Serbian Dinar (RSD)
Predominant Religions:	Serbian Orthodox, Muslim, Roman Catholic, Protestant
National Holidays:	National Day, 15 February
Economic Status:	Following the May 21, 2006 referendum on the independence of Montenegro, Serbia announced that it would be the successor state to the former State Union of Serbia and Montenegro. The dissolution of the State Union has been peaceful with minimal impact on foreign travelers. Unemployment remains an ongoing political and economic problem. The economic condition in Serbia is difficult, as it works toward a possible membership in the EU.
Security:	Serbian Armed Forces (Vojska Srbije, VS): Serbian Land Forces (Kopnene Vojska, KoV), Air Force and Air Defense Force (Vozduhoplovstvo i Protivozduhoplovna Odbrana, ViPO), naval force to be determined
US Presence:	U.S. Embassy in Belgrade 92 Bulevar kneza Aleksandra Karadjordjevica 11040 Belgrade, Serbia Phone +381 11 706-4000
Major Airports:	Airports: 39, Airports w/paved runways: 16

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