



**VISIT  
SARAJEVO**





# WELCOME TO SARAJEVO

The city where the East meets the West, while the South  
and the North admire it.

The city where the sound of the Islamic call to prayer  
(adhan) and the sound of church bells can be heard at  
the same time.

The city where the traveler wonders whether they are in  
Europe or in the Orient...









**Area:**  
141,5 km<sup>2</sup>

**Height above sea level:**  
500 m

**Climate:**  
Moderate continental  
climate

**Ethnic groups:**  
Bosniaks, Croats, Serbs,  
Jews and other ethnic  
groups

**Time zone:**  
Central European time  
zone (GMT+1)

**Power:**  
Voltage 220V; frequency  
50Hz

**Water:**  
The water from the city  
water supply is safe and  
pleasant to drink.

**S**arajevo is the capital and the largest city of Bosnia and Herzegovina, its metropolis and its biggest urban, cultural, economic and financial centre. At the same time, Sarajevo is the capital of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the headquarters of the Sarajevo Canton.

Most tourist attractions are located in old part of the city, Baščaršija. A leisurly stroll is all it takes for a visitor to go, in a short time, around the central core of the city, which is well connected with other parts of the city and its surroundings by a well organised public transport. River Miljacka runs through the city, with some 20 bridges from various periods, and in the immediate vicinity is the source of the river Bosna, which is also a popular resort. The average height above sea level of Sarajevo is app. 500 m/ASL. The city is surrounded by olympic mountains: Bjelašnica, Igman and Trebević, and Treskavica is nearby too. Those are favourite resorts both to Sarajevans and tourists from around the world, especially

in winter months.

The city is famous for its traditional cultural and religious diversity. Muslims, catholics, orthodox christians and Jews have lived there for centuries. Because of its long and rich history, religious and cultural differences, Sarajevo is also known as “Jerusalem of Europe” or “Jerusalem of Balkans”.

In 1914, the Austro-Hungarian heir to the throne Franz Ferdinand and his wife Sophie were killed in Sarajevo, which started the First World War. Seventy years later, in 1984, 14th Winter Olympic Games were held in Sarajevo. In the early 1990s its name was often featured on covers of daily newspapers throughout the world due to the war. Today, in the time of post-war reconstruction, Sarajevo is the fastest growing city in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Tourist guide «Lonely Planet» ranked Sarajevo in 2009 among ten cities that are worth a visit. British «The Guardian» wrote in 2017 that Sarajevo grew from the ashes of the siege of 1992-95 into a metropolis whic is blossoming and is a fascinating tourist destination.









# BAŠČARŠIJA

Baščaršija is a favourite tourists destination in the old part of the town, because if you have not walked through the square and alleys that keep the memory of Sarajevo from the Ottoman era, it is as if you were never in Sarajevo.

Baščaršija (tur. baş + çarşı – “main market”) is an old Sarajevo’s market, settlement and a hystorical and cultural centre of the city. It was built in 15th century when Isa-beg Ishaković founded the whole city. With its boom, grew the need to develop a variety of trades. That’s how markets slowly began to emerge there, 45 of them, with a total of 81 different trades. With time, all markets were joined into one big one, called «Baščaršija». Tourists can see here cobbled alleys, inns, churches, mosques, madrasas, imarets (soup kitchens)

and a number of handicraft shops.

Central part of Baščaršija is represented by an undoubtedly the most recognisable structure of Sarajevo – sebilj (sebil). With its beauty, pride and existence, it still defies time and conveys the beauty of the Bosnian capital. It was built in its present form back in 1913, and it is with a good reason that it is considered a significant monument of architecture of its time. After they take a photo and drink water, tourists in Baščaršija like to feed the pigeons which are always there.

