

When planning a trip abroad it is good to be aware of any requirements that the country you are visiting has in place, such as driving regulations and what type of passport or visas you might need in order to enter. On these pages you will find useful information about travelling to Serbia to help you prepare for your trip.

CULTURE

With an award winning music festival in Novi Sad and Belgrade's nightlife – unrivalled in the Balkans – Serbia is known as one of Europe's great party destinations. Outside of the main cities though, Serbia offers gentle mountains, quiet national parks, historic towns and villages, ancient traditions and a warm welcome. The official Language of Serbia is Serbian (similar to Croatian). Some of the most common phrases you may find useful to know when visiting are:

- Zdravo/bog – Hello
- Do viđenja nya – Goodbye
- Dobro jutro – Good morning
- Dobar dan – Good day
- Dobra večer – Good evening
- Laku noć – Good night
- Da – Yes
- Ne – No
- Molim – Please
- Hvala – Thank you
- Govorite li engleski? – Do you speak English?
- Отворено (Otvoreno) / Затворено (Zatvoreno) – Open
- Мушкарци (Muškarci) / Жене (Žene) – Gents/ Ladies
- Kamp – Campsite

Most Serbs in larger towns and tourist areas will speak some English and will be eager to practise, though attempting basic greetings in the local language will be considered as polite and appreciated. We therefore recommend investing in a phrase book to help you during your stay.

CURRENCY

The official currency of Serbia is the dinar (RSD).

Banking Hours

Monday to Friday: 0800 hrs to 1900 hrs and Saturdays from 0800 hrs to 1500 hrs

Credit Cards & ATM

Credit cards are accepted in most hotels and shops, and nearly all cash dispenser machines (ATMs) accept international bank cards. British banks don't generally exchange Dinars. You should exchange any unwanted Dinars before you leave Serbia.

Travellers' cheques are accepted in most hotels and shops.

DRIVING IN SERBIA

Driving regulations in Serbia are different from those in the UK. Always remember that the normal rule is to give way to the right each time you reach an uncontrolled intersection. Vehicles entering a roundabout have right of way.

The maximum speed outside built-up areas is 80kph (49mph), 100kph (62mph) on dual carriageways and 120kph (74mph) on motorways but 80kph when towing.

To drive in Serbia you must be 18 years old and have a valid UK driving licence and an international driving permit, insurance and vehicle documents. European green card vehicle insurance is valid in Serbia, but the requirement to hold a green card is no longer in effect. You should confirm with your insurance company that your policy covers Serbia. It is also highly recommended that if you don't own the vehicle you're driving, for instance if you have a leased vehicle, you should get written permission from the registered owner.

You are required to carry certain items in your vehicle such as a warning triangle and reflective jacket. The regulations on what must be carried do change from time to time, so it is advisable to check the most up to date information before you travel. For compulsory and recommended equipment and rules of the road including blood alcohol limit, [click here](#).

It is recommended to keep vehicle doors locked in slow moving traffic and secure your vehicle when it is left unattended. In-car radar detectors and satellite navigation systems warning of the presence of speed cameras or radars are illegal whether in use or not.

Low Emission Zones (LEZs) are proliferating throughout Europe. While the number and variety of schemes may seem baffling, in fact many apply only to city centres and so will not affect the majority of campers. If you do wish to visit cities while camping, either choose a city centre site and use the link below to check for any access regulations, or camp outside the city's LEZ and use public transport to access the centre. Please click [here](#) for more information.

Please visit our [Travel Planning](#) pages for information on weight limits and more.

HEALTH / SAFETY

The Foreign and Commonwealth Office may make specific travel related recommendations for visitors to Serbia. For the most up to date information [click here](#).

HEALTH

The Department of Health does not make any specific health recommendations for visitors to Serbia; however you may like to check with your doctor before departure.

There is a reciprocal healthcare agreement for British nationals visiting Serbia, which entitles you to free treatment for genuine emergencies. You'll need to present a British passport, and evidence of registration with the local police (if you're not staying in a hotel).

The health system in all parts of Serbia is suffering from widespread shortage of medicines and other essentials. For non-emergency treatment, or treatment that isn't covered under reciprocal arrangements, payment in cash is normally required. Make sure you have adequate travel health insurance and accessible funds to cover the cost of any medical treatment abroad and repatriation.

Rabies is common in Serbia, largely in parks and the outskirts of major cities.

If you need emergency medical assistance during your trip, dial 194 and ask for an ambulance. You should contact your insurance/medical assistance company promptly if you are referred to a medical facility for treatment.

SAFETY

As with anywhere in the world, it is good practice to be vigilant about your property, both in terms of your camping unit and personal belongings, take sensible precautions to protect yourself from petty crime. Don't leave your handbag or luggage unattended. Leave copies of important documents with family and friends in the UK. You must carry your passport with you at all times for identification purposes. Keep a photocopy in a safe place.

As a foreigner, you may be a target for criminals who may assume you are carrying large amounts of cash. Four wheel drive and luxury vehicles are also popular targets.

PASSPORTS / VISAS

PASSPORTS

Your passport should be valid for the proposed duration of your stay; you don't need any additional period of validity on your passport beyond this.

For an extension of stay beyond 90 days you will need to apply for temporary residence status at least 30 days before the 90 day period expires at the police station where you are registered. For more information please visit the website of the [Serbian Ministry of Foreign Affairs](#).

When you enter Serbia, make sure you get an entry stamp in your passport. If you try to leave Serbia without an entry stamp you may face charges of illegal immigration, a heavy fine and possible imprisonment.

You should only enter Serbia through recognised border crossings. Avoid entering the country through Kosovo as foreign nationals have been denied entry to Serbia if they have Republic of Kosovo stamps in their passports.

Should you wish to take a pet on your journey, please see our [Guide to European Camping](#) for further information. If you intend to travel on one of our Escorted Tours, please check our [Tour Pages](#) to find out whether pets are permitted.

VISAS

If your passport describes you as a British Citizen you won't need a visa to enter Serbia for a period of up to 90 days. If you have another type of British nationality, you should contact the [Embassy of Serbia](#) or visit the Serbia [Ministry of Foreign Affairs website](#).

REGISTRATION

It is a legal requirement that you register with the local police in the town/city where you are staying within 24 hours of your arrival in Serbia, unless you are staying at a campsite where you will be registered on checking-in. If you don't register you could be fined, detained or face a court appearance.

SHOPPING

Supermarkets are generally open from 0600 hrs to 2000 hrs Monday to Friday, 0600 hrs to 1800 hrs or Saturdays, however some may stay open until 2100 hrs and some may be open on Sunday mornings.

Markets are generally open daily from 0600 hrs to 1700 hrs.

Shops in shopping malls are generally open every day, from 1000 hrs to 2200 hrs.

TIPPING

In restaurants, tipping is not obligatory. For good service a tip of 10-15% is customary.

Taxis: leave a small tip by rounding up the bill.

TIME ZONES

GMT + 1 hour, with Summer time (from the end of March to the end of October) being GMT + 2 hours, so that throughout the year the country is always one hour ahead of the UK.

TOURING IN SERBIA

We run an Escorted Tour to Serbia where you can experience all the wonders of this fascinating country in the comfort of your own unit - Find out more about our [Escorted Tour of the Balkans](#).

