

**Sarajevo, B-H:** (LP140, 142m, ) (2½D=3D) (, 3D, 4N) 3D

**TRANS-IN:**

**AIR:**

UAL eTicket Number: 0167337598117-118

Orbitz REC Locator PBORB4306449354

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UAL Reference Code: BFLMEQ

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SERVICE	DATE	FROM	TO	DEPART	ARRIVE	SEAT
UAL6367	15APR	JAC	DEN	7:35am	9:02am	
		NOTE: Flt Time: 1h 27m	Layover: 1hr 0m			
UAL1202	15APR	DEN	BOS	10:02am	4:01pm	
		NOTE: Flt Time: 3h 59m	Layover: 4h 24m			
UAL8903(LUFT)	15APR	BOS	MUC	8:25pm	9:55am	
		NOTE: Flt Time: 7h 30m	Layover: 1h 10m			
UAL8760(LUFT)	16APR	MUC	SJJ	11:05am	12:25pm	
\$1626.20	NOTE: Flt Time: 1h 20m	TOTAL TRIP Time: 20h 50m		ARV 16 APR2014		

**AIR: US > SJJ: SSJ INT'NAT airport**

3-19-14: 4/8-6/1

Orbitz: \$1245, THEN< jumped >\$1509; UAL/Luft; 21h,  
Travelocity: \$1256,

3-6-14: 4/7--6/18

Kayak>CheapOair [www.cheapoair.com/](http://www.cheapoair.com/): : \$1356, UAL >" 21h, RET: 19h

Pre- 3-6-14:

Orbitz: \$1475, (4/15-6/15) DP: 7:35a/ARV:1225p 4 flts, 21hSee JAC/SJJn>...web page)

Expedia & Traveocity:\$1525 (4/15-6/15) DP: 7:35a/ARV: 1225, 4 flts, 21

See "JAC/SJJn>..." web page

B&H Airlines (National Carrier):

Adria Airways ([LJU](#)),

Austrian Airlines ([Vienna](#)),

Croatia Airlines ([Zagreb](#)),

Germanwings ([Cologne/Bonn](#), [Stuttgart](#)),

Jat Airways ([Belgrade](#)),

Lufthansa ([Munich](#)),

Norwegian ([Oslo](#)-Rygge, [Stockholm](#)-Arlanda seasonal), &

Turkish Airlines ([Istanbul](#)-Atatürk)

Pegasus (Newly added) (Istanbul-Sabiha Gocken, only certain days of wk)

**Airport > SJJ: BUS:**

**BUS #36:** > Nedzarici (1.6km) THEN, tram > CITY CNTR(1.6km) (½ hrly,

"Sarajevo Navigator" NO Eng -worthless

**TRANS-LOCAL:**

Local & regional TRN lines btw cities in B-H.

WALKiNG; GUD:

Narrow city STs & lack of PKing restrict car traffic which = PED & cyclist mobility;

2 main RDs: Titova Ulica (ST of [Marshal Tito](#)) & E-W [Zmaj od Bosne](#) (Dragon of B) highway (E761).

**Electric tramways:** 1885, oldest city pub trans; 1<sup>st</sup> full-time (dawn > dusk) tram line in €; opened [New Yrs Day](#), 1885 cuz testing proposed tram 4 [Vienna](#) & [Austro-HUNG Empire](#), & operated by horses. Originally:NO-- 1960: upgraded standard gauge; played pivotal role in 20<sup>th</sup> C growth.

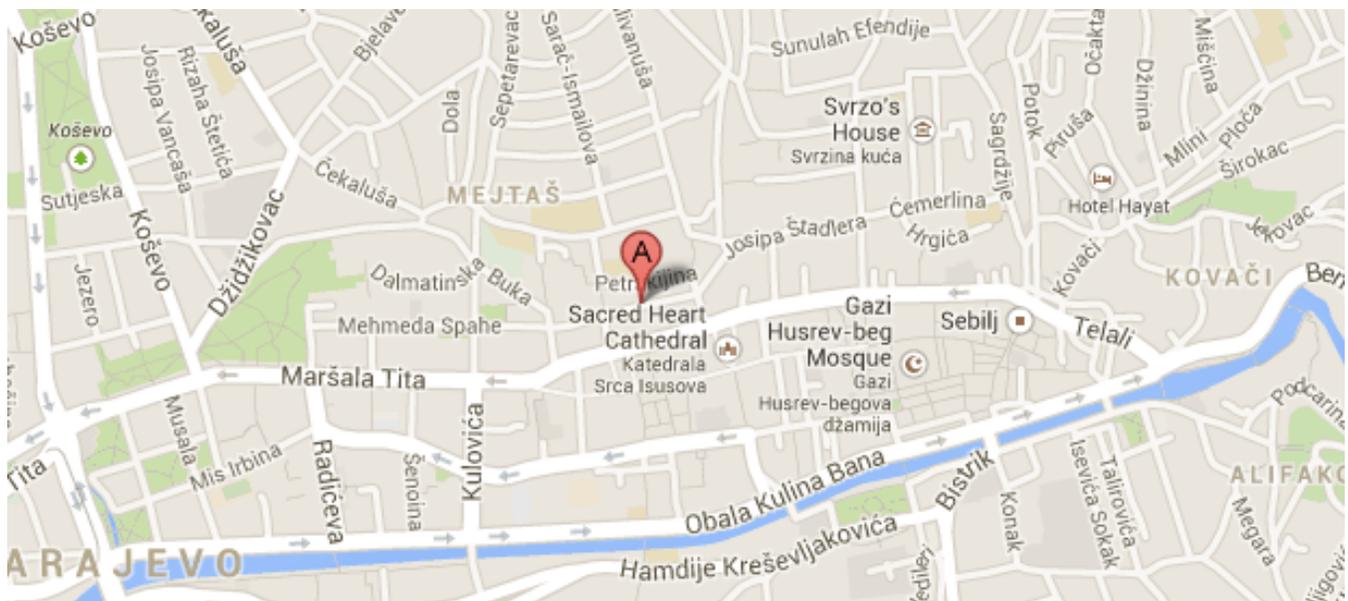
7 tramway lines + 5 [trolleyBUS](#) lines &

Major infrastructure renewal; highways & STs being repaved, tram system modernization; new bridges & RDs

#### ACCM:

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1. From airport to hostel Massimo the best option is to take a taxi. That will cost you max 12 EUR.



#### FOOD:

**TRANS-OUT:****OVN:**

> **Mostar:** (Mostar> Jace> Travnik>SJJ) **TRANS GAP: LK**

BUS Main STA (15/d; 2.5hr)(**Centrotrans** ???)

TRN: (7:05am; 2 1/4hL)

WIKI SJJ page: From SJJ > Ploce (S) via MOstar: (OOM besutyiful & scenic) in EUR)

DP: SJJ: 7:05/18:18, ARV Mostar: 9:24/20:41

Main RR STA: N-CNTR of city. tracks head W B4 branching off in different directions,

**Centrotrans** is Eurolines member w/ reg BUSES from many € places > Sarajevo.: Centrotrans website: [www.centrotrans.com](http://www.centrotrans.com). : BUS SCHED, on-line res & main € office addresses : From @ main ST in CNTR Sarajevo: Eurolines office near CATH btwn old bazaar & city CNTR > get BUS TIK > any other country & other major cities in Bosnia like Mostar --- they do not run BUS, only sell TIK. **Double-check w/ tourist OFF > confirm route or timetable that staff @ BUS STA have denied! --Really!!!!**

**SJJ > Mostar:**

Daily 06:00; 08:15; 08:25; 09:00; 09:55; 11:30; 12:30; 13:00; 14:30; 15:30; 16:00; 16:45; 17:00; 18:00; 19:55 (times vary)(2½h)

**ALT #1: Fron Sjj > Jajce (Travnik???) (SJJ>Travnik/Jajce>Mostar>SJJ) TRANS GAP: LK**

Daily 07:30; 09:15; 13:30; 22:00

**ALT #2:** > Visegrad: > Sargan 8 RR (**Ask locally**)

Sarajevo connected > [Zagreb](#) - [Ploče](#) line: goes thru B-H & Sarajevo - [Belgrade](#) line.

Direct TRN > [Budapest](#) 7/ wk.,

**SJJ > BELGRADE, SERB:**

TRN: from **SSJ**> **Belgrade**; (DP: 11:49am/8h)

BUS: from **SJJ**> **Belgrade**: (DP: 6am/ 8hr)

**MISC:**

**TEMP: Apr: 59.2-39.9°; May: 68.5-47.3°; Jun: 73/6-52.5°**

**GEN - SJJ:**

Capital & largest city; POP est: 311,000; also, capital of [Federation of BiH](#) entity, LOCATION: Sarajevo valley of [B](#), surrounded by [Dinaric Alps](#), along [Miljacka](#) RIV.

leading BUSiness & cultural CNTR, influences politics, ed, entertainment, media, fashion, science, & arts.

Famous 4 relig diversity: [Islam](#), [Orthodoxy](#), [Catholicism](#) & [Judaism](#) coexisting 4 C. i.e.: often called "Jerusalem of €"[7] or "Jerusalem of BALK".

Sarajevo only true HIST name: [Bosnian](#) word based on *saray*, [Persian](#) word 4 governor's PAL. 1) *letter Y does not exist in Bosnian version of Latin alphabet*; 2) "evo" comes from *Ova (Saray Ovasi)* meaning " field around PAL".

B Herzegovina's Parliament office damaged heavily in [Bosnian war](#); staff & doc moved > nearby ground level office > resume work. Late 2006: reconstruction work began & in 2007; 80% reconstruction cost by [Greek](#) GOV thru Hellenic Program of BALK Reconstruction (ESOAV) & 20% by B-HH.

**Municipalities & city GOV**

municipalities [Centar](#), [Novi Grad](#), [Novo Sarajevo](#), & [Stari Grad](#).

Has 4 munis: [Centar](#), [Novi Grad](#), [Novo Sarajevo](#), & [Stari Grad](#). Munis split into "local communities" (Bosnian, *Mjesne zajednice*) so ordinary citizens can get involved.

SLC is twin city [since 2002](#)



**HIST:**

15th C: **OTTO** stronghold & arose Sarajevo has attracted international attention many times throughout its HIST. In

1885: 1st city in € & 2nd city in world > have full-time electric tram network thru city, 1st was SanFran

1914: site of **assassination of Archduke of Austria** that sPKed **World War I**. Seventy yrs later, hosted

[1984 Winter Olympics](#). (I was 35)

1992–1996, city suffered from **siege** during **Bosnian War** 4 independence.

Today: **post-war reconstruction**, & **fast growing** B & H **city** ; 43rd best city in world & **OO top 10 cities > visit in 2010**. [13]

2011, Sarajevo became 1st city outside € Union nominated 4 € **Capital of Culture** ij

**Prehistoric times**

Continuously inhabited since **Neolithic** age;

most famous: **Butmir culture**: in MOD-day Sarajevo suburb **Ilidža** , 1893; richness in **flint** attracted Neolithic man, settlement appears > flourish: developed unique ceramics & pottery designs; prime reason International congress of arch & **anthro** met in Sarajevo, 1894.

**Illyrians** , next prominent culture, ancient people, occupying most W **BALK**, many key settlements mostly around RIV **Miljacka** & Sarajevo valley; war-like people probably last Illyrian people in B & H > resist **Roman** occupation; their defeat by **Roman** EMP **Tiberius** in 9 A.D. marks start of Roman rule in region

9 A.D.: Roman had little effect; except: **Roman colony** Aquae Sulphurae located near top of present-day **Ilidža**.; most imp settlement of time.

7th C (around): **Goths** settled, THEN, Slavs typical **Butmir** vase



**Middle Ages** **Stećak** inside of **National MUS of B i H**



Part of Bosnian Vrhbosna PROV. Though city of **Vrhbosna** existed, exact Sarajevo settlement debated. Maybe also: **Tornik**: very sm marketplace surrounded by sm village & not very imp > **Ragusan** merchants.

Other scholars: **Vrhbosna** was major city located @ MOD-Sarajevo. **Papal** docs, 1238, CATH dedicated > **Saint Paul** built in city; disciples of notable saints **Cyril** & **Methodius** stopped & founded CHR @ **Vrelbosna**. BUT, not sure if Sajevo!!! But was imp.

1263 < 1429: VrhBosna: Slavic citadel until occupied by OTTOs

**OTTO era**

**Sebilj** :(**Covered MKT**) **pseudo**-OTTO style wooden **fountain** -  CNTR **Baščaršija** SQ.

1450s: Sarajevo by OTTOs on conquest, 1461. 1<sup>st</sup> OTTO gov of **B**, **Isa-Beg Ishaković**, transformed few vill into city & state capitol by bldg key structures: **MOSQ**, **closed marketplace**, **public bath**, **hostel**, & **governor's castle** ("**Saray**") i.e.: current name

"**Careva Džamija**" **MOSQ** (Tsar's MOSQ) name in honor of Sultan **Mehmed II**. W/ improvements quickly grew > largest reg city. Many Christs converted > Islam;. city named: **Bosna-Saraj**, around citadel in 1461. name Sarajevo is derived from TURK **saray ovası**, meaning **field around saray**.

Effective OTTO GOV's made Sarajevo grow rapidly. (Husrev-beg: Old Town built ; Known 4 lrg marketplace & many MOSQs (by mid 16th C = > 100) @ empire peak, Sara~ biggest & most imp OTTO BALK city after **Istanbul**.

**1660**, pop est @ 80,000. **By contrast**, **Belgrade** ,1838, 12,963 peeps & **Zagreb** ,1851, 14,000 peeps. BUT, political conditions changed, Sarajevo site of warfare.

**1699 Prince Eugene of Savoy** : successful raid, men looted thoroughly, set on fire & destroyed nearly all in 1day: neighborhoods, some MOSQs, & [orthodox CHR L](#); other fires, so, 1807, ionly 60K peeps. **1830**; Bosnian rebellion battles; led by [Husein Gradaščević](#); **Today**, major ST named *Zmaj od Bosne* (Dragon of B); [rebellion failed](#) & crumbling OTTO state still control 4 many more decades.

### Austria-HUNG

**1697**: [Great TURK War](#), raid by [Habsburg Monarchy](#) against OTTO Empire, conquered Sarajevo: plague-infected & burned > ground; later rebuilt -- never fully recovered..

**1850**: imp OTTO Empire admin CNTR, but

**1878**: [Austria-HUNG Empire](#) conquered Bi, annexed completely, 1908.

**Austria-HUNG Industrialized using as test area 4 new inventions:**,

[tramways](#), 1885, B4 installing in [Vienna](#). Architects & engineers rushed > help rebuild MOD € capital, **fire** destroyed lrg part city CNTR, (*čaršija*) [offering even more redevelopment rm.](#) THUS, unique blend of remaining OTTO city MKT & contemporary W arch: EX of Secession- & Pseudo-[Moorish](#) style.

Great development period: W power raised standards > [Victorian age](#).: factories & other bldg built & institutions Westernized & modernized. 1<sup>st</sup> time pop writing in [Latin script](#)

**28 June 1914**: WWI sPK: [Archduke Franz Ferdinand & wife of Austria assassinated](#) by self-declared Yugoslav, [Gavrilo Princip](#). BUT, Sarajevo largely escaped WWI damage & destruction.

**After war**, unified as YUGO.

### YUGO:

**Post WWI**: maginal imp, no significant contributions >

[Eternal flame MEM](#)> WWII mil & civ victims



city made during this period.

**WWII**: YUGO gave inadequate defense. So following German bombing, captured: 15 April 1941, Nazis created [Independent State of CRO](#) & included Sara~



**October 12, 1941**: 108 notable Muslim Sara~ citizens: condemned [persecuting SERBs](#), , made distinction btw persecuting & all other Muslim pop, provided info on persecutions of Muslims by SERBs & finally, requested security 4 all citizens regardless of identity.

**1943 > 1944: Allies bombed,**

[Yugoslav Partisan](#) movement led by [NLA Partisan](#): "[Walter](#)" [Perić](#). who died leading final liberation. Many WWII [shell casings](#) : carved & polished in Sarajevo TRAD & sold as art.

**April 1945**: Post liberation: Communists controlled: capital of [Socialist Republic of B & H](#), w/in YUGO: commies invest heavily in Sara: bldg new res blocks in [Novi Grad](#) & [Novo Sarajevo Muni](#); also developing city's industry & transforming Sarajevo once again into one of BALK' chief cities.

**Post-war pop**: 115,000 > by 429,672 -- end YUGO; grew rapidly as imp reg ind CNTR in YUGO. MOD communist-city blocks built W of Old Town adding > arch uniqueness.

[Vraca Memorial PK](#),:monument > WWII victims, "Day of Statehood of B & H" when [ZAVNOBIH](#) held their 1st meeting in 1943.[23]

**1884**: Socialist YUGO's [1984 Winter Olympics](#): immense tourism boom, 1980s OOBest decades.

## Bosnian War

**1992 & 1995 [Bosnian war](#)** resulted in lrg scale destruction & dramatic pop shifts during Siege of Sarajevo btw..

**April 1992 > 29 February 1995(6?):** SERB seige:

longest MOD warfare siege of capital by [SERB](#) & YUGO army after B & H declared independence from [YUGO](#),

SERB purpose create new SERB State incldg part of B & H; encircled Sara w/ 18,000 in hills, assaulted w/ artillery, mortars, tanks, anti-aircraft guns, heavy machine-guns, multiple rocket launchers, rocket-launched aircraft bombs, & sniper rifles.

Bosnian defense forces weak, poorly equipped & unable > break siege.

EST: 10,000 peeps killed / missing in, incldg: 1,500 children; additional 56,000 people were wounded, incldg nearly 15,000 children.

Sarajevo graveyard after war.      Sarajevo after siege in 1995  
Siege of Sarajevo

## Present

Today, OO fastest developing reg cities; new MOD bldg (EX: Bosmal city CNTR & Avaz twist TOW -- tallest BALK skyscraper), new highway btw Sarajevo & Kakanj; near-future, morre of same.

## GEOG:

**ELEVATION:** 1,699 ft, Sarajevo valley, in middle of [Dinaric Alps](#).; surrounded by heavily forested hills & 5 major mtns, four aka Olympic Mountains (1984).

**ECON:** After yrs of war, reconstruction & rehabilitation programs; only few pre-existing communist biz adapted > MKT [economy](#). TODAY: tobacco products, furniture, hosiery, automobiles, & communicati equipment; strong tourist industry & [Lonely Planet](#): OO top 50 "Best Cities in World", 2006.[12] popular destinations in Sarajevo include



## &gt; DO

ALT3<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>h) (- 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>h⊗) 14<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>h + ½DT

SEE "Sebilj &amp; Gazi Husrev Bey's Bezistan (Covered Bazaar).pdf"

BJELAVE &amp; VRATNIK: (NE just outside CNTR Sarajwvo LP map )LP111-113m

TOW Clock (Sahat-kula) same as one @ MOSQ????

**DIRECS:** Sarajevo's Clock TOW located next > W side of Gazi Husrev-beg MOSQ. OO tallest structures in HIST old town (Bascarsija).

Due > necessity of 5 daily prayers, in Ottoman Empire construction of TOW clock began, public clocks placed. Sarajevsko's TOW clock OO highest but most beautiful in B&H; 17th C, after 1697 fire, reconstructed, 1762. After Austro - Hungarian occupation upper BLDG added, clock by Sarajevan traders, London.



## 4 G1 Yellow Bastion (aka Vratnik Citadel ruins):

½h

city views, war CEM (E end of twn) sm FORT w/great city view;

**DIRECS:** 1) Walk thru war CEM @ E end of old town. 2) **Another way:** > follow RIV upstream > where RD forks, take R fork (L fork goes in> sm tunnel) & past Hotel Sara & up > FORT.

## 2 G1 Izetbegovic MUS:

½h

**DIRECS:** in HIST Kula ploce TOW & surviving section of City Wall

## OLD SARAJEVO:

Baščaršija aka Old town: MOSQs &amp; Oriental style shops

¾h

11 G3 Vijecnica: neo Moorish story book facade **EXT only**

¼h

9 F2 Pigeon SQ:

¾h

SEE "Sebilj &amp; Gazi Husrev Bey's Bezistan (Covered Bazaar).pdf"

Sebilj : 1891 ornate kiosk-like drinking fountain

¼h

2 F2 Bascarsija Dzamija: MOSQ: 16<sup>th</sup> C, GARD wrapped

½h

3 E3 Bursa (or Brusa) Bezistan MUS:

6 domed MKT bldg, 1551, GUD ENG, worthwhile!

½h

38E2 Morica Han (Morica Inn) (NOW Cafe Divan) ½h

Morića Han ('han' - resting place, roadside inn) orig 1551, Ottoman Empire

**DIRECS:** in [Baščaršija](#), Sarači ST 77, in [Stari Grad](#).("khan" if transl > ENG), true **caravanserai** cuz 43 rms > accommodate 300 peeps & 70 horses.

[Evliya Çelebi](#), Ottoman traveler, wrote 1659 Sarajevo visit described as Hadži-Bešir's han, cuz Hadži-Bešir was landlord then; MOD name may be surname of han's tenants @ early 19th C, Mustafa-aga Morić & son Ibrahim-aga Morić, BUT some suggest Morić brothers participating in rebellions against Ottoman Empire, 1747 > 1757. TODAY: carpet shop

[Persian calligraphy](#) engraved inscriptions of Rubaiyat by Omar Khayyam poems 12th C Persian poet ; After 1697 fire reconstructed in current form.; financed by & owned by [Gazi Husrev-Beg's](#) endowment; only surviving Sarajevo han. reconstructed from 1971 > 1974 & decorated w/ (??? Not sure if this belongs here)

5 E3 Gazi Husrev-beg's MOSQ: Begova dzamija (Bey's MOSQ).

¾h

SEE "Sebilj &amp; Gazi Husrev Bey's Bezistan (Covered Bazaar).pdf"

mediv Ottoman ARCH pearl, lovely &gt; visit; open &gt; both Muslims &amp; non-Muslims;



women &gt; pray .

**mihrab** inside has 7 tiers of muqarnas ornamentation. **Muqarnas** are decorative device that are small pointed niches, stacked in tiers which project beyond lower tiers

OOM biggest & beautiful MOSQ in region, M IMP Bosnia BLDG; few hundred yr old; Bey's greatest & most imp project, Bey buried in **splendid courtyard, fountain** (*šadrvan*), & **abdesthana** (cleansing bath) & @ back ->; multi-domed,

- **Gazi Husrev Bey's Tomb** proportional > size of MOSQ he built.

still TRAD uses of only strength of imam's voice > relay **ezan**.

friendly guide ill be more-than-happy 4 2KM (1 Euro) > give you short tour in ENG.

**Madrasa** (school) : beautiful old Ottoman house, 18th C shows how Svrzo family lived. 3 KM.Madrassa library,

**Harem**: Gazi buried in harem of his MOSQ

**Turbeti: domed burial site.**, **DIRECS**: beside harem of his freed slave, Murat-beg Tardic Murat-beg Tardić. **SEE "Murat-beg Tardic - Wiki3.pdf (1page)"** for BIO

**TOW clock** (Sahat-kula):

### Gazi Husrev-Beg bezistan,:

3/4h

**SEE "Gazi Husrev-Beg MOSQ, bezistan; Brusa Bezistan, Sara GGM.pdf"**

(Bezistan Saraci), 1555, covered MKT bldg (Gazi Husrefbegov bezistan) **DIRECS**: Gazi Husrev-begova (Zlatarska) Street

Entry > Gazi-Husrev Beg's Bezistan →

### START Sara here!!!!

**Gazi Husrev-bey's covered MKT place**, 109m long & 19.5m wide w/ 52 shops, vaulted w/ semi-circular ceiling. Dubrovnik Masters constructed. Today, called "Dugi bezistan" (long MKT place) **DIRECS**: Abadziluk 10, N bank of RIV Miljacka, in municipality of Stari Grad

1551, orig- silk-trading bazar; TODAY: sm MUS: city HIST, 1878 model; built by Grand Vizier Rustem-pasha, also mfrg Bursa silk 4 which bldg is named.

Bezistan roof: 6 big & 2 sm cupolas, & arches, were 2 sm rms-treasuries storing Sarajevo guildsmen archives. TODAY, still serves its purpose-- commerce.



### ⊗10E3: Sarajevo 1878-1918 HIST MUS:

1/2h

Austro-Hungarian period & Duke's assassination which occurred outside.

7E3 "**Latin Bridge**" - near Duke's assassination site:

1/4h



Latin Bridge



Assasination plaque

directly across ST from Archduke Franz Ferdinand assassination site by Serb sPKing WWI.

HIST marker: located @ bridge entry on L side of PIK. Another marker: on bldg adjacent > assassination spot across ST.

### D/E4 Atmejdan (sic) PK:

3/4h

Way > W .

⊗1 A4 **Academy of Arts BLDG ARCH**: interesting new bridge in front

1/4h

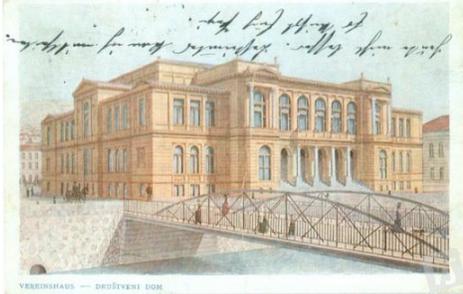
Evangelical CHR (today Academy of Fine Arts)

According > design of Karlo Paržik, 1898-99; place of worship ARCH: early Christian- Byzantine; beginning: only CHR BLDG, decade later wings added in same style

THEN, @ slightly furtherer W cross RIV & GO E along RIV

46B4 **National Theater**: EXT only unless easy > see INT

1/2h



8 C3 **Orthodox CATH**:

1/4h

Neo-baroque, 1872, by Macedonian Dimitrov, also built Military barracks, for which he was decorated by sultan; 1992-95 aggression damaged, Greek GOV funded reconstruction, 1999.

4 D2 **Scared Heart Cath CATH**:

1/2h

31C2 **Markale MKT Place**, (big **yellow bldg**).

1/2h

Bombed twice: Feb 1994 & Aug 1995. 1st: imp 4 casualties - 68 killed & 144 wounded-& 2nd imp 4 43 people killed prompting / initiating NATO military intervention response thereafter & ending of war after bombing which.

**DIRECS**: main entry on Ferhadija & backs onto Mula Mustafe Baseskije (where is wall plaque w/ victims names). ST runs btwn 2 RDs & is called Gajevo trg.

6 D2 **Jewish MUS** (medieval synagougue):

1/2h

Old & New Jewish TEMP: Old TEMP, 1580, but fired twice (in 1697 & 1788), thus, new TEMP built 1821. INT of TEMP divided into 3 naves, & CNTR covered by curved ceiling. WWII: severe Nazi damage; Today, Jewish MUS.



Peace demo in front of CATH on Sep 1991 prior > outbreak of [Bosnian War](#).

\* E1 **Svrzo RES**: 18<sup>th</sup> C, "food hatch"

3/4h

Svrzina kuca (Svrzo house), Glođina ulica 8 (200 m N of old town).

**W of CNTR AREA**:

3F4 **NAT MUS**: Sarajevo Haggadah: 14<sup>th</sup> C Jewish codex (1 Billion US)

3/4h

1F4 **HIST MUS** (Bosnian),

1/2h

**DIRECS**: (100 m > Holiday Inn, just past turn off > CNTR TRN STA on L). Closes SAT & SUN @ 14:00.

Moving Siege of Sarajevo display on -- must-see - if CAN cope w/ PIKs of maimed citizens after shelling of MKT. Wonder @ photos of ineffective UN's armored vehicles citizens could wait behind B4 risking sniper fire > cross ST. & heartbroken by kids PIKs . 4 KM.

**Tito Cafe** : tongue in cheek , behind MUS

**W near Airport: (LIDZA & BUTMIR) NOVO SARAJEVO::**

**'Sniper Alley'** : wide RD from airport 1/4h

**Pink Holiday Inn**: war time journalist digs 1/4h

**Tunnel MUS**, p112, Sarajevo Tunnel MUS, (Dobrinja – Butmir Tunnel) 3/4h

**DIRECS**: Open 7 days/ wk from 09:00-17:00.

From city CNTR take #3 tram > end of line. THEN, WALK or taxi > Tunnel MUS, THEN walk or taxi back > tram STA (about half an hr).

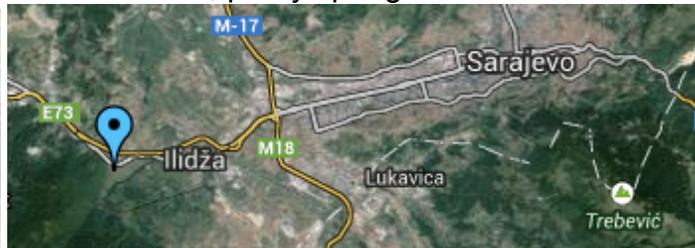
**ALT**: tourist office in city CNTR & Sarajevo Funky Tours: **Tunnel tours**: €12, w/ trans >< city CNTR included. After tunnel, also drive thru Republika Srpska, which can't get > via tram.). MUS houses tunnel which peeps used > access airport area during siege > ferry supplies into city. tunnel 1st in GARD of house so don't be worried if think you're going wrong way. 10 KM

720 m. tunnel built under airport runway from 27.March 1992 > 30. July. tunnel represents symbol of four-yr-long resistance > siege of City & its citizens, resistance against genocide & urbicide conducted on City by aggressor from 1992 > 1995 Tunnel MUS:(hr: 9 - 18h), Bajro i Edis Kolar, Tuneli 1 ST (Donji Kotorac 34) 71210 Sarajevo

**Way Further W >:**

⊗**Vrelo Bosne**. Begins RIV Bosna w/ pure, ice cold water. 1 1/2h

20 MIN walk SW from city CNTR > countryside, w/ no suburbs in btwn: unique 4 lrg city; walk in beautiful PK,. May 01 festival here.; pretty springs.