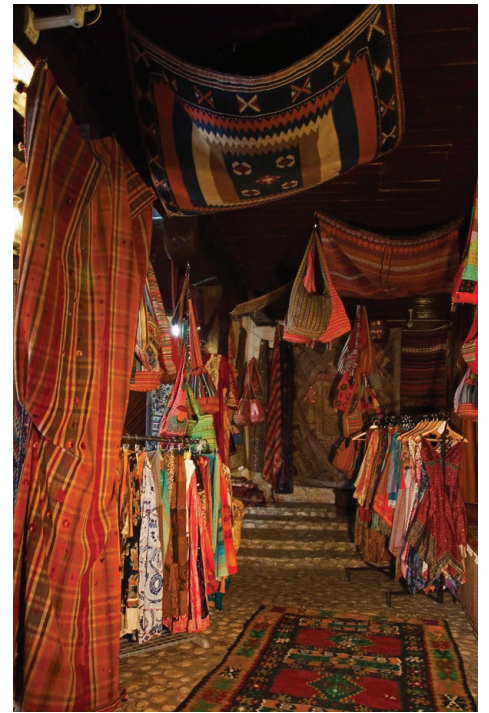
If you go from Sebilj down the Sarači street, towards a newer part of the city, you will very soon come across Gazi Husrev-bey mosque, the most significant islamic building in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Begova mosque, as it is shortened by the locals, was

erected by Gazi Husrev-bey in 1530. Apart from the mosque he also built a medresa, library, haniqah, hamam, bezistan (bedestan), Morića han (inn), clock tower, and numerous other objects.

Some of the oldest monuments created during the Austro-Hungarian rule lean against Čaršija: Sarajevo City Hall, Cathedral, Orthodox church and some one hundred residential buildings.

Baščaršija is famous for its trade and manufacture of copper vessels. You can find here antiques, hand made copper vessels with oriental decor and ornaments. Everywhere you go there are also shops that sell hand made pieces of the highest quality leather, hand made clothing garments and souvenirs that tell the history of the city.









## MUST TRY

Even though Baščaršija is full of various restaurants with traditional Bosnian cuisine, what must be tasted here are all kinds of pies, and, without fail, ćevapi. Sarajevo ćevapi are a recognisable brand, and a part of Sarajevo tradition and culture. It is a grilled specialty made of mixed minced meat (beef and mutton), which is served with a special Sarajevo pastry called somun (flat soft roll). Ćevapi are also served with finely diced onion, and are usually accompanied by drinking yogurt. They are most commonly found in ćevabdžinica (ćevapi grilling fast food places), which there are many of in Sarajevo, but the most famous and most frequented ones are precisely in Baščaršija.

Along with other traditional specialties of Bosnian cuisine, we recommend that you also try traditional sweets, baklava, hurmašica (Kalburabasti), roses (type of baklava), tufahije (walnut-stuffed apples) and kadaif (kadayif).







The development of culture in Sarajevo rests on several important pillars. Fascinating history, many cultural and historic monuments from different eras make this city a true open air museum. Sarajevo is a home of many BiH cultural institutions, making it a cultural capital of the state, as well as important regional centre for art, film and theatre.

Annual festivals are particularly important for the cultural life of the city, some of which are significant regional cultural manifestations, thus

confirming Sarajevo's cosmopolitan nature by offering the stage to artists from different countries worldwide and various fields of culture.

Winter in Sarajevo offers plenty of opportunities for winter sports and recreation in the snow, but it is also a time for Sarajevo Winter Festival, which lasts one month and brings together artists from over 50 different countries every year. Sarajevo is also host to the Winter Jazz Festival, for which the organizers say it is the "biggest small festival in the world".

Spring and autumn, with their

mild temperatures allow pleasant exploration of natural treasures in the area, as well as offering a dynamic schedule of cultural events in the city such as International Theatre Festival MESS, Days of architecture, European Literary Encounters and Contemporary Dance Festival.

Summer in the city is like a holiday in every street and every square and the time when the city lives 24/7. Summer in Sarajevo starts with Baščaršija Nights and ends with the most significant cultural event in the region – Sarajevo Film Festival.



