

BRIDGES WITHIN EUROPE & Monica's Network June 2017

TRANSFER FROM AIRPORT TO CITY CENTER

BY BUS - Approximately every 45 minutes/1 hour (Timetable link:

http://www.centrotrans.com/uimages/odrzavanje/08082016_NEWS_1_BIG.jpg)

Tickets are purchased on the bus, and the single ticket to the City center/Airport is 5 BAM/2,50 euros)

BY TAXI – There are many taxi services available outside the airport entrance. Prices vary from one taxi company to another (app. 20 KM/10 euros). It is recommended to agree on the price before entering the vehicle.

CITY TRANSPORT

Should you decide on public transport, there are tram, trolleybus, bus and minibus lines which you can take to reach all major locations in Sarajevo.

Trams run from Baščaršija to Ilidža (Line No. 3) and the ride takes about 30 minutes.

By taking a trolleybus, you'll be able to see the part of Sarajevo that runs along the left bank of the Miljacka River. Line No. 103 runs from Trg Austria to Dobrinja and takes about 30 minutes.

City buses link the parts of town that are not well-connected by tram or trolleybus lines and minibuses connect the center to outlying sections of Sarajevo up on the surrounding hills.

The most important bus route runs from Vijećnica (City Hall) to the part of town called Dobrinja (Line No. 31A).

A bus line runs between the International Sarajevo airport and Baščaršija and coincides with flight timetables.

Buses to Bjelašnica, Igman and Jahorina run only during the winter season.

The lines that run between East Sarajevo and Pale leave the bus station in East Sarajevo several times a day.

Tickets are required for any form of public transportation and they can be purchased at kiosks (for 1.60 KM) or from the driver (for 1.80 KM). You must have your tickets “punched” upon entering the vehicle.

There are also multi-ride tickets available for the trams, which are ideal if you plan on using public transport for getting around town.

HOTELS

There are many hotels and accommodations to choose from in Sarajevo, here are some of our suggestions. The prices listed are the approximate prices and may vary depending of the date.

Hotel Europe *****

(<http://www.hoteleurope.ba/index.html>)

Single room 112,50 €/night

Double room 133,50 €/night

Reservations are to be made directly to the hotel

E-mail reservation@hoteleurope.ba

Tel +387 (0)33 580 400, 580 500

Fax +387 (0)33 580 580

Courtyard by Marriott Sarajevo ****

(<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/sijcy-courtyard-sarajevo/>)

Single room 127 €/night

Double room 127 €/night

Reservations are to be made directly to the hotel

E-mail welcome@courtyardsarajevo.com

Tel +387 (0)33 954 500

Fax +387 (0)33 954 501

Residence Inn by Marriot Sarajevo ****

(<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/sjri-residence-inn-sarajevo/>)

Single room 128€/night

Double room 135 €/night

Reservations are to be made directly to the hotel

E-mail welcome@sjri.com

Tel +387 (0)33 563 600

Fax +387 (0)33 563 601

Sarajevo City Boutique Hotel ****

(<http://www.cityhotel.ba/>)

Standard double room 100€/night

Reservations are to be made directly to the hotel

E mail info@cityhotel.ba

Tel +387 (0)33 566 850

Fax +387 (0)33 566 877

Hotel Bosnia ****

(<http://www.bosniahotels.com/>)

Single room 97 €/night

Double room 117 €/night

Reservations are to be made directly to the hotel

E mail info@bosniahotels.com

Tel +387 (0)33 567 010

Fax +387 (0)33 444 572

Hotel Cosmopolit ****

(<http://www.cosmopolithotel.com/>)

Single room 68 €/night

Double room 80 €/night

Reservations are to be made directly to the hotel

E mail hotel.cosmopolit.sa@gmail.com

Tel +387 (0)33 251 100

Hotel Hecco Deluxe ****

(http://www.heccodeluxe.com/l2_eng/index.html)

Single room 80 €/night

Double room 90 €/night

Reservations are to be made directly to the hotel

E mail heccodeluxe@gmail.com

Tel +387 (0)33 558 995

Fax: +387 (0)33 559 995

Hotel Art ****

(<http://www.hotelart.ba/>)

