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WELCOME TO BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA!

BASIC INFO

Capital and the largest city:
Sarajevo

Total area: 51,129 m²

Population: 3.832.201 (per
2015)

Currency: Convertible Mark
(BAM)

Official languages: Bosnian,
Croatian, Serbian

Call number: 387

Internet TDL: ba



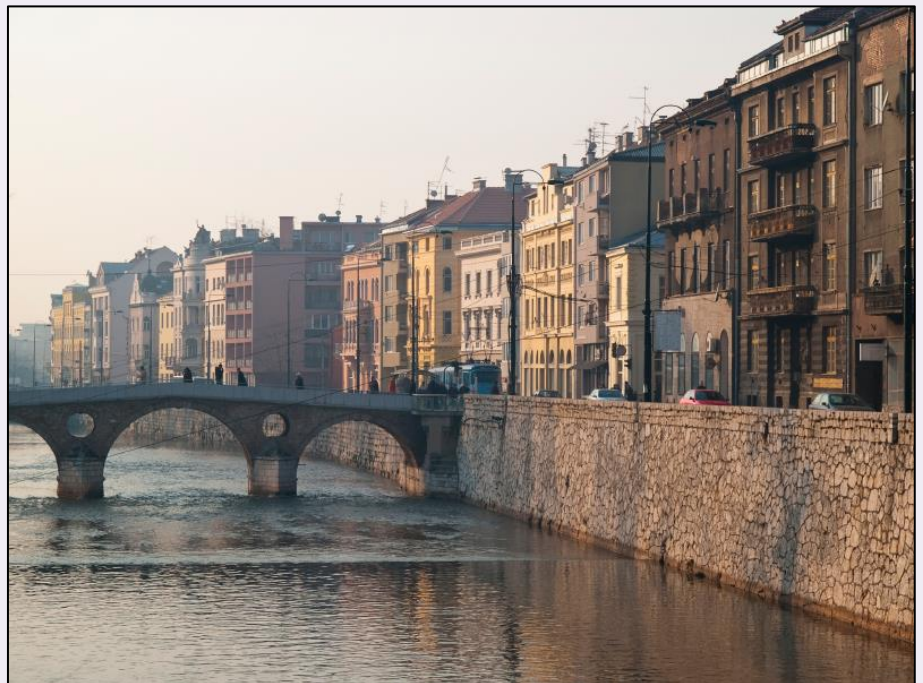
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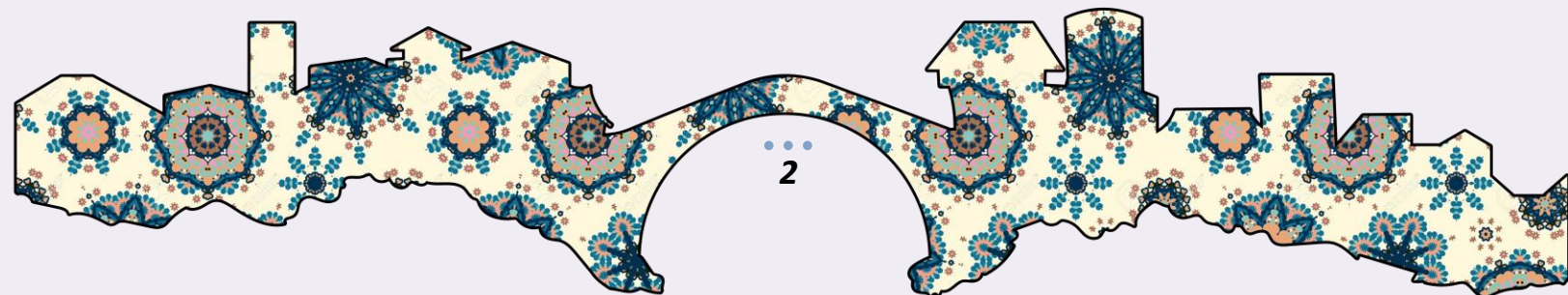
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124 ambulance



Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina



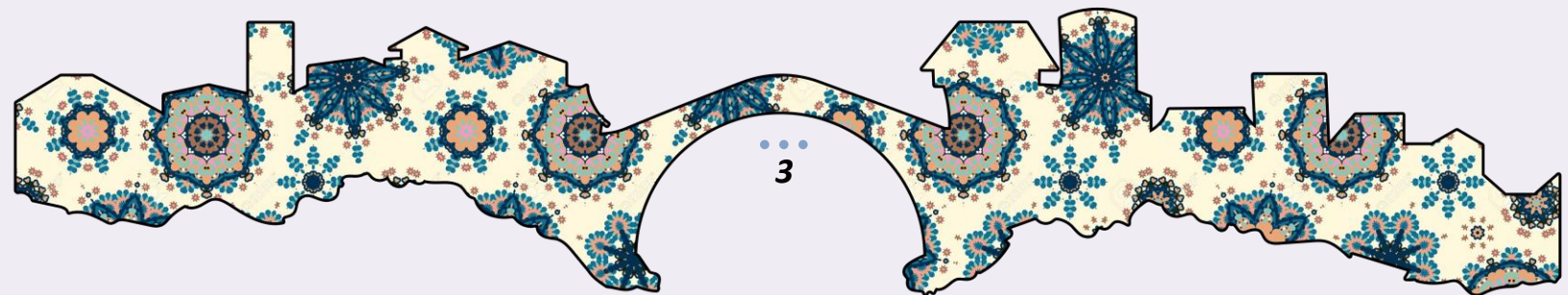
HISTORY IN A NUTSHELL

Throughout the history, BiH was under of many different rules, cultures, traditions and religions – from the Roman and Byzantine Empires to the Ottoman and Austro-Hungarian rule. During the Middle ages, the territory was known as the *Kingdom of Bosnia* – a medieval kingdom. Following the WWI, BiH became part of the Kingdom of Serbs, Croats and Slovenes, which was eventually renamed the Kingdom of Yugoslavia. After WWII, BiH became one of th six Yugoslav republics, which lasted for the next decades. Finally, on the 1st of March 1992, BiH declared independence, becoming one of the youngest European countries at that time.

CUISINE

People in Bosnia are very hospitable and it is considered a nice gesture to accept food and drinks offered by locals. Coffee culture is very strong in this part of the Balkans, so this especially goes for taking a cup of traditional Bosnian coffee. You can also often be offered with rakija, which is made of plums (šljivovica) or grapes (loza).

Bosnian cuisine, like everything else, is influenced by the West and the East. Most dishes in Bosnian are light; as they consume several spices, water and sauces. The main meat dishes include lamb and beef. Usual ingredients include cabbage, carrots, cucumbers, dried beans, garlic, milk, mushrooms, onion, peppers, plums, potatotes, pilaf and sarma!



WELCOME TO THE JEWEL OF HERZEGOVINA – MOSTAR!

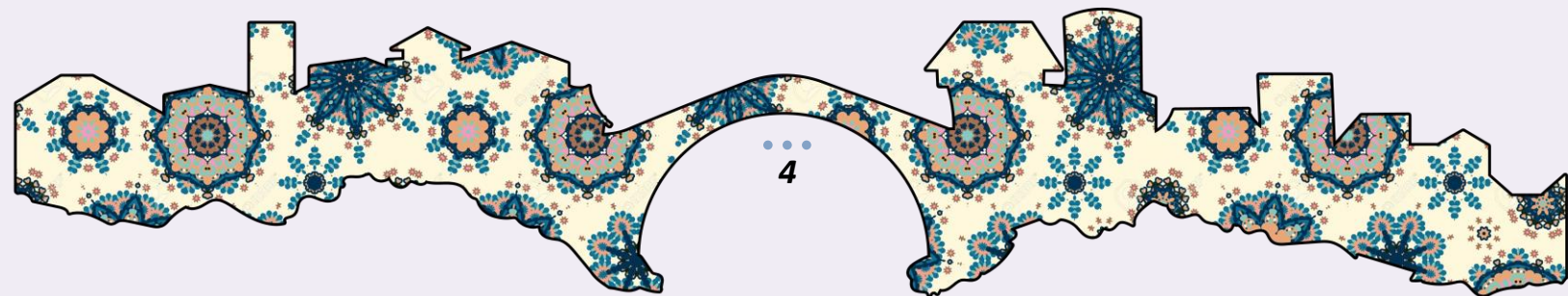
The city of Mostar - the jewel of Herzegovina! This is a place with beautiful landscapes, rich history and above all – a true clash of civilizations!