**DT:****Vysok / Bosnian Valley of Pyramids:**

**DIRECS**: NW of SARA. Archaeological PK: Bosnian Pyramid of Sun 4h

**Bosnian Pyramid of Sun** Foundation, Visoko, 71300, +387 33 259-935 ↑

now considered **most significant archaeological monument in Europe**

Pyramid of Sun: monumental tiled plateau, walls of pyramids & mapping of underground complex of tunnels & spaces.

Manmade tunnels: maze of tunnels that connect IND pyramids across complex, Locals heard echoes inside hill during bombing of Visocica during Bosnia war (1992-95)

Bosnia of Moon TEMP of Earth, Pyramid of Dragon, Pyramid of Love

Vratnica Site

**DISREGARD:**

⊗**White Mosque: in Visoko: NW of Sara location Ali Pasha's Mosque**

completed in 1477, MOD, boldness, creativity & brilliance, originality & innovation, by Gazi Husrev-Bey's GOV president (divan-kjatib) Hajdar-efendija: 1st half of XVI C below Jajce barracks @ Vratnik. **Minaret**: slender & made of stone, 2 levels of prayer area, unique. It was heavily damaged in 1992-95 war, but now completely reconstructed.

⊗**Hill Hiking**: beware mines & rabid dogs, stay on RDs, carry dog stick

⊗**Sarajevo City MUS**, (**DIRECS** in Old Town). Newly opened,

**Mostar, B-H:** (LP145, 146m)

(1T, 3D, 4N)

4D

**GEN - MOSTAR:**

on Neretva RIV ; 5th-largest city ; named after bridge keepers (natively: *mostari*) who in mediv times guarded Stari Most (Old Bridge) over Neretva RIV. Old Bridge : most recognizable I&marks.;  
TEMP: Apr: 6.2-47.4°; May: 75.2-54.5°; Jun: 81.7-60.4°



Old Town ST



Springtime in Mostar by Tivadar Kosztka Csontváry (1853–1919)



**TRANS-IN:**

**BUS:**

**SJJ> Mostar:** Main STA (15/d; 2.5hr) **Centrotrans???** **Centrotrans** is Eurolines member w/ reg BUSES from many € places > Sarajevo.: Centrotrans website: [www.centrotrans.com](http://www.centrotrans.com). :  
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ARV: ???

**NOTE:** 2 Mostar BUS stations, main: R next > train STA in Bosniak (Muslim) area, 2<sup>nd</sup>: other BUS STA in Croat arera; Most BUSES stop 1<sup>st</sup> @ main BUS STA -walking distance > HIST old CNTR.

**Mostar> Jajce:**

**Jajce>Mostar:** TUE: 1300/1335 ARV: 1800/1730 (6/4hr respectivey)

**TRN:**

SJJ>< MOstar: (3/d, 2 ½ h) DP: 7:55; BEST cuz stunning scenery & cheaper, BUT old TRNs

Mostar>Jace: (7:05am; 2 1/4h) best scenery

From Jajce: **TRANS GAP**

**Centrotrans ???**

From Visegrad:

**ACCM:**

**Hostel Miran**, Lazetica 13 **Dm bd: €10**

**Free Wi-Fi, KIT, /C in rms & sm GARD**

(5 min > BUS STA on way > old town on quiet side ST), ☎ +387 62 115 333, +387 61 823 555

(meskic\_mo@hotmail.com).

2 young & helpful Bosniak brothers who will share Bosnia war memories & Mostar; can book day tours including Blagaj.

**GH Taso**, M.TITA 187 **€11 dm**

(just 3min walk > OldTown.Free pick up service 0-24h), ☎ +387 61 523 149, **Free Wi-Fi,city**

**tours** - Mostar

**Hostel Majda's Rms**, Fra Franje Milicevica 39 **Dm bd: €10**

**Free internet, tv, KIT, linen.**

**DIRECS:** ½h walk > BUS STA, pass ST & walk straight on Carinski Most ST over Neretva RIV, take 1st ST (. Santica) on L, walk 4 about 1km, head towards tall Cath CHR & turn R > Franjevska ST, after CHR take 1st ST on R & then 1st ST on L, walk past 2 little bridges & hostel in on R on 1st flr of REG apart bldg;

**10 min from Old town**; head towards tall Cath CHR on other side of Neretva RIV, then see above), ☎ +387 61 382940, +387 61 382941 (majdasofra@yahoo.com). Leave your

number B4 arriving > Mostar, pick up @ BUS STA 4 free. owner, Majda, is very friendly & will bend over backwards > etc & day trips. No curfew..

**Hostel Miturno**, Braće Fejića 67 **€11 dm**;

**Free wi-fi, GUD English**

L bank of RIV Neretva, 50 mtr away from fruit MKT overlooking Old Bridge), ☎ +387 36 552

408, Cool clean hostel in old town.

**Hostel Nina**, **€10-15**

(close > old city, 200 mtr away from old bridge), ☎ +387 61 382 743 or +387 61 817 196,

Clean hostel in old town **Free internet, very GUD English**. Free pick BUS/TRN STA can be arranged. In their own bar on old bridge ?? Tours R great! **Zika knowledgable**

**Mamma Maida Sobe Denino**, **€10-13**

**free WiFi ,full KIT**(Just out of noisy night spots, 200 mtr from old bridge), ☎ +387 61 57 75

06, , NOT party hostels, R 2 sm & cheap guest house; 25 Bosnian Marks (13 Euros). free pick-up from STA if requested..

Hostel Nina: E11

Pension Aldi: E10

Hostel Miturno: E10

**FOOD:**

**TRANS-OUT:**

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ARV: ???

> **MOstar'onb;ub;ub;ubh> Mostar:**

>**SJJ: TRANS GAP: LK**

> **Jace:** BUS main STA: p132; @ least 1, **TRANS GAP: LK**

**BUS:**

**TRN:**

WIKI SJJ page: From Ploce via MOstar > SJJ: (OOM beautiful & scenic) in EUR)

DP: Mostar: 8:00/18:38, ARV SJJ: 10:22/20:59

**MISC:**

balance btw W & E influences; TRAD Mostar food close > TURK, Middle E & other MED cuisines. However, yrs of Austrian rule & influence, many culinary influences from CNTR €. Famous dishes include [ćevapčići](#), [burek](#), [sarma](#), [japrak](#), [musaka](#), [dolma](#), [sujuk](#), [sač](#), [đuveč](#), & [sataraš](#).

Famous local desserts include [baklava](#), [hurmašice](#), [sutlijaš](#), [tulumbe](#), [tufahije](#), & šampita.

**MISC:**

**POP:** est: 105,000 , demo profile significantly altered after 1992-1995 Bosnian war.

**ECON:**

aluminum & metal industry, banking services & telecom sector; country's largest corporations. Along w/ Sarajevo, largest financial CNTR in B-H, w/ 2 of 3 largest banks headquartered. B-H has 3 national electric, postal & telecom service corps; 1 of ea headquartered Mostar-- vast portion of overall economy. private sector: notable increase in sm & med biz ; positive BUSINESS climate. 3 dams = solid development/production base; also proposed wind power & mfg of windmills.

**HIST**

**prehistory:** settlements on RIV Neretva, btw Hum Hill & [Velež](#) Mt, EVIDd by discoveries of fortified enceintes & cemeteries.

**Roman occupation** beneath present town.[1]

**Mediv** Mostar: except late antiquity Christian basilicas in use, few HIST evid. Preserved; not much known of period. Mostar name 1st mentioned in 1474 doc, taking name from bridge-keepers (mostari); referring > wooden bridge from MKT on L RIV bank used by traders, soldiers, & other travelers, also, seat of [kadiluk](#) (district w/ regional judge). Since Mostar on trade route btw Adriatic & mineral-rich regions of CNTR BiH, settlement spread > R RIV bank.

**Early 15th C** late mediv county of *Večenike* included present-day Mostar on R RIV:

**prior > 1443** Cim fort built. Mostar is indirectly referred > in charter of King [Alfonso V of Aragon](#) datin

**Prior > 1444**, Nebojša fort was built on L bank belonging > late mediv county still known as Večenike or Večerić; as settlement dates from

**April 3, 1452**, earliest doc ref > Mostar]

**1454 Charter of king Aragon**: refers > Mostar & bridge already built there.

**1468 Mostar > OTTO rule**: [urbanization](#) began, Following unwritten [oriental](#) rule:, town divided into 2 distinct areas: 1) [čaršija](#): crafts & COM CNTR ,2) [mahala](#): res area. Also, Mostar name changed > *Köprühisar* = 'FORT @ bridge', w/ CNTR of cluster of 15 houses.

**Prior > 1474**: names of 2 towns in mediv hist sources – towns of *Nebojša* & *Cimski grad*.

**2<sup>nd</sup> ½ 16<sup>th</sup> C & early 17<sup>th</sup> C**: most imp development period.: [Relig & public bldg](#) were constructed, such as [MOSQs](#), [madrasah](#) (Islamic school) & [hammam](#) (public bath) on L bank in [relig complex](#) (kullia). Same time: many [private & COM bldg](#), organized in distinct quarters, known as [mahalas](#) (res) & [bazaar](#),

**1520 & 1566**: fortified & wooden bridge rebuilt in stone stone bridge i.e.: [Old Bridge](#) (*Stari Most*), on orders of [Suleiman Magnificent](#), OTTO ruler. **Later**: city's symbol, OOM imp OTTO era structures .

**Star Most**: 90' L by 64' H; , quickly, wonder in own time. **famous traveler [Evliya Celebi](#)** wrote - 17th C that: "bridge is like rainbow arch soaring up > skies, extending from one cliff > other. ...I, poor & miserable slave of Allah, have passed thru 16 countries, but I have never seen such high bridge. is thrown from rock > rock as high as sky."

**Late 16th C**, Mostar chief admin city of OTTO [Empire](#) in BiH region.

**1878: [Austro-HUNG Empire](#) conquered**; ruled from there until after WWII: 1<sup>st</sup> MOstar CHR, SERB [Orthodox](#) CHR,

**1881 seat of [Bishopric of Mostar-Duvno](#)**

**1908 1878–1918**: Austro-HUNG Empire [sweeping reforms in city planning](#): [broad AVEs](#) & an [urban grid](#) were imposed on W bank & significant infrastructure investments made 1939: part of [Banovina of CRO](#).

During **World War II** imp city in [fascist Independent State of CRO](#).

After **World War II**,; developed production of plastics (toilet seats) [tobacco](#), [bauxite](#), [wine](#), [aircraft](#) & [aluminium](#) products. Many [dams](#) (*Grabovica*, *Salakovac*, *Mostar*) built 4 major industrial & tourist CNTR & prospered ECONally during time of [Socialist Federal Republic of YUGO](#).

**Btw 1992 & 1993**, after BiH declared independence from [YUGO](#), town had 18 mo [siege](#).

Apr 3, 1992 YUGO Army 1stt bombed on& conquered city following weeks

By June 12, 1992 [Croatian Defence Council](#) (HVO) forced JNA out of Mostar; JNA responded w/ more shelling. Monuments destroyed: [Franciscan](#) MON., [Cath CATH](#) & [bishop's PAL](#) (w/ library of 50,000 books), many secular institutions & Karadžoz-bey [MOSQ](#), & thirteen other MOSQs.

Mid June 1992, battle line moved eastward, HVO demolished SERB Orthodox [Žitomislić](#) MON & Saborna Crkva (Orthodox CATH CHR)(built: 1863-1873).

During 1992-95 (Bosnian War), HVO destroyed:

SERB [Orthodox](#) CATH of Holy Trinity (SERBian: Саборна црква Св. Тројице)

CHR of Birth of Most Holy Virgin (Црква Рођења Пресвете Богородице/Crkva Rođenja Presvete Bogorodice), both dating: mid 19th C, CATH

Prince Charles funds reconstruction of CATH, begin Spring 2008,

**On Nov 18, 1991**, [Croatian Democratic Union](#) (HDZ) branch in B & H, proclaimed independence [Croatian Republic of Herzeg-B](#),: separate "political, cultural, ECON & territorial whole," on territory of B & H.

Mostar divided into W part, controlled by Croat forces & E part where [Army of Republic of B & H](#) largely concentrated w/ most of bosniak pop which had been driven from their homes in W part of city during war.

After war, [ICTY](#) accused [Croatian Republic of Herzeg-B](#) leadership 4 [crimes against humanity](#) & other [war crimes](#) during war, incldg destruction of [Stari Most](#) bridge.

## ARCH

wide range of styles;

**Under OTTO Empire until 3<sup>rd</sup> Qrt, 19<sup>th</sup> C**, Mostar enjoyed unusual independence in 18<sup>th</sup> & most 19<sup>th</sup> C. Hist arch styles reflect [cosmopolitan](#) interest & exposure > foreign aesthetic trends & artfully merged w/ indigenous styles. EX include: Italianate Franciscan CHR, OTTO Muslibegovića house, Dalmatian [Corovic House](#) & Orthodox CHR: gift from Sultan.

OTTOs used monumental ARCH > affirm, extend & consolidate their colonial holdings. Administrators & bureaucrats – many who were indigenous people who converted from Christianity > [Islam](#) – founded [MOSQ](#) complexes that generally included [Koranic](#) schools, soup kitchens or MKT.[12]

### General:

**Old Bridge area** w/ exceptional multicultural (pre-OTTO, E OTTO, MED & W €) ARCH features, & fit w/ landscape: outstanding ex. of [multicultural urban settlement](#):

**1998 start of scientific restoration** & mostly completed by Spring 2004

**Over 15 million dollars** been spent on restoration of extremely ravaging war damage.

Reconstruction funds donated by [Spain](#) (w/ sizable peacekeeping force in surrounding area during conflict), ALSO, [United States](#), [Turkey](#), [Italy](#), [Netherlands](#), & [CRO](#).

**Aga Khan Trust 4 Culture & World Monuments Fund** undertook 5-yr long restoration & rehab in HIST Mostar. Realizing early that bridge reconstruct w/out in-depth rehab of [surrounding HIST neighbourhoods](#) would be devoid of context & meaning, designed programme > establish framework of urban conservation schemes & IND restoration projects > regenerate most significant areas of HIST Mostar, & particularly urban areas around Old Bridge. Project also created Stari Grad Agency > oversee ongoing conservation, operation & maintain series of restored HIST bldg (incldg Old Bridge complex) & promoting as cultural & tourist destination.]  
EVID of: exceptionally high TECH skill & quality of ancient constructions, particularly Old Bridge.

### Special significance:

Radoboija stream: enters Neretva RIV on R bank provided water source 4 growing settlement; from number of sm canals used 4 irrigation & driving water wheel mills

**7 of 13 orig MOSQs** (from 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> C0, lost during 20<sup>th</sup> C 4 ideological reasons or bombs);

1 of 2 19<sup>th</sup>-C Orthodox churches also lost,

**early 20<sup>th</sup>-C synagogue**, after suffering severe WWII damage converted > theatre.

**Many OTTO inns** [Where???](#) also survived, along w/ other bldg : fountains & schools. [Where???](#)

> **DO:** . (26 1/4h) 3D 1 1/4h + 4h DT (-3h⊗) 3D

**STONE BRIDGE** (LP146m, 145, D7) : Kriva Cuprija ("Sloping Bridge"), **DIRECS:** 1h  
 1558: OTTO architect Cejvan Kethoda; ??? test B4 major construction of Stari Most ???;  
**Completed 1566:** hailed as OO greatest arch achievement OTTO controlled BALK.; Exact  
 replica: 400 yr old orig wood bridge; DIMEN: 28.7 ms span , 21 ms above summer water level.  
Grand opening was held on July 23, 2004 under heavy security

**Halebija & Tara watchtowers:** 1/2h

(@either end) housed guardians of bridge & OTTOs also used as ammo storehouses; **arch:**  
 perfect semicircle 8.56 m W x 4.15 m H; **frontage & vault** made of REG stone cubes in horz  
 layers all along vault (bridge nomenclature); space btw vault, frontal walls & footpath: filled w/  
 cracked stone.

**Halebija TOW: DIRECS:** 1/2h

**Tara Gunpowder TOW: DIRECS:** 1/2h

Tara Gunpowder TOW →



### bridge footpath & approaching RDs 1/2h

R paved w/ cobblestones, as R town's main RDs, Stone steps enable  
 people > ascend > bridge from either side. Croats destroyed  
 bridge during Bosnian War in 1990s.

**July 2005, UNESCO** finally added Old Bridge & close vicinity >  
World Heritage List. OTTO defenses: Halebinaovka & Tara TOW;

### **Old Bridge MUS, (Next > bridge).** 1/2h

Includes exhibits on HIST of bridge, panoramic view from top, & entry into excavations below,  
 along w/ video detailing reconstruction of bridge. Entry: 5 KM. edit



Old Bridge: under restoration:6 2003. .... after reconstruction

### ⊗**Early trading & craft bldg: DIRECS:** 1/2h

still exist, notably some low shops in wood or stone, stone storehouses, & group of former  
tanneries round an open courtyard; 19th-C COM bldg predominantly neoclassical.

### ⊗**HIST MUS of Herzegovina. DIRECS :** former home of Džemal Bijedić 1/2h

Open 8-16. Closed Mon; sm collection of photographs from various phases of Mostar HIST,  
 ALSO, Also shows an excellent video on recent HIST of Old Bridge. KM 5.

### **E ??? /R bank: Mostar Old Town** (LP146m, 145, D7):

#### **Bulevar (front Line)(LP146m, 145, A5)** 1/4h

Walk Along Former Front-line, on Bulevar Revolucije. Here, in 1993 city was divided btwn Croats  
 on W & Bosniaks on E side; surreal & sobering experience > see bombed out bldg which still  
 stand in this area only 5 mtr divided .

Constant inter shelling btw Croats & BiHs, 1992-95

#### ⊗**Austro-HUNG Empire bldg:** ??

Admin, MIL, cultural, & Christ. relig bldg built; mainly on new quarter built according > strict  
 'Rondo' plan.

#### **Clock TOW: DIRECS:** 1/2h

**Biscevica Cosk house:**

1/2h

**DIRECS:** (Biscevica ST, recognize by signs indicating Turkish house)

An Ottoman house, where only see few up rms

**Kajtaz house: DIRECS:** 10 min Old Bridge,

3/4h

**2 Surviving late OTTO houses: very beautifully preserved Ottoman houses open > public:****Muslibegovica House, DIRECS: (located near Karadoz - Bey's MOSQ),**

3/4h

Open 4 visitors 15 April – 15 October from 10AM-6PM.

1700 +/-: OOM beautiful OTTO BALK house: separate quarters 4 women (women's courtyard-haremluk), & men (men's courtyard – selamluk. Unlike earlier ARCH styles, this house resembles a 4-storey house built around CNTR. Double-arched entry w/ CNTR pillar = Mediterranean influence; providing insight into life of wealthy bey family. Also food & rms. ???  
 Bi??evi? house is surviving EX: an austere entry belies interiors w/ painted built-in cabinets, elaborately carved wooden ceilings & rm that cantilevers over Neretva RIV

⊗ **Biscevica House,**

???

**DIRECS:** Biscevica ST. An Ottoman house, where only can see few rms in upstairs. 4 KM.**Design:** hall, up story 4 res use, paved courtyard & veranda on 1 or 2 stories.**Clock TOW (sahat kula): DIRECS:**

1/2h

**Karadozberg MOSQ: DIRECS:**

1/2h

**Koski Mehmed MOSQ: DIRECS:**

1/2h

**Koski Mehmed Pasina Dзамija (Koski Mehmed Pasha MOSQ),**

1/2h

(Old town). Sm but simply pretty Ottoman MOSQ built in 1618. Climb &gt; minaret &gt; see great view over town. Entry: 3 KM, w/ minaret access: 5 KM

1618. Climb > minaret > see great view over town.**Tepa MKT: DIRECS: Just around corner from MOSQ**

1h

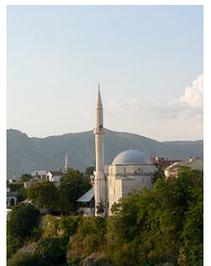
BUSy marketplace since OTTOs: now sells mostly fresh produce in season: figs &amp; pomegranates extremely popular; Local honey, .

**Karadjoz-Beg MOSQ (1557): DIRECS:**

1/2h

**Karadozbegova Dзамija (Karadjoz-Bey MOSQ), (Old town.)**

1/2h

modest Ottoman MOSQ, 1557. Entry: 3 KM, w/ minaret access: 5 KM. **CEM**, (next > Karadjoz/Bey MOSQ in Old town). PK in > CEM in 1993 when dead needed place > be buried & other cemeteries were inaccessible due > war.**Cemetery: DIRECS: next > Karadjoz/Bey MOSQ in Old town****Nesuh-aga Vucijakovic MOSQ: DIRECS:**

1/2h

1/2h

**Orthodox CHR ruins: DIRECS:**

1/2h

**Rozamedzi Ibrahimfendi Madrassa: DIRECS:**

1/2h

**Rozamedzi Ibrahimfendi MOSQ: DIRECS:**

1/2h

**W ??? / L bank:W?** Strong contrast w/ L bank : more organic growth on steep slopes, w/ winding narrow STs & public open spaces 4 trading (:), recreation (**mejdan**), & prayer (**musallah**).⊗ **Hercegovina MUS (LP146m, 145, D6): DIRECS:**

1/2h

**Franciscan MON: DIRECS:**

1/2h

**Public TURK Bath (hammam): DIRECS:**

1/2h

**Neziraga MOSQ: DIRECS:**

1/2h

**Tabahana: DIRECS:**

1/2h

populated interesting area of Mostar ???

⊗ **Tabacica MOSQ: DIRECS:**

1/2h

\* **Gymnasium: DIRECS:**

1/2h

Austro-HUNG Empire arch. 1902 designed by Franc:

- \* **Noteworthy Austro-HUNG Empire arch** (Admin bldg)  
all have neoclassical & Secessionist features.
- \* **Municipality bldg: DIRECS:** ½h  
which was designed by architect Josip Vancas from Sarajevo,
- \* **Res districts around Rondo: DIRECS:.** 1h
- Early FORT elements visible: DIRECS:** ½h  
mediev period: **Hercegusa TOW DIRECS:** ½h  
stretch of **ramparts. DIRECS:** ½h
- Cejvan Cehaj MOSQ, 1552,** ???  
oldest Mostar MOSQ; Later built, [madrasah](#) (Islamic school)
- Old Bazaar, Kujundziluk, (pazar) : DIRECS:** ½h  
named after goldsmiths who created & sold their wares on ST, **TODAY**, authentic paintings & copper or bronze carvings of Stari Most, pomegranates (natural HiB symbol) & famed *stećaks* (mediev tombstones).
- Koski Mehmed Paša MOSQ: DIRECS:** ½h  
1617, open > visitors: enter MOSQ & take photos free.  
**minaret:** also open > public  
**DIRECS:** accessible from inside MOSQ. ½h
- Crooked Bridge: KRIVA ĆUPRIJA** (or Crooked Bridge **DIRECS:** ½h  
**OTHER other ancient bridge** BESIDES famous Stari Most (Old Bridge), genuine symbol of town destroyed in 1993, is another ancient bridge in Mostar: **Kriva Ćuprija**; crosses Rabobolja creek, R-bank affluent of Neretva RIV. exact date of construction & name of its founder R not known.  
stone one-arch bridge of sm dimen & closely like Stari Most. perfect semicircle arch 8.56m in width & 4.15m hi; frontage & vault R: REG stone cubes into horz layers all along vault; space btwn vault, frontal walls & footpath: filled w/ cracked stone. bridge footpath & approaching RDs R paved w/ cobblestones, as R town's main RDs. **Stone steps** enable people > ascend > bridge either side; floods of December 2000 destroyed this bridge.; reconstruct initiated by UNESCO, financed by Grand Duchy of Luxembourg., completed 2001.
- Bishop's Ordinariate bldg: DIRECS:** ½h
- Cim: Early Christian Basilica remains: DIRECS: -** ½h
- Synagogue (1889): DIRECS:** ½h
- Hadzi-Kurt MOSQ or Tabacica: DIRECS:** ½h
- Metropolitan PAL (1908): DIRECS:** ½h
- Cath CHR: DIRECS:** ½h
- ⊗ **Koski pasa MOSQ.: DIRECS:** ½h
- ⊗ **Memorial or Partisan CEM CEM: DIRECS:** ½h  
WWII memorial: imp city symbol; unity of nature (water & greenery) w/ arch (20060).



**DAY TRIPS:**

\* **Blagaj VIL** : 12km SE

½ D

**TRANS: BUS:** 15 MIN (BUS 10, 2.25 KM, stops in Spanski TRG in front of gymnazija) may leave from RD opposite main STA, not BUS STA itself.

**SITES:**

there R GUD samples of Ottoman MOSQ, bridges & tekija which is on R bank of RIV Buna @ its source.

**Old Flour mills:**

In old days powered by strong RIV Buna. All surrounded by lrg flower gardens & reflected in calm water. W/In complex R 2 GH built > accommodate unexpected travelers offering accom & food. **family** now owns hotel & family business of honey production (see below)

**Ancient FORT:** mt top hike: few make hike

**DIRECS:** Follow RD past village's "old town" & then **ask where trail starts**, or just follow RD (keep R) > where RD swerves L (many ancient gravestones) & path on your R. trail is about 2 km. fort is interesting > explore & view is commanding.

**Elagicevina** ( Velagic family House).

Bosnian oriental houses complex owned by Velagic family, old Blagaj family; 17th C, beautiful EX of Ottoman res ARCH, one-story structure w/ typically extended porches.

**MOSQ (HIST):**

@ Blagaj, RIV flows out of mt.: very beautiful, w/ deep blue water. HIST MOSQ built into cliff (women must wear headscarves in MOSQ). Trout R farmed in RIV, & many excellent restaurants serve trout w/ seating on riverbank. Many tourists visit this site.

**Pocitelj: DIRECS:** – S of Mostar; 13th C OTTO village

½D

**Mogorjelo:**

½D

**DIRECS:** SEE Mogorjelo, 1 () Čapljina, BiH situated on hill off Neretva branch, 5 km S of Čapljina, alongside RD > Gabela in early 4<sup>th</sup> C Roman villa rustica

**Kravice Falls:**

1D

**DIRECS:** difficult > reach **WHY?** Not in Mostar; closer > Međugorje ( SW of Mostar) near Ljubuški about 40km from Mostar On Trebižat RIV; 3 km downstream from Vitaljina, in Studenci near Ljubuški  
Similar > Krka Falls & Plitvice Lakes, Trebižat RIV”: also in natural tufa deposit.; travertine barriers & waterfalls can grow **only** in water of high purity & quality,



**Jajce**, B-H: (RS ); Waterfalls, **(1T, 1/2D, 0N)**

In mtns, beautiful countryside nearby, RIVs: Vrbas & Pliva, Pliva lake (called Brana) in local parlance; mt RDs > city may scare some visitors, cuz bad RDs, but scenery picturesque.

**GEN - JACE:** ECON: weak

**TRANS-IN:****BUS:**

**From Mostar > Jajce:**

**Jajce > Travnik** every day @: 07:00; 08:15; 08:50; 09:10; 10:20; 13:40; 15:15; 15:30; 15:50; 17:15 & 18:00. one-way TIK costs btwn 8 & 12 KM, depending on BUS company

Travnik-Jajce @: 11:15; 15:10; 15:30; 16:20; 17:10 & 17:30. one-way TIK costs btwn 10 & 13 KM

**BUS main STA:** p132; @ least 1, BUT **TRANS GAP: LK**

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**ACCM:****FOOD:****TRANS-OUT:**

**Jace> SJJ: Centrotrans TRANS GAP: LK**

**Jace> Travnik: Centrotrans TRANS GAP: LK**

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Jace > Bihac> Plitvice NP ???

**From bihac> jace:** 3/d10 ) 1) 14

**DP:** B4 9am, ARv: ? ;30 ARV 1800; **DP:** evening ARV: midnight

**HIST;**

**14th C:** built, capital of independent [Bosnian](#) ; FORT gates, castle w/ walls leading > various town gates.

**1501:** Mihajlovic besieged Jajce, but unsuccessful cuz defeated by Ivaniš Korvin assisted by Zrinski, Frankopan, Karlović & Cubor. [Empire](#) in

**1463:** When Bosnian kingdom fell > OTTOs Jajce taken by OTTOs, BUT retaken by HUNG King . 10–20 kms from Jajce: [Komotin Castle](#) & town: older, but smaller than Jajce. :: **believed town of Jajce was previously Komotin but was moved after black death.**

Also, period, [Bosnian queen Katarina Kosača-Kotromanić](#) restored CHR of [Saint Luke](#) in Jajce, **today:** oldest [CHR](#). Eventually, in

**1527:** last Bosnian town > fall > [OTTOs](#).

Many churches & MOSQs built: different times w/ different rules, thus Jajce diverse town.

**1885 St. Luke, Franciscan MON: completed**

**WWII:**

**November 29, 1943:** gained prominence cuz hosted 2<sup>nd</sup> convention of [Anti-Fascist Council of National Liberation of YUGO](#) which ultimately created YUGO after WWII.

**Bosnian War:**

**@ beginning of,** Jajce had all ethnic groups cuz located @ junction btw 1) SERB majority > N, 2) Bosnian Muslim majority > SDE & 3) Croatian majority > SW.