# ILIDŽA

## OASIS IN THE HEART OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

Ilidža tops the list of Sarajevo Canton municipalities with the highest number of visits. There are as many as 16 hotels, two motels, one auto-camp and 1623 rooms with about 3510 beds on the territory of the municipality, with new venues and facilities planned to be built soon in response to the growing number of tourists who decide to spend their precious vacation time there.

### IMAGES OF THE PAST

Natural beauty and historic sites are what make Ilidža the recognisable place that it is today.

The Roman Bridge, arched across the Bosna River remains an important testament of the life that

flourished in this area. Despite the fact that it was built in early 16th century, during the Ottoman era, it was named the Roman Bridge because a bridge was built on the ruins of the old bridge which actually originated from the Roman era. The bridge is 40 m long and 4.5 m wide.

### THE PLACE WHERE NATURE RULES

The crown jewel of Ilidža is the magnificent natural park – the spring of the Bosna River. The article published in a London-based daily newspaper in the 19th century described the spring of the Bosna River as the world's most beautiful place, where the air is amazingly invigorating, the climate incredibly refreshing, the landscape stunningly

inspirational and the greenery soothingly relaxing.

The area of the spring of the Bosna River is situated to the south-west, about 12 km away from the city of Sarajevo, at the foothills of Mt. Igman and Mt. Bjelašnica.

Your trip to this lovely spot under the sun may start with a vigorous stroll from the streetcar terminal to the Ilidža spa and recreational settlement, which will take you to a luscious, green, 3.5 km long walkway surrounded by canopies of chestnut and plane trees in the most beautiful alley in BiH. Velika aleja (Great Lane) consists of 726 maple leaf plane trees, planted in two rows back in 1892, in addition to the dozens of wild chestnut trees planted in 1888.







The plateau at the entrance of the Great Lane is where visitors can get on of one of the many available horse-drawn carriages for a romantic ride of a lifetime.

The central part of this charming oasis occupies 603 hectares of land, consisting of pieces of land surrounded by crystal clear water, connected by lovely wooden bridges. The park also includes broad meadows, parks for kids and small lakes populated by swans.

## TREASURED MEMORY IN TIME OF PEACE

The remnants of the recent history are hidden in the tunnel built under the airport runway during the siege of

Sarajevo. The existence of a 720 m long and no more than 1.5 m high tunnel was kept a secret, as it was used to supply the city with food, weapons and medicines. After four months and four days of simultaneous and coordinated manual excavation works from the direction of Dobrinja and the direction of Butmir, using no other tools but shovels and pickaxes, the tunnel became operational on July 30, 1993.

In the 30 months of its use, nearly three million trips have been registered from one side to the other. Once the Dayton Peace Accords entered into force, stopping the war, the tunnel was no longer needed. Today, it serves as a museum featuring an impressive collection of photographs, video materials, and

items used during the time when the tunnel was the only connection Sarajevo had with the rest of the world.

Ilidža is the place to go to for a spa treatment or an active holiday. The spa centers offer an incredible variety of services including physiotherapy and rehabilitation, internal medicine, gynaecology, urology and lab testing. There is also a complex with indoor and outdoor swimming pools, in addition to a number of water attractions and animation programs, ideal for relaxation and an active holiday. This is by far the largest thermal complex in this part of Europe, taking full advantage of Ilidža's famous sources of thermal water.