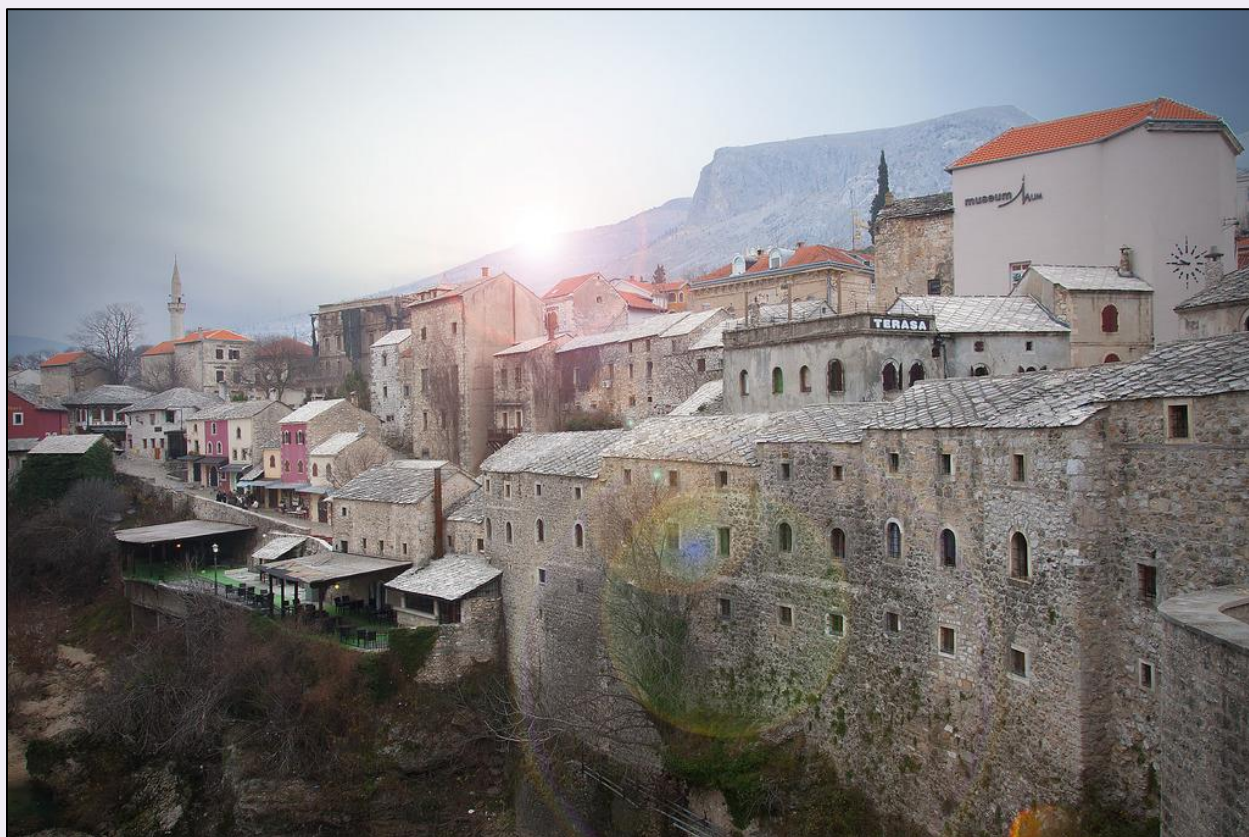
Mostar was founded in the 15th century and was an important Ottoman regional center until the late 19th century. Named after the men who guarded its Old Bridge, Stari Most, the town passed from the Ottomans to the Austro-Hungarian Empire in the late 19th century. After WWI, it became a part of newly-formed Yugoslavia.