Single room 83 €/night

Double room 92 €/night

Reservations are to be made directly to the hotel

E mail info@hotelart.ba

Tel +387 (0)33 232 855, +387 (0)33 232 854

Fax +387 (0)33 232 860

Hotel Hollywood (Ilidža) ****

(<http://www.hotel-hollywood.ba/2/index.php/en/>)

Single room 40 €/night

Double room 65 €/night

Reservations are to be made directly to the hotel

E mail info@hotel-hollywood.ba

Tel 387 (0)33 77 31 00

Fax +387 (0)33 77 31 45

Hotel Bosna 1 (Ilidža) ****

(<http://www.hotelbosna.ba/en/index.htm>)

Single room 67 €/night

Double room 72 €/night

Reservations are to be made directly to the hotel

E mail info@hotelbosna.ba

Tel 387 (0)33 771 340

Fax +387 (0)33 771 341

Spa Hotel Terme (Ilidža) ****

(<http://www.hoteliilidza.ba/hoteli/terme/txt.php?id=17>)

Single room 41 €/night

Double room 63 €/night

Reservations are to be made directly to the hotel

Tel +387 (0)33 772 000

Fax +387 (0)33 772 000

Hotel Astra Sarajevo ***

[\(http://www.hotel-astra.com.ba/\)](http://www.hotel-astra.com.ba/)

Single room 70 €/night

Double room 90 €/night

Reservations are to be made directly to the hotel

E mail reception@hotelastra.ba

Tel +387 (0)33 252 100

Fax +387 (0)33 209 939

Hotel Astra Garni ***

[\(http://www.astra-garni.com.ba/\)](http://www.astra-garni.com.ba/)

Single room 70 €/night

Double room 90 €/night

Reservations are to be made directly to the hotel

E mail reception@hotelastragarni.ba

Tel +387 (0)33 475 100

Fax +387 (0)33 476 300

Hotel Bistrik ***

[\(http://hotelbistrik.com/\)](http://hotelbistrik.com/)

Single room 70 €/night

Double room 75 €/night

Reservations are to be made directly to the hotel

Email info@hotelbistrik.com

Tel +387 (0)33 475 475

Fax +387 (0)33 475 476

Hotel Old Sarajevo ***

[\(http://hoteloldsarajevo.com/\)](http://hoteloldsarajevo.com/)

Single room 60 €/night

Double room 70 €/night

Reservations are to be made directly to the hotel

E mail hotel@oldsarajevo.com

Tel +387 (0)33 573 555

Hotel Ahar (Ilidža) ***

<https://www.hotels.com/ho335888/ahar-hotel-sarajevo-bosnia-and-herzegovina>

Single room 24 €/night

Double room 40 €/night

Reservations are to be made directly to the hotel

Tel +387 (0)33 688 028

RESTAURANTS

Kibe Mahala

Located on a hillside overlooking the city, the Kibe Mahala offers one of the most stunning views of Sarajevo. The view is not the restaurant's only attraction however; it also serves delicious Bosnian dishes, including the house specialty: spit-roast lamb. To accompany these traditional dishes Kibe Mahala also offers an assortment of wines from throughout the region. Adding to the ambience of the restaurant, two guitarists play traditional Bosnian music and even take requests. As the restaurant is very popular it is best to make reservations in advance. It is also advisable to take a taxi to the restaurant, as it is quite far uphill.

Kibe Mahala, Vrbanjuša 164, 71000 Sarajevo, BiH, +387 33 441 936

Mala Kuhinja

The team at Mala Kuhinja offers one of the most exceptional dining experiences in Sarajevo. Inspired by Asian cuisine, the chef prepares dishes that fuse Asian and Balkan culinary traditions to produce a combination of flavors you'd be hard pressed to find anywhere else in the world. There is no menu here. Instead, the waiter chats with customers and suggests dishes that are tailored to your culinary tastes. Diners are seated at tables overlooking the open kitchen, meaning that you can also watch your meal being prepared.

Mala Kuhinja, Tina Ujevića 13, 7100 Sarajevo, BiH, +387 61 144 741

Pivnica HS

Built in 1864, the Sarajevo brewery first began producing beer under Ottoman rule. Later, beer became a favored beverage for the Austro-Hungarian monarchy and short-lived Kingdom of Serbs, Croats and Slovenes. During the siege of Sarajevo the brewery provided the only source of clean water to residents. The establishment has stood the test of time; the brewery continues to produce the most popular beer in Sarajevo and has won more awards for its quality than any other beer in the world. In 2004 the brewery opened its restaurant Pivnica HS, so that visitors could sample the different beers made at the Sarajevo Brewery, while enjoying a selection of hearty Bosnian dishes.