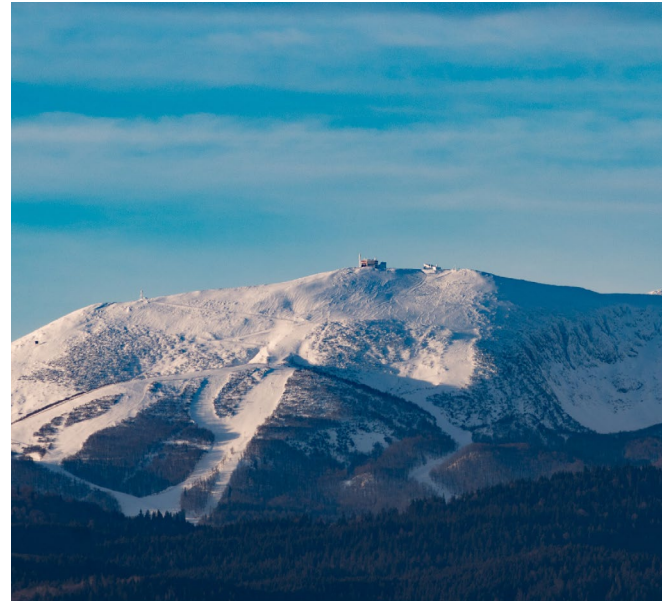








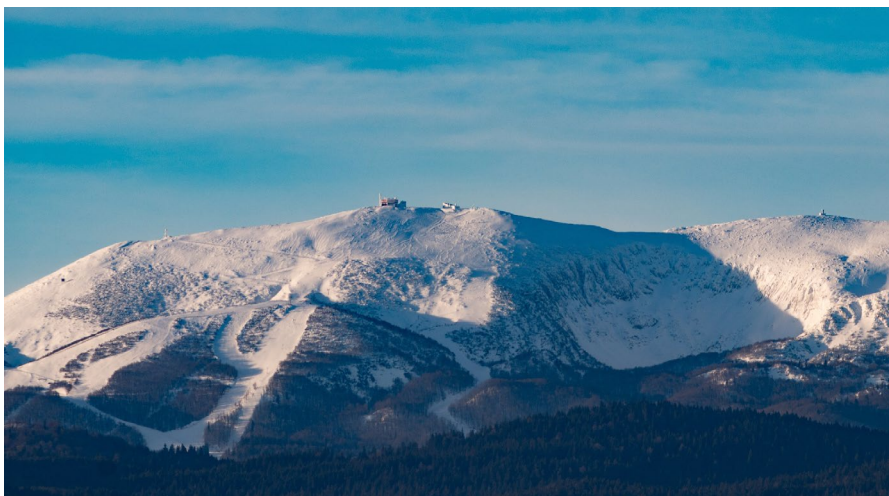




# OLYMPIC BEAUTIES

Attractive locations and a real tourist magnet – that's what the Olympic beauties such as Bjelašnica, Igman and Trebević are, whose beauty under the snow cover simply takes the breath away. Still, equally attractive they are in the spring when the vegetation awakes. The green spaces and the air that intoxicates, walks, hikes, mountain biking, ski lift rides or quads riding, paragliding and many other activities invite to relax and escape from the city noise.





## BJELAŠNICA

*The highest ski resort in B&H*

One of the leading ski resorts in Bosnia and Herzegovina is Bjelašnica, the place where the 14th Winter Olympic Games were held in alpine skiing for men.

It is located only 25km away from Sarajevo. Olympic mountain, with an attractive and sometimes even a few meters high snow, is specific for its exceptional change of climate so that you can experience even three different seasons within a day.

## SKI SLOPES

There are ski slopes for all categories – from the beginners' blue, to the more challenging Olympic black and red runs which are demanding even for advanced

skiers. You can reach these slopes with a three-seat lift and you can use a ski lift to reach the top. The lift is active in the summer period also and you can enjoy a panoramic view of Bjelašnica from the three-seat.

Tourist offer is quite rich. There are several hotels in Bjelašnica, as well as large capacities of apartment accommodation. You can take a rest in one of nearby cafés or in restaurants with traditional cuisine.