**@ end (May 1992):** almost all SERBs fled > [Republika Srpska](#) SERB controlled territories.

Summer of 1992, [Army of Republika Srpska](#) (VRS) started heavy bombardment,

**10th & 11th of October 1992** SERBian Orthodox CHR (Crkva Uspenja Presvete Bogorodice) blown up in night

**October 29, 1992** SERB forces entered Jajce & Bosniak & Croat pop escaped thru Divičani into [Travnik](#).

**August-September 1995:** Bosnian/Croat counteroffensives retook town & now most of SERB pop fled.

**> DO:**

\* **Pliva Waterfall: DIRECS:** where **Pliva RIV** meets **RIV Vrbas**;

?h

Was 30 ms H, but **Bosnian war**, area flooded & now only 20 ms H, flooding maybe due > **earthquake** &/or attacks on hydroelect plant further up RIV.

RIVs Pliva & Vrbas flow thru city.

\* **Jajce FORT: DIRECS:** in Old Town:

FORT system FORT

**Jajce, & its ancient district**

**Clock TOW: DIRECS:** low TOW, late 14th C; 17th C, converted > clock TOW., which stopped working -- 1878, when Austro-Hungarian soldiers removed clock & bell.

**Houses: Renovated old TRAD houses:** HIST city parts: -- DONE

"Burić"s house: **DIRECS:**

"Kapetanović"s house: **DIRECS:**

"Kršlak"s house: **DIRECS:**

Omer-bey"s house: **DIRECS:**

"Sarač" house: **DIRECS:**

**Churches/ MOSQ:**

"Katakombe" & underground CHR: **DIRECS:**

Sv. Marija CHR w/ "Sv. Luka"s TOW bell: **DIRECS:**

St Luke CHR: **DIRECS:** most interesting part of mediv CHR of St. Mary is

**gothic TOW** (23.15 mtr high). **walls:** 1m thick; only mediv CHR TOW preserved in continental part of Balkans; 15<sup>th</sup> C domestic masons. Escaping from Bosnia in 1463, Bosnian Queen Mara took relics w/ her. After 1527, CHR TOW was converted into minaret of Sulejmanija MOSQ

**Medvjed Kula (Bear TOW)**

Romantic Medvjed Kula (Bear TOW) **DIRECS:** near St. Luke's CHR-TOW: round defensive TOW; OO oldest mediv bldg in BiH; massive, thickness of tower's walls range btwn 4.4 & 6 mtr.

**Presvete Bogorodice orthodox CHR ""****Women's MOSQ****"Esmā Sultanija"s MOSQ****Sinan-bey"s MOSQ**

**TEMP of God Mithras DIRECS:** near Old Town

under restoration; 4<sup>th</sup> C; discovered: 1931; main cult icon: 1.68 ms tall, shows: "Mithras sacrificing bull. portrays Mithras as young man, kneeling on back of bull & plunging knife into its flank."

**"Musafirhana" canavaseria ( guest house 4 travelers) DIRECS:**

**"Hadžihafizadić"s fountain: Can't find more info DIRECS:**

**Day Trips:**

**Pliva's Lakes:** near Jajce; **watermills** complex on **necropolis** w/ "stećci" in Vinac

**"Kraljev grob"** (royal grave) in Zastinje

**"Saint John"** CHR in Podmilačje

**Komotin Castle & Old Town: DIRECS:** 10–20 kms from Jajce (???Vinac):: HIST & cultural richness of Jajce & its municipality is attested by presence of **Komotin Castle** & town: older, but smaller than Jajce. ruined castle ; early 14th C; was manorial court. : **believed town of Jajce was previously Komotin but was moved after black death.**



**Travnik, B-S:** (RS, ) ([Cyrillic: Травник](#)) **NOT worth !!**

90 km W of [Sarajevo](#); POP: 27,000; Elevation: 514 ms; mountains, Vilenica & Vlašić. Vlašić, named 4 [Vlachs](#), OO tallest mtns B-S 6342 ft.

**TRANS-IN/OUT:****BUS:**

Jajce > Travnik every day @: 07:00; 08:15; 08:50; 09:10; 10:20; 13:40; 15:15; 15:30; 15:50; 17:15 & 18:00. one-way TIK costs btwn 8 & 12 KM, depending on BUS company  
Travnik-Jajce @: 11:15; 15:10; 15:30; 16:20; 17:10 & 17:30. one-way TIK costs btwn 10 & 13 KM

**OPTIONS: GOAL:** Either SJJ> Mostar or Mostar>SJJ: TRANS GAP: LK

Jajce:based on results from SJJ , Jajce & Mostar: Centrotrans ???

TIP: When get off @ BUS stop, be careful > take R direction, that is, coming

**BUS SCHED:**

DP: SJJ: 6, 7:30, 8:15, 10, 10:30, 13, 13:30, 14, 15, 16:10, 17:30, 19 : ;

FROM Travnik **BUS STA** : out of BUS stop > main RD: take R turn > town CNTR in 6-7 min. walk.

**ACCM: not in Travnik & expensive****FOOD:**

x

**MISC:****HIST**

Although EVID settlement back > Bronze Age, true HIST of Travnik begins during 1st few C AD. Dating from this time there R numerous indications of [Roman](#) settlement in region, incldg graves, forts, remains of various other structures, early Christian basilicas, etc. etc. In city itself, Roman coins & plaques have been found. Some writing found indicates settlement is closely connected > known Roman colony in MOD day [Zenica](#), 30 km (19 mi) away.

In Middle Ages Travnik area is known as *župa Lašva* PROV of mediv Bosnian kingdom. area is 1st mentioned by [Bela IV of HUNG](#) in 1244. Travnik itself was one of number of fortified towns in region, w/ its FORT *Kaštel* becoming today's old town sector. city itself is 1st mentioned by [Ottomans](#) during their conquest of nearby [Jajce](#).

After OTTO conquest of B, much of local pop converted > [Islam](#). city quickly grew into one of more imp settlements in region, as authorities constructed MOSQs, marketplaces, & various infrastructure. During 1699 when [Sarajevo](#) was set afire by soldiers of Field-Marshal [Prince Eugene of Savoy](#), Travnik became capital of OTTO [PROV of B](#) & RES of Bosnian [viziers](#). city became an imp CNTR of GOV in whole W frontier of empire, & [consulates](#) were established by governments of [France](#) & [Austria-HUNG](#).

period of Austrian occupation brought westernization & industry > Travnik, but also reduction of importance. While cities such as [Banja Luka](#), [Sarajevo](#), [Tuzla](#), & [Zenica](#) grew rapidly, Travnik changed so little that during 1991 had mere 30,000 or so people, w/ 70,000 in entire municipality. During [Bosnian War](#), town mostly escaped damage from conflict w/ SERBian forces, but area experienced fighting btw local Bosniak & Croat factions B4 [Washington Agreement](#) was signed. After war, Travnik was made capital of CNTR [B Canton](#).

[\[edit\]](#)

2004

Latest pop figures R mostly estimates. is assumed that since 1997, combination of returning refugees & steady birth rate has resulted in area's pop increasing > about 70,000 residents. As 4 city itself, international organizations estimated that by 2004 there were 26,510 people in city itself.

[\[edit\]](#)

2005

In 2005, most of inhabitants of Travnik municipality were ethnic Bosniaks (86%), while ethnic Croats comprised 14%

### Economy

economy of Travnik region, which was never anything extraordinary, suffered greatly during war period of early 1990s. In 1981 Travnik's GDP per capita was 63% of Yugoslav average.[1] Nowadays, most of region deals w/ typical rural work such as farming & herding. As 4 urban industry, Travnik has many factories producing everything from [matches](#) > furniture. Food processing is also strong industry in region, especially meat & milk companies.

### > DO

Tourism is **NOT big**;

**Travnik Castle/FORT ruin: Travnik Mediv Fort** was one of survivors of 1903 fire, & imposing structure, which 4 CNTR defended city from outside invaders, still dominates horizon.



*Travnik Fort*

FORT is open > guests. walk up is lovely & old quarter around FORT has some very impressive TRAD homes. Today, this is perhaps best preserved fort in all of CNTR Bosnia. Apart from being admin headquarters 4 Ottoman rule in Bosnia, Travnik is best known as an ancient trading place. MKT were always filled w/ visitors & traders from Dubrovnik, Serbia & other Ottoman territories. Just as Mostar's & Sarajevo's carsija developed into craftsmen's quarters so too did old town of Travnik.

**Mt Vlastic NO** Nearby [Mt.Vlašić](#) is one of tallest peaks in B & H, & an excellent spot 4 hiking, & sledding.

**Old Town:** district: dates > Bosnian independence during: 1<sup>st</sup> ½ 15th C. Popular, widely accessible sites

**OTTO structures:** near perfect condition:

- numerous MOSQs
- Oriental homes,
- 2 clock TOW (only BiH city w/2
- fountains. .

**Sarajevo (2nd)****(1T, 1D, 2N)****2D****TRANS-IN:****BUS**

From JACE/Travnik: Centrotrans

**Travnik > SJJ:** Centrotrans Travnik-Sarajevo @: 06:50; 07:50; 08:05; 09:00; 10:40; 10:45; 12:00; 12:15; 15:40; 18:30; 18: 55 & 19:15**Sarajevo>Travnik**, one-way TIK costs 14,50 KM & there R several BUSs: @: 07:30; 09:15; 10:00; 13:30; 14:00; 19:00 & 22:00**Jajce > Travnik** every day @: 07:00; 08:15; 08:50; 09:10; 10:20; 13:40; 15:15; 15:30; 15:50; 17:15 & 18:00. one-way TIK costs btwn 8 & 12 KM, depending on BUS company**Travnik-Jajce** @: 11:15; 15:10; 15:30; 16:20; 17:10 & 17:30. one-way TIK costs btwn 10 & 13 KM**Jajce> SJJ: TRANS GAP: LK**

From MOSTAR: ??? Centrotrans ???

**ACCM:****TRANS-OUT: IDEAL: SKIP Belgrade & GOTO Bucharest****AIR: BUH /OTP Bucharest****BEST:** CheapoAir (\$190) SJJ>IST>OTP (5/2/14, DP1150, ARV: 1650) Pegasus Air

Orbitz &amp; Cheap TIK &amp; Priceline (\$290/280), SJJ&gt;IST&gt;OTP \$280 Turk Air, (5/5/14, 5½h DP: 1410 ARV: 2050

**TRN:** from **SSJ> Belgrade**; (DP: 11:49am/8h)**TRN:** (Possibly TRN btwn **SJJ & Budapest** goes thru **Belgrade** DP SJJJ @ 6:55 **TRANS GAP: LK**

From Wiki page , but sounded old

**BUS:** from **SJJ> Belgrade**: (DP: 6am/ 8hr)

**SERB:****BELGRADE (1T,0D, 1N) 1D****TRANS-IN:****NOTES:**From SJJ > BELGRADE, SERB: **ABOVE****NO DIRECT TRN anymore**; past apparently: 11:49am/8h**BUS:** from **SJJ> Belgrade:** (6am/ 8hr)Centrotrans is Eurolines member w/ reg BUSES from many € places > Sarajevo.: Centrotrans website: [www.centrotrans.com](http://www.centrotrans.com). : BUS SCHED, on-line res & main € office addresses :

WIKI SJJ page: BUS: (amazing scenery) (9hr, BUSES from both SJJ STAs)

**TRN:** from **SSJ> Belgrade;** (DP: 11:49am/8h) (8-31-12) 0655 (change in Strizivojina-Vrpolje)**TRN:** (Possibly TRN btwn SJJ & Budapewst goes thru Belgrade DP SJJJ @ 6:55 **TRANS GAP LK**)

From Wiki page , but sounded old

from Zagrb: (4/d, 7h)

From Zagreb: (5/d, 6h)

**ACCM: ???****FOOD:****Vrsac>Bucharest:****TRANS-OUT: OPT 1: SKIP Belgrade OPT 2: SJJ > Belgrade > BUH****POSSIBLE ???:****AIR: BELGRADE > BUCHAREST: BUT BEST if from SJJ, skipping Belgrade**

Expedia, &amp; CheapO air &amp; Airfastticket: 9:15 Tarmom &amp; 1:30 Jat (\$177 1/3h non stop;),(THESE R 11h)

8:55, 8:20a

Cheapoair:

**THUS: ----- SJJ> Vrsac>Timisoara>Bucharest:****TRN: (ideal)** (1-6-14): **Belgrade** (Beograd STA) > **Vrsac** > **Timisoara** (Nord TRN STA) > **Bucharest:****(Europe by Rail: Bel>Buda>Buch: 22hr)****SEE NEXT PAGE**

TRN: (**ideal**) (1-6-14): **Belgrade (Beograd STA) > Vrsac > Timisoara (Nord TRN STA) > Bucharest:**)

- 1) **BEL TRN:**(dilapidated **Beograd Dunav STA, NOT CNTR STA**) > **Vrsac:** (2/d, 4h) (? 3/d, 1h52m)  
**A)** DP: 7:20 , ARV:9:05 (Serb Time) ( in time > catch 10:38 > Timisoara: Nord STA)  
**B)** DP:15:50, ARV: 17:35 (Serb Time) ( in time > catch 18:30 > Timisoara Nord)

**NOTE:**

1) **No food @ Vrsac** STA & short time 4 boarding TRN 4 Tiisoara.

**BUS ALT if necessary for some reason:** BEL>VRSAC: BUS: Beograd > Vrsac & OVN. THEN, early morning TRN > Timisoara ,THEN Bucharest

Either Stup Co or Serbian RR (conveniently located) BUS from Belgrade>Vrsac:(hrly, fast)

DP: either Beograd or Beograd Dunav @ 1555/1612. Other times

BUD TRN Option ???: (**Europe by Rail: Bel>Buda>Buch: 22hr**)

**Chart dated 6-12-14 so pretty old given probability of change.**

2) **THEN, Vrsac > Timisoara Nord:**  
**SCHED:** (DP Vrsac: 10:38/18:30 (Serb Time), ARV Timisoara: (ROM Time)  
**TRANS GAP: LK**

**NOTES:**

- 1) Check actual time table: Get link from downloaded web age"  
**Belgrade > Timisoara by TRN w/ "Banat Special"**
- 2) Toilets May be locked in early morning
- 3) WARNING: Do NOT Enter Waiting Rm! (Why???)
- 4) **BRING FOOD** STA food bad quality & perhaps unhealthy SO bring lots from Belgrade

	Train	Train	Train	Train	Bus	Train	Train
Beograd	:	:	:	:	15.6	:	:
Beograd-Dunav	:	7.20	:	:	16.1	:	19.2
Pancevo-Glavna	:	7.52	11.2	15	16.4	:	19.5
Vrsac	7.10	9.06	12.3	16.2	18	18.2	21
Timisoara-Nord	9.45	:	:	:	:	20.6	:

3) **THEN, Timisoara Nord > Bucharest (Bucuresti Nord Gara) : (ROM Time) (5/d, 8 1/3 h)**

Trip Advisor: 9-11-12: 4:45, 6: 05, 8:09, 1400, 2155

RailEurope: 1-31-14: DP: 0545, ARV: 1428, \$93

**NOTE:** DIRECT: Used 2B, but no longer (AS of 1-27-13, NO TRNs incld former OVN TRN (14h)

**??? Budapest > Bucharest TRN OPTION:**

Many, (daytime & overnight), TIK start from only 29 € & can be purchased online.

**MISC:****> DO****Kalemegdan AREA:**

Kalemegdan Citadel FORT: FREE,

**MIL MUS (of YUGO): (in Citadel above) USA stealth fighter bits****Starigrad (Old Town):**

GEN ARCH: 2 Cs: Ottoman, Hapsburgs,

**School of Fine Arts art nouveau**

NAT MUS: probably closed

ETHNO MUS: ???

PAL of Princess Ljubica

**Dorcol:**

Gallery of Frescos: CHR copies ???

Bajrali MOSQ

St Aleksander Nevski CHR: oldest Christ. ???

**CNTR Belgrade:**

Nikola Tesla MUS: 'wonderously sci-fi-ish interactives

MUS of Auto/Cycles:

HIST MUS of SERbia: VIDEO???

SvetiMarko CHR: based on Kosovo's Gracanica MON

**OUTER Belgrade:**

Sveti Sava: wrld' BIG Orthodox CHR.

Marsal Titi's GRAVE:

Aviation MUS: @airort (???)

**TOURS:**

Belgrade Underground: Roman > Cold War,

**DT or OVN or Tour:**

2 Day Tour, RR ride only 13.5km / 1w; (2 ½ h RT) IVN in Zlatibor (\$

**Sargan RR: ??? TRANS GAP: LK DAY TRIP ONLY cuz not enuf free time**

Narrow gauge mt railway,. ; Mokra Gora: DP : 0800, **1030**, 1235,1610; ARV: 1000, 1300,  
**1545**, 1830

**ROM:****GEN - ROM:**

\$1US = 33.63 leu  
 SERB> ROM border xing  
 HUN > ROM Border Xing:  
 ROM > Molova Brder Xing:

**Bucharest:** p679**(1T, 2D, 3N)****3D****GEN - BUCH:**

Visa : NOt req'd

**VOCAB essentials:** learn bit of romanian, buna, multumesc, la revedere, bine, you'll be fine!

**TRANS-IN:** **SEE Belgrade page 29 above**

**TRANS-LOCAL:**

RATB: metro (10 trip TIK - 15lei, , BUS, trams, trolleys: Validate TIK on BUS or FINE, :

**ACCM:** See "Brasov Hostels - HostelBookers.com.webarchive"

Boemia Host: 96%  
 Kismet Dao Brasov: 95%  
 Centrum House : 93%Rolling Stone: 91%  
 LP Doors (best): dm:45-6-lei>  
 LP Midland Y HOS: dm: 35-60 lei

**FOOD:****TRANS-OUT:**

BUS:

**OVN TRANS:** Bucharest > Sinaia> Brasov> Sighisora> Sibiu> Bucharest :  
 ??? Inter City TRN (nicknamed Blue Arrows)

**TRN: Sinaia:** (? , 1½h), p690s sched

See "Bucuresti Nord> Sinaia TRN SCHED.pdf"

Planificare calatorie.com sched site: <http://www.mersultrenurilorcfr.ro/imtif/rute.aspx?lng=en>>

seat RES req'd if Interrail or Eurail Pass;

Wasteels agency (inside TRN STA) is GUD;

[www.cfr.ro](http://www.cfr.ro) or german site: [www.Bahn.de](http://www.Bahn.de)

**BUS/MxTx:** (every ½h? , 1½h)

Many BUS STAs; [www.autogari.ro](http://www.autogari.ro) & [www.cdy.ro](http://www.cdy.ro) or agency/hostel

**BUCHAREST (Bucuresti Nord) > CHISINAU, MOL**

**TRN:** 402 / 106 (Prietenia): DP: 1940 (7:40pm) (night), ARV: 0850 (next day)

Stops: Bucharest, Buzau, Bacau, Iasi, Ungheni, Chisinau

**Bucharest, ROM > Chiinau, Mol**

**MISC:**

&gt; DO

(9 ¾)

10h

N Bucharest:

4¼h

START: LPm681-2: **Calea Victoriei walk @** Piata Victoriei (N) > Piata Revolutiei (S):4D2 **Herastrau PK**: exquisite p686 **DIRECS**: N CNTR map

¾h

C1 \* **NAT Village MUS**: outdoor open , moved bldgs

1h

C-D/2-3 **Triumphal ARCH** on luxury/PK'd Sos Kiseleff ave

1h

D3 \* **ROM Peasant MUS**:

1½h

3D3 \*\* **Grigore Antipa NAT HIST MUS**: kid focus

(¾h) ???

D3 **PLATA REVOLUTIEI**

1¼h

C3 (Nat Art MUS): **NO!**2B4 **Cismigiu GARD**: lake, benches

½h

4 D3 **Rebirth MEM**: 4 1989

¼h

D3 **CNTR COM of Commie Party BLDG**: **EXT only**:

¼h

Ceausescu's infamous LAST speech

E4 **Memorial Cross**: (not in LP)

¼h

**SSE > Old Town ....****Old Town**: p682; **CNTR Bucharest ???**

2¼h

**Wander.....**

1h

D7 **Stavropoleos CHR**: 1724 relaxing EXT

½h

5D7 \***NAT HIST MUS**: **INT: NO, but EXT** : controversial Trajan STAT

¼h

E7 \***Old Princely Court**: (apparently just sm area)

½h

3G8 **Jewish HIST MUS**: ENG,

???

**S Bucharest**: p682

2h

A8 \***PAL of Parliament**: EXT only ???

½h

2<sup>nd</sup> wrld largest after US PENT; Ceausescu's1E7 **Antim MON**:

???

1715, ???

¼h

E7 \* **Patriarchal CATH**: 1656-58,

¼h

2A7 **Ghencea Civil CEM**:

Ceausescu &amp; wife's grave site p682m

1h

**DIRECS**: SWW of Patriarchal CATH

**(Transylvania LOOP)****(1T&D> Sinaia > Brasov)****½D****Sinaia: (DT en route > Brasov)****TRANS-IN:** from BUCH**BUS/MxTx:** (every ½h? , 1½h)

BUS/MxTx: (every ½h? , 1½h)

**TRN:** (best) > Sinaia: (2 in afternoon, 1½h), p690s sched1<sup>st</sup> TRN (Bucharest Nord -- # IR 1745): DP: 0615 , ARV: 0754 (Note: same TRN ARV Barsov: 0900 (1h)

seat RES req'd if Interrail or Eurail Pass;

Wasteels agency (inside TRN STA) is GUD;

[www.cfr.ro](http://www.cfr.ro) or german site: [www.Bahn.de](http://www.Bahn.de)**ACCM: NO OVN****TRANS-OUT: > Brasov ???****BUS/MxTx:** (? , 1h)**TR:** (freq, 1h)

See "Bucaresti&gt;Brasov TRN SCHED.pdf"

Planificare calatorie.com sched site: <http://www.mersultrenurilorcfr.ro/imtif/rute.aspx?lng=en>>**MISC:** Possible cable car ride > Bucegi Mts plateau**> DO****4h ?****Peles Castle:** neo- Renaissance, 1875, 40 min tour,

2h

**Pelisor PAL:** art nouveau decor,

2h

**Cable car up > Bucegi Mts plateau**

???

**Brasov: OVN** (1T&D> Sinaia >Brasov)

(½T, 1D, 2N)

**2D****TRANS-IN:** From Bucharest via Sinaia > Brasov:**BUS/MxTx:** Sinaia> Brasov (1hr)

via Sinaia &gt; Brasov (½ hrly, ?½h)

(?)From Ploiesti: (24/d, 2h)

**TR:** ( 2/d , 1h)

See "Bucaresti&gt;Brasov TRN SCHED.pdf"

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From Bucharest: (approx. hrly, 3½h)

Over Predeal Pass

??? Inter City TRN (nicknamed Blue Arrows)

**ACCM: ADV BK 4 late ARV**

Rolling Stone HOS: dm \$12,

**FOOD:****TRANS-OUT: ???****Maxi-BUS:**

&gt; Sighisora (10/d, ?)

&gt; Sibiu: (4/d, 2½h)

**TRN:****Sighisora:** (12/d, 2½h) or (7/d - from 0619 > 2131, <3h,) **SEE < Brasov > Sighisoara TRN SCHED.pdf**Planificare calatorie.com sched site: <http://www.mersultrenurilorcfr.ro/imtif/rute.aspx?lng=en>>**Sibiu:** (2/d, 4h)**MISC:****TODO: Wiki page****4h****Piata Sfatului:**

W/Council House topped by Trumpeter's TOW

3/4h

**Black CHR:** 1480

½h

**Mt Tampa:** cable car or hike, **SEE Wiki web /pdf page** 1½h climb

2h

w /views; **Braşovia Citadel/FORT** remains**Stone bench**

Turnul Cizmarilor ( Boot Makers TOW) →

**St. Nicholas CATH:** old murals,

3/4h

**DT:****6h****Bran Castle:** Saxon -1382; (est 0900>1100=2h)

2h

**TRANS ><:** BUS: marked "Bran-Moieciu" from BUS TERM #2 (Autogara 2 Brasov / Bartolomeu) (½ hrly, 1h) from Autogara 2 ( BUS STA 2) Str. Avram Iancu, 114, Brasov, Brasov, 500068**Rasnov FORT:** 12km from Bran toward Brasnov, 13<sup>th</sup> C,( 1200>

2h

**TRANS ><:** same BUS as above STOPS @

**Sighisora: very pretty,**  
**TRANS-IN: from Brasov???**

**(1T, 1D, 2N)**

**2D**

**TRN:**

**From Brasov:> Sighisora:** (12/d, 2½h) or (7/d - from 0619 > 2131, <3h,) **SEE < Brasov > Sighisoara TRN SCHED.pdf>**

Planificare calatorie.com sched site: <http://www.mersultrenurilororcf.ro/imtif/rute.aspx?lng=en>  
 ??? Inter City TRN (nicknamed Blue Arrows)

**BUS:** Atlassib BUS company ???

**From Brasov:** (10/d, 2½h,) RES req'd  
 > Sibiu (4/d, 2½h)

Pensiune Cristina& Pavel: dm: 45 lei  
 Nathan's Villa: dm: 50 lei

**ACCM:**

**Burg Hostel** 75%/\$11: gud staff, pub, no loclers,not clean, gud SQ location, bed bugs ???,  
**Gia Hostel:** 78%, \$12/\$13.71(HW): GUD TRN STA LOC, KIT, no lock, quiet,  
**Legend House:** 89%, \$9; no wifi, KIT, gud loc, tho steep climb from TRN STA, no brkft,

**FOOD:**

**TRANS-OUT:** > Sibiu

**BUS > Sibiu:** (4/d , 2½h)

**TRN: > Medias > (transfer) Sibiu:** (4/d, 2½h) (less \$ than BUS

**SEE <Sighisoara>Sibiu TRN SCHED.pdf>**

Planificare calatorie.com sched site: <http://www.mersultrenurilororcf.ro/imtif/rute.aspx?lng=en>)

**MISC:**

**> DO:**

**4 ½ h**

OLD TOWN: Fortified walls, 16<sup>th</sup> C houses

**Mediv Castle/Citadel & FORT walls:**

2h

w/2 bastion & 9 TOW remain.

**Clock TOW:** clock w/ wooden figures

¼h

**Piata Cetatil (SQ):** site of trials, mkts, impalings, executions

**Covered Stairway:** 1642

¼h

**CHR on Hill:**1345, Gothic,

½h

**German CEM**

½h

**Goldsmith's TOW** remains:

¼h

**Roman Cath CHR:** 1896

½h

**Tailor's TOW**

¼h

**Sibiu: (1T, 2+D, 3N) 3D**

Europe's 8th most idyllic place > live" by [Forbes](#)

**TRANS-IN:** 215km NW of Bucharest ???

**BUS > Sibiu:** (4/d , 2½h) Atlassib BUS company

**TRN: Sighisora** (line 200) > **Medias** (Line 206) > **(transfer) Sibiu:** (4/d, 2½h) (less \$ than BUS)

SEE <[Sighisoara>Sibiu TRN SCHED.pdf](#)>

Planificare calatorie.com sched site: ,<http://www.mersultrenurilororcf.ro/imtif/rute.aspx?lng=en>

3 TRN STAs: Main STA, Little STA (Gara Mică) & Sibiu Turnișor

Inter City TRN (nicknamed Blue Arrows)

**ACCM:**

Felinarul HOS: dm: 55

Old Town HOS: dm: 55

**FOOD:****HIST: SEE “ Sibiu Wiki pdf”**

1st official record referring > **Sibiu:** 1191, Pope [Celestine III](#) confirmed existence of [German settlers](#) in Transylvania, most Ger settlers: fugitives, convicts & poor peeps seeking lands & life.



Copper engraving of Sibiu (*Hermanstadt*), c. 1630.



Busy MKT scene in Sibiu, 1818

largest & wealthiest of 7 walled citadels\* built in 12th C by Ger settlers aka Transylvanian Saxons; 14th C, imp trade CNTR. 1376, 19 craftsmen guild's riches amassed bot construction impressive bldg & FORT required > protect them

18th & 19th CNTR, 2nd & later 1st most imp CNTR of Transylvanian [Romanian ethnics](#). 3rd most imp CNTR of [Romanian Orthodox CHR](#). Btwn [Hungarian Revolution of 1848](#) & 1867 meeting-place of representative [Transylvanian Diet](#), after Empire agreed > voting rights.

After [World War I](#), when [Austria-Hungary](#) dissolved, Sibiu part of ROM; majority of pop was still ethnic German (until 1941) & w/ lrg Romanian community & sm Hungarian one.

From 1950s & > after 1990, most ethnic Ger emigrated > [Germany](#). Of remaining 2,000 [Klaus Johannis](#), currently mayor.

**Milestones in Sibiu's HIST**

1241 - Sibiu gets sacked by [invading Mongols](#); Hungarian army loses [major battle](#) on April 11

1380 - 1st documented school in [Kingdom of Hungary](#).

1442 - [Battle of Hermannstadt](#) fought March 18–25 btwn [Hungarian Kingdom](#) & [Ottoman Turks](#)

1551 - [Conrad Haas](#)'s experiment w/ [rockets](#).

1570 - [Ottoman](#)-dependent [Principality of Transylvania](#) formed after Ottoman conquest in [Hungary](#).

1782 - [Franz-Joseph Müller von Reichenstein](#) discovered chemical element [tellurium](#). [7]

1795 - 1st [lightning rod](#) in [Transylvania](#) & in [Southeastern Europe](#) was installed in [Nagydisznód](#) (present-day [Cisnădie](#)).