Sarajevo Brewery, Franjevačka 15, 71000 Sarajevo, BiH, +387 33 239 740

Avlija

Located slightly uphill outside of the touristy centre, Avlija is the place to be if you want to experience the city like a Sarajevan. The interior can be described as cozy, charming and funky, with potted plants hanging from the ceiling and an eclectic array of treasures hanging on the walls. The menu lists traditional dishes such as klepe, polenta and Bosnian grill alongside international dishes. Avlija is the type of restaurant where families, friends and co-workers go to enjoy good food and talk late into the night. For great food on a budget with a relaxed atmosphere, Avlija is not to be missed.

Avlija, Sumbula Avde 2, 71 000 Sarajevo, BiH, + 387 33 444 483

Dveri

Though located in the city centre, Dveri's interior transports diners to the countryside. The menu includes many Balkan favorites like homemade bread, ajvar and Dalmatian prosciutto as starters. Main courses highlight Dveri's different take on traditional plates. Traditional dishes like polenta, goulash and stuffed veal are served alongside non-traditional options including squid, risotto and pork dishes. Diners can top off the meal with one of Dveri's wide

range of fruit rakia or a traditional Bosnian coffee. With an intimate feel and affordable prices, Dveri is an ideal place to enjoy traditional Balkan cuisine at its best.

Dveri, Prote Bakovica 12, Old Town, 71000 Sarajevo, BiH, +387 33 537 020

Restoran 4 Sobe Gospode Safije

Restoran 4 Sobe Gospođe Safije, which translates to ‘The Four Rooms of Mrs. Safije’, is located in a beautifully restored house that was built in 1910 by an Austrian count who fell in love with a beautiful woman from Sarajevo named Safije. The house now encompasses an elegant restaurant, charming garden, sophisticated wine bar and a cozy lounge. The story of the forbidden affair by the original owners inspired the current owners to create an intimate atmosphere that preserves the building’s romantic history. The restaurant’s chefs have created two menus, one for Safije that offers Bosnian dishes with a modern twist, and one for Johan that includes a blend of culinary influences ranging from India to Mexico.

Restoran 4 Sobe Gospođe Safije, Čekaluša 61, Sarajevo, BiH, +387 33 202 745

Restoran Vinoteka

With more than 100 types to choose from, Restoran Vinoteka is a great place to try local wines. In the past, the Balkan wine region has gained little attention compared to the more popular wine-producing countries in Europe. Recently though, Balkan wine has grown in popularity with more wine aficionados visiting the region to discover new flavors. Vinoteka is one restaurant that is leading the trend by offering a wide range of local selections. Its wine list includes reds and whites from Bosnia, Croatia and Slovenia, as well as selections from outside the Balkan region. The internationally themed menu offers Mediterranean cuisine, wok-prepared dishes, risotto and a large selection of fish.

Restoran Vinoteka, Skenderija 12, 71000 Sarajevo, BiH, +387 33 214 996

All of the restaurants listed have bigger capacity, suitable for large groups of people. Reservations possible.

SARAJEVO TOURS & SIGHTSEEINGS

Times of Misfortune (€25.00)

This tour provides a glimpse of what Sarajevans had to go through during the Siege (1992-1995). You’ll start off by visiting a site that offers one of the best views of the city and you’ll receive some basic information about the Siege of Sarajevo. You’ll then visit a cemetery where the defenders of Sarajevo are buried. On the way to the tunnel you’ll find out everything about the breakup of Yugoslavia and the aims of the war, as well as what it was like to live without food, electricity, water or gas; how children attended school and what

sort of cultural and sport activities there were during the Siege. As you drive along Sniper Alley you'll have an opportunity to hear more interesting stories about life during the war. At the Tunnel of Hope Museum you'll pass through 20 meters of the original tunnel and watch a film about the war in Sarajevo, and then your guide will explain the role of the tunnel while the city was under siege, while also sharing stories about its construction and the ways in which it was used.

On the way back to town you'll pass through the Republic of Srpska and hear about how the war ended, as well as information on BiH's constitution and the current political situation.