Invaluable treasure of nature

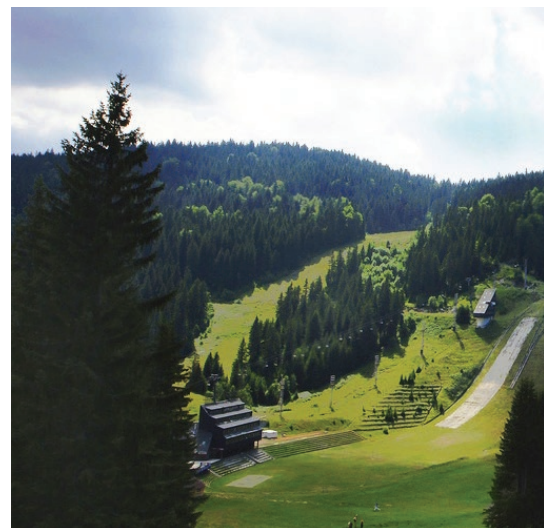
In addition to the beautiful landscape, there are two interesting villages in Bjelašnica: at 1.275 m/ASL there is a village Umljani, whilst at almost 1.500 m/ASL there lies the highest and the most isolated village in the whole country, Lukomir.

In Umljani you can enjoy looking around the authentic shepherds' huts, called katuni, while Lukomir is specific for its stone houses which are covered in shingles from cherry wood.

At around 200 meters from the entrance to Umljani, a necropolis of medieval tombstones can be found. Some 20 of medieval tombstones are also built into the foundation of a unique mosque in Umljani with a tin minaret, which is declared a national monument in B&H.

## IGMAN

Southwest of Sarajevo, with the highest peak at 1.502 meters, another Olympic beauty is situated – Igman. During the 14th Winter Olympic Games, it was, alongside Bjelašnica, one of the main venues with two ski-jump



runs of 70 and 90 meters. There are Big and Small field here with about 30 km of groomed trails for biathlon and cross-country skiing, and it has a great potential for the development of mountain biking.

Igman is the only mountain surrounding Sarajevo which was never intensively populated, thus enjoys the title of a clean mountain, and it is today, both in winter and summer period, one of the leading tourist attractions near the city of Sarajevo.

## TREBEVIĆ

### *The Lungs of Sarajevo*

After a drive of only 15 minutes you can go from the centre of Sarajevo to mountain Trebević (1,629 m/ASL), offering a magnificent view of the city.



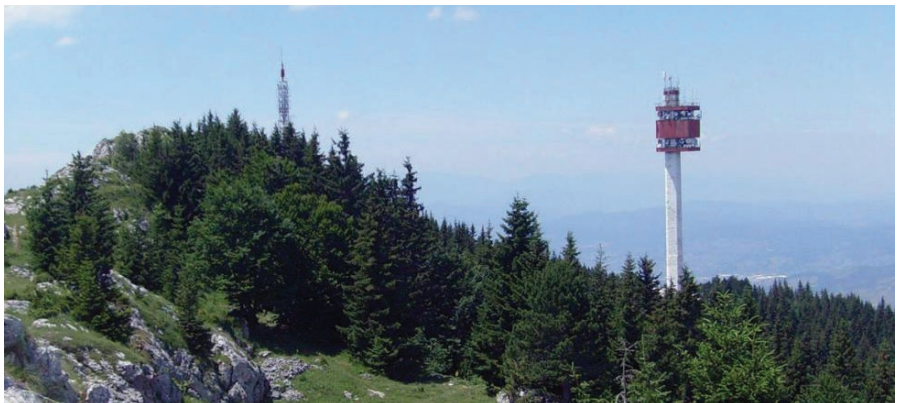
The vast coniferous forest of Mt. Trebević purifies the air and serves as the lungs of Sarajevo and many neighbouring communities.

Trebević is one of the favourite natural attractions for the citizens of Sarajevo and their guests, capable of accommodating both those interested in day trips and those looking to stay a bit longer. Today, the Inn is a meeting point for mountaineers, hikers, adventurers and nature lovers from which they



set off to a mission to explore this luscious mountain.