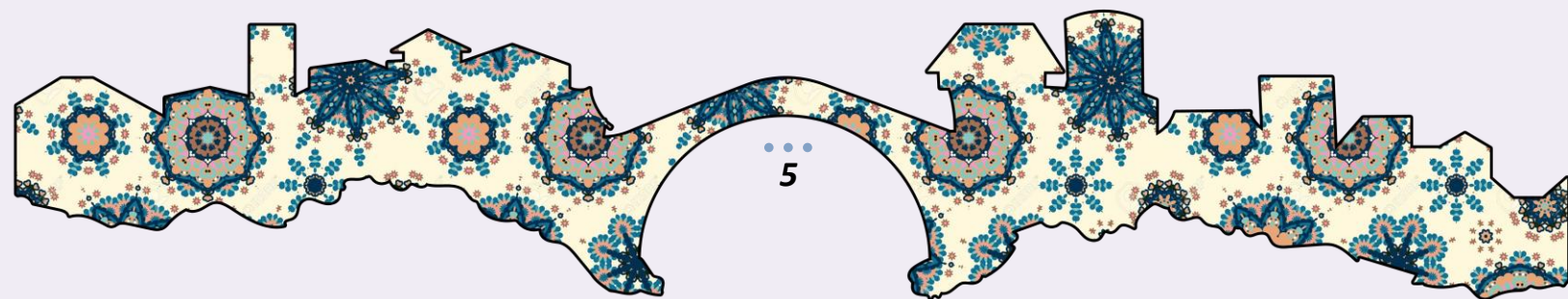
Engulfed in war after Bosnia and Herzegovina declared independence in 1992, the town was shelled repeatedly. Its Old Town, including its celebrated bridge, was all but destroyed.

After the war ended, UNESCO and donor nations launched a five-year project to rebuild the historic Old Town and the bridge in an effort to heal the deep ethnic divide that characterized the destruction. The resulting reconstruction was inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List in 2005.





“When you spend a night in Mostar, it is not the sound that wakes you up in the morning, but – the light. I know this from my own experience. It was the light that welcomed me when I arrived, it followed me from the morning to the evening, and when I left, that light stayed in me as the main characteristic of my memories of Mostar...” – Ivo Andrić

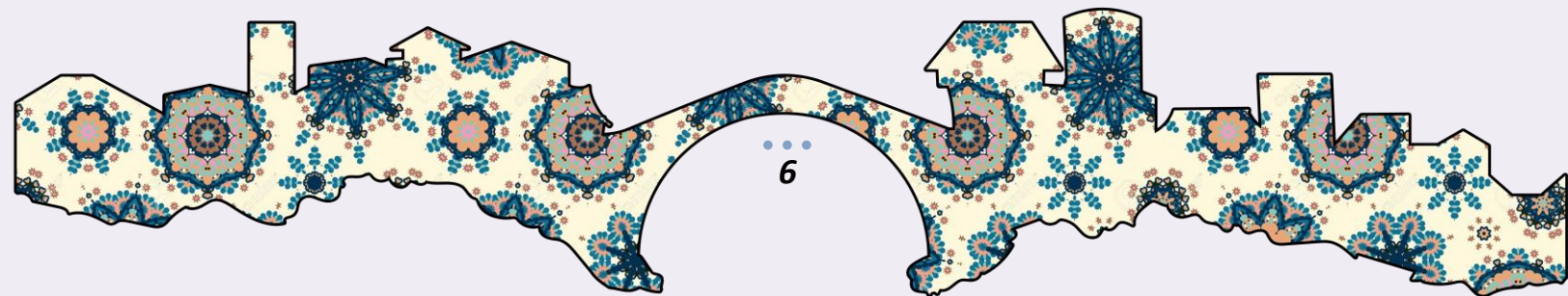


INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

- ➔ One of the Europe's last jungles is in Bosnia! Situated on the border of Montenegro, Perućica is one of two remaining primeval forests in Europe. Some of the trees in Perućica are 300 years old, and the undisturbed forest vintage dates back 20,000 year!
- ➔ Sarajevo was the first city in Europe with a full-time electric tram!
- ➔ The 1984 Olympic games were held in Sarajevo, which at the time was part of Yugoslavia.
- ➔ The name „Bosnia“ comes from an Indo – European word *Bosana*, which means water!
- ➔ Bosnia has the tenth highest coffee consumption per capital in the world!



Perućica jungle



HOW TO GET TO MOSTAR?