You'll also visit one vantage point where grenades were fired at Sarajevo during the war.

<http://sarajevo.travel/en/tours/times-of-misfortune/3>

Eat, Pray, Love (€30.00)

Are you interested in getting acquainted with the history, culture and food of Sarajevo? If so, then this is the right tour for you! You'll enjoy the beauty of Vijećnica, a world symbol of the meeting of civilizations and the most representative structure from the Austro-Hungarian period in Bosnia and Herzegovina; hear the incredible story of Inat Kuća, then stroll along the narrow and winding streets which display trades that have been active since the 15th century. You'll discover Baščaršija, Sarajevo's old market place which was built during the Ottoman period; drink water from Sebilj, the fountain that serves as a symbol of Sarajevo, and learn about the differences between burek and other types of pita.

Did you know that in Sarajevo it's possible to pray in four different houses of God, all of which are located only a few hundred meters from one another? This is why some call Sarajevo "a European Jerusalem".

You'll experience Sarajevo hospitality in your fildžan (demitasse) of coffee and come to appreciate the significance of the coffee drinking ritual. You'll also see the very spot where the world's two halves – East and West – meet and, at the end of the tour, you'll be able to try some Bosnian baklava, which is sure to top off your day!

<http://sarajevo.travel/en/tours/eat-pray-love/1>

Free Tour (€0.00)

If this is your first time in Sarajevo and you'd like to discover the main attractions in town, then you should make good use of the free tour offered by Insider Tour Agency! As you take

an easy stroll through the heart of town you'll acquire tons of interesting information on the history, society and architecture of Sarajevo and come to learn what Bosnians are like.

Discover and experience the capital city of BiH through the eyes of Sarajevo Insider, which will try its best to provide a real picture of Sarajevo's past and present while striving to gain the greatest reward possible – your satisfaction.

<http://sarajevo.travel/en/tours/free-tour/4>

Jewish Tour (€25.00)

The end of the 15th century marked the end of a peaceful way of life for one nation. The fall of Grenada in 1492 commenced a period of persecution for Jews living in Spain and Portugal. Learn how Sarajevans came to accept their new neighbors, Sephardic Jews, in the 16th century and what life was like in Sijavuš Pasha's Mahala (Jewish Quarter).

The tour will provide answers to questions about how Sarajevo's Jews made their living, what kinds of songs they sang, the culinary specialties they prepared, as well as a bit about the Ladino language. You'll also hear stories about Sarajevo's Sephardic and Ashkenazi Jewish communities – their lives, joys, suffering, persecution, their eternal resting places and even the places where they defied death and this earthly transience.

<http://sarajevo.travel/en/tours/jewish-tour/5>

Sarajevo Grand Tour (€30.00)

This tour will help you discover places and customs that are unique to this part of the world.

First you'll visit the spot where the Sarajevo Assassination (one of three events that are most often associated with Sarajevo) took place and then you'll continue by walking over to the other side of the Miljacka River to visit the Emperor's Mosque, which is near the part of town where Sarajevo was first founded. Next you'll visit the Church of St. Anthony of Padua and Franciscan Monastery, then take an easy walk up to the picturesque neighborhood of Alifakovac, and the cemetery by the same name, which offers a wonderful view of the old town, Vijećnica, Mount Trebević, many mahalas, the remains of old fortresses, the Jajce Barracks, Sarajevo Brewery....

Then you'll make your way down to the right side of the Miljacka and visit the heart of old Sarajevo – Baščaršija. You can drink some water from the famous fountain, Sebilj, on Baščaršija's main square, which is one of the symbols of Sarajevo. A visit to Svrzo's House will help you see how people lived during the Ottoman period and then you'll go see the old Orthodox Church, one of the most beautiful of its kind in the region.

You'll be able to try some real Bosnian coffee in Morića Han, the city's last caravanserai, and will pay a visit to Bey's Mosque and hear the story of the man who built most of old Sarajevo – Gazi Husrev Bey. After passing through the Jewish Quarter and seeing the Old Temple, it's on to Sarajevo's Cathedral of Jesus' Sacred Heart. The tour comes to an end with a visit to the City Market and Markale Green Market, which was the site of two terrible massacres during the Siege of Sarajevo.