Resort Brus in Trebević has recently evolved into a lovely tourist complex, featuring a cosy restaurant and lots of entertainment and sport facilities. The complex now includes a lovely pond, cycling and hiking trails, grill/barbecue spots, a volleyball court, a football pitch and a paintball venue, in addition to a playground for children.











# SARAJEVO WITH KIDS

Playrooms, the zoo, amusement parks, as well as various other activities offer unforgettable moments of fun for the kids, as well as peace and quiet for parents while their little ones are taken care of.

## *“Sunnyland”* THE SUNNY SIDE OF FUN

The picturesque location of Zlatište, located less than 10 minutes away from Sarajevo’s city center, recently became the home of a fascinating amusement park built in line with the most rigorous European standards.

This park, built to appeal both to children and adults, features a one-of-a-kind adrenaline alpine coaster – the main attraction of the park.

At present, Sunnyland Park consists of three facilities: a promenade and lake with a fountain, and natural climbing wall. The central facility features a restaurant, a café, several activity areas for children and a gift shop.

The restaurant, with its stunning view of the city and variety of delicious food, is ideal for a break. Parents can enjoy their lunch while the kids have the time of their life in one of the many indoor and outdoor activity

areas, under the close watch of the staff who will do their best to make sure their time here makes a lasting impression.

## PIONIRSKA DOLINA (PIONEER VALLEY) ZOO

This fun park is an ideal place for the whole family and serves as a favorite weekend destination. Apart from the zoo, there are various other facilities there. The youngsters will be happy to go on a mini-train ride, jump on a trampoline, ride a bumper car, go on a merry-go-round or racetrack and rubber town. When they get tired, they can take a break in





volleyball court, basketball court, locker rooms, an outdoor fitness facility, several playground areas for children, a walking trail and 50 benches. The facility was expanded last year to include about a hectare of pristine park area. Other additions to the park included tennis courts, a ping pong court and an alpine climbing training park which features state-of-the-art climbing walls.

The central area of the park features a fountain, a gazebo and a summer stage with an open café during the summer season. In addition to a variety of amenities and a relaxing natural setting, the visitors may also enjoy refreshment in one of the two cafés within the complex.



parks with swings, seesaws and slides, which are always full of children.

Pionirska dolina has diverse horticultural facilities, and is rich in flora and fauna. If you are an animal lover, you can see over 39 animal species including llamas, kangaroos, antelopes, zebras, a lion and lioness, deer, does and other animals from various parts of the world.



***“Safet Zajko” Park***

**AN OASIS FOR SPORT  
AND RECREATION  
LOVERS**

The “Safet Zajko” Center for Education, Sport and Recreation features a football pitch, athletic track, 400 m cycling track, a sand





## ***“Kinderland”***

### **– A WORLD OF ADVENTURE FOR THE KIDS**

The largest playroom in the region, “Kinderland” is located at Ilidža and spreads across 1400 square meters, consisting of several levels making up more than 3000 square meters which accommodate a variety of activities for children. The facilities offer children an unforgettable time and point to the significance of play during childhood which has been altered by computers and modern technology, so it is no wonder that “Kinderland” is ranked a high 7th place among European playrooms.









# OUTINGS SPOTS AROUND SARAJEVO

In addition to the many parks in Sarajevo, you can find the escape from the city bustle in outings only a few kilometers away from the city center. Sarajevo's outings, rich in greenery, offer peace and relaxation in a gorgeous, unspoiled nature. They are ideal for walking, running and cycling.







## BARICE AND ČAVLJAK

Resort Barice is only 9 kilometers away from Sarajevo. Yet another four kilometers of asphalted road leads from Barice to resort Čavljak, with a Mountain Lodge. Apart from the beautiful view of Sarajevo, you can also go cycling or take nature walks.