→ A very useful page when looking for routes and means of transport→
<https://www.rome2rio.com/>

BY PLANE

Mostar airport

Address: Ortiješ b.b PP04 88000 Mostar, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Tel: +387 (0)36 352 770

E-mail: info@mostar-airport.ba

For more info: <http://mostar-airport.ba/en/>



Mostar's small airport is located about 8km southward from the bus and train station. There is actually a very small number of flights arriving and departing from this airport and the schedule with regular flights isn't available. But there are seasonal flights, so it's not that ancient after all.

How to get from the airport to the city center and hostel?

Upon arrival you can take a taxi to take you right to the hotel (or to the east bus station from where you can easily come to the hotel by foot). That will stand you 5-7€ depending on a taxi service.

Numbers of taxi services in Mostar:

Ammi taxi Phone: 1512	Viber: 061339338
Pink taxi Phone: 1507	Viber: 063150011
Hey taxi Phone: 1502	Viber: 062270777
MojTaxi Phone: 1503	Viber: 063150300

→From 3rd of May (what a coincidence!) direct flights are available on relations Zagreb – Mostar (Thursdays and Sundays) and Mostar – Zagreb (Mondays and Fridays). Return tickets for only 89€.

For more info: <http://www.croatiaairlines.com>

Sarajevo airport

Address: J.P. Meunarodni aerodrom „Sarajevo“ d.o.o. Sarajevo Kurta Schorka 35, 71210 Sarajevo Bosna i Hercegovina

Tel: + 387 (0)33 289 100

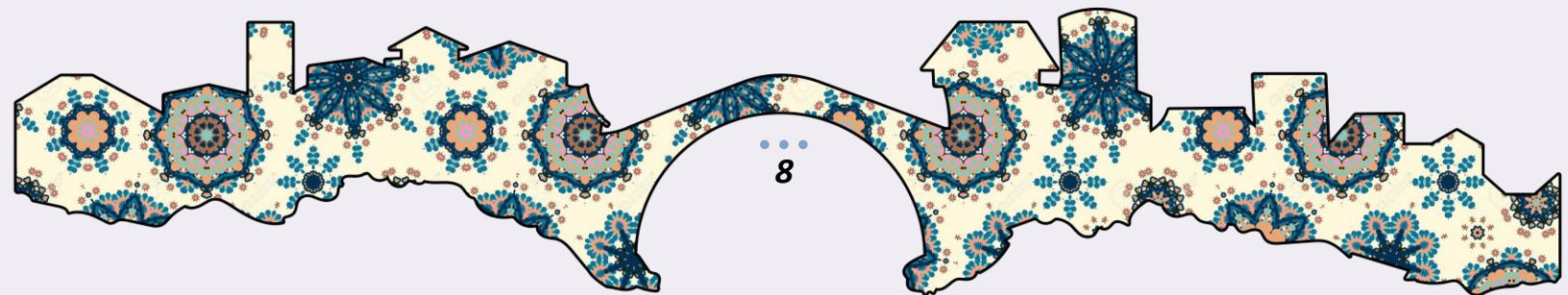
For more info: <http://www.sarajevo-airport.ba>

Upon arrival at Sarajevo Airport you have to take a taxi as there are no public means of transport, in order to reach the bus station that connects Sarajevo to Mostar, with daily services running every 2 hours. From Sarajevo railway station, you can take a train that leaves for Čapljina and stops at Mostar station also!

You can easily come to Mostar from airports in Dubrovnik or Split (Croatia). More airlines fly to these so you may find it more approachable or cheaper, here is more info, so check it out:

Dubrovnik <http://airport-dubrovnik.hr/index.php/en/>

Split <http://www.split-airport.hr/index.php?lang=en>



BY BUS!

If you decide to travel by the wonder of the transportation evolution known as bus, there are many buses that go directly to Mostar.

Here are some web pages where you can check and/or buy tickets:

- <https://www.eurolines.de/en/home/>
- <https://busticket4.me/EN>
- <http://www.autobusni-kolodvor.com/en/default.aspx>
- <https://www.globtour.com/en/naslovnica/>



There are two bus stations in Mostar – East and West.

*Note: tell the driver that you exit at the EAST station to make life easier for yourself. Seriously, it would be definitely easier, because the Hotel you'll be staying in is very close to the East station.

But in every case, do inform us on which station you're going to exit!