- 1896 - 1st use of electricity in [Austria-Hungary](#), & 1st power line in Southeastern Europe.
- 1904 - 2nd city in Europe > use an electric-powered [trolley](#).
- 1905 - Electric Tram is inaugurated(replacing trolley).
- 1928 - 1st zoo in [ROM](#).
- 1989 - third city > take part in [Romanian Revolution](#).
- 2007 - European Capital of Culture 2007
- 2011 - 17.5 km of motorway forming partial beltway around Sibiu was fully completed on August 30.
- 2012 - Host of [NATO](#) Military Committee Conference

**ethnic breakdown was as follows:[9]**

- [Romanians](#) 95.9%
- [Hungarians](#) 1.6%
- [Ger \(Transylvanian Saxons\)](#) 1.1%
- [Roma](#) 0.4%



Confessions in Sibiu		
Confession	1910	2002
Eastern Orthodox	18%	91%
Greek-Catholic (Uniate)	8%	1%
Roman Catholic	20%	2%
Evangelical Lutheran	42%	2%
Reformed	7%	1%
Jewish	4%	< 1 %
Other	1%	4%

**TRANS-OUT: > Bucharest**

- BUS/MxTx:** (6/d, 5½h) Atlassib BUS company
- TR:** (3/d, 5h)
- BUS & TRN STA across ST

SEE <[Sibiu>Bucuresti Nord TRN SCHED.pdf](#)> BUT some long lay overs, CHK SCHED carefully

Planificare calatorie.com sched site: <http://www.mersultrenurilororcf.ro/imtif/rute.aspx?lng=en>>

**MISC:**

>> DO

17h

2+D

GEN:

**LOWER TOWN: (Town CNTR: Fort CITY):**

1h

mfgr, btwn RIV & hill; developed around earliest FORT. ST R long & wide 4 mediv city standards, w/ sm city SQs @ places. ARCH rustic: typically 2-storey houses w/ tall roofs & gates opening passages > inner courts lined w/ colorful houses on cobblestone ST & bounded by imposing 3 parallel, multi-ringed city walls of earth, red brick& defense TOW overlooking RIV Cibin & oldest Sibiu SQ .

**Powder TOW: DIRECS: (N>S)near RIV > Tanner’s TOW:**

½h

SEE “[Sibiu City MAP \(Harta Orasului Sibiu\).pdf](#)”



**UPPER TOWN:**

most of Sibiu's HIST sites; PED-friendly city w/ 2 easily accessible levels

**Piata Mare** (Lrg or Grand SQ):

½h

heart of city, since 1336, , but current bldgs: 15-18<sup>th</sup> C, Largest SQ in Transylvania, flag stones: andesite & basalt. **HIST Names:** old German name: Grosser Platz. Btwn wars renamed Ferdinand SQ. Communists renamed it Republic SQ. Now, Romanian name, Piata Mare.(also Big Ring: date:???)

sm windows in roofs called” city eyes”;

Grain or corn SQ, executions; walk through one of 2 tunnels under arches of **Council TOW** > arrive @ Piata Mica (Little SQ) formed on location of 1st fortified precinct of Sibiu. actual precinct dates from 1191, fort ceased practical use & houses THEN built on their line: 1415 Roma CATH CHR

**N side:** public bldg: 1/4h  
city hall & mayor’s office (an Art Nouveau bldg dating from early part of 20th C

**W side:**

**Brukenthal PAL**, 777-1787; ;, 3/4h  
 OOM HIST & elegant bldg, Baroque named 4 1st inhabitant, Governor of Transylvania Samuel von Brukenthal. NOW, Brukenthal MUS, 1817, OO oldest MUS in wrld.

Nextdoor,

**Blue House or Moringer House, Piața Mare 5**, ↑ 1/4h  
 18th C Baroque house w/ old coat of arms of Sibiu on facade. Two mediv bldg dating from XV-XVI CNTR, unified late XVII or early XVIII C, transformed by Baron Lambert von Moringer in late Baroque style bldg.

Today appearance of bldg dates from late XVIII C.

Blue House shelters Romanian Art Gallery - entry @ 2nd flr of Brukenthal MUS- MOD multimedia room 4 conferences & exhibitions & restoration laboratories

In this bldg functioned btwn 1768-1783 1st Theater Room on current territory of Transylvania & ROM.

name "Blue House" dates from 1819.

Btwn 1858-1862 here was based Society of Natural Sciences & Law Academy (btwn 1858-1862, established 1844).

@ mid-XIXth C " Duke of Reichstadt" clothing store & Weights & Measures service.

Over time, markets (1411 - corn mKT & public executions (1703 county leader Johann Sachs von Harteneck was beheaded), crowning. Copious meals: oxes, rams, lambs, were roasted > fires in big SQ; btwn 1724 & 1757 lrg cage in SQ - called “**cage of fools**”: anybody causing nuisance in town during night was locked in cage during day.”

**Other 2 sides & Remainder of W side:** 1/2h  
 R typical Sibiu houses - 15th > 19th CNTR in Renaissance or Baroque styles. NOW, mostly cafés & shops, while one is Am Ring hotel.

**E side:**

**Weidner-Reussner House** most imp bldg; orig portal dated 1652 1/2h



**#10: Haller House:** 15th C (1472); 1/2h  
 renascent transformation of former gothic house , Facade is not modified 4 3 CNTR. 4 ARCH lovers - features: rectangular TOW in courtyard w/ stairs, an annex used as chapel w/ painted walls ; property of Haller family 4 345 yr.

**# 8: Hecht House** also from 15th C. 1/2h

On corner w/ Magheru ST is Fileck House (1802) one of most impressive bldg in town

**Council TOW:** climb, on Mayor’s RES, 1/2h

Throughout CNTR, Council TOW: grain storehouse, fire watchtower, temp prison & Botany MUS.

Connects Piata Mare w/ sm Piata Mica; CLIMB TOW & see 16<sup>th</sup> C clock's inner workings.



**Brukenthal (Art) MUS: EXT only, Art Nouveau bldg**

1/4h  
1/2h



*Upper Town: wealthy & COM, POAs,*

**MISC:**

**Liar's Bridge:** Piața Mică, cast iron

1/4h

**DIRECS: Connects Piata Mare > Piata Mica**

Several steep ST & stairways lead from upper > lower town. One passes beneath iron Bridge of Lies. Built in 1859 by Fredericus Hutte: ---1st wrought iron bridge in ROM



**House of Arts**

1/4h

(now "Saxon Ethnography MUS "Emil Sigerus of Sibiu"):

14<sup>th</sup> C, Aka 'Butchers' Hall & is OO oldest "guild houses"; 2 level bldg. ground flr was COM space 4 cutting & selling of meat.also, meeting place of butchers, but 4 brief period was headquarters 4 furriers guild. **Roof:** regained orig look House of Arts becomes

**DIRECS:** > R of Liar's Bridge; (Muzeul de Etnografie si Arta Populara Saseasca Emil Sigerus) Address: Piata Mica 12, Tel: (269) 218.195, Open: Tue. – Sun. 9:00am - 6:00pm, (wintertime 10:00am – 5:00pm); Closed Mon., FEE

Painted furniture, costumes-textiles-embroideries & pottery, **Period:** end of 19th C.



**Piatea Mica (SQ):** town's most prestigious master craftsmen

1/2h

**Pharmaceutical MUS:** (Muzeul de Istorie Farmaciei): 1600,

3/4h

**DIRECS:** in Piata Mica Pharamcy ( In Bukenthal MUS, I tink) Address: Piata Mica 26 , Tel: (269) 218.191, Open: Tue. – Sun. 10:00am – 6:00pm; closed Mon. , FEE

**N wall:** gigantic fresco, painted by Johannes of Rosenau in 1445, covers much of chancel's N wall. mural shows Crucifixion & marks transition in painting from late-gothic style > renaissance style.

**On S side,** choir loft boasts beautiful fan-vaulted ceiling, home > baroque organ designed by German master in 1671. Six thousand pipes were installed in 1914, making it largest organ Housed in 16-th C bldg ,oldest ROM pharm in ROM, La Ursul Negru ( Black Bear), operated 4 150 yr, 6,000 pieces of medical equip, 16th > 19th CNTR, coming from chemist's shops, MED institutions & IND; Sibiu had more chemists than any other town in Transylvania; whole range of med instruments: surgical pouches, microscopes, diff bowls made of wood, china, glass, bronze mortars, stands w/ balances & weights in Viennese style oldest piece of collection, 1597 bronze mortar used 4 preparing medicines.

@ **front**, reconstructed shop: w/ wooden Viennese counters & stacks of glass jars creates 18-th C "apoteka" atmosphere(German 4 "pharmacy").

**Piata Aurarilor** (aka Goldsmiths') SQ:

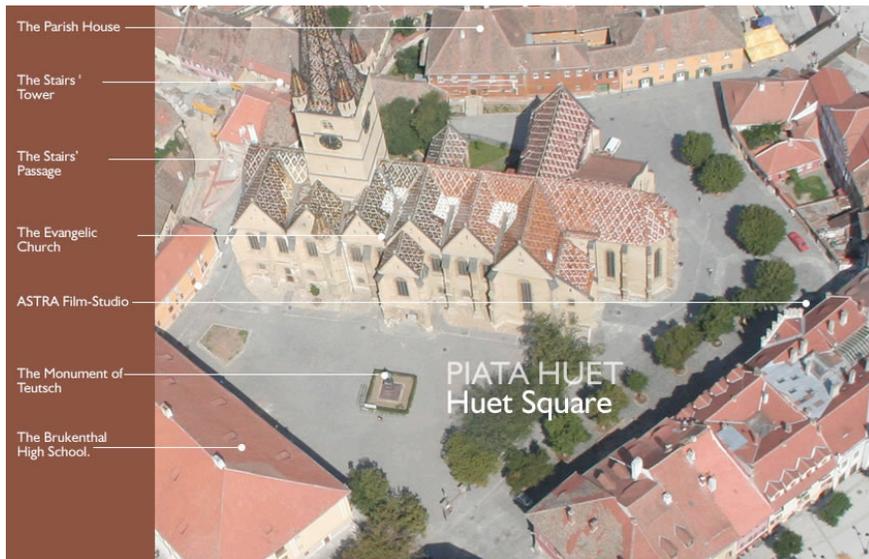
½h

**DIRECS:** BTWN Piata Mica & Piata Huet

peaceful & intimate SQ w/ charming old houses w/ mediv windows, doorways & turrets; 4 many yrs, main passage btwn Little SQ & Lower Town, connected by 15th C stairway.

**Piata Huet** (SQ):

½h



earliest fortifications built in late 12th C or early 13th C., mainly Gothic bldgs

**Biserica Evanghelica (Evangeic) Lutheran CATH of St Mary:**

½h

CHR: Gothic, 1300>1530, 6000 pipe organ

OOM famous Gothic-style CHR in Sibiu, 14th C , on site of earlier 12th-C CHR. 4 -- 3Cs: burial place 4 mayors, earls & other Sibiu celebs, practice banned, 1796, except 1803, 4 baron Brukenthal .

4 turrets on steeple: sign > let foreigners know town had R > sentence > death.

1671, Slovakian craftsman replaced 1585 one. Today newer organ: largest in SE Euro.

**climb TOW**



**Stairs Passage:** most picturesque of city links

13th C Passage of Steps, ARCH masterpiece w/ twin staircases &

archways; connects Upper Town > Lower Town; 13th C, OOM →  
picturesque Sibiu.sites: @ one end of passage stands city's  
oldest bldg which now hosts oldest REST in ROM,--- Golden  
Barrel (Butoiul de Aur).

1/4h

**HIST MUS:** (Muzeul de Istorie)?

1/2h

**DIRECS:** SSW of Piata Huet; Str. Mitropoliei 2 Tel: (269) 218.143

Open: Tue. – Sun. 9:00am – 5:00pm (wintertime 10am – 6pm);

Closed Mon. FEE

in Old City Hall (*Primaria Veche*), 1470, typical Transylvanian gothic civil ARCH.; city &  
region HIST: Neolithic & Roman > present.& Middle Ages & baroque era, fine silverware

**SSE of Piata Mare:** SEE “Sibiu City MAP (Harta Orasului Sibiu).pdf”

3/4h

Several 15th C TOW have withstood test of time:

**TOWs:**

Thick TOW:

Joiner's TOW:

**Potters' TOW** (Turnul Olarilor).

**Harquebusiers' TOW** (Turnul Archebuzierilor),

**Carpenters' TOW** (Turnul Dulgherilor) &

**Great TOW** (Turnul Gros): 16-th C site of Sibiu's 1st theatrical performance, staged in 1778

**Haller Bastion Fortifications:** **DIRECS:** Due E of Piata Mare

1/2h

SEE “Sibiu City MAP (Harta Orasului Sibiu).pdf”

**DIRECS:** Str. Spitalelor @ N end of Onofreiu SQ (Piata Onofreiu), named 4 16-th C  
mayor, Petrus Haller, red-brick, 1551.

OOM IMP fortified cities in CNTR EUR: multiple rings around city, most of clay bricks. SE R  
best kept, BUT all 3 parallel lines still visible.

1<sup>st</sup>: EXT earth mound, 2<sup>nd</sup>: 10-mtr red brick wall, 3<sup>rd</sup>: TOWs linked by 2<sup>nd</sup> 10-mtr wall.

All connected w/ of tunnel & passage labyrinth 4 transport btwn city & lines of def.

16th C: MOD elements added: mainly leaf-shaped bastions. Two survive: **Haller Bastion**  
(way down Coposu Boulevard)

**"Soldisch Bastion" Fortifications.** **DIRECS:** Far SW of Upper Town

3/4h

SEE “Sibiu City MAP (Harta Orasului Sibiu).pdf”

**MISC:**

**Steam TRN MUS:** near TRN STA

3/4 h

(Muzeul de Locomotive cu Aburi) Address: Str. Dorobantilor 22, Tel: (269) 431.685, Fee

1994, 23 standard gauge locomotives, 10 narrow gauge locomotives, 3 snowploughs & 2  
steam cranes. 7 locomotiv R active; built btwn 1885 & 1959 in ROM ( Resita Factory &  
Malaxa Factory in Bucharest), Ger (Henschel, Borsig, Schwartzkopff) & USA (Baldwin).

**DIRECS:** opposite main Sibiu TRN STA, includes former roundhouse & turntable across  
railways lines. **Area still used: CAUTION**

usually narrow gauge steam locomotive based @ depot Sibiu-Agnita railway (follow narrow  
gauge lines E from STA).

**Several PKs**

**Sub Arini PK:** 1856, OO big & best maintained

**Astra PK:** (near/part of Astra MUS of Folk Civilization??)

**Outside CNTR:****Astra MUS of Folk Civilization: 5km,**

3½h

open air, 120 bldgs, some Eng,

**DIRECS:** (2miles S of Sibiu) From Piata Unirii take BUS #1 or tram (which goes all way > Rasinari).@ peak times (7am – 9am & 1pm – 3pm), tram runs every 30 mins & every hr rest of day. Located in middle of dense forest & surrounded by beautiful lake, ASTRA features more than 300 bldg as well as watermills & windmills, gigantic presses (Muzeul in aer liber ASTRA -Dumbrava Sibiului)

Calea Rasinariilor 14 , Tel: (269) 242.419 [www.MuzeulAstra.ro](http://www.MuzeulAstra.ro)

Open: Tue. – Sun. 9:00am - 6:00pm , (wintertime 10am – 5pm); Closed Mon, FEE

ASTRA is 2nd largest open-air MUS in world (250 acres)

oil, hydraulic forges & structures representing village ARCH styles from many parts of ROM wonderful collection of wooden farmhouses, *cherhana* ( TRADal collecting & storage point 4 fish) & sheepfolds, as well as wooden CHR & 2 TRADal inns.

**Bucharest (2<sup>nd</sup> )****(1D, 2N)****1D****TRANS-IN:****BUS/MxTx:** (6/d, 5½h)**TRN:** 3/d, 5h))

SEE &lt;Sibiu&gt;Bucuresti Nord TRN SCHED.pdf&gt;

Planificare calatorie.com sched site: ,<http://www.mersultrenurilorcfr.ro/imtif/rute.aspx?lng=en>

3 TRN STAs: Main STA, Little STA (Gara Mică) &amp; Sibiu Turnișor

Inter City TRN (nicknamed Blue Arrows

**ACCM:** no**FOOD:****TRANS-OUT:** SEE “TRANS >< Moldova GOOD.pdf”**BUS:** [www.autogari.ro](http://www.autogari.ro)**Bucharest > Chisinau:**REG BUSs : DP: daily @: 08:00, 10:00, 17:00, 20:00 & 20:30 from [Filaret BUS STA](#)

(Autogara Filaret, Piata Garii Filaret nr.1, Sector 5, Tel: +4-021-336.06.92,

Mobile: +4-0723-671.011, Web: [www.acfilaret.ro](http://www.acfilaret.ro)) in Bucharest. .**BUSs ARV in Chisinau:** > CNTR BUS STA [GARA CENTRALA](#)**TRN:** [www.cfr.ro](http://www.cfr.ro) or [www.bahn.de](http://www.bahn.de)**BUCHAREST** (Bucuresti Nord) > **CHISINAU** (Aleea Garii), **MOL:** (1/d, 14h)**TRN:** 402 / 106 (“Prietenia” Nlte sleeper) (1/d, 14h): **DP:** 1940 (7:40pm) (night), **ARV:** 0800 or0850 (next day) <http://www.triptkts.ro/>. likely > buy your ticket on day of departureStops: Bucharest, Buzau, Bacau, Iasi, Ungheni, Chisinau**MISC:**

**MOLDOVA:****ENTRY: None Req'd** 4 90d or < visit**Chisinau** (kish-i-now):capital, **(1T, 1D, 1DT, 3N)****3D****TRANS-IN: SEE "TRANS >< Moldova GOOD.pdf"****TRN:****BUCHAREST** (Bucuresti Nord) > **CHISINAU (Aleea Garii)**, MOL: (1/d, 14h)**TRN: 402 / 106** ("Prietenia" Nlte sleeper) (1/d, 14h): DP: 1940 (7:40pm) (night), ARV: 0800 or 0850 (next day) <http://www.triptkts.ro/>. You are very likely > buy your ticket on day of departureStops: Bucharest, Buzau, Bacau, Iasi, Ungheni, Chisinau**BUS:** From Bucharest

&gt; Chisinau (Autogara Nord)) : (4/d, 12hr)

**Bucharest > Chisinau:**REG BUSES : DP: daily @: 08:00, 10:00, 17:00, 20:00 & 20:30 from [Filaret BUS STA](#)

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Mobile: +4-0723-671.011, Web: [www.acfilaret.ro](http://www.acfilaret.ro)) in Bucharest. .BUSES ARV: > CNTR BUS STA [GARA CENTRALA](#) in Chisinau**AIR:** International, but no internal**NOTE:** ROM>MOL border Xings:

S CNTR: Albita: appear 2B straight line from Bucharest &gt; Chisinau

S: Oancea /Cahul ???

N CNTR: Sculeni: Exit unless more N one avail &amp; better

Radauti-Prut:

Galati:

Stefanesti:

**ACCM:****Chisinau HOST:** dm: E10

Offers: tour &gt; Transdniestr

**Hotel Zarea:** r w/o 330 lei**FOOD:****TRANS-OUT: SEE "TRANS >< Moldova GOOD.pdf"****BUS/Maxi-taxi:** Chisinau (Autogara Centrala / CNTR BUS STA) >< Tiraspol, Transdniestr: (every 1/3h, 1 1/2h)**Chisinau - Bucharest:****DP:** Daily @ 8:00, 10:00, 17:00, 20:00 & 20:30 from [GARA CENTRALA](#) in Chisinau. 8 hours journey. BUSES drive through Otopeni airport ; **Cost:** one way 15 - 17 Euro.**TRN:**> Bucharest: 'Prietenia' sleeper train, leaving [Chisinau Train STA](#) @ 17:30 daily & arriving > Bucharest Nord around 7 am next morning.

&gt;&lt; Chisinau (CNTR STA) &amp; Tiraspol (CNTR STA): (1 or 2/d, ?)

&gt; Iasi, ROM: 2/d, 4h)

&gt; Brasov, ROM: (SW STA: 1/wk

**TRN:** Chisinau> Budapest (via Bucharest) (1/d, 14 h)**MISC:**

&gt; DO

5 ¼ h

1D

C/D3 **Parcul Catedralei PK:**

½h

7D3 **Orthodox CATH w/bell TOW**

¼h

1C3 **Arch de Triomphe (aka Holy Gates)**

¼h

**24 hr flower MKT**

¼h

Spotty free wifi

2C3 **GOV'T House:**3B4 **Nat ARCH & HIST MUS:**

¾h

Orheiul Vechi artifacts, Golden Horde coins ???

5A4 **NAT Ethno & Nature MUS:: GUD**

1¼h

Massive &amp; wonderful, dinothere

8B3 **Parliment House: DIRECS:** further N of GOV'T House.

½h

9B2 **Presidential PAL: DIRECS:** Opposite Parl~ House

¼h

discreet photo

11C3 **Gradina Publica Stefan cel Mare si Sfint PK & STAT:**

½h

Prince Stefan STA @ PK entry

Spotty free wifi

10D1 **Pushkin MUS:** charming, poet's Russian exile site

¾h

4E6 **NAT Army MUS:** only if extra time **DIRECS:** SE of PKs, etc. ???**ROUND Chisinau: DT (NO, cuz trans too difficult)**

1D

**\*\* Orheiul Vechi MON complex: SEE sidebar LP557**Cave MON: inside cliff; 13<sup>th</sup> C . 18<sup>th</sup> C, 1996: new monks slowly restoring,Stefan cel Nare: 14<sup>th</sup> C FORT ruin (???) on plateau

Acension of St Mary CHR: on plateau

15<sup>th</sup> C MON's defensive wall remnants

Nearby: Ethno MUS &amp; sundry caves (no shorts)

TRANS:

BUS: (CNTR STA: &gt; Butuceni or Trebujeni (3/d, 1h)

Return BUS: 2:45 &amp; 6:45

**TRANSDNIESTR: LP557**

**ENTRY:** None Req'd **BUT**, --- less cash carried smaller possible bribe ; **Bribes**, Entry permit prices/reqm'ts: change often, **confiscate PP**

**GEN:**

Current PRES: young Yevgeny Shevchuk; won opposed > corruption & nepotism, OWN currency, police, army, borders  
 +24 hr: need register w/ OVIR: free, handed by hostel,  
 Pants only

**TIRASPOL:** capital (1D-1DT) 2N 2D

Can't find GUD Web map, GGGE maps seems > find only Chisinau stuff

**TRANS-IN:**

**BUS/Maxi-taxi:** Chisinau (Autogara Centrala / CNTR BUS STA) >< Tiraspol, Transdniestr: (every 1/3h, 1 1/2h)

**TRN:**

>< Chisinau (CNTR STA) & Tiraspol (CNTR STA): (1 or 2/d, ?)

**TOURS:**

**Transnistria Tour:** ENG, [www.transnistria-tour.com/en/](http://www.transnistria-tour.com/en/) excellent; many different tour themes starting @ \$25/day

**ACCM:** remember > register w/ police for more than 24 h stay

**Tiraspol Railway STA.** It's most popular sleeping tourists & visitors

**Tiraspol Hostel:** +37368571472; dm: 218 rubles, Tim, ex-pat,; FREE tours of Tiraspol & Kitskany. Always email in advance - [tiraspolhostel@gmail.com](mailto:tiraspolhostel@gmail.com)

**Hotel Aist:** r:150-800 rble, unique experience, lobby gambling parlor,

**FOOD:****TRANS-OUT:**

>Soroco:

>N E ROM

**Other Possibilities:**

- > Bendry
- > Bucharest
- > Isai:

**MISC:**

Currency exchanges: everywhere, including inside many popular stores, & will change most local & major currencies. Passport sometimes req'd

**SITES:**

> DO Most SITES on October 25<sup>th</sup> STR particularly @ S

**Tiraspol NAT United MUS:**

**Culture PK:**

**Parliamentary BLDG:**

w/ relatively new Lenin STAT, opposite Great Patriotic War T-34 Tank monument containing Stalingrad soil

**Presidential PAL:** current Pres: Yevgeny Shevchuk, **no photo**,



**War MEM: 3 Mar 1992:**

weekend wedding day brides flowers

**Kvint Factory:** brandy factory, pride & joy,**PAL/House of Soviets:**

Lenin bust,

MUS of HDQTRs: Tiraspol war defense displays

**Kirov PK: STAT** of Leningrad boss assassinated, spaked USSR-wide repression**Orthodox CHR in Shevchenko Street**

Orthodox church in Shevchenko Street

1/2D

**DT:****Bendery** (aka Bender) (TOWN): (Near Tiraspol); Green, breezy, friendly**TRANS-IN:****BUS/Maxi-taxi:**>< **Tiraspol: TrolleyBUS 19:** ( regly, 1/3 h)> **Chisinau:** (every 1/2h, 1 1/2h)

TRN: yes

**TrolleyBUS >< #1 or #5:** LP562**ACCM:** must register LP559, 556?**Tiraspol HOST:** dm:218 rubles, Tim, Amer expat,**Stay @ Lena's:** can arrange other rms nearby**Hotel Aist:** r 150 rubles**TRANS-OUT:****BUS/Maxi-taxi:**> **Chisinau:** (every 1/2h, 1 1/2h)> **Tiraspol: MaxiTaxi & TrolleyBUS 19:** ( regly, 1/3 h)TRN: yes - **but when ???**; TRN STA: far end of ul Lenina**> DO****Tighina FORT:** LP562; massive TURK fort, 1530; Russian peacekeeping troops**TRANS ><:** Trolley BUS # 1 or 5 1 stop from outside military base by brodge towards

Tiaspol, walk past petrol STA &amp; follow path &gt; R

**Memorial PK:** LP562;Nearby **Bendery-Tiraspol** bridge

**Chisinau (2<sup>nd</sup>)** (kish-i-now):capital,

**(1T, 1N)**

**1D**

**TRANS-IN:**

AIR: International, but no internal:

**BUS/Maxi-taxi:**

**From Bendery (Tiraspol):** (every ½h, 1½h)

**Chisinau >< Tiraspol:** (every ½h, )

**TRN: >< Chisinau & Tiraspol:** (1 or 2/d, ?)

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Offers: tour > Transdniestr

Hotel Zarea: r w/o 330 lei

**TRANS-OUT:**

**BUS:**

> **Suceava** via Iasi, **ROM:** (2/d, 4h)

> **Soroca, MOL:** (N BUS STA: (12/d, 2h) **SKIP**

**Soroca: (NE MOL) SKIP (1T, 1D, 1N) or less if possible**

**2D**

**TRANS-IN: Chisinau > Socora**

**BUS:**

**Chisinau (N BUS STA) > Soroca: (N BUS STA: (12/d, 2½h)**

**ACCM:**

**Nistru Hotel: r w/o 200 lei**

**Hotel CNTR: s:300 lei w/ brkf**

**FOOD:**

**TRANS-OUT: Soroca > Suceava, ROM**

**Chisinau > Suceava: DP: 0630 7-8h)**

**May be Soroca, MOL > Balti, MOL > Lasi, ROM (OVN, if necessary) > Suceava, ROM**

**1) Soroca>Balti: : (hrly, btwn 0600-1525: specifically: 0600,0655,0800**

**2) Balti, MOL > Suceava, ROM: (???, 2h) DP: 0850-- Tue, Thur, Sat, Su**

**DP: 1020: alt days ???**

**> lasi, ROM: (2/d, 4h) BUS: (N STA: 12/d, 2½h)**

**MAY have > DT from Chiinau > Socora:**

**MISC:**

**> DO**

**Soroca FORT: SEE Web Page 4 sight seeing value; ONLY if extra time, BUT be sure > get HIST in advance.**

OO Best MOL sites: in sm Mol town close > UKR border; well-preserved Middle Age FORT w/ stout stone walls, down by riverside, intended > daunt unwelcome guests; used >B part of complex & imp def system of 4 forts along Nistru (Dniester) RIV in E, on bank of Danube in S, & 3 > protect N.

Originally, 15<sup>th</sup> C wooden outpost on site, BUT, in 1543 thru 1546, FORT completely re-built in stone w/today's shape: perfect circle, dia: 37.5 m, w/5 bastions @ equal dist.; builders used supreme law of harmony "golden section", which makes FORT unique among EX of European defensive ARCH.

Only mediv Moldova mon preserved entirely as designed; on most old currency, current 20 lei (currency of Moldova) bank note, obviously locals R proud of; gloriously redoubtable & sturdily impregnable outwardly & so securely inspiring w/in--- symbol of stability & confidence 4 Moldovan people.

orig wooden fort, which defended ford over Dniester (Moldovan/Romanian: Nistru), was an imp link in chain of FORT which comprised four forts (e.g. Akkerman & Khotin) on Dniester, 2 forts on Danube & three forts on N border of mediv Moldova. Btwn 1543 & 1546 under rule of Petru Rareș, FORT was rebuilt in stone as perfect circle w/ five bastions situated @ equal distances. During Great Turkish War, John Sobieski's forces successfully defended FORT against Ottomans. It was of vital military importance during Pruth Campaign of Peter Great in 1711. stronghold was sacked by Russians in the Russo-Turkish War (1735–1739). Soroca FORT is an imp attraction in Soroca, having preserved cultures & kept old Soroca in present day.

Soroca HIST & Ethno MUS: 'real treat'

**Back > ROM---S BUCOVINS:** (Socora > Suceava)-----

**Note:**

- 1) **Vaser valley forestry railway**, @ Vişeu de Sus in far N of ROM, privately operated line passing thru isolated country near Ukrainian border. In addition > TRN carrying forestry workers, tourist TRN operates during summer. More INFO available: Ecotours Viseu de Sus.
- 2) Original Fresco-Making Tehniques: "**Scripture Alfresco**", Smithsonian Magazine, June 2007 Excerpts: Andrew Curry article, former Smithsonian editor: "Creating frescoes took sure, quick hand. Teams of 4-5 painters 1) even out CHR's rough stone walls w/ thick layer of mortar, 2) then smooth on thin, fine-grained layer of lime plaster mixed w/ nat fibers (finely chopped straw.) 3) After last layer on, only few hr > work B4 plaster dried. Apprentice painters would apply background & decorations, while **faces & hands were reserved 4 master painters**. Donor & family's portrait = miniature version of CHR, usually **appears > R of door in nave of churches**. These painted models R imp HIST records of orig appearance of monument. There R **no chairs or pews in Orthodox churches**, only occasional choir stalls in nave. Artists had > be chemists as well, mixing pigments from rare clays, semiprecious stones & common minerals. **Azurite & malachite** created vivid blues & greens. **Ochre** from clay was heated > produce reds, yellows & browns. As plaster dried, it reacted w/ mineral pigments, fixing colors. technique, which involved no organic materials unlike frescoes that use egg whites as binder, made colors unusually durable.