<http://sarajevo.travel/en/tours/sarajevo-grand-tour/6>

Sarajevo Walking Tour (€12.00)

Sarajevo has so much to offer its visitors and Insider Tour Agency will help reveal all of Sarajevo's secrets by introducing you to its mysterious streets and alleys. Insider Tour Agency will take you to the main architectural points of interest from the Ottoman and Austro-Hungarian periods. Insider will show you the unique spot where East and West meet, you'll be able to enjoy the aroma of freshly-made coffee and the assorted flavors that can be used when smoking nargila, and then there's the sound of church bells and ezans (calls for prayer) from minarets.

Learn more about the Sarajevo Assassination, which led to the outbreak of the First World War, and discover why Sarajevo is called "a European Jerusalem".

<http://sarajevo.travel/en/tours/sarajevo-walking-tour/7>

Sarajevo Assassination (€20.00)

The Sarajevo Assassination is an incident that left an indelible mark on the history of Sarajevo. During this tour you'll come to learn about the reasons for the First World War, the political climate in Europe leading up to 1914 and how the Sarajevo Assassination changed the course of world history. You'll visit major objects built during the period of Austro-Hungarian rule in Bosnia and Herzegovina, receive important information on the influence Austro-Hungary had on the development of BiH and you'll have an opportunity to discuss the far-reaching consequences that the assassination had on the entire world.

Find out what happened to members of the organization, Mlada Bosna (Young Bosnia), and how the assassin – Gavrilo Princip – is viewed today.

<http://sarajevo.travel/en/tours/sarajevo-assassination/9>

The tunnel of hope (€15.00)

1425 days of the siege, 500 000 shells were fired at the city. The longest siege in modern warfare – it lasted three times as long as the siege of Stalingrad. The ring of the siege spread in the length of 200 km around the city. The tunnel was the only way in and out of the city for the population of Sarajevo and for supplies. The tunnel itself is a wonder of creation as it was constructed, planned and dug in secret in a period of 3 months with workers working round the clock and receiving payment as a pack of cigarettes (which was a great commodity in war times) for digging from both ends and removing 2800 square meters of soil and finally connecting the two ends of the tunnel on June 30th 1993. This tour is focused and shows you the resistance and spirit of the people of the city and their fight for freedom.

<http://tours.ba/tours/the-tunnel-of-hope/>

Sarajevo under the siege (€25.00)

The Siege of Sarajevo is known in the world as the longest modern military siege of a city that lasted 3 years, 10 months, 3 weeks and 3 days. The siege started in 1992 and lasted until 1995. Our tour guides will be sure to explain to you the complicated and intricate life of Sarajevo during the war and during the siege of the city. You will be shown the scars that remain in the city and around it. The buildings, stories and secrets of Sarajevo that lasted and endured the siege and their stories.

<http://tours.ba/tours/sarajevo-under-the-siege/>

Sarajevo walking tour (€12.00)

During this tour you will feel as though you have stepped back in time. Sarajevo is one of the most historically curious and diverse cities in Europe. It is an illustration of historical turbulences and the clash of civilizations, as well as a beacon of hope for peace and tolerance through multi-cultural integration.

<http://tours.ba/tours/sarajevo-walking-tour/>

Sarajevo's History Mini-Bus Tour (€25.00)

Explore the troubled history of Bosnia and Herzegovina, and gain insight into the Siege of Sarajevo on this 3-hour Sarajevo minibus tour. Travel through Sarajevo with a guide and hear of life in the city when civil war raged. Take in sites of interest including City Hall, the National Library of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Skenderija market and Zetra Olympic Hall, and

learn of the heavy shelling by opposing factions during the battle. Visit Sniper Alley and the Tunnel Museum, and upgrade to explore the city with a private guide.

<https://www.tripadvisor.com/AttractionProductDetail?product=21177P1&d=2254921&aidSuffix=xsell&partner=Viator>

Sarajevo Cultural Walking Tour with Local Food Tasting (€27.00)

Interested in the history, culture and food of the city? This is the tour for you! Meet your guide and embrace the spirit of Sarajevo in every possible way. Admire the symbol of the Austro-Hungarian rule, hear the story about the Spite House, go through two streets where you'll learn more about different crafts which have existed in Sarajevo since 15th century.

<https://www.tripadvisor.com/AttractionProductDetail?product=21177P3&d=2254921&aidSuffix=xsell&partner=Viator>