EAST

(Bus Station) Trg Ivana Krndelja b.b., tel. + 387 (0)36 552025;
tel. + 387 (0)36 552 026; autoprevozbismo@bih.net.ba
Web: www.autoprevoz-bus.ba

WEST

(Bus Station) Vukovarska b.b.;
tel. +387 (0)36 348 680; +387 (0)36 348 619

BY TRAIN!

Sarajevo railway station: 033 665 530

Address: Put života 2, Sarajevo 71000

Mostar railway station: 036 550608

Address: Trg Ivana Krndelja 1, Mostar 88000 (same as the east bus station)

For more info: <http://www.zfbh.ba/zfbhenx/index.php>

Railways have two regular lines that connect Sarajevo and Mostar, with final destination in Čapljina.

The train **723** from Sarajevo to Čapljina departs every morning at 7:07am and makes a stop in Mostar at 9:00.

The other one, **721**, departs from Sarajevo at 16:50 and arrives in Mostar at 18:45 (mandatory seat reservation when purchasing a ticket at the ticket office).

Our trains don't run internationally, there are just local lines.

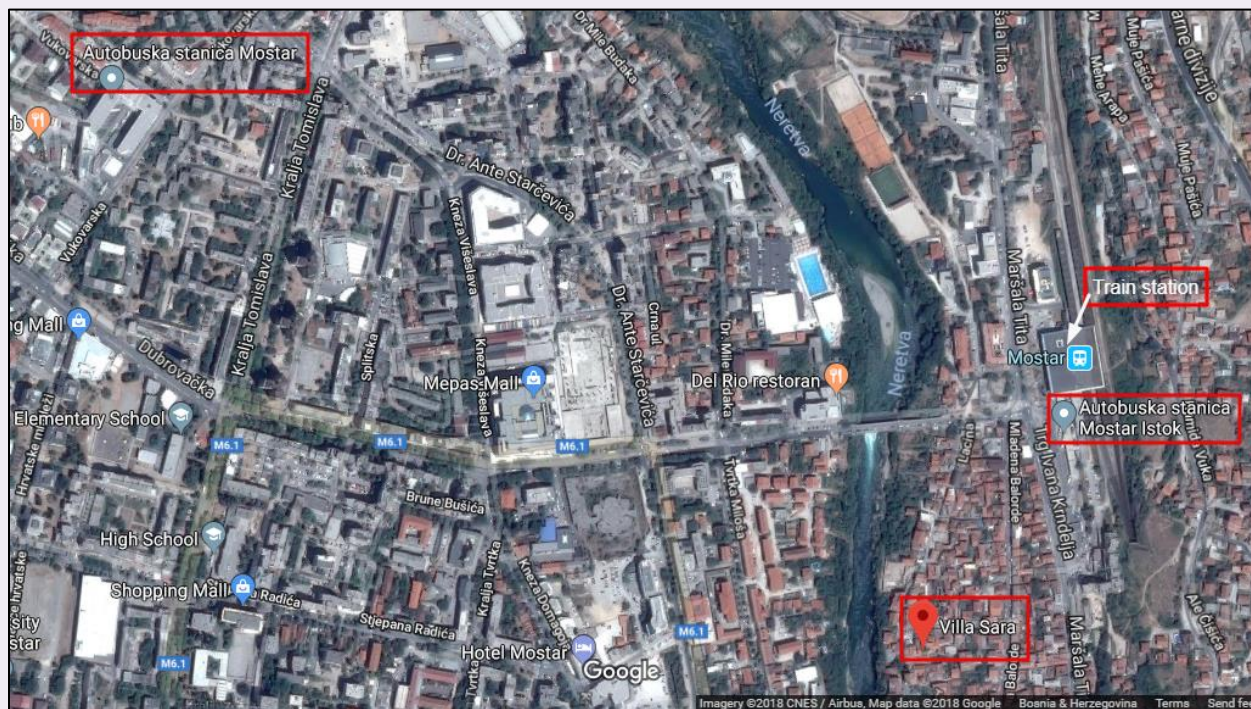
You can also find this website very useful: <https://www.rome2rio.com/>

Delays may happen always so just be aware of that. But also be aware that this two hour journey is for some such a mesmerizing experience, click and see just one part of it: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JJvChQzuLfk> <3



Train „Ćiro“, a legendary steam locomotive that ran on the railways of Yugoslavia from 1893 until 1978.