**Suceava, ROM: (1T, 3D, 4N)**

**4D**

----- base 4 painted CHR/MON of Bucovina

**TRANS-IN:**

**TRN:**

From Lasi: (9/d, 2h

MAY have > DT from **Chiinau > Socora**: From Suceva there R daily TRN ><: Main TRN STA: Suceava daily TRNs ><:

> check latest TRN SCHED 4 dom routes, Romanian Railways: [www.cfrcalatori.ro](http://www.cfrcalatori.ro) site has complete INFO : dom TRN SCHED & fares. **Note**: 4 departures from/> Bucharest, please select *Bucuresti Nord*.

**BUS:**

**Chisinau > Suceava**: DP: 0630 7-8h)

**May be Sorooca, MOL > Balti, MOL > (OVN, if necessary???) > Suceava, ROM**

1) Sorooca>Balti: : (hrly, btwn 0600-1525: specifically: 0600,0655,0800

2) Balti, MOL > Suceava, ROM: (??/, 2h) DP: 0850-- Tue, Thur, Sat, Su

DP: 1020: alt days ???

> **Iasi, ROM**: (2/d, 4h) BUS/Maxi: (N STA: 12/d, 2½h)

**OLD/OTHER:**

**Gura Humorului** (travel time: 51 MIN), /// **Putna** (travel time: 2 ¾ hr)

/// **Vatra Moldovitei** – change @ Vama (travel time: 2 ½ hr).

**ACCM: SEE Downloaded Webpage "Suceava Hostels)**

Not much, so SEE HBookrs web page: \$15 up

**Gura Humorului**: (not Suceava) cuz BEST, easy access > : Humor MON, Voronet MON &

Cacica Salt Mine [The Salt Mine from Cacica](#)

Mucho homestays @ 50-75 lei, Best Western Hotel:

Gura Humorului Oras Mi, 17.10.12 ab 05:26 R 5720 > Suceava Vest Mi, 17.10.12 an 06:19

(Suceava Vest is more convenient STA, Suceava Nord is in industrial area)

**TRANS: from Suceava > Gura Humorului**

**TRN / BUSs**: Suceava>< Gura Humorului: many/d,

BUS TRN STA close

Or walk 4km > Voronet

**FOOD:**

**REST Moldova:** GUD ROM food, MON tours,

**TRANS-OUT:**

**GOAL: Sighetu Marmatiel** (Sapanta) maybe via Borsa (guess) **TRANS GAP: LK ???**

> Hungary: border Xing:

STAY in Gura Humaloi not Suceava cuz 1) easy access > MONs. 2) BUS from Gura > Sighet each morning 3) nice drive over **Gutine pass**.

4) TRN: Suceava > Sighet, changes in Salva & is nightmare long & arduous, but if MUST, can be done. (Salva: sm vill lonely in middle of nitel.

Maramures: worth effort. but if time short, see 1 that takes your fancy most ???

Nadlac, Bors, Cenad, Valea lui Mihai, Urziceni

**Suceava of NOT much of interest, BUT base 4 painted CHR discovery** For visiting other MON, ask 4 INFO @ stand inside Moldova Restaurant.

**HUMOR MON:** (>WWS), 1530, Better than Voronet

1/2D

For visiting other MON, ask 4 INFO @ stand inside Moldova Restaurant.

**> SEE:**

1530, M impressive INT frescos (devil as woman); EXT wall paintings

**TRANS: NO TRN or BUS: Taxi or walk**

from Gura Humorului town **TRANS-IN: LK**

**MiniBUS:** (every 20min) from front of Best Western hotel roundabout, OR

Walk: (1 ½ h),

>< **Suceava:** (10/d, 1hr+ maxitaxi).

**VORONET MON** (Vo ro nets): **Voronet Blue--**

1/2D

**> SEE:**

brilliant cerulean blue, restored frescos, EXT: W, N, S, no INT PIKs, EXT 4 \$

OOM fam & stunning, Voronet, 1487 -- erected in less than 4 months, Stephen Great > fulfill pledge > Daniil hermit who had encouraged him > chase Turks from Wallachia & > celebrate victory over Turks. Aka thru EUR as "Sistine Chapel of E" cuz INT & EXT wall paintings, many frescoes of intense shade of blue.; paint composition remains mystery even now, 500 yr later.

Old Greek philosophers **Portraits:** Aristotle & Plato, R featured in Tree of Jesus fresco.

**Frescoes added 1547**, illustrate biblical scenes, prayers, episodes of sacred themes: Last Judgment & Ladder of St. John, colorful & detail-rich imagery of apostles, evangelists, philosophers, martyrs, angels & demons.

**Monastic life** interrupted in 1785 under Habsburgs; resumed in 1991 w/ ARV of nuns striving > combine relig life of prayer w/ housekeeping & farm work. nuns run painting workshop & Nuns **provide guided tours of MON 4 visitors**

**TRANS:****TRN:**

>< **Suceava:** ( many BUS (??) & TRNs/d)( 10/d, 1hr+ maxitaxi)

OR, **lovely, easy walk 4km (1 ½ h) or 1km walk ACCM:** Gura Humorului town base:

**ACCM: Many house-rms (cazare): 50-75 lei**



**Cacica Salt Mine:**

**Moldovita MON: Skip** hard > reach



**SUCEVITA MON: OVN** & hike in hills

1D

**TRANS:**

**MxTx: Suceava >< Radauti:** (hrly, ¾h)

**THEN, S bound MxTx > Sucevita - MUST ask)**

**ACCM:** mucho *cazare* - (rms 4 rent) & hiking

**> SEE:**

**MUS: ??? --- princely RES & fortified MON.** Great monastic complex of Sucevita-- FORT-like; 1581, Bishop of Radauti, expanded by his brother, ruling prince of Moldavia: added **massive ramparts & turrets**.

**Elegant steeple** resting on star-shaped base tops CHR; Massive eaves protect outside frescoes, painted by local artists, 1602-1604.

**Today:** thick high walls & heavily buttressed defensive TOW shelter MUS's outstanding collection of HIST & art objects. Almost completely covered in frescos, **tomb covers** of Ieremia & Simion Movila – **rich portraits** embroidered in silver thread, ecclesiastical silverware, books & **illuminated manuscripts**, offer eloquent testimony > Sucevita's IMP 1st as manuscript workshop & then printing CNTR.



last of 22 painted churches of Bucovina & has largest number of painted images.

**WEST EXT** wall curiously **not** painted. Legend: "... work stopped after one of painters fell from scaffolding & died."

**Ladder > Paradise** : boasts magnificent: Red-winged angels in orderly rows attend > righteous on slanting ladder > heaven: each rung inscribed w/ one of monastic virtues. Sinners fall thru rungs & R driven by grinning devils > chaos of hell.

**S EXT wall:** foliage entwines rows of figures in *Tree of Jesse*. Following it is *Hymn* > *Virgin*. Fortified quadrangle

**TRANS-OUT: : Suceava > Sighetu Marmatiei:**

**No!** TRN: night TRN, Suceava > Sighet **MUST** change in Salva w/1 hr wait in wee morn hr

2) **best Gura Humaloi BUS** > Sighet each morning <http://www.autogari.ro/?lang=en>

**Gura Humaloi Morn BUS DP:** approx 1120 , **ARV:** Sighet Marmatiei approx. 1600 & very nice ride over Gutine pass ie day time

(me) This seems > suggest that I might be able > get off trn @ Gura B4 gettiing >

Sucevava: " @ "Gura Humorului Oras" TRN STA 07:00 .from that place is more easy > tour MON.

**NOTE:** Also private BUSs from **Cluj > Suceava** @ night & from **Suceava > Sighetu Marmatiei** @ around 10AM in morning. same itinerary only but more time in Bucovina > visit forts & CGRs. some smoked trout ... amazing stuff.

## MARAMURES REGION:

Sighetu Marmatiel, **SKIP ???** (1T, 1D, 2N) **2D**

Read more: <http://www.lonelyplanet.com/ROM/maramures/sighetu-marmatiei/transport/getting-there-away#ixzz2s5mYPF1w>

### TRANS-IN:

From Suceava, ROM

**BUS:** .

> Borsa (guess); Maxitaxi: Borsa > ?

From Gura Humaloi: **BUS:** each morning <http://www.autogari.ro/?lang=en>

**Best Gura Humaloi Morn BUS > Sighet Marmatiel:** DP: approx 1120 , ARV: Sighet approx. 1600 & very nice ride over Gutine pass ie day time Marmatiel

TRN: **SEE ABOVE stuff NO, cuz long late night layover**

### TRANS-LOCAL > Sapanta:

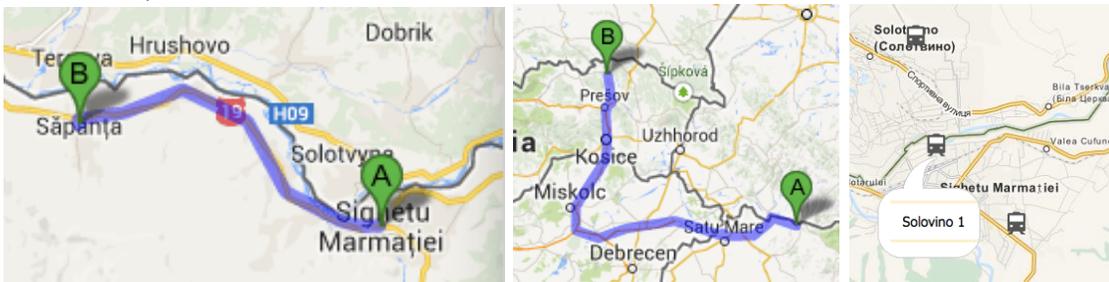
**BUS &/or TRN:** BUS STA (Str Gării) is opposite Sighetu Marmatiel TRN STA

Sighetu Marmatiel > Sapanta: (DP: hrly 8a>2pm, 1/3h); RETURN: 4 & 5pm

Sapanta > Sighetu Marmatiel: (4 & 5 pm)

Eurolines (319 322; [sighet@eurolines.ro](mailto:sighet@eurolines.ro); Str TRN; 9am-8pm Mon-Fri, 9am-4pm Sat) has new office in town CNTR.

**TAXI:** \$9



Sighetu Marmatiel TRn STA

**ACCM:** OVN Sighetu Marmatiel not Sapanta cuz then too much time in Sapanta, shud be just few hrs in sapanta

Conwebs HOS: dm: 40 lei, if necessary

### FOOD:

### TRANS-OUT:

Read more: <http://www.lonelyplanet.com/ROM/maramures/sighetu-marmatiei/transport/getting-there-away#ixzz2s5mYPF1w>

### GOAL:

Thru Ukraine > Bardejov, SLOVK

TRN: **Rome2rio:** (Via Ukraine: visa-free & not req') (10 1/2 h, \$17)

**ONLY** those Tourists **NOT** needing Visa

**START:** Solovino 1 (**Sighetu Marmatiel TRn STA**) > Chop, Ukraine: (4/d, 5 1/3h), **THEN**, Chop > Cierna nad Tisou, Slovk (hrly, 1 2/3 h),

**THEN**, Cierna nad Tisou, Slovk > Kosice predmestie: (hly, 1 2/3 h)

**THEN**, Kosice predmestie > Presov > Bardejov, SLOVK: by **BUS** or **TRN**

TRN:

Rome2rio: (2 1/3h, \$6): Kosice > Presov: (41m), **THEN**, Presov > Bardejov: (hrly, 1h 5m)

Fun old diesel

**BUS:** More convenient than TRN cuz TRN on spur

**REG BUSES** >< **Košice**, Bardejov, Svidník, Stará Ľubovňa, Levoča, Poprad & Spišské Podhradie

**Bardejov Sites in CNTR:** from TRN & BUS STA, take L & cross RD when see city walls.  
main SQ is 2-minute walk inside walls.

**Košice >< Bardejov:** (9/d, 1¾hr) ???

**Košice >< Bardejov:** (8/d, 2hr) ???

Poprad > Bardejov: (6/d, 2¼h)

OR, **Thru HUNGARY** > **Bardejov**, SLOVK: (LP606, 608m,

BUS &/or TRN: **BUS STA** (Str Gării BUS STA (opposite Sighetu Marmatiel TRN STA)

**TRN:**

**UN-COMPLETED/Unnecessary Reserched ALT: BUS: From Sighetu Marmatiel:**

> Baia Mare, ROM: several local , 65km

> Satu Mare, ROM > HUN: several local, 122km)

> Oradesa, ROM > HUN

> Miskolc > Ladorirova, SLOVK

Eurolines (319 322; [sighet@eurolines.ro](mailto:sighet@eurolines.ro); Str Traian; 9am-8pm Mon-Fri, 9am-4pm Sat) has new office in town CNTR.

> **DO**

**DT:**

1) **Visit Ukraine** ; only if can walk around town etc.???

**TRANS:** sm bridge 2km from Sighetu Marmatiel CNTR, LP712

2) **Sapanta** (Săpânța): OVN in Sighetu Marmatiel,

**TRANS-IN/OUT:**

**BUS:** Sighetu Marmatiel > Sapanta, (hrly 8a>2pm; Sapanta > Sighetu Marmatiel: (4 & 5 pm)

**TAXI:**

**ACCM:** Yes, but expensive

**END of ROM:**



**Start SLOVK:****E SLOVK:****Bardejov, SLOVK: p866****(1T, 3½D, 4N)****4D**

best &amp; M complete Renaissance Old Town SQ, wooden CHRs

**ENTRY: None Req'd** 4 90d or < visits**TRANS-IN:****GOAL:****Thru Ukraine > Bardejov, SLOVK****TRN: Rome2rio:** (Via Ukraine: visa-free & not req') (10 ½ h, \$17)**START: Solovino 1 (Sighetu Marmatiel TRN STA) > Chop, Ukraine:** (4/d, 5½h), **THEN, Chop > Cierna nad Tisou, Slov** (hrly, 1 ⅔ h),**THEN, Cierna nad Tisou, Slov > Kosice predmestie:** (hly, 1 ⅔ h)**THEN, Kosice predmestie > Pressov > Bardejov, SLOVK: BUS or TRN ???** Sighetu Marmatiel**Sites in CNTR:** from TRN & BUS STA, take L & cross RD when see city walls. main SQ is 2-minute walk inside walls.**TRN:****Rome2rio:** (2 1/3h, \$6): Kosice > Pressov: (41m), **THEN, Pressov > Bardejov:** (hrly, 1h 5m)

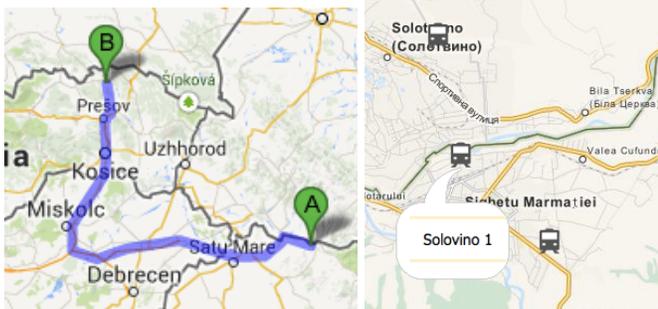
Fun old diesel

**BUS: More convenient than TRN cuz TRN on spur**

REG BUSs &gt; &amp; from Košice, Bardejov, Svidník, Stará Ľubovňa, Levoča, Poprad &amp; Spišské Podhradie

**Kosice >< Bardejov:** (9/d, 1¾hr) ???**Kosice >< Bardejov:** (8/d, 2hr) ???

Poprad &gt; Bardejov: (6/d, 2¼h)

OR, **Thru HUNGARY > Bardejov, SLOVK:** (LP606, 608m,

.....Sighetu Marmatiel TRn STA.....

BUS &/or TRN: **BUS STA** (Str Gării) is opposite Sighetu Marmatiel TRN STA**TRN:****UN-COMPLETED/Unnecessary Researched ALT: THRU NE HUN:****Route:** Baie Mare, ROM > Satu Mare, ROM > (several cities btwn) > Miskolc, HUN (N) > Kosice, SLOVK > Pressov > Bardejov (GOAL)

Baie Mare, ROM &gt; Satu Mare, ROM:

Satu Mare, ROM &gt; (several cities btwn) &gt; Miskolc, HUN

Miskolc, HUN (N) &gt; Kosice, SLOVK

**From Miskolc, HUN > Kosice, SLOVK LP861: (???)****ACCM:**

3 - LP pension #1s @ s E26-30

**TRANS-LOCAL:****TRANS-OUT:****TRN:**

Bardejov > Levoca: (3h): Bardejov>Presov (hrly, 1h10m), THEN **BUS**, Presov>Levoca: (1/d (or 2/wk ???), 1h)

**BUS:**

Bardejov > Poprad: (6/d , 2¼h); THRU or back track > Lavoca

**MISC:****> DO****(1½h + 3D)****4½D****IN Bardejov:****1½h**

**CNTR SQ:** surrounded by well-preserved Gothic & Renaissance burghers' houses.

**Bardejov's Town Hall SQ** (Radničné námestie) ½h

little bigger than football field; lined w/ 2-storey bldg from 15th & 17th C.

**S end:**

**Old Town Hall (Radnica):** ½h

**EXT:** STATs & gargoyles hang from eaves. **Inside**, coins, paintings, old books, & weapons exhibit & hall's orig meeting rm.

**open** Tue-Sun, 9:00 > 12:00 & 12:30 > 18:00 in summer, 12:30 > 16:30 in winter.

**Icon Exposition:** icons & iconostases, 16-19<sup>th</sup> C; **NO!**

**Saris MUS:** (2 branches) ???

important transit area West, East, N & S living environment, characterized by multiculturalism, multiethnicity, & multireligiousness has formed. area has also been contact zone of two big world cultures: Western, Roman one, & Eastern, Byzantine one, After 1945, MUS started > specialize in national HIST & geography, focusing on documentation of development of nature & society in districts of Bardejov, Giraltovce, Stropkov & Svidník, from Stone Age > present.

**Basilica of St Egidius:** (aka **CHR of St Egedius** (kostol svätého Egídia) ½h

**DIRECS:** Behind (Town ???) hall

14th C, OOM int & detailed Gothic INT in Slovakia.: many paintings, intricately carved pews, 11 altars & STAT of Jesus nailed > cross that hangs directly overhead.

11 Gothic altar pieces, 1460-1510, Eng

2 castles nearby ??

**DT/ Sidetrips:****3D****Wooden CHRs: tour also & MUST: visit Bardejov TIC: LP867**

OO best EX of Euro wooden relig ARCH from late Middle Ages > end of 18th C: characteristic appearance, construction & @ times rather naïve decoration come from earlier local TRAD, partially influenced by profess arch concepts of Gothic, Renaissance & Baroque styles. W (Latin) & E (Orthodox) bldg concepts reflected also, creating specific relig ARCH w/ diversified design, TECH solutions & unique decorative expressions.

In current settings, completeness reflects integrity of design & form, construction mats & tech & well preserved & authenticity of, materials & techniques, uses & functions.

Sidebar: Wooden CHRs LP867 majority were built by Rusyns btwn 16th & 18th CNTR. Most R Greek Cath & still in use.

**> Hervartov** mediv Roman CATH CHR: 1500, website

**½D**

**DIRECS:** near ???, 10 min BUS > S

Wooden Cath CHR of St. Francis of Assisi, late 15th C, Gothic & split flr plan w/ high steep slope roof. Differs significantly from Ruthenian-Ukrainian wooden churches, NE Slovakia.

Gothic: tall but narrow structure -- unusual 4 wooden CHR; 2nd half 15th C, oldest of its type in Slovakia. **Fr:** stones unlike most wooden churches of wood. **Rare wall paintings** added 1665 -- reformation period -- depicting Adam & Eve in Eden & St. George w/ dragon. **main altar:** Virgin Mary, St. Catherine of Alexandria, & St. Barbara, btwn 1460 & 1470, restored; 2nd half

of 20th C. →



### Near Svidník:

**TRANS-IN/OUT:** No TRN STA in Svidník

**BUSs** run regularly >< Bardejov, Medzilaborce, Humenné, Prešov, Košice & **Dukla Pass**.

### ACCM:

**Hotel Dukla Senior:** Sovietskych hrdinov 228. Tel: 054 752-3388. Fax: 054 752-3267. Single: Sk300-400

**Hotel Rubín,** Centrálna 274. Tel: 054 752-4210. Fax: 054 752-4211. Single: Sk320, Breakfast: various. CC. fancier option, but amazingly **boorish employees**.

### Churches

1½D

1) **Ladomirova GRK CATH CHR:** 1742, ½D  
onion domes & pagodas, baroque iconostases, no nails, →  
**DIRECS:** 6km N of Svidník: (several BUS (?)/d)

2) **Mirol'a:** 1770 3-tiered: dome topped w/cross ½D

3) **Nizny Komarnik:** (typical), ½D

same height sections topped w/dome & bell shaped cupola rather than TOW

### > 'skanzen' :

½D

**DIRECS:** Barejovske Kupele LP867, 3km n; BUS: (12/d, 10m)

**Ethnographic exposition of SNM - MUS of Ukrainian Culture in Svidníku (MUS)** - 10 ac in

next > amphitheater; opened 1982; Much material gives comprehensive idea of Ruthenians -

Ukrainians of Slovakia basic past living conditions. concentration of

typical folk Slovakia BLDGs --. moved & reconstructed installed w/

typical folk furniture, home inventory, TRAD

work tools & folk art. Also, all kinds of

TRAD farm BLDGs: barns, stables, barns,

barns cellars, wells & other smaller

BLDGs. Also, TRAD ag tools - ag

carriages, plows, harrows, susek, baskets

for corn & other various utensils.



TECH & ECON BLDGs represents watermill, windmill, sawmill & other

small objects located along creek for their demo. EXAMPLES: **wooden CHR** (1766) from New

Polianky (Mergeška) w/ rich INT decoration. Also, basic ways of livelihood EXHIBITs - farming

& herding.

tel.: +421 54 7522 952

**opening hours:** (From 05.01 to 30.10.) Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Saturday - Sunday 10:00 to 18:00 (**From 01.11 to 30.04.**) by appointment only, tel.: +421 54 788 2100

### Dukla Pass:

½D

**SEE** "Dukla Pass - Valley of Death Svidník.pdf" & "Dukla Pass battle - Wiki.pdf"

**Levoca, SLOVK:** 13<sup>th</sup> C, (1T, 1D, 2N) **2D**  
 HIST city w/ mediv & **well-preserved system of def walls**. In old SQ city CNTR: Gothic CHR of St. Jacob w/18 mtr tall main Gothic altar, 16th C, created by student of Veit Stoss of Krakow & Norimberg; along w/ Renaissance Hall & townhouses from 14th-15th C

**TRANS-IN/OUT:**

**TRN: no TRN-IN anymore**

**BUS:** May have > GOTO Popgrad , THEN, back track > Lavoca **TRANS GAP: LK**

Grumpy BUS drivers

1) **Bardejov > Poprad:** (6/d , 2¼h); THEN, backtrack > Lavoca

NOTE: **Bardejov >< Kosice:** (28km, 6/62 1/4h)

2) **Poprad > Lavoca:** (hrly, ¾h)

Popgrad GUD 4 TRN connections

> **Levoca CNTR from BUS STA, either**

1) walk straight thru apartment blocks & estates behind STA, & take 2nd or 3rd L > bring U out onto main RD.

2) **OR** , take R turn @ STA, walk around corner & cross RD, & walk up thru town. This is easier option 4 those w/ lot of baggage.

**Spisska Podhradie: > Spis Castle**

Spissak nova Ves: > Slovensky Raj NP

**ACCM:**

Oaza Pension: dm: E10 incld brkf

Hostel Barno: \$18

HW Hostel above club Madrid:

U janusa Pension & Rest: ??

Hotel ArkadaL s E36

**FOOD:**

**TRANS-OUT:**

**BUS:**

**Levoca > Poprad:** 15km, (hrly (or every 10min- ???), ¾h)

**BUS-TRN-TAXI:** From Poprad > Prievidza (Bojnice Castle):

**Rome2rio:** Poprad-Tatry> Vrutky: (**TRN:** hrly, 1½h) THEN, Vrutky > Hiorna Stubna: (**TRN:** hrly, 50m), THEN, Horna Stubna >Prievidza: (**TRN:** every 2 hr, 1½h)

**TRN:** <http://www.thetrainline.com>

Popgrad GUD 4 TRN connection

OLD cuz GOTO Bojnice Castle from Levoca

**Levoca > Budapest:**

**Rome2rio** (BUS/TRN): Levoca>Kosice (BUS: 2/d, 1½h) THEN, Kosice > Budapest (Budapest -Keleti STA)(TRN: 3/d, 3½h)

**BUS:**

Eurolines (1/d), 1h20m) <http://www.eurolines.co.uk>

Express BUS: (1/d, 1h27m)

**TRN SCHED: Kosice > Budapest-Keleti:**

DP: 0602 ARV: 0930 3h28m

DP: 0640 ARV: 1330 6h50m

DP: 0923 ARV: 1835 9h12m

DP: 1008 ARV: 2035 10h27mi

DP: 1802 ARV: 2130 3h28m

**Poprad > Trencin:** IC & EC TRNs: (regly, 2¾h)

**> DO**

(2¼h +1D)

(1T, 2D, 3N)

3D

**St James CATH:** WRDL's LRG wood altar, **Really mean St Jacob's ???****CHR of St Jacob:** Gothic, 14-15<sup>th</sup> C,

½h

18m Gothic altar, 1517, TIKs across ST @ Municipal Weights House, hrly admission,

**Nam Majstra Pavia (SQ):** Gothic & Renaissance bldgs,(#7) **Thurzov House:** 1517

¼h

**Spis MUS** complex & Combi TIK

1½h

(combi TIK includes following 3.....

• (#20) **Master Pavol MUS:**• (#40) **Creative Culture in Spis**• **HIST Renaissance Town Hall:** 15<sup>th</sup> C , EXT only  
dazzeling INT, 14<sup>th</sup> C murals, old worn pews, 6<sup>th</sup> C

see Spis MUS below

**TOW:** 1656-1661**Medieval cage of Shame:** 16<sup>th</sup> C**Town Hall & CHR of St Jacob:****Levoča- Town hall & CHR of St. Jacob****CHR of Marianska Hora:** (2km > N?) , Levoca views ???**DT: SPIS CASTLE & CHAPTER:**

1D

@ Spisska Podhradie VIL, SLOVK: UNESCO, .from Levoca

**TRANS-IN/OUT:****BUS: Lavoca > Spisske Podhradie** (Spis Castle) : 15 km > E; (½(or  
⅓) hrly, 1/3h)**BUS:** From Levoca ( ) ( freq, 20min)**ACCM:** no need cuz DT**> DO****Spis Castle:** 13<sup>th</sup> C, EUR's largest complex, reconstructed,**DIRECS:** 1km E of Spisska Podhraddie VIL**TRANS: BUS from Levoca:** 1 stop (1km) B4 Spisska  
Podhraddie VIL @ Kapitula**NOTES:**

A) ENG audio tour

B) **Climb** CNTR TOW, & **Wall walk**1) w/strategic location, clear visibility > High Tatras; complex of  
Castle ruins: orig: 11<sup>th</sup> & 12 C,; stone FORT system from  
early 13<sup>th</sup> C, Roman PAL, res TOW & lrg lower courtyard  
from mid-15<sup>th</sup> C.

2) Extant (???): cistern, Romanesque PAL w/ sm MUS &amp; adjacent chapel



**Spis Chapter:** 13<sup>th</sup> C Cath complex,, **DIRECS:** W of Spisska Podhraddie VIL

**TRANS:** **BUS** from Levoca: 1 stop (1km) B4 Spisska Podhraddie VIL @ Kapitula  
Encircling 16<sup>th</sup> C wall

**St Martin's CATH:**

Gothic houses

**SKIP ???** Slovensky Raj NP, SLOVK: waterfalls, sheer gorges



## Bojnice Castle: LP846 after Levoca, SKIPPING Trencin & shooting thru Bratislava > BUD

SEE "Bojnice Castle - Wiki.pdf"

Zamek Bojnicky, Zámok okolie 1, 972 01 Bojnice, Slovakia ☎ +421

46/543 06 24 ☎ · [bojnicecastle.sk](http://bojnicecastle.sk)

probably stay overnight --a couple of options ; need whole day cuz good zoo & castle (impressive outside, not INT)

Slovakia's M visited castle, pretty perfect



### TIC:

540-3251, [tik.bojnice@stonline.sk](mailto:tik.bojnice@stonline.sk), Hurbanovo nam 19, 200mt E of castle

### TRANS IN:

From Poprad > Prievidza (Bojnice Castle):

Rome2rio: Poprad-Tatry> Vrutky: (TRN: hrly, 1½h) THEN, Vrutky > Hiorna Stubna: (TRN: hrly, 50m), THEN, Horna Stubna >Prievidza: (TRN: every 2 hr, 1½h)

From Bratislava: (9/d, 3¾h)

### TRANS OUT:

Prievidza (Bojnice Castle)> Budapest (5-7½h):

Rome2rio: Bojnice>Prievidza: (Taxi: \$7, 7min), THEN, Prievidza> Nove Zamky: (TRN: 4/d, 3h10m), THEN, Nove Zamky> VAC: (TRN: hrly, 1h5m) **OVN ??? Or continue >**

THEN, VAC> Budapest-Nyugati

Bojnice from Budapest it is 'quicker' and more direct through Nové Zámky/Nitra/Prievidzka, but can take anything from 5.5 to 7 hours, also involving a few changes.