## SKAKAVAC WATERFALL NEAR SARAJEVO

Skakavac Waterfall is located about 12 kilometers away from Sarajevo, near the village of Nahorevo, on the small river of Skakavac which is situated in close proximity of the source of the Vogošća river. The rate of water flow is rather modest, but the height of the



waterfall of impressive 98 metres turns the plunging water into the finest watery mist, creating out of this world setting, earning this waterfall the well-deserved title of the highest and the most beautiful waterfall in Bosnia and Herzegovina and the fifth highest in the Balkans. The image of the waterfall during winter, when the ice captures it, creating an impression of incredible stillness, makes the trip to the site worthwhile even during short and often gloomy winter days. In addition to hikers and outdoor enthusiasts, the Skakavac trails are also enjoyed by mountain biking aficionados.







## PROTECTED LANDSCAPE “BIJAMBARE“

Forty kilometers north of Sarajevo lies a true gem, protected by law natural area of Bijambare, a favourite destination of those who seek salvation from the summer heat in the shade of thick coniferous forest.

In this protected tract, encompassing 370 ha, at altitude averaging 950 m/ASL, there are several beautiful meadows, sinkholes and underground streams of two creeks, and six caves. Visitors are able to go with



a guide around Bijambare main cave via a 400 meters long tourist trail adorned with cave ornaments (stalactites, stalagmites, curtains, basins, side-blocks).

The area of protected landscape “Bijambare“ is equipped with tables and benches for spending time outdoors, as well as with a playground for children – Wood town, and a restaurant with a diverse gastronomic choice. There are cycling, educational and forest trails.

At the main entrance of Bijambare you can choose whether you want to start your tour by a tourist train that runs through the forest for the length of two kilometers, or whether you will rent a bike or enjoy the landscape while hiking.







## SHOPPING IN SARAJEVO

There are several large, modern shopping centers in Sarajevo, in which everyone can find something for themselves. Some are concentrated in the space of only a few hundred meters. They all offer world-famous brands of high fashion, sports and children's clothing and technology, providing a unique shopping experience. Hair salons, fitness centres and bank branches are an integral part of each centre. You do not have to leave the shopping centre to enjoy interesting gastronomic facilities because they all offer a number of restaurants, bars, cafes and pastry shops. There is a playroom for the youngest visitors and a bowling alley for the adults. You can park your cars in the underground garages.





## ACCOMMODATION CAPACITY

The fact that every year a number of visitors increases proves that Sarajevo is an attractive and desirable destination to tourists from all over the world. The capital has a number of accommodation facilities that can satisfy the needs and respond to the demands of all guests. There is something for everybody, from luxury and famous 5\* or more

stars hotel chains, via motels, apartments, hostels, to private accommodation. According to the information from Booking.com, Sarajevo has more than 700 of accommodation units.

## GASTRO DELIGHTS

During the stay in the city on Miljacka, lovers of good food will enjoy the gastronomic offer. Apart from the traditional Bosnian cuisine, there are Mediterranean, Oriental and Asian cuisine, as well as a rich offer of places to eat, from pleasant restaurants to affordable quick bites. The most famous and most recognisable specialty is for certain Sarajevo ćevapi, but there are also various kinds of pies that you can eat in buregdžinica (pie making and selling places). For those who prefer a more modern

cuisine, there is a choice of international restaurants. Diverse gastronomic offer, from simple inns to gourmet restaurants, is certainly a great advantage for Sarajevo as a tourist destination.

## HARMONY OF BODY AND SPIRIT

The places where you can experience a total relaxation and complete your holiday are surely spa centres of which there are many in Sarajevo. Treat yourself to a moment just for yourself, free yourself from stress and nourish the mind, body and spirit with lavish spa treatments and massages. In addition to the classic ones, Sarajevo offers special spa centers intended only for women.





The Miljacka River, only 36 km long, has around twenty bridges across it which were built at various points in time during the Ottoman Empire up until today.











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