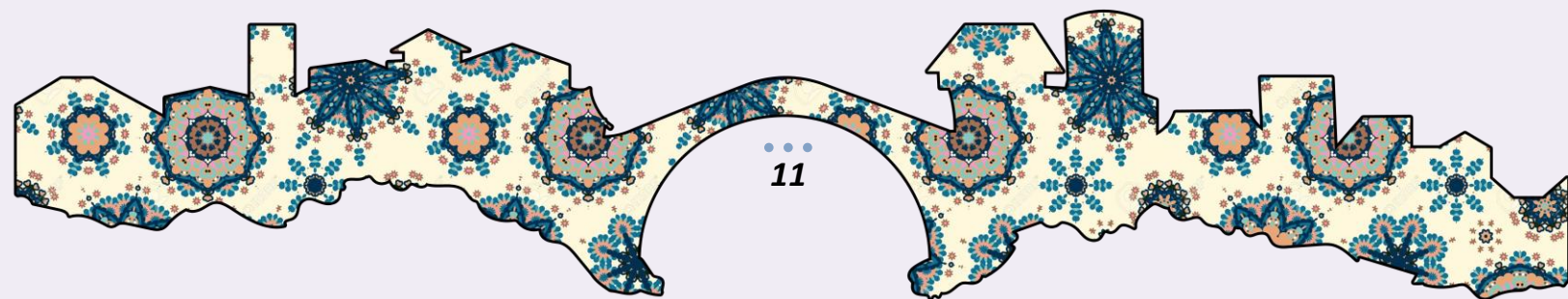
For you to have a better insight, here is how it looks in Mostar! Here's a map with rounded stations and the Hotel where you will be staying. If you go by bus be careful, because some buses go first on the West and then on the East station, and you need to leave the bus at the EAST station!



BY CAR!

Here are the fuel prices so you guys who are going to take a car ride have these info here. At the time of writing this (March 2018) fuel prices in Bosnia and Herzegovina are (prices are in BAM. 1€ = 1,96 BAM):

95 BMB	2.16 BAM
98 BMB	2.21 BAM
DIZEL	2.16 BAM



MONEY, MONEY, MONEY

Currency: BAM (Bosnia and Herzegovina convertible mark)

At the time of writing this, the exchange rate were:

1€ = 1.96 BAM

1\$ = 1.59 BAM

Money can be exchanged in banks, exchange offices and post offices at the current rate of exchange. The only legal tender in Bosnia and Herzegovina is the Bosnia and Herzegovina convertible mark. Shops in Old Town may accept Euros but be sure to always have some money in convertible marks (BAM) with you.

Here's how Bosnian marks look:



SOME PRICES:

PRODUCT	PRICE IN BAM
Beer	2 – 4
Beer in store 0.5l	1.5 – 2
Water 1l	1 – 2
Cigarettes	4 – 6
Milk 1l	1.2 – 1.5
Coffee	1 - 2.5
Kebab	3 – 5
Hamburger	2 – 4
1 slice of pizza	1.5 – 2
1 shot of rakija	0.5 – 2
Chips 150g	2 – 2.5
Chocolate	1 – 5

OTHER IMPORTANT INFO

FEES

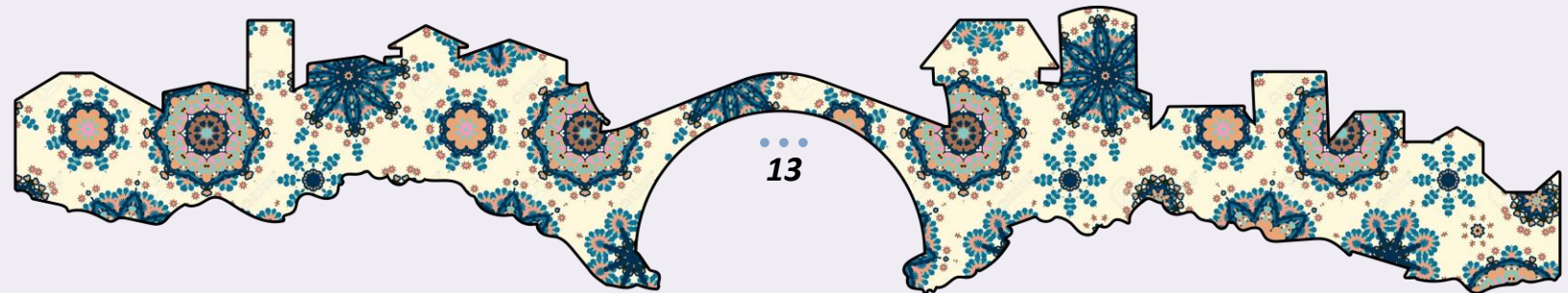
Fees and deposits are calculated through 5 categories which define the different amount of the fees and deposits to be paid by students from countries in which BEST is present with at least one university.