Prievidza (Bojnice Castle)> Bratislava:

Rome2rio: Bojnice>Prievidza: (Taxi: \$7, 7min), THEN, Prievidza> Bratislava: (TRN: every 4h, 2¾h)

### ACCM:

SM towns may have 'turisticka ubytovna': E3/dorm

<http://www.damonahotel.com/en/enajanlatunk/enarak>

\* **Pension Gremium**, Gorkeko 11 (533-0653) DBL \$22.50 **GUD LOC** in Old Town

**Astra Hotel**, Prievozska 14 (521-5816) 2km E of CNTR, Tram 218 from main TRN STA

**Club Hotel**, Odbojarov 3 (256369), 3km NE of CNTR: Tram 2 from main TRN STA or Tram 4 or 6 from Kamenne namestie

Penzion Bojnice, Prievidzka 39, Bojnice 97201, Slovakia \$45-50

Maxim Pension, Rekreačna 1485, Bojnice 972 01, Slovakia \$45-50

Penzion Termal, Kupelna 8, Bojnice 972 01, Slovakia \$45-50

**Bratislava, SLOVK: 2-3D, SKIP if need time (1T, 1d, 2N)****2D****TRANS-IN:**

**TRN:** InterCity & Eurocity (IC / EC):  
Trencin > Bratislava: (reg'ly, 1½h)  
>< BUdapest: (7/d, 3h)

**BUS:** TRN better

**TRANS-LOCAL:**

Easy walk, but excellent tram, BUS ,trolleyBUS network

**ACCM:**

[www.bkis.sk](http://www.bkis.sk)

Downtown BPs: dm: E17

Hostel Blues: dm:E15

**TRANS-OUT: >**

**TRN:** IC / EC (**BEST**)

**Bratislava> BUdapest:** views in afternoon of Visegrád R spectacular

DP: 0753 2h 42min ARV: 1035 (time zone?)

Every 2h thereafter

DP: 7:53pm 2h 42min ARV: 10:35pm

**BUS:**

**Bratislava> BUdapest: \***

**TODO:**

**OLD TOWN:** rabbit warren

**ONLY BOLD sites may be interesting**

4C3 **Michael's Gate &TOW:**

**Slovak Radio BLDG:** upside down pyramid

**Hviezdoslavovo Namestie (SQ):**

**Slovak NAT Theatre:** 1886, ornate, no pub access, EXT only

Reduta PAL: 1914, ???

**Hlavne Namestie (SQ):**

**Roland's Fountain:** 1572, fire hydrant of sorts

Old Town HALL: 1421, NE side, city MUS ???

Jesuit CHR: nearby musician ???

1D4 **Apponyi PAL** (1761) Wine MUS

**Bratislava Forest PK:** cable car, hiking & biking, ???

Bratislava Castle: 1950s re-construction ???

MUS of Jewish Culture: ???

St Martin's CATH: mostly HIST IMP ???

Most SNP (bridge): called UFO 9 *ew-fo*

Slavin War MEM: tribute > WWII Soviet soldiers

Slovak NAT MUS: ???

**AROUND Bratislava:**

**Hyrad Cerveny Kamen** (aka Red Stone Castle):

**TRANS** ><: (2/hr, 1 1/4h) thus 3hr TRAV + 2

\* Vast cellar/dungeon complex

Devin Castle: little interest ???

**ENTER HUN****GEN:**

US\$1 = 238Ft (forint)

NO Visa req'

**Budapest, HUN:** (LP1112, 1102m, )**(1T,5D, 6N)****6D****GEN:**

Budapest (discount)Card: buy online, if @ all

**TRANS-IN:****TRN:** IC / EC (**BEST**)

**Bratislava> Budapest:** (EuroCity TRN: **every 2h, 2<sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub>h**) (<http://bratislava-slovakia.eu/travel>  
 STA TIKs only; 1st TRN @ 5:25 BRAT CNTR STA: Bratislava - hlavná stanica STA, aka  
 'Bratislava-hl. St' OOM imp stops in city.

> **city CNTR**- take any BUS or trolleyBUS directing > Račianske múto (STOP ???) &  
 THEN, take tram > city CNTR. Or can just walk following signs "Centrum"

> **BUS STA** - take direct BUS 210 towards "AutoBUSová stanica" & GET OFF @ last stop.

??? From ROM: Nyugati (E) TRN STA

**Sopron > Budapest:**

**Rome2rio: Sopron > Kelenfold vasutallomas (TRN STA) :** (**every 3hr, 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>h**), **THEN**,  
 Kelenfold vasutallomas > Clark Adam ter SQ (**STA or STOP ???**) : (every 10 mi, **Line**  
**19, 1/4 h**)

**BUS:****Bratislava> Budapest:** (1/d, 3h)**Bratislava > Sopron:** (**can't find any info**)>**Maribor:**

**TRN:** Nyugati TRN STA, **BUD:** edge of HIST Inner Ring ??? (aka Wester TRN STA) 1877, iron &  
 glass

**Buda~> LJU:**>**Maribor:****TRANS OUT:****BUS:****Buda~ (BUD)> LJU (LJU):**>**Maribor:****TRN:** BUD STA DP ???**BUD>LJU: DP/ARV:** 0510/1408, 9h; 0910/1831, 9h; several later DPs**HUH ????????** **Direct international:**

iAs of Dec 2011 direct links > **Budapest:** **no longer available cuz contractual issues HUNG**  
**Railways (MAV-START).]**

**SEE Webpage download:** Raildude website; 4 more info: where > buy, EUR RR map

**AIR:** BUD> LJU: **NO!!! High \$, BAD SCHED**

CheapOair: JAT: \$177: 2 flts, (23h Next day)

&amp; FareCompare Air Berlin: \$413: 3 flts (17 1/2 h, next day)

Expedia: none, test ALT dates

Orbitz: Turk Air: \$494: 2 flts,(17 1/2 h)

**MISC:**

<b>&gt; DO</b>	<b>(21 ½ h + 2DT)</b>	<b>5D</b>	
<b>TOURS:</b>			
<b>Free Budapest Tours:</b> (2) LP389, free,		4h	
1) Essential Pest (1½h)			
2) From Pest >Buda(2½h)			
<b>Buda section:</b> LP382			6h
<b>Castle Hill</b> (Varhegy) area: most mediv BLDGs, Royal PAL			
<b>TRANS&gt;</b> : Walk via Royal Steps or funicular			
4D <b>Royal PAL:</b> (S end of Castle Hill):		¾h	
Hungarian NAT Gallery:		NO!	
Mediv STs		¾h	
<b>Budapest HIST MUS:</b>		???	
2/3C <b>Matthias CHR:</b> some 500 yr parts (carvings), est-1896,		½h	
3C3 <b>Fisherman's Bastion:</b> neo-Gothic folly, viewing platform,		¼h	
<b>St Stephan STAT:</b>			
6C4 <b>Royal Wine House &amp; Cellar MUS:</b> 13 <sup>th</sup> C,		½h	
2E6 <b>Citadella:</b> obsolete when built > protect from insurrection		½h	
1D4 <b>1944 Bunker Waxworks:</b>		¼h	
hokey, BUT INT: WWII bunker & <b>HOSTEL?</b>			
5 E7 <b>Liberty MON:</b> (Gellert Hill)		¼h	
tribute > Soviet soldiers died > liberate Budapest			
7F7 * <b>Gellert Baths:</b> many trails & vehicles		1h?	
<b>Buda Hills:</b> hiking,		2h	
<b>TRANS M2 Line;</b> Cog RR; Old Time TRTN STA, Children's RR, Chairlift (down)			
<b>Margaret Island:</b> walkabout			1h
<b>Pest:</b>			6½h
* <b>Great Synagogue:</b>		1h	
<b>Jewish QTR:</b>	½h		
<b>HUN Jewish MUS:</b> Holocaust	¼h		
<b>Holocaust MEM:</b> harrowing exhibit	¼h		
<b>Parliament:</b> HIST bldg <b>imp</b>			
<b>Hosok tere MEM:</b> ???		¼h	
<b>MUS of Fine Arts:</b> 7 <b>El Greco</b>		???	
<b>City PK:</b>			
<b>Vajdahunyad Castle:</b> (HUN Ag MUS			
AG MUS: <b>NO int</b>			
<b>Transport MUS:</b>		½h	
<b>Szechenyi BATH:</b> art nouveau ARCH, baths		¼h	
<b>Terror House:</b> former secret police:		¾h	
HUN fascist & Stalinist regimes exhibits			
<b>Hungarian State Opera House:</b> , ENG guided tours		1h	
OOM beautiful Renaissance era, Eng tours			
<b>Ethno MUS:</b> NAT costumes,		1h	
<b>ST Stephan's Basilica:</b> relic?		½h	
HUN NAT MUS:		1h	

## OUTSIDE BUD a little

\* **Memento PK: (10km SW of Budapest)**

2½h

TRANS:

direct BUS service from Deák tér

Public TRANS:

BUS 150 from corner of Fehérvári út & Bocskai út (Allee Mall) & get off @ Memento PK BUS stop.

"Mon-Fri in every 20 minutes (10, 30, 50),

Tram 19 from ??? \_\_ or Tram 47 or 49 from

From Kelenföldi Pályaudvar (Etele tér by Kelenföld Railway STA) Volánbusz STA (behind Metro 4 construction area). Take BUS departing every 15 minutes from gate No. 7-8 > Diósd-Érd. ride takes 10 minutes. Get off @ "Memento PK" stop.

Getting > Kelenföldi Pályaudvar BUS STA by public transport: Tram No.19, 49, BUS No.7E, No.173E

**Aquincum MUS:** LPm381, (7km N of ...) 2<sup>nd</sup> C Roman civilian town ruins

4h

TRANS: **DIRECS** > site (few): FROM TRN Aquincum STA see **small Colosseum** right next >

tracks, BUT4 MAIN site: few 100 yds away, walk S along main road (back towards Budapest) about 1 km / 4 few min & ruins R on your L(by RIV).

**DT: Danube Bend Towns: LP398****2D****Combining Danube Bend Towns**

> fit in 2 towns in 1/d: EA town visited in ½d & combined w/ others. Often, best way > include Szentendre & Vác cuz req only 2-3 hr > explore.

**TRANS: Szentendre (BUS) > Visegrád: (45 MIN) or Esztergom: (1.5 h); timetables @ (BUT Hungarian only) <http://www.menetrendek.hu/cgi-bin/men...>**

**From Vác: TRN > Nagymaros-Visegrád:(15 MIN); timetables @ <http://elvira.mav-start.hu>.**

**From Esztergom: hydrofoil @ 11.30am > Visegrád: (30 MIN) <http://www.mahartpassnave.hu/webset32...>**

**From Visegrád: BUS > Esztergom: (45 MIN); timetables @ (Hungarian only) <http://www.menetrendek.hu/cgi-bin/men...>**

**Combine public transport options > 4 different scenery. 4 example:**

**1) HEV from Budapest > Szentendre, 2) BUS from Szentendre > Esztergom, 3) Hydrofoil from Esztergom > Budapest.**

Buda~ > Vac > Szentendre > Buda~, or, vice vers

**DT 1: Visegrad & VAC**

**VAC town:** (LP618); too-cute-4-words

½D

**SEE 'Budapest: Day Trips - TripAdvisor' page**

**TRANS-IN/OUT:**

**TRN: BEST**

from Nyugati STA (hrly @7 MIN past (direction: Szob), ½h); timetables @ <http://elvira.mav-start.hu>.

>< Vac - Budapest: (½ hly, ¾h)

**BUS:**

>< Vac - Budapest: (½ hrly, 50min);from Árpád Híd autoBUSz STA, BUD

**BOAT:** Ferry & hydrofoils (often, 1½h)

**Also, VAC > Szentendre:**

**Car ferry:** cross RIV > Szentendre Island

**THEN,** bridge > mainland

**THEN, BUS:** >Szentendre

**ACCM: no**

**> DO** very few visitors > Vác & easily covered in ½D

**Marcius 15 ter: Main SQ:** Gorgeous, brightly painted ARCH & churches around pretty SQ, scrumptious cake shops & ice cream. & will find yourself @ lovely

**Town Hall:**

**Memento Mori:** mummies, crypt artifacts,

**VAC CATH:** 1775, famous frescos,

**Triumphal Arch**

**Danube RIV promenade:** short walk down hill from Marcius 15 Tér ,

**Visegrad:**

**SEE BOTH Visegrad & Vac in one day : SEE 'Budapest: Day Trips - TripAdvisor' page**

BY TRN, BUS, boat or hydrofoil from Budapest.:

**TRN: From Visegrad's Nagymaros-Visegrád STA** START from Nyugati STA,BUD DP: (7 MIN past hr (toward Szob), 41 MIN); timetables @ <http://elvira.mav-start.hu>.

**from Nagymaros STA,** walk > hrly car ferry > cross RIV > Visegrád.

**BUS:** From Budapest Ujpest Városkapu vasútállomás (STA on Budapest Metro's line M3 (N-S) (District XIII) (?/d, 1¼ h); timetables @ (Hungarian only) <http://www.menetrendek.hu/cgi-bin/men...>

**boats & hydrofoils:** Mahart Passnave offers boats (3.5h) & hydrofoils (1h) > their pontoon in Visegrád directly under castle area. See <http://www.mahartpassnave.hu/> 4 timetables.

Both services operate on Fri, Sat & Sun btwn Jun & Aug, BUT only May & Sept. weekends

**TODO:** Visegrád has most dramatic scenery,

**Salomon TOW & Citadel** have commanding views over Danube RIV while

**Royal PAL** lays in ruins @ foot of hill.

CLIMB: up steep pathway & tracks > citadel, but forest keeps things cool BUT mosquitoes.

ALT: infrequent local BUS services up OR HI\$ miniBUS @ €11/peep

**DT 2: Esztergom & Szentendre****1D**

**Esztergom, HUN:** DT, **Don't think worth time cuz** apparently only 1 old bldg L, Irg Cath CHR w/ all its precious silver, gold & jewelry (LPmmm)

**TRANS-IN/OUT:**

**TRN: BUD > Esztergom:** (hly: Nyugati, 1½h) Cross Maria Valeria bridge > Sturovo

**ACCM:** no hostels, no real INT

**> DO**

<b>Esztergom Basilica:</b> Irg in HUN,		1h
<b>Bakocz Chapel:</b> Renaissance stone carving	½h	
<b>Treasury</b>	<b>NO</b>	
<b>Crypt:</b>	???	
<b>Cupola CLIMB:</b> views	½h	
<b>Castle MUS:</b> former Royal PAL12th C, ARCH: mostly pottery		¾h
<b>Christian MUS:</b>		???

**Szentendre town:** in from Esztergom (LP618); too-cute-4-words

**½ D**

**BEST ADVICE:** > visit Szentendre in morning & leave B4 lunch.

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**TRANS-IN:**

**TRN:** Yes

**BUS: Esztergom >< Szentendre:** (hly, 1½h)

BUD >< Esztergom: (?/d, 1½h)

Also, **BOAT: Ferry & hydrofoils (often, 1½h)**

**TRANS-OUT > BUD:**

**TRN: HEV suburban:** from Batthyani Ter (M2 red metro line) (on Buda side of [Margaret Bridge](#)). (every 10-20min, ¾h) fastest, easiest, no /C, <http://www.bkv.hu/english/hev/index.html>.

**Szentendre TRN STA:** 5 min walk > 'town

**Mahart Passnave BOAT:** (slow compared > HEV, unless hydrofoil) 5-> late Sept, <http://www.mahartpassnave.hu>

**BUS: DP: > Szentendre > Esztergom** from Árpád Bridge BUS STA. (½h).

Also, Esztergom >< Szentendre: (hly, 1½h)

**FOOD:****MISC:****> DO**

Sm baroque town, RIV Danube meets Pilis hills; beautiful natural setting; cobbled STs & shops: tour BUSES overwhelming & disturbing cuz impossibly crowded btwn 11am & 3pm.

**BEST ADVICE:** > visit Szentendre in morning & leave B4 lunch.

**Fő Tér:** heart of town w/ cafes;

**Memorial Cross:**

**Blagovestenska CHR:**

**Best views of town:** walk up hill > CHR 4 photo opportunities over red roofs of town.

**RIV promenade:** fine blvd along RIV w/ nice views of town & Szentendre Island, & many restaurants

**Gothic CHR of St John Baptist:**

**Castle Hill:**

**HUN Open-Air Ethno MUS:** (5km NW of Szentendre)

**Ljubljana, SLOV:** (LP1102 & m, )

(1T, 3D, 4N)

4D

**GEN:**

Listen > pronunciation on Wiki page: **LJU** (locally: [\[ˈlʊbˈljana\]](#) (🔊 listen); **German:**

 **Cleveland, United States**

POP: 280,000; 2002 census, 39.2% Roman Cath; 30.4% believers did not belong > religion; 19.2% atheist; 5.5% E Orthodox; 5.0% Muslim; & remaining 0.7% Protestant or other religions.

CNTR [SLOV](#) in [LJU Basin](#) btw [Alps](#) & [Karst](#); 87 mi W of [Zagreb](#), 320 mi NW of [Belgrade](#), 160 mi E of Venice, 250 mi SW of [Budapest](#)

Geographic crossroads of [Slavic](#) world w/ [Germanic](#) & [Latin](#) cultures.

City's symbol: **LJU Dragon**.: power, courage & greatness; depicted on top of **TOW of LJU Castle** ;

LJU **coat-of-arms**: on [Dragon Bridge](#) (*Zmajski most*), most beautiful bridge of [Vienna Secession](#).<sup>[9]</sup>

**LJU Dragon origin legend:**

- 1) GRK legend, [Argonauts](#) on return home after having taken [Golden Fleece](#) found lrg lake surrounded by marsh btw present-day cities of [Vrhnika](#) & LJU & there [Jason](#) struck down monster -- dragon on coat of arms & flag.
- 2) More probable: [Saint George](#) legend, patron of 15<sup>th</sup> C LJU Castle chapel, dragon represents old ancestral [paganism](#) overcome by [Christianity](#).
- 3) related > 2nd, dragon @ 1st only decoration above city coat of arm, then In [Baroque](#) era became part of coat of arms & in 19<sup>th</sup> C & especially 20<sup>th</sup> C, (???) **outstripped TOW & other elements.**



Tromostovje & LJU Castle above

**City Orientation**

Ljubljanica RIV flows thru town CNTR, past Baroque bldg & under ramparts of ancient castle on hill. new city & MOD-day [COM core](#) > W of RIV: old town & castle on E side of RIV. Many bridges cross RIV, most famous: *Tromostovje* (triple) bridge.

**LJU Tourist INFO CNTR**, Stritarjeva (*Next > Triple Bridge*), M-F 8AM-8PM Sa & Su 10AM-6PM. Also offers three sightseeing tours in summer @ 10am, 2pm, & 5pm 4 €10.

**TRANS-IN: Ljubljana**

TRN: **BUD>LJU**

**DP/ARV:** 0510/1408, 9h; 0910/1831, 9h; several later DPs

**LJU TRN & BUS STA adjacent**

**HUH???????** **Direct international:**

include [Zagreb](#) (2 hr), [Rijeka](#) (3 hr), [Pula](#) (4 hr)

As of Dec 2011 direct links > [Budapest](#): **no longer available cuz contractual issues HUNG Railways (MAV-START).**]

**SEE Webpage download:** **Raildude** website; 4 more info: where > buy,

**AIR:** BUD> LJU: **NO!!! High \$, BAD SCHED:**

1) OVN in Belgrade

2) TRN:

CheapOair: JAT: \$177: 2 flts, (23h Next day)

& FareCompare Air Berlin: \$413: 3 flts (17 ½ h, next day)

Expedia: none, test ALT dates

Orbitz: Turk Air: \$494: 2 flts,(17 ½ h)

**BUS: NO, too long , but may have toilets**

SEE downloaded web page "<http://www.LJU.com/BUS-STA/>" or site

**BUS STA:** own Eng website w/ SCHED & Maps

LJU BUS STA & RR STA bldg →



## TRANS-LOCAL:

### City BUS network:

LJU [Passenger Transport \(LPP\)](#), most used pub trans

Sometimes, BUS called *trole* (ref > [overhead lines](#)), harking back > 1951–71 days when city had [trolleyBUS \(trolejBUS\)](#) service; 5 [trolleyBUS lines](#), till 1958 alongside tram.

- 1) [Urbana payment card](#) (also gud 4 funicular)
- 2) or w/ [mobile phone](#).

### TRAM:

sm one, originally Sep 1901 until Jul 1928 when replaced w/ BUSs, BUT THEN cuz financial losses, BUSs abolished 1930 & replaced w/ trams 1931.[94] P WWII, Dec 1958, tram system (trams, rails, etc.) removed cuz took too much space from emerging auto imp; In final yrs reached over 21 kms.

50 yrs later, 2006, new tram line --

[funicular](#)-- opened from [Krek SQ \(Krekov trg\)](#) near LJU [CNTR MKT](#) > LJU [Castle](#).: btw 9 am & 9 pm, full trip 15 > 20 MIN; plans > build more lines.

**SLOV Railways:** offers daily/mo city RR pass 4 travel in LJU by TRN (15 stations).

**LJU BUS & TRN stations R located next > each other @** Trg Osvobodilne Fronte ("Trg" means SQ in SLOV). 2 stations R located just N of city CNTR & short walk from most hotels & attractions.

### TRN:

**LJU:** SLOV hub RR system

**Local TRN:** throughout SLOV; no point more than 3 hs.

**SERVICES:** **TIC**, [currency exchange](#), L-luggage service.

### BUS:

**LJU BUS STA** (*avtoBUSna postaja LJU* R next TRN STA; services throughout SLOV & foreign countries.

[Useful SCHED search engines](#) (ENG). Generally speaking, BUS almost anywhere in SLOV w/ in 3 hrs.

**Direct intern'l Connections:** , [Banja Luka](#) (5 hr), [Bihać](#) (6 hr, , [Belgrade](#) (8 hr), [Sarajevo](#) (10 hr)

### By foot

City CNTR: by foot; free city map @ tourist INFO CNTR or TRN STA; STs clearly marked.

### BIKE:

rent @ **SLOV Tourist INFO CNTR** (beside CNTR MKT) & some hotels (€1 4 2 hr, €5/day ending 7~9pm depending on season).

**"Bicikelj" system:** rent/wk: 1€.; 300 bikes @ 30 STA around inner city; subscribe w/ credit card online. : <http://en.bicikelj.si/>

**CITY BUS:**

Timetables [14] (in Slovene) only have DP times from 1st BUS stop; use webpage [15] predicted DP times 4 next 3 BUSs from every BUS stop. ???



City BUS (top L), BUS STA (top R), self-service kiosk 4 buy & refill prepaid BUS cards (bottom L) & bike-rental service w/same cards (bottom R)  
22 BUS lines, clean & run (every 5-10 min, 15-30 MIN on weekend & summer).

Most routes: operate 5am - 10.30pm (Sundays from 6am). Night routes: N1 (10.30pm - 5am), 2, 5 & 6 (3.15am - midnight), N3 (9pm- 5am) & N11 (3.15am - 5am).

Saturdays & Sundays **no service on routes** 22, 24, 28 & 29.

Sundays **no service on routes** 7L, 8, 18, 20, 21, 27.

**PROCEDURE:**

- 1) purchase Urbana card (similar > London Oyster Card). @ self-service STAs ("Urbanomat") @ larger BUS stops across city, LPP sales sites, TIC & newspaper agents 4 €2 load w/ €1 > €50. Cost/trip: €0.80 & includes unlimited free transfers w/in 90 min from 1st entry.
- 2) Upon entering @ front door, position card next > reader > pay 4 route: confirmation quiet beep & illuminated green light, **negative response** : louder beep & red light.
- 3) proceed > seat / stand.

**ACCM: Ljubljana****Tourist farms ( turistixne kmgije)****fewer soba**

( don't know how many of these CRO criteria apply > SLOV)

Pay in local \$

hostels: online

soba (sobe): RS 132 booking URL

BLU signs; some gov't registered (3 stars best) : if touts: piks, price, \$ , map locationRS Keys: friendly locals, w/o reception desk, family owned, ENG,

\$15/bd; C coast: \$45-65 basic S; RS2757

3 nite MIN in tourist times, 20-50% surcharge; CONFIRM B4 book

no smoking: CONFIRM B4 book

Moskies ?????

Hot water: limited time

**Budget**

Many hostels & student homes : hostels in summer.

**Alibi Hostel**, Cankarjevo nabrežje 27, near Triple Bridge, [53]. rms R clean & internet is free. Dm bd: €12-€20. edit

**Vila Veselova**, Veselova 14, ☎ +386 059 926 721; 100 yr old Victorian villa, W side of town near

Tivoli PK & Amer Embassy; 5 min walk > city CNTR.: free brkfst (cereal & coffee), self-serve KIT & laundry; Free WiFi in common area (but GUD reception in downstairs rms); Rms: lrg & drafty -- near main RD & TRN; not numbered, but use colors: (Yellow rm, Green rm, Lime rm....etc), common bathrms: corresponding colors, locked BUT have key .

**8,6 & 4 dorms** ; **Prices**: €20 & up; . Front desk: staffed in morning & early evening; code > enter, Contact if going > be late, cuz no one around > let , etc. Phone numbers posted outside.

Reception staff: very friendly & extremely helpful; effeicient, w/ GUD vibe, but bare-bones comfort. [edit](#)

**Celica ( Cell)**, Metelkova 8 (400m from BUS/railway STA), [\[54\]](#); redecorated MIL prison w/in former of Metelkova. Each cell of this former prison was individually designed by SLOV artist, w/ different theme in mind. Free wi-fi & internet access, Coin laundry, library, pleasant cafe-restaurant., CC accepted. Dm: 2-5 bd cell: €21-€28; Rm: 14-bd dm: €17-€21; Brkfst included. [edit](#)

**Fluxus Hostel**, Tomšičeva 4 (Short walk from BUS/TRN stations), [\[56\]](#). sm 3-rm apart of dentist killed in WWII; very sm hostel, but rms; Dm bd: €21. [edit](#)

**Most Hostel**, Petkovškovo nabrežje 41 (By RIV, close > Dragon Bridge), ☎ +386 31 282816.

Cute, sm, friendly & recently renovated hostel w/ perfect location. PC w/ Internet connection 4 free. Dm bd: €21;; €60. **WIFI ???**

## FOOD:

### Budget

**Falafel**, Trubarjeva 40. This middle E dish, together w/ other meat & vegetables dishes is served in sm fast-food restaurant next > Dragon bridge. €3, incldg 2 dishes, tea & sweet. [edit](#)

**Nobel Burek**, Miklošičeva 30 ( *can't miss - green & yellow sign, lot of people st&ing in line*). place where young people go > get food late in evening or @ night. Different kinds of burek ( leafy dough pie, TRADally w/ mince meat or cheese filling) available. Considered > be best burek in town. 2 euros.

## TRANS-OUT: Ljubljana

**TRN:** CNTR TRN STA

**LJU >< Bled:** (21/d, 1h) (Return > LJU B4 Skocjan Caves)

**LJU> Skocjan Caves:**

**Rome 2rio:** (hrly, 1 ½ h)

**Raildude:** **0611/1044; 0635/1310;1312/1752// DP only: 0437, 0655,0727,0810, 0925 & more**

**BUS:**

**LJU > Bled:** (hrly, 1½h) (Return > LJU B4 Skocjan Caves)

BUS STA next > TRN

**SEE downloaded web page** "<http://www.LJU.com/BUS-STA>" or site

## MISC:

**CULTURE:** brusque & rude; many speak ENG, espescially under 30

### Internet cafes:

CyberCafe Xplore, Petkovškovo nabrežje 23, [\[72\]](#). [edit](#)

CopyL&, Vidovdanska cesta 2 (near Trubarjeva / Ilirska), ☎ 0590 77 253 ([www@copyl&.si](http://www@copyl&.si)), [\[73\]](#).

MON-FRI 9-17h.

Free internet access is available @:

Kiberpipa, Kersnikova 6, [\[74\]](#). Closed in summer [edit](#)

Faculty of Computer & INFO Science & Faculty of Electrical Engineering, Tržaska 25, [\[76\]](#). [edit](#)

Simobil, Čopova (up towards McDonalds from Triple Bridge) - SLOV cell phone providers store, free internet access.

Almost free internet access: :SLOV TIC, Krekov trg 10.

**HIST:** concentration of industry, scientific & research institutions & cultural TRAD R contributing factors > its leading position.



LJU in 18th C



Celebration during , 1821



1895 earthquake rebuild

**2000 BC**, LJU Marshes : very near LJU settled by peeps living in pile dwellings.; arch remains, now in Municipality of Ig.; June 2011 UNESCO World Heritage Site .; lake-dwelling peeps: hunting, fishing & primitive agriculture navigating in dugout canoes made hollowed out tree trunks.

**Later**, transit point 4 numerous tribes & peeps, includ: mixed nation of Celts & Illyrians called lapydes  
**3rd C BC**: Celtic tribe, Taurisci.

**50 BC**, Romans built MIL encampment that later was permanent settlement - Iulia Aemona (Emona);  
**452**: Romans entrenched fort, Emona, destroyed by Huns under Attila, & again, by Ostrogoths & Lombards ; 5,000–6,000 peeps & imp in numerous battles. Plastered brick houses, painted different colours, w/ drainage system.

**6th C**: ancestors of Slovenes moved in.

**9th C**: Slovenes conquered fell by Frankish , while experiencing frequent Magyar raids.

**1112 > 1125**: 1st mention found on parchment sheet named *Nomina defunctorum* (Names of Dead), Udine CATH Archive. Earlkier than 1112

**1220** (no later than) acquired town rights ;

**13th C**: composed of 3 districts: 1) Old SQ (*Stari trg*), 2) New SQ (*Novi trg*) & 3) "Town" (*Mesto*) (around Romanesque CHR of Saint Nicholas).; R > hold MKT around 1200.

**1270**, Carniola & in particular LJU: conquered by King Ottokar II of Bohemia.; THEN, he in turn ....

**1278**: defeated by Rudolph of Habsburg.;

**1335 (> 1797)**: Habsburg rule again & renamed *Laibach*, would belong > House of Habsburg until.[15]

1461: Diocese of LJU established & **CHR of St. Nicholas became** CATH.

**15th C**, LJU recognised 4 art.

**1511**: earthquake & rebuilt in Renaissance style w/ new wall built around

**16th C**: pop: 5,000, 70% Slovene w/ rest : German.

**1550**: 1<sup>st</sup> book written in Slovene "(Primož Trubar's Catechism," Tübingen).

Protestant Reformation gained ground in town; imp Lutheran preachers lived & worked in city;

1<sup>st</sup> secondary school,, public library & printing house opened

**1597**, Jesuits arrived & established new secondary school; later became college.

**17th C (end)**: Baroque ARCH : foreign architects & sculptors ARV

**1809 > 1813** Napoleonic interlude, renamed "*Laybach*" become capital of Illyrian Provinces.

**1815**: Austrian again

**1821**: hosted Congress of Laibach, fixed € political borders 4 future yrs.

**1849**: 1st TRN ARV Vienna; 1857 line extended > Trieste

**1895**; POP: 31,000; serious earthquake; 6.1- Richter scale: 10% of 1,400 bldg destroyed, casualties light. During reconstruction number of quarters rebuilt in Vienna Secession SEE downloaded web

page "<http://www.LJU.com/BUS-STAJ>" or site

style.

**1898**: Public electric lighting , reBLDG & quick modernization.

**1918**: end WWI & dissolution of Austria-HUNG: region joined Kingdom of SERBs, Croats & Slovenes.

**1929:** capital YUGO PROV.

**1941:** during WWII: [Fascist Italy](#) occupied

**1943,** [Nazi Germany](#) controlled after Italian capitulation w/ SS-general controlling;

• **but formally city remained capital of an Italian PROV until 9 May 1945.**

• In City, occupying forces had strongholds & command centres of [Quisling](#) organisations,

• city surrounded by 19 mi of [barbed wire](#) > prevent co-operation btw 1) underground

[resistance movement](#) ([Liberation Front of SLOV People](#)) w/in city & [Yugo Partisans](#)

(*Partizani*) outside city

• [commemorative path](#) rings city where iron fence once stood.]

**Post WWII,** capital of SLOV, part of [Communist](#) YUGO, status retained until 1991, when SLOV became independent.

LJU remained SLOV capita, entered € [Union](#) , 2004.]

**2010:** latest earthquake, although frequent site of earthquakes & floods: 1511 & 1895, S & W parts of city more endangered than N part., cuz S of [Eurasian Plate](#)

### **ECON:**

**Industry most imp:** [pharmaceuticals](#), [petrochemicals](#) & [food processing](#)., but other: banking, finance, transport, construction, skilled trades & services & tourism; **public sector:** education, culture, [health care](#) & local administration.

### **Geology**

on [alluvial](#) plain. nearby, older mountainous regions date back > [Mesozoic \(Triassic\)](#) or [Paleozoic](#).

**TEMP:** May: 59-39°; Jun: 75-54°

Warm summers, rain evenly distributed - Thunderstorms: very common : May > Sep, occasionally be quite heavy.



Legendary LJU mayor Hribar politicking > get built, or test 4 virginity it's supposed > provide,

**DIRECS:** end of LJU Open MKT, block or 2 down RIV (N--E direction) from Triple bridge.t

Guarded by 4 detailed dragon STAT from city's coat-of-arms --- dragon motif throughout city.

nicknamed "mother-in-law" bridge cuz fearsome dragons on its four corners

1900 & 1901; when part of Austria-HUNG. Design by: Dalmatian architect who studied in Vienna & built by Austrian engineer; OO finest Vienna Secession style works;.

**CAUTION:** dangerous traffic around Dragon Bridge area, cuz BUSy RD just outside PED zone.

**Old Town. DIRECS: squeezed btw castle hill & Ljubljana RIV;**

½h

w/ 2 SQs:

aka Old LJU, refers > area on R bank of Ljubljana RIV, directly beneath Castle Hill, particularly **Mestni trg, Stari trg & Gornji trg** (links). only part of CNTR LJU surviving 1895 earthquake, densest site concentration.

**Mestni trg DIRECS: (LP1104-5m, 1102, E7)**

½h

Highlights include Town Hall, or Rotovž (15th C, rebuilt in 1718

by Gregor Maček) w/ fine Gothic courtyard; Robba Fountain

(1751), representing 3 RIVs of Carniola (Ljubljana, Sava &

Krka); & Ribji trg, featuring LJU's oldest house (No. 6, from

1528). division btwn Mestni & Stari trg is marked by Plečnik's column-lined Cobbler's Bridge, which is more like PED zone suspended over water. **Stari trg** proper begins w/ house called Tranča ( former prison). random pick among many HIST bldg that follow is Schweiger House @ No. 11a.

(City SQ) w/ **Robba fountain & city hall** behind , &, **farther on,**

**Robba Fountain replica: DIRECS:** Near Town Hall, on Town SQ:

½h

replica (orig in National Gallery), in Baroque style; resembles Rome's Piazza

Navona fountain, Robba's fountain: decorated w/ an obelisk @ foot of R 3

figures in white marble symbolising three chief RIVs of Carniola; Francesco

Robba,:designed other Baroque STAT in city.

LJU's churches R equally marked by this style that gained currency following 1511 earthquake.

**City Hall** (LP1104m, E5):

¼h

**Gornji trg (Up SQ) (LP1104-5m, 1102, E7):.**

½h

*LJU Town Hall Town SQ w/  
eplica of Robba fountain & St.  
Nicholas CATH in background*

**Triple Bridge @ night** over Ljubljana RIV

**medieval houses:** best-preserved, Heavily atmospheric:

(Baroque facades notwithstanding), &

**CHR of St. Florian** (1672).,SQ centers around

**Levstikov trg** (Directly adjacent): redesigned by Plečnik in 1927. Highlights here include memorial column dedicated > Virgin,

**CHR of St. James:**, which has LJU's highest bell TOW, an interesting octagonal Jesuit chapel w/ rich stucco work

**finest Baroque CHR INT** in town, incldg yet another Francesco Robba altar. vast

**Gruber PAL** roccoco, (now national archives), Across ST from St James:, w/ fine spiral staircase.

Well preserved mediv bldg: now, local designer shops, popular cafes & restaurants.

narrow lanes: perfectly safe, although may look creepy ; lead > charming little SQs & bldg.



**CATH of St. Nicholas: DIRECS:(LP1104-5m, 1103, 1E5):**

½h

Baroque, 1701, fecsoes, Robba altar, EXT: sundial, memorial tablets, MOD bronze doors (?) →

**St. Nicolas (CHR) CATH (*Stolnica svetega Nikolaja*)**

½h

**DIRECS:** on [Cyril & Methodius SQ \(Ciril-Metodov trg\)](#) by nearby LJU [CNTR MKT](#) & LJU [Town Hall](#). [Address: Dolničarjeva

1 Phone: (+386) 1231 06 84

flank CATH > W & N, respectively. weather-worn, single green dome & twin TOW easily identifiable: longer look @ HIST & finer details reveals hidden charm & beauty.

Bishop's PAL dates from Renaissance, but present beautiful inner courtyard & loggia: 18th C. Besides CHR dignitaries, Napoleon & other European emperors have rested their heads here,

SEM: 18th C w/priceless library. big, dumb, lionskin-clad giants lurking in its doorway on Dolničarjeva ST R work of Andrea Pozzo. CATH [*Sv. Nikolaja*] →

**HIST:**

site of much earlier CHR:

1262: 1<sup>st</sup> mentioned: 3-nave [Romanesque](#) CHR .

After 1361 fire in, re-vaulted in [Gothic](#) style.

1469: new fire presumably set by Ottomans once again burnt down bldg.

1701 & 1706: Jesuit architect & [rea Pozzo](#) designed new Baroque CHR w/ 2 side chapels shaped in [Latin cross](#).

18th C : CATH's main structure & appearance;

1841 Dome: built in CNTR in interior is decorated w/ Baroque frescos painted by [Giulio Quaglio](#)



*Bishop's PAL*

**INT:** Baroque masterpiece's pink shell: cavalcade of classic creams & golds, littered w/ extraordinarily detailed frescoes & possessing great CHR calming feeling; particular interest:

1) ornate [choir stalls](#)

2) **Robba's** magnificent [angels](#) on [main altar](#);

3) astonishing pair of [bronze doors](#) on:

**W** (former celebrates 1250 yrs of SLOV Christianity) &

**S** (depicting six cardinals in row w/ figure of Christ lying @ front, HIST of diocese of city sides).

Dating from 1996 & commissioned > celebrate John Paul II's visit > CATH, , & latter,.

**LJU Castle (*Ljubljanski grad*) (LP1104m,1102, 3E6):.**

½h

Castle Hill presents w/ dozen forest paths perfect 4 urban hiking.

**DIRECS:** @ summit of [Castle Hill](#) ([Grajska Planota](#)) & dominating city skyline > s,

**Castle & Funicular Railway** (LP1104m, F5): 10:00-21:00 daily ½h

Info CNTR, Viewing TOW, Virtual MUS & Exhibition of Slovene HIST: 10:00-19:00 daily



Address: Grajska Planota 1, Phone:(+386) 1 306 42 93

<http://www.ljubljanskigrad.si> [info-CNTR@ljublanskigrad.si](mailto:info-CNTR@ljublanskigrad.si)

12<sup>th</sup> C mediv castle on site of former defensive bldg in hilly area stretching away > S of old town; current bldg ensemble originated from necessary. ???

**HIST:**

**1200 BC** : surrounding area of today's castle continuously inhabited ; hill summit probably [Roman army](#) stronghold after FORT built in Illyrian & Celtic times.[43]

**FORT** already present in 12th C as seat of [Duchy of Carniola](#).

**1335**, property of [House of Habsburg](#).

**15th C**: almost completely demolished; then present castle built & furnished w/ TOW > defend empire against [OTTO](#) invasion & peasant revolt.

**16th-C** reconstruction work followed 1511 earthquake w/ many later additions.like Kraków's Wawel Castle, Poland, LJU Castle been royal RES & MIL barracks over Cs.

**17th & 18th C**: arsenal & MIL hospital; damaged during Napoleonic period & once back in [Austrian Empire](#): prison until 1905, also prison during WWII.

**1905**: city purchased castle, renovated, 1960s. **Today**, tourist attraction; cultural events site

**2006**: [funicular](#) links city CNTR > castle atop hill.

**TOW Outlook TOW (Razgledni Stolp) (LP1104-5m, 1103, 8E6),**

½h

**DIRECS: Entry:**Castle Courtyard

built in 19th C & raised further 1.2m by communists, 1982.

1848; guard's duty was fire cannons warning city of fire, announcing imp visitors or events tower's ; magnificent views of city, Sava RIV & Kamnik Alps in distance.

Included: [3D Movie of](#) ), Chapel & Gift shop -- free, but TOW access fee.

**City MUS of LJU:**Gosposka ulica 15, 1000 LJU

oldest wooden wheel w/ an axel, dated 3500 BC

**Virtual MUS:**

½h

20-min 3D film, w/ special glasses & headset 4 ENG, LJU **HIST:** pre-HIST settlement > Roman Empire > MOD times ( €3.5 4 students, seniors; interesting & informative HIST of castle.

**DIRECS:** same flr find [sm door](#) climb > top of TOW: 100 red cast-iron steps, each individually decorated w/ tower's image & city's dragon; door @ top leads > [sm viewing platform](#) (not 4 faint hearted) w/ wonderful views of city.

⊗**St George's Chapel** (Kapela sv Jurija).

½h

**DIRECS:** Under TOW & down sm flight of stairs tucked away thru doorway in corner of courtyard Diminutive, orig Gothic & remodeled > Baroque, interesting 15th-C wall paintings & not lot more.

⊗**Exhibition on Slovene HIST:**

¾h

**DIRECS:** walk; many sm paths up from old town, [or funicular](#) : next > Puppet Theatre.

new & beautifully presented permanent, café, restaurant

TIKS: **Combo TIK** ([Funicular](#), Slovene HIST Exhibition, [Viewing TOW](#), [Virtual MUS](#) & temporary exhibitions) €6 / adults, Half Combo TIK: (excludes Funicular) €4 / adults

**Franciscan CHR of Annuciation**

½h

**DIRECS:**(LP1104-5m, 1103, 2E4):

On **Preernov trg** (SQ)



This is place where many major city STs, & all cars & people on them, converge. oldest resident here is p. ←w/ MON > France Prešeren @ R Triple

Bridge in foreground leasingly rosy Franciscan CHR of Annunciati on (1660), w/ Francesco **Robba altar** from 1736. other bldg here date from after disastrous 1895 earthquake; among them, 2 fine Art Nouveau structures, named Urbanc (Centromerkur) & Hauptman. Yet social if not spatial CNTR of SQ is **Preeren Monument** (1905) by Ivan Zajc & Maks Fabiani, which was strongly criticized when 1st unveiled, especially 4 flaunting nude muse so near CHR.



Urbanc House on Prešeren SQ →

⊗ **Nat'l MUS of SLOV:** (LP1104-5m, 1103, 6C4):

<sup>3/4h</sup>

**DIRECS:** Kitty-corner > Mladika, on other side of Prešernova @ Šubiceva, 2 more MUS, Nat MUS & Natural HIST MUS (Narodni muzej & Prirodoslovni muzej, Muzejska 1 & Prešernova 20): same bldg. Built 1883 > 1885, opened 1888 - 40th anniversary of Emperor Franz Joseph I reign, nicknamed Rudolfinium after Franz Joseph's son, Crown Prince Rudolf. 🗺️ **National MUS & National Gallery**

LJU's 2 most high-profile MUS R housed in grand bldg -- Rudolfinium (1885): home 4 Nat'l MUS, LJU's oldest MUS, 1821. Featuring lrg permanent displays on ARCH, ethnography & Slovenian HIST, typical Habsburg-era Narodni Dom (1896) few blocks away houses National Gallery..



**SQ of Republic** (LP1104m, C5): **DIRECS:**

<sup>1/2h</sup>

**SITE:** Site of SLOV independence from YUGO, 1991; historically, imp public meet & demo site.

**Slovene Parliament.**

<sup>1/2h</sup>

**DIRECS:** Across RD from Sq of Republic: facade decorated w/ artistic nude STAT of Slovenes @ work & leisure. also International BUSIness CNTR.

**Tivoli PK, (PK Tivoli) (DIRECS:** 2 STs W of city CNTR; W end of city CNTR.);

<sup>1h</sup>

sm green world . long promenade paced out by Plečnik lampposts (their glass globes invariably shattered) leads way > **Tivoli Mansion**, w/notorious **guard dog STATs**. Built 17th C, home > Jesuits, bishops & an Austrian field marshal, & currently shelters International CNTR 4 Graphic Arts. Also, MUS of MOD HIST, recreation CNTR & major music venue.

**Continue walking thru forest, as far as Rožnik Hill CHR or LJU Zoo.**

1813, main, largest city PK, PK benches, Set amidst rolling hills, Tivoli PK laid out during French imperial admin of LJU, named after Parisian Jardins de Tivoli; pleasant mixture of lawns (picnics encouraged: something of shock in this part of world), pastures, wooded areas

**bike** -- **best way:** rent from various points in PK during summer. Need > leave ID collateral.

**INTENT:** gen health & rec w/ GUD things > see & do 4 city pop, 1.9 sq mi, LJU's natural lung-fish pond, 1880. **DIRECS:** edge of Tivoli PK; On 1 side: sm botanic GARD.

**CNTR promenade:** Btw 1921 & 1939, renovated w/ broad, Jakopič Promenade (Jakopičevo sprehajališče) after leading Slovene impressionist painter Rihard Jakopič.

**3 main AVes,** planted w/ chestnut-trees. W/in PK: trees, flowers, many STAT, & fountains.

**Notable bldg:**

**Tivoli Castle,**

<sup>1/2h</sup>

**National MUS of Contemporary HIST.**

<sup>1/2h</sup>

**Rožnik hill:** ( hill overlooking LJU from W) short hike thru woods

<sup>1/2h</sup>

⊗

**Roman Ruins:** (Emona),

**SEE "Emona - Wiki.pdf"**

**DIRECS:** short walk W of town CNTR: 🗺️ Roman Wall

<sup>1/2h</sup>

most of Mirje ST, just S of city CNTR, LJU's largest Roman sites.  
 (Romans called Emona :1st C AD, 35 BC). This wall section =  
 entire ancient Roman colonial town's S wall, Plečnik's late 1930s  
 reconstructed -- adding pyr & "lapidarium" 4 GUD measure.  
 ancient **Roman sewer** in front of U of LJU School of Chem & Chem  
 Engineering. --- plaque, but seems out of place w/bored studs.



**Roman City Walls**, incldg few entry gate pillars. ½h

Roman inscription (next > E town gate of Emona, present site: Trg  
 francoske revolucije SQ, Roman town walls built between 14 & 15 AD.;  
 rectangular-shaped walls surrounding town CNTR; 2.4 mtr W x 6 > 8 mtr  
 H x 2.5m thick. ; included @ least 26 TOWs & 4 main gates.



TOWs: built @ = distances along length of walls & next> town's side gates  
 as extensions of Emona's roads. On all sides except east---naturally  
 protected by slope > Ljubljana RIV, also, double moat.

**Wall shell:** built from carved stone blocks @ mortar & filled w/ RIV pebbles, small rocks, sand & lime  
 conglomerate of; so solid some parts survived for 2,000 yrs. **inner  
 structure:** visible in Mirje suburb (where ), LOC partial walls stood W  
 of main S Emona gate. For security some side gates walled up  
 already in Roman times > stop barbarian tribes  
 attacks. **surviving walled-up gates:** in western part  
 of walls in Mirje.



1930s, Mirje ewall restored Jože Plečnik. **His  
 additions (?)**1) surviving Roman walls include stone  
 pyramid, upward extensions of walls, gates > wall complex, an *arched vault*  
 covered in stone remains from nearby Roman BLDGs, & PK inside walls. NOTE:  
 colonnade next > main S gate: non-Roman origin; walls renovated, 1990s. By Jože  
 Plečnik, 1926 - not completed until 1934, &



**Krakovo: ?**

?h

sm territory includes some Roman ruins in Jakopič GARD & many veggie plots supply city's MKT.  
 Squat, broad-faced peasant-style houses stand separated by sm lanes barely wide enough 4  
 one-way traffic. tidy Gradačica Canal marks line of division btwn Krakovo & Trnovo.

**DIRECS:** village-like part of city connecting CNTR > Trnovo suburb.

fishermen during Middle Ages, many of whom supplemented their income by working as  
*Pelajhtarji* (light carriers), which entailed escorting local citizens home late @ night from  
 theatre or inn. **NOW**, Horticulture prime activity here & OO 1st things noticed R strips of  
 magnificently tended veggie plots 4 daily MKT on Vodnikov trg.

wonderful, mediv VIL-like character -- especially true @ Krakovska ulica, w/ handsome, 1 & 2-  
 story squat houses;

ST in past , prominent town artists haunt, incldg celebrated Slovenian Impressionist Rihard  
 Jakopič (1869–1943), born @ no. 11.

**Jakopič GARD** (Jakopičev vrt), site of some **Roman ruins** incldg black & white mosaics &  
 remains of complex heating system

W of GARD, DIRECS: across Barjanska cesta & spanning almost entire length of Mirje, is reconstructed section of Roman city wall (Rimski Zid), topped w/ an incongruous looking pyramid – one of Plečnik's less-inspired concepts. Opening time: Daily Price: Free

⊗ **Metelkova City:**

½h

**DIRECS:** 5 min walk from main TRN STA, named after nearby Metelko ST (Slovene: Metelkova ulica) & is home > renowned hostel Celica; self-declared autonomous; alt artists, many youth & subcultures; Former MIL barracks: now artists, bars & nightclubs; crowded on Fri & Sat.

**Slovene Ethnographic MUS (SEM) -**

½h

**DIRECS:** in new urban cultural CNTR of LJU aka part of former MIL barracks of Metelkova area, entry in Irg SQ @ back of bldg "about people, 4 people", link btw past & present, btw our own & other cultures, btw nature & civilization. CNTR ethnology MUS, MUS of dialogue: open, active & hospitable w/ dedicated public services. undergone complete restoration, future, LJU's arts scene CNTR. 2 perm & temp exhibit -- other world cultures in creative & imaginative ways...

⊗ **International CNTR of Graphic Arts:**

½h

**DIRECS:** in glorious 17th C Tivolski Grad (Tivoli Mansion),

⊗ **MUS of MOD HIST:**

**DIRECS:**

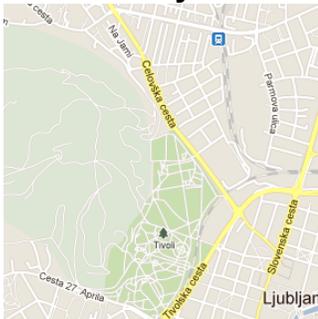
½h

⊗ **nature reserve: DIRECS:** far SW area set aside

4

½h

????? early force in Slovene lit & creation of Slovene national identity.



*Jakopič Promenade in Tivoli PK Tivoli PK*

**LJU Zoo,**

½h

**DIRECS:** take BUS 23). May-October. OOM beautiful Zoos of €; €5 > €6

**????** alf-decent.monument > Primoz Trubar **DIRECS:** entry > PK.;

½h

⊗ **National MUS of SLOV:**

¾h

**DIRECS:** Prešernova, Muzejska ulica 1 (MUS ST), ☎ +386-1-2414400 (info@nms.si, fax:

+38612414422), daily 10am-6pm, Thursday 10am-8pm, closed: public holidays..

oldest & largest Slovene MUS. 1821, present MUS bldg: built 1888 & 1st bldg dedicated solely > SLOV culture. Today, rich collections/valuable objects. Oldest: Stone Age > newer ones still used our everyday life; unit 4 preservation & restoring. FREE ADMISSION: 1st Sun of MO.

⊗ **National MUS of Contemporary HIST, Celovška 23**

¾h

(**DIRECS:** walk thru pleasant Tivoli PK > get here.), ☎ 01 300 96 10, SLOV 20th-C HIST MUS =

real sense of country's roller-coaster ride thru regime after regime; immersive exhibits: walk-thru WWI trench.; events around Declaration of Independence from YUGO & Ten Day War w/ Yugoslav Fed Army. All exhibits: translated ENG

**SLOV MUS of Natural HIST**<sup>3/4h</sup>

almost complete skeleton of 20,000 yr old mammoth found near Kamnik in 1938 & 200 million yr old fossil fish skeleton found in Triglav National PK. Also, lrg mineral collection. edit

**Antique flea MRKT:** every SUN, **DIRECS:** in old city railway MUS

<sup>1/2h</sup>**ARCH:**

Despite appearance of lrg bldg, especially @ city's edge, LJU's HIST CNTR remains intact; there, (1) Baroque & Vienna Secession styles mix. (2) Also, strongly influenced by Austrian fashion, **Vienna Secession** features prominently on Prešeren SQ & on Dragon Bridge. Imp influence: arch Jože Plečnik,; many bridges, incldg Triple Bridge, Nat Library.

**1511:** earthquake, LJU rebuilt in Baroque style following model of Renaissance town; after severely damaging quake in 1895, once again rebuilt in Vienna Secession style. THUS, arch mix of styles, lrg sectors built after WWII often include personal touch by Slovene architect Jože Plečnik.

**main ARCH works:**

**NOTE:** g Tomišiceva, you will see embassies of United States (Prešernova 31) & Russia (Tomišiceva 9). LJU: only place in world w/US & USSR embassies side by side.

**Congress SQ:**<sup>1/2h</sup>

**DIRECS:** Metelkova City 1821, OOM imp city CNTR 4 ceremonial purposes i.e.: Congress of LJU (named 4); political ceremonies, demos/protests (creation of Kingdom of YUGO ceremony, Belgrade liberation ceremony, protests against YUGO authority, 1988). Also: University of LJU, SLOV Philharmonic, Ursuline CHR of Holy Trinity.

2010 & 2011: heavily renovated & now mostly closed>vehicles @ grade, however, 5 COM floors & underground PKing lot.

**Boris Kobe's "city fountain" in Congress SQ**

PK was laid out in CNTR of SQ, which soon acquired name **Star PK** (Slovene: PK Zvezda)

**June 22, 1988**, SQ's 1st free mass demo demanded release of 4 Slovene journalists imprisoned by Yugoslav army, beginning of Slovenian spring culminating in .....

**June 25, 1991** Slovenia's 1<sup>st</sup> independence declaration & demand in May Declaration, written by Slovenian democratic opposition & signed by numerous civil society movements; poet Tone Pavček 1st publicly read in Congress SQ demo, May 8, 1989.

**1999, Bill Clinton:** 1st US Pres > visit Slovenia; June 21, publicly addressed crowd on SQ, quoting opening verses of Slovenian national anthem.

**Čop ST**<sup>3/4h</sup>

**DIRECS:** NW of Triple Bridge ; leads from Main Post Office (Glavna pošta) on SLOV ST (Slovenska cesta) > Prešeren SQ (Prešernov trg) lined w/ bars & stores, incldg oldest SLOV McDonald's rest

Čop ST (Čopova ulica): major BLVD in city CNTR; named after Matija Čop, early 19th-C writer; PED zone & city's prime CNTR promenade

*Čop ST, from Prešeren STAT*

**Butchers' Bridge (Mesarski most) (LP1104m, E4):**<sup>1/2h</sup>

**DIRECS:** footbridge over RIV Ljubljanica connecting LJU CNTR MKT & Petkovšek embankment.

decorated w/ works by SLOV sculptor Jakov Brdar & completes 1930 Jože Plečnik design plans of Slovene arch ; officially opened: July 10, 2010, very soon, padlocks of couples in love appearing on steel wires, symbolizing declarations of eternal love.

*Sculpture on Butcher's Bridge*



## Mikloičeva ST:

1/2h

*Actual bldg far more dramatic colors*

imp downtown ST less than 100 yrs, planned as major extension of city limits following 1895 earthquake. --- grand procession of early MOD ARCH .

**Art Nouveau highlights** R elegant Hotel Union & recently restored People's Loan Bank (both by Josip Vanca) &, further up RD,

**Fabiani's Mikloič PK** (1902). There's also Ivan & Helena Vurnik's boldly folk-patterned Cooperative Bank (1922) & other famous LJU arch bldg - Plečnik.

**Tobacco Factory home:** Tobačna LJU,; Tobačna 001 Cultural CNTR

**DIRECS:** Just beyond end of Prešernova cesta: Trg Mladinskih Delavnih Brigad (TMDB),

2 unique cafes: **Tramvaj Expres** (TMDB 10), pizzeria in early 20<sup>th</sup> C Prague tram, & **Snedvic Progres** (TMDB 12), sandwich shop w/ distinctly Socialist theme.

**DIRECS:** Just below TMDB, @ corner of Tržaška cesta & Tivolska cesta i-- old Tobacco Factory, & Tobacco MUS (Tobacni muzej, Tobačna ulica 5). CAUTION: open only 2 days/ month, visit > MUS is good way > gain access > one of LJU's earliest & largest industrial complexes.

Opened --19 Jan, 1871, hit peak in 1890s, producing some 103 million cigars per yr - incldg those of imperil court in Vienna. After WWI, factory produced primarily cigarettes, ; town within town had: kindergarten, library, fire brigade & mixed choir.

1st product > be **predominantly** was Virginian very popular: Filter 57 cigs had 2004, when halted.

@ time of its located on very development in so intense that factory found itself virtually in CNTR of town by 1894.



manufactured by **female workers** cigar ("viržinka"), early 20<sup>th</sup> C.; cult status R up > production finally

construction, was edge of city, but late 19<sup>th</sup> C was

## DAY TRIPS:

⊗ **Šmarna gora hill (662 m):** popular & overcrowded on weekends) on N outskirts of city. 30-60 min easy climb-- nice view over entire city. **DIRECS:** BUS 8: take > foothill; get off @ Tacenski most.

⊗ **Postojna** -remarkably huge Postojna Caves & Predjama Castle

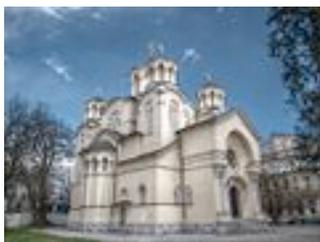
## Hills around city

**Krim mt (1107 m),** **DIRECS** Off beaten track; former MIL & civilian comm CNTR overlooking most of SLOV. w/ only civilian part remaining; top open > public, great 360 ° panoramic view, especially after rain. climb : 2-3 hr (bears!), convenient car access.

????



St. Peter's CHR



SERB Orthodox CHR of Sts Cyril & Methodius



(Lake) **Bled, SLOV: DT?** (LP1109, 1110m, )  
Julian Alps,

(1T, 4+D, 5N) 5D



**TRANS-IN/OUT:** (Return > LJU B4 Skocjan Caves)

**TRN:** Lesce-Bled STALJU > Bled: (21/d, 1h) BUS

BUS STA: centrally located NE of lake @ intersection: Cesta Svobode & Grajska Cesta.

LJU > Bled: hrly on hr; Bled > LJU hrly on ½ hr; 75 min; €7. Schedules online

**Arriving by TRN**

Bled has 2 TRN stations, neither located in town CNTR; 20 TRN/d from LJU @ Lesce-Bled STA on main line, **but 4km away**, THUS long hike or short BUS ride (TRN STA > Bled: every 30 min/ €2). > town. 2<sup>nd</sup> STA - Bled-Jezero, 2 KM> W w/ 3-5 LJU TRNs---BUT, must transfer @ Jesenice = 3hr trip. **NOTE: incredibly user-friendly Slovenia Railways' website 4 complete SCHED & prices @ [www.slo-zeleznice.si](http://www.slo-zeleznice.si)**.

**BUS:** BUS STA ((glavno postajališče) Cesta Svobode 4, phone +386 4 / 578 04 20)

next > TRN STA: > get > city CNTR, walk S along Cesta Svobode until hit water. SCHED & prices can be found on official LJU BUS STA website @ [www.ap-LJU.si](http://www.ap-LJU.si)

LJU > Bled: (hrly, 1½h)

LJU > Bled: drop passengers off @ ?????

**TRN STA: Lesce-Bled TRN STA:** 4km SE of Bled; 1 hr, irregularly, more or less, once/ hr.

Few TIC services/day, slightly faster. Svobode 10; **Follow yellow footprints** > INFO, maps, guidebooks, friendly staff; excellent latest INFO, free internet access (WIFI ?)

**Local BUS: (???) STA** w/ Bled every 30 MIN, €2.; Taxi >/from (???) STA: €10.

**Bled Jezero TRN STA:** other side of lake, opposite town, 1.5km. From here, TRN leave >/from Jesenice & Nova Gorica (**BUT NOT going > these 2 towns?? R??**) every 2 hr or so.

**TRANS-LOCAL:**

**On foot:** Yes, sm enough; walk around lake takes hr+.

**Pletna boat;** TRAD: > lake's island by **pletna boat**, resembles huge gondola, Cost: RT, €12, rowers typically wait 4-10 peeps B4 DP from various locations around lake; takes 90 min: 45 min of rowing & 45 min on island.

**Rowboat:** popular, method > island CHR, renting.

**BIKE:** Bled & vicinity: great bike riding, rented @ many outdoor agencies; no designated bike lanes.

**NO** off-RD or off-track allowed; bike route list available.

**FOOD:**

**vanilla-&-cream pastry** called kremna rezina ("cream slice") or kremšnita (from German Cremeschnitte) Gostilna Pri Planincu, Grajska cesta 8, ☎ 0386 4 574 16 13

(pri.planincu@siol.net), [13]. Over 100 yrs old; retains orig ambience.

**MISC:****HIST:**

**1823–1906: Naturopath Arnold Rikli**, Switzerland: sig contributed > development of health resort  
Bled image cuz mild climate,

**Mesolithic times settlement**

**April 10, 1004:** 1st mentioned as Ueldes (Veldes) in March of Carniola, when awarded by EMP Henry II > Bishop Albuin I of Brixen.

**22 May 1011: Bled Castle:** 1st mentioned: Henry II donated > Albuin's successor, Bishop Adalberon of Brixen.

**1127: Bled was ceded** > Rudolph of Habsburg after he defeated King Ottokar II of Bohemia @ [Battle on Marchfeld](#)

**1364 > 1919: Bled (Veldes) part of Duchy of Carniola**, except :1809 & 1816 when Napoleonic Illyrian Provinces

**1918:** dissolution of Austria-HUNG in, ruled by Kingdom of YUGO & summer grounds of rulers includ: Tito who built res here, 1947.

**1996: independent municipality** . 2000: IEDC-Bled School of Management.

**TRANS-OUT:**

**TRN:** CNTR TRN STA: **NO!!!!** (Return > LJU B4 Skocjan Caves)

**NOTE:** earliest TRN > Skocjan Caves >LJU 1st!

Bled Jezero (TRN # RG 600) >LJU>Divaca (Skocjan Caves): DP: 0708, ARV: 1108 (4h)

Bled>Sezana>Divaca (Skocjan Caves): DP: 1131, ARV: 1526 (4h)

All others later

**OPTION ?:** since earliest TRN > Skocjan Caves goes >LJU 1st, cud:

1) OVN Bled & GOTO > Skocjan Caves from **LJU** after Bled.

2) Also, MAY be more early morning TRN DP from LJU **SEE LJU TRANS-OUT abve**

Possible that MORE, earlier TRNs from LJU>Divaca

**(old) LJU > Koper (via Hrpelje-Kozina) (w/ STOP @ Divaca) 4 Bled:** (5/d, 1h)

**BUS:**

**LJU > Koper (w/ STOP @ Divaca) 4 Bled:** (½ hrly, 1½h)

> DO  
?Where?

3D (DT) + 14½h

5D

22 ½ + 2d

**Bled Lake:**

4h

**Bike around:** 1-2h, continue thru beautiful Radovna valley in direction Mojstrana town.

From there have excellent view > alpine valley Vrata: beautiful Peričnik waterfall (52m), & astonishing view > N cliff of Triglav.

**tarn** formed after Bohinj glacier retreat: 2120 m L, 1380 m W, max deep: 30.6 m; tectonic in origin ??? . Bohinj glacier deepened after last Ice Age, natural tectonic hollow; basin filled as ice melted; no lrg natural tributaries; fed only by few springs.

**Bled Island:**

2h

(By rowboat or pletna - see above).

½h

Excavations reveal pre-Romanesque remains:

**Chapel & lrg Slavic cemetery, 9 AD.**

½h

99 steps: weddings local TRAD: husband > carry his new bride up these steps, during which bride must remain silent

**Assumption of Mary Pilgrimage CHR.: 8AM-dusk;**

½h

**1698:** present baroque CHR; TRAD: visitors freq ring bell 4 GUD luck.

Pre-HIST: human traces found.

**TEMP > Živa**, Slavic goddess of love & fertility; Well preserved frescoes depict scenes from life of Virgin Mary. Ring **wishing bell**, in orig 1534 Gothic CHR.

**Provost's house** & smaller bldg behind CHR were used as guesthouses.

½h

TRAD: husband can carry newly married bride 99 steps up from dock into CHR, will be ensured happy marriage, & ringing bell in CHR will fulfill one of your wishes. €3 fee.

**Bled Castle:**

1½h

**DIRECS:** follow paths marked Grad 4 a 15 min steep climb). 8AM-7PM (5PM in winter). Adults €7 Picturesque white & red castle enclosed by Romanesque wall w/ parapets, ramparts, & TOW.

Current castle: 17th C & restored in 1950s.

**up courtyard:** includes 16th C chapel decorated w/ frescoes, 1700 & includes: painting of Henry II conferring Bled > Bishop Albuin.

**Sm MUS** w/ an exhibition on castle's HIST & usual array of mediv pomp, pageantry & weaponry.; BUT no descriptions any language.

**Castle terrace:** great views

sm wine CNTR w/ wooden steps nearby from wine cellar leading > sm shop selling herbs & oils.

**Iglica Waterfall:**

3h

**DIRECS:** 4km SW of Bled, in caves of Iglica, near village of Bohinjska Bela).

18m H, very narrow waterfall over vert. wall of Permian limestone; up stairs, great view.

**Babji Zob (Hag's Tooth) Caves** cave underneath:

2h

**DIRECS:** 4km SW of Bled, near village of Bohinjska Bela.

300m cave system includes rare helictites (calcium deposits) & tooth-shaped pillar atop 1128m peak; Very different from other SLOV caves. 3-hr; Wed, Sat & Sun in summer. Meet @ Bohinjska Bela 34.

Also path leading > Jama cave under Babji zob. > continue > follow local RD > Bohinjska Bela, cross RIV Sava Bohinjka again & go up > railway underpass. From Bohinjska Bela VIL follow walk # 5 sign, ascend thru wood > Megre pass & THEN, continue down > Velika Zaka village. From **village Kupljenik** > **Velika Zaka**: 1½h THEN, finished trip w/ walk around lake.

Duration: 3-4 hr

Approx **300 m long cave**: beautiful stalactite formations: special feature- spiral stalactites (*helictites*), lrg calcite crystals which R rare in Slovenia. Cave visit/hike TRAD dates from 19th C > present thru Bled Society 4 Cave Research co-op w/Society: paths & elect safety lites

**HIKES:**

1D

**DIRECS:** From middle of Bled go S: this local RD leads under E side of slopes Straža & Dobra gora. VIL Selo reached in ½h, THEN, path continues > RIV Sava Bohinjka. On/@ all crossroads we follow walk number 11. After bridge, turn R on cart track (macadam) that very quick & steep going up. THEN, reach picturesque village Kupljenik on slope of Jelovica (1½h) rock loneliness **Babji zob** (Hag tooth) is like scenery above ???

Organized visits R possible: Mai, June, July, August – Sundays @ 10.00 a.m. or by agreement  
Start point: in front of cave.

Society 4 Cave Research, Tel.: +386 (0)41 678 401, +386 (0)31 802 578, +386 (0)51 393 737

E-mail: [dzrjbled@gmail.com](mailto:dzrjbled@gmail.com)

**NEARBY:****Vintgar Gorge:**

4h

**DIRECS:** 4.5km walk from Bled, in northeastern section of PK; near settlement of [Zgornje Gorje](#), 4 km NW of BLED, wooden footbridge path (dating > 1893) running 4 1600 mtr along Radovna RIV, terminating @ Šum waterfall. Carved by RIV Radovna, sheer canyon walls R 50 > 100 m high, w/ total slope measuring about 250 m. ; stream created many erosive features: pools & [rapids](#), & terminates in picturesque 13-m Šum Falls (literally, 'noisy falls').

**HIST**

Discovered 1891 by Jakob Žumer & Benedikt Lergetporer, gorge soon equipped w/ wooden observation walkways & bridges; opened > public, on August 26, 1893. walkways have been renovated many times since; [hydroelectric dam](#) has also been built below gorge & railway bridge 4 [Jesenice-Most na Soči](#) line across , but natural beauty of Vintgar Gorge remains & continues > draw visitors.

1st mt gorge in area > be made accessible > tourists, word In SLOV: *vintgar* = “scenic, protected gorges.”

**Geology**

B4 last ice age, Radovna RIV flowed eastward. After being dammed by ice & detritus of Bohinj glacier, resulting lake cut new path northeast thru soft layer of triassic limestone btwn peaks **Mostnica Gorge:**

1½h

**DIRECS:** 1km N of Stara Fuzina, just Northeast of Lake Bohinj, over Devil's Bridge).

This smoothly carved ravine is 1km long & 20m deep, w/ hundreds of circular hollows known as RIV mills. Be careful if is raining.

**21m Mostnica Waterfall** (Slap Mostnica) is an additional 40 minute walk thru fields > N. €2.

⊗ **Triglav NP:** **DIRECS:** Nearby,

2D

**Savica Waterfall,**

4h

**DIRECS:** W of Lake Bohinj, 45 min walk W of Hotel Zlatorog, alternatively take one of 6 daily BUSES). April-October: 8am-6pm. 60m high waterfall & must-see. Climb up series of zig-zagging steps > top of gorge. Very popular tourist attraction. €2. edit

**Peričnik Waterfall.**

1h

Boršt (931 m) & Hom (844 m), towards Up Sava Valley.

**Pokljuka ravine:**

4h

**DIRECS:** Pokljuka ravine above valley of Radovna RIV, 1 km from VIL of Krnica, 2 km from Gorje & 7 km from Bled; 7km walk or BUS ride from Bled, in same direction as Vintgar Gorge, past villages of Gorje & Krnica).

**2km long & 40m deep** in its most picturesque part, carved into limestone by water flowing from Pokljuka glaciers, via Ribščica stream, tributary of Radovna RIV

**TRANS: BUS:**

**HIKE Paths** 4 visitors > most beautiful CNTR part of ravine.; 1 main path runs along its bottom, while side branches lead > edges of ravine & connect w/ Zatrnik.

**Natural sights:**

**tributary gorge** w/ 22 m **waterfall** when rains

**Pokljuška Luknja** – spacious **rocky cave** w/ fallen ceiling

**Irg natural bridge** 24 m above ravine BOT & sm round fields called “vrtci” (little gardens) by locals. can get thru very narrow straits in order > reach most beautiful “little GARD” & **sm natural bridge** by way of wooden galleries. Above them, path will lead thru **Partisan Crossing**, only passage thru this deep ravine.

**Diversity of vegetation:**, from ferns > forest & mt flowers, in its bottom & on rocky walls. paths R similar > mt trails . > make walking easier, Pokljuka walking sticks R available.

**Lake Bohinj (Bohinjsko Jezero).**

1h

Pronounced *BAW-heen*. Beautiful lake surrounded by Julian Alps.

**??? Straza: spa & hiking NO???**

**DIRECS:** SW of Grand Hotel Toplice.

Easier, but less spectacular option: hike up 638m, covered w/ linden oak & spruce trees,

**ACCM:****Hostels:**

**Bled Hostel**, Grajska Cesta 22, ☎ +386 31 523 056, [20]. 3 mix, 6-10 dorms, €11-€17; MOD.

Free internet, Cafe,

**Bled Castle Hostel 1004**, Grajska Cesta 22, ☎ +386 41 567 512 (castle.1004@gmail.com), [21]. .Free internet.

**Bled Backpackers @ George Best Bar**, Grajska 21 (Above George Best Bar, DIRECS: : edge of town, next > Youth Hostel Bledec, just beneath Bled castle), ☎ +38645744-041

(info@adventure-rafting.si), [22]. 5 dm w/ 20 beds, €14-€17. Free Wi-Fi. Laundry service. Adventure trips.

**Bledec Youth Hostel & Penzion Int Y H**, Grajska 17 (edge of town), [23]. Popular , families & adventurous pensioners! . Brkfst. Dm: €18-€22;

**Jakelj Backpackers House**, Selo 11A 4274 Zirovnica ( little out of town(10km), free pickup in Bled from 8AM > 8PM), ☎ +386(0)31616889. Free PU Bled TRN STA. Dm: €15-€20 Free

Linens/Towels & Internet; great family, son runs some excursions & very nice. free breakfasts: eggs (made by mother) & fantastic. Dinners: €6 4 4 courses of SLOV fare. food fantastic. offer huge range of activities (rafting, canyoning, national PK trips).. edit

**Traveller's Haven**, Rikljijska cesta 1, ☎ +386 (0)5 904 42 26, Dm: €19 [24]. Features: most

comfortable mattresses ; typical early 20th C Bled house; in old Bled, few min > BUS STA or lake, w/ grocery store: across ST; 27 beds in 6 rms, equipped KIT, living rm & 2 sm balconies. Free laundry machines.; arrange free PU from TRN STA. Free bike rentals.;

**Vila Gorenka GH**, Želeška cesta 9, ☎ +386-4-5744722 (vila.gorenka@siol.net), [25]. Built:1909.

Bd /rm ??? €17 per person.

**Škocjan Caves Reg PK** (& Postojna) (Divaca), **SEE separate age 1 En Route D 1D****DIRECS:** (LP1112, 1102m, ) **80 km from LJU SW of SLOV ???** ,on main Karst plateau **where word Karst originated****UNESCO, great cultural & hist sig cuz inhabited since prehistoric time; typical ex of contact karst****Škocjan 2 6215 Divača, Phone: ++386 5 708 21 10, ++386 5 708 21 00, Fax: ++386 5 708 21 11, +386 5 708 21 05; [psj.info@psj.gov.si](mailto:psj.info@psj.gov.si), [sipsj.info@psj.gov.si](mailto:sipsj.info@psj.gov.si), [www.PK-skocjanske-jame.si](http://www.PK-skocjanske-jame.si)****TRANS-IN:****TRN:** CNTR TRN STA**LJU > Divaca:** DP/ARV: 0942/1108/1854, 1540/1722/2036 **SEE LJU TRANS\_OUT above****LJU > Koper** (via Hrpelje-Kozina) (w/ **STOP @ Divaca**) 4 Bled: (5/d, 1h)**BUS:**

Rome2rio: (3½h, \$24) Bled - Jezero STA &gt; Divaca: (1/d, 3½h) THEN, &gt; Škocjan Caves: (TAXI: 9m, \$7)

LJU > Koper (w/ **STOP @ Divaca**) 4 Bled: (½ hrly, 1½h)**Divaca:** 3- 5km/ 30 min SE of TRN STA (signed route): sometimes courtesy van van meets incoming TRN @ 10am, 11:04 am, 2 pm & 3:10 pm & will transport those w/ BUS or TRN TIK > caves 4 free. No mention of return trip though.**Wikitravel:** admin's free 16 seater mini/shuttle BUS from Divača TRN STA > caves TIK office B4 tours, & back again about an hr after each tour. <http://wikitravel.org/en/Divača>

Some years: 1000, 1050, 1104, 1145, 1400, 1412, 1510, 1523

OR WALK: (nice walk), get map @ STA (old STA guy may grunt @ but ask nicely!)

**TRANS-LOCAL:****via TRN & WALK:**TRN ARV in Divača, THEN, walk marked trail leading thru Dolnje Ležeče > > Škocjan PK **INFO CNTR**, 45 MIN walk

On Ilirska Bistrica-Diva? route there is marked turnoff 4 Škocjan Caves PK in Famlje. Increasing numbers of visitors R coming &gt; PK via TRN &amp; by walk.

**Škocjan Caves INFO CNTR**, Matavun 12: 45 min.

Hr: April, May, October 9:00 &gt; 15:30; June-September 9:00-17:00

Tours: yr-round from 10:00 (according &gt; posted SCHED)

**CAVE TOUR:** fully-qualified guides, 1½hr, ENG language.

April = 10h - 13h - 15.30h

May = 10h - 13h - 15.30h

June = 10h - 11h - 12h - 13h - 14h - 15h - 16h - 17h

Sep = 10h - 11h - 12h - 13h - 14h - 15h - 16h - 17h

Oct = 10h - 13h - 15.30h

Nov = 10h - 13h - \*15h

\* Sundays &amp; public holidays

On surface: ancient barns house ethno, karstology, & arch exhibits; also, walk thru unspoiled nature on Škocjan Education Trail.**ACCM:**

In Škocjan Caves PK in private rms or aparts of local inhabitants.

**FOOD:**Restaurant Gostilna pri Jami Matavun, (@ **entry > caves**) daily from 9.00; karst & other dishes.x

## MISC:

**HIST:** of exploration

**10,000 BPE:** inhabited 2nd C B.C: 1st written sources on Škocjan Caves by [Posidonius of Apamea](#) ; oldest published maps :

**1561** Lazius-Ortelius map from Mercator's 1637 *Novus Atlas*

**1782:** French painter [Louis-François Cassas](#) commissioned > paint landscape proving that caves OOM imp natural features, proving also that @ time people visited bottom of *Velika dolina*.

**1689:** SLOV scholar [Janez Vajkard Valvasor](#) described sink of Reka RIV & underground flow.

In order > supply Trieste w/ drinking water, an attempt was made > follow underground course of Reka RIV. deep shafts in Karst were explored as well as Škocjan Caves.

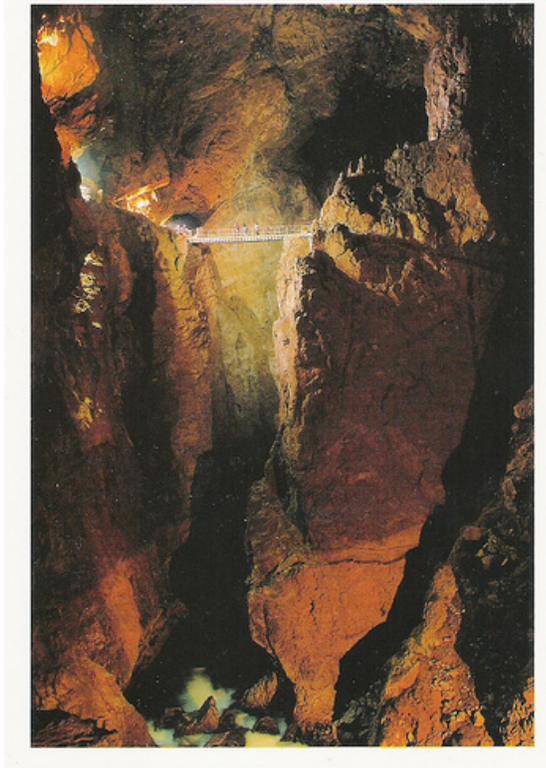
**1884** systematic exploration of Škocjan Caves began.

**1890:** Explorers reached banks of *Mrtvo jezero* (Dead Lake).

**1904:** last major achievement: discovery of *Tiha jama* (Silent Cave)

**1990** some local men climbed sixty-metre wall of Müller Hall.

**Nearly 100 yrs after discovery** of *Mrtvo jezero* (Dead Lake). SLOV divers swam thru siphon '*Ledeni dihnik*' & discovered over 200 m of new cave passages.[4]



## Archaeology

**FEATURES:** vast underground halls & gorges, mysterious cave special place among 7000 SLOV caves; network of 11 caves, w/ hollows, swallow holes, natural bridges.

& **1999**, Ramsar List of Wetlands of Intn'l Imp: world's largest underground wetlands; beauty of underground world & karst world above; TEMP: constant 12°C.

**Ranked =w/** [Grand Canyon](#), [Great Barrier Reef](#), [Galapagos Islands](#), [Mount Everest](#),; OOM imp world caves; together w/ underground stream of Reka RIV -- OO longest karst underground wetlands in €.

**Reka RIV** sinks under rocky wall & disappears underground @ *Velika Dolina*\* into Škocjan Caves & then flows underground 34 km towards [Adriatic Sea](#) surfacing near [Monfalcone](#) where becomes source of [Timavo RIV](#): majestic & frightening in rainy season as disappears underground on (?) bottom of *Velika Dolina*, 160 m under surface,.

\**Velika Dolina* ([German: Großdolina](#))[2] (literally, 'big valley') is [village](#) in [Municipality of Brežice](#) in E [Slovenia](#).

**Distinguishing factor:** exceptional volume of underground canyon other caves & gives world fame; RIV flowing thru underground canyon turns NW B4 [Cerkvenik Bridge](#) & continues along [Hanke's Channel](#): approx 3.5 km long, 10 > 60 m wide & over 140 m high;

@ some points, expands into huge underground chambers ([Martel's Chamber](#) largest discovered underground chamber in € & OO largest in world.) (Interesting note: underground canyon ends w/ relatively sm outlet that cannot cope w/ enormous water vol after heavy rainfall, causing major flooding & water surface rise of hundred ms (30+ ft)

In '[Mušja Jama](#)' (1<sup>st</sup> lrg rm) valuable treasure of archeological findings indicate 1) GRK influence: 2) cave TEMP after end of [Bronze Age](#) & in [Iron Age](#). 3) OOM sig € pilgrimage sites, 3000 BPE, especially in MED imp cult sig w/ afterlife & communication w/ ancestor spirits.

**HIST:**

**1819** county's councilor Matej Tominc (Tominc Cave) ordered steps > bottom of *Velika dolina*, (*others*) believe he merely renovated;

**Now**, can view part o underground canyon w/ collapsed doline Velika Dolina. [See downloaded web page](#)



**2<sup>nd</sup> ½ of 2010**; re-opened 1st part of Caves - Mariničeva & Mahorčičeva Cave w/ collapsed doline *Mala dolina*.<sup>[6]</sup>

**TRANS-OUT:**

**TRN:** CNTR TRN STA

Rome2rio: (1 ⅓ h, \$17+) **Škocjan Caves > Divaca**: (Taxi:(10m, \$7), **THEN**, Divaca > Koper: (every 2h, 3/4h), **THEN**, Koper > Piran: (every 20m, 1/4h)

**Divaca TRN STA LUG STOR:** Yes, but limited

(LJU > Koper (via Hrpelje-Kozina) (w/ **STOP @ Divaca**) 4 Bled: (5/d, 1h)

**BUS:** NO

**LJU > Koper (w/ STOP @ Divaca) 4 Bled:** (½ hrly, 1½h)

**> DO:**

In addition > yr-round tours, PK offers: learning about Karst region & features.

- **Škocjan MUS exhibitions.** tour of village itself includes an ethnography exhibition in J'Kopin Barn, an illustrated HIST of exploration of Škocjan Caves in Jurjevo Barn, & biology, geology, & archeology exhibitions in Natural Science CNTR.
- **Škocjan Education Trail**, mod 1 ½ hr walk around Velika dolina & Mala dolina collapse dolines in heart of PK. Informative signboards: basic features of karst phenomena includ: karst plants & animals & rich cultural & HIST heritage of area.



**PIRAN, SLOV ():** **SKIP, unless xtra time** (1T, 1D, 2N) **2D**

**POP: 4,576 (2002); bilingual, both Slovene & Italian : official,**

**pop up & down over time:**

1910: 7,379, 95,97% Italians, 9% Slovenes (but some towns all one or other);

1945: 5,035; 91% Italians, 8% Slovenes;

1956: 3.574; 67% Slovenes, 15% Italians.

1947, ethnicity changed radically cuz [migration of Italians > Italy](#) & replacement w/ Slovenes from other areas of SLOV [Istria](#) & from INT areas.



#### TRANS-IN:

**Rome2rio:** (1 1/3 h, \$17+) Skocjan Caves > Divaca: (Taxi:(9m, \$7), THEN, Divaca > Koper: (TRN: every 2h, 3/4h), THEN, Koper > Piran: (BUS: every 20m, 1/4h)

#### BUS:

**Divaca > Koper:** (1/2 hrly, ? 1 1/2h)

**Koper > Piran:** (1/2 hrly wk days, weekends???, 1/2h)

#### TRN: CNTR TRN STA

**Divaca > Koper:** (hrly, 1 1/2h) Koper TRN STA:16km from Piran

**THEN, BUS** cuz NO TRNs > **Piran**

**BUS:** connected w/ [Koper](#), [Izola](#), [Portorož](#) ( location of airport), [Sečovlje](#) & [Lucija](#), inexpensive BUS connecting > PKing lot in Fornače -- free ???

other coastal town lines operate mostly during tourist season.

**Piran BUS STA: @ gateway > old town CNTR of Piran, R by sea.**

AvtoBUSna postaja Lucija Obala 114, Lucija, 6320 Portorož

**++386 5 671 31 22**

[info@veolia-transport.si](mailto:info@veolia-transport.si)

<http://www.veolia-transport.si/>

Železniška postaja Koper Kolodvorska cesta 11, 6000 Koper

++386 5 639 52 63 <http://www.slo-zeleznice.si/>

#### TRANS > Town

#### ACCM:

2 hotels, youth hostel, number of private rms,

Tourist farms (turistixne kmgtije)

fewer soba

( don't know how many of these CRO criteria apply > SLOV)

Pay in local \$

hostels: online

soba (sobe): RS 132 booking URL

BLU signs; some gov't registered (3 stars best) : if touts: get piks, price, \$ , map location

RS Keys: friendly locals, w/o reception desk, family owned, ENG,

\$: \$15/bd; C coast: \$45-65 basic S; RS2757

3 nite MIN in tourist times, 20-50% surcharge; CONFIRM B4 book

no smoking: CONFIRM B4 book

moskies

Hot water: limited time

## FOOD:

**CULTURE:** brusque & rude

**TRANS-OUT:** > Rovinj, CRO:

**Rome2rio:** (Ferry: 1 1/3 h, \$32) Piran > Piran (perhaps twn > docks)(TAXI: (1/5 h, 2.8mi, \$7), THEN, Piran > Roinj: (FERRY: (5/wk sum only, 1 1/6h)

**BUS** (better than TRN) or TRN option??????? main BUS STA is located @ S-E end of Carrera ST.

BUS: > Rovinj, CRO

**Piran > Izola or Koper:** (1/2 hrly wk days, weekends???, 1/2h)

**Izola/Koper > Rovinj:** (Jun-Sep, stopping @ Rovinj)

TRN:

## MISC:

TIC : Turistično informacijska pisarna Piran

Tartinijev trg 2, 6330 Piran ++386 5 673 44 40

[www.portoroz.si](http://www.portoroz.si)

**TEMP:** Ave : 21,5 °C; sunny days/yr: 97; rainy days/yr: 91-- frequent rainfall

## HIST:

**Pre-Roman era:**, Piran hills: [Illyrian Histri](#) tribes: farmers, hunters & fishermen, also pirates disrupting Roman trade in N Adriatic Sea.

**178 & 177 BC** [Roman Empire](#) conquered Piran peninsula in & settled w/ rural homes ([ville rusticae](#)).

B4 inner marina buried & made into town sq

**5th C AD** Roman Empire decline onwards;

**6th C end** [Avars](#) & [SLAV](#) incursions prompted Roman pop > withdraw into easily defensible locations: islands or peninsulas; started local urbanisation

**7th C:** "[Cosmographia](#) : earliest reliable records of area by anonymous Ravenna cleric: name "Piranon" (Piran, Πιράνον in [Greek](#)) referred > " Roman town on Istrian coast."

**7th C:** [Byzantine](#) rule, heavily fortified, BUT despite defenses .....

**788** [Franks](#) conquered Istria & SLAV settled region.

Piran part of [Holy Roman Empire](#). 2] R in

Piran in Middle ages

**22 February 1812**, [Battle of Pirano](#) fought btw British & French [ship of line](#) near Piran; minor battle of [Napoleonic Wars](#). French ship [Rivoli](#) recently completed [Venice](#) > bolster French forces in Adriatic following succession of defeats in preceding yr. Captain [John Talbot](#) of [HMS Victorious](#) arrived off Venice in mid-Feb & blockaded port. When [Rivoli](#) attempted > escape under cover of fog, Talbot chased her & forced her > surrender in 5 hr battle, [Rivoli](#) lost over half her crew: either wounded or dead. This was only sea battle ever fought in SLOV waters.



1909 Piran postcard. Tartini SQ & former trolleyBUS (operation btw 1909 & 1912