Fee is collected upon your arrival!

For Spring Season 2018 division is:

- 100% of the fee and 60.0 euros deposit: Austria, Denmark, Germany, Iceland, Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland.
- 80% of the fee and 50.0 euros deposit: Belgium, Czech Republic, Finland, France, Italy, Spain.
- 60% of the fee and 40.0 euros deposit: Estonia, Greece, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia.
- 40% of the fee and 30.0 euros deposit: Bulgaria, Croatia, Romania, Russian Federation, Turkey.
- 20% of the fee and 20.0 euros deposit: Bosnia And Herzegovina, Macedonia, The Former Yugoslav Republic Of, Moldova, Republic Of, Montenegro, Serbia, Ukraine.

Here you can find more → <https://best.eu.org/courses/countryCategories.jsp>



SMALL BOSNIAN DICTIONARY

Slav it up!

ENGLISH	BOSNIAN
YES	DA
NO	NE
HELLO	ZDRAVO
PLEASE	MOLIM
GOOD MORNING	DOBRO JUTRO
GOOD NIGHT	LAKU NOĆ
GOODBYE	ZBOGOM, ČAO
HOW ARE YOU	KAKO SI?
I'M SORRY	OPROSTI
I'M FINE	DOBAR DOBAR
HELP	POMOĆ
TEA	ČAJ
WATER	VODA
BON APPETIT	PRIJATNO
I DON'T UNDERSTAND	NE RAZUMIJEM, NE KONTAM
EXCUSE ME	OPROSTI
WHERE'S THE TOILET?	GDJE JE TOALET
I LOVE YOU	VOLIM TE
CHEERS	ŽIVJELI
JUST JOKING	MA ZEŽAM SE
ONE BEER PLEASE	JEDNO PIVO MOLIM
IT'S HOT	UPEKLO
IT'S WINDY	ODNESE
OH COME ON!	TEBI JE TO PET MINUTA
GOOD LUCK!	SLOMIJ NOGU
UNDER THE BRIDGE!	ISPOD STAROG!



WHAT TO DO BEFOREHAND?

Inform the organizers about your:

- **Allergies or medical requirements;**
- **Arrival, departure time and place;**
- **T-shirt size;**
- **special diet/allergies;**
- Take care of both **medical and travel insurance;**
- Check if your country has any kind of agreement with Bosnia and Herzegovina

Don't forget your **ID card** or **passport**. The policemen will not let you into our country without documents, even if you are from EU and, please, take good care of your documents. If you are from EU you can get in our country with your ID card.



WHAT TO BRING WITH YOU?



- **ID Card**
- **Money** (fee in euros + extra money for souvenirs, shopping, etc.)
- **Travel insurance**
- **Medical assistance documents**
- **Invitation letter**
- **ISIC Card** or any document that shows you are a student (for cheaper prices)
- Any **medication** you are using/might need
- **Photo camera**
- Some **typical food** and **drinks** from your country for the International Evening
- **Hairdryer** (just in case there won't be one)
- **Reusable bottle of water**
- **Towels**
- **This Survival guide**
- **Sunscreen**
- Some kind of a **jacket**, or something warm (it can get cold at night)
- **Sleeping bags**
- **Swimming suit**
- **A music instrument** (always welcome)
- **YOU**
- **A big smile!**

LBG MOSTAR CONTACTS

If you have any further questions or you need some extra explanations write to us!
No questions asked – no answers given.
You have questions from which you have even more headaches? Say no more, aaaand don't
hesitate to contact these lovely people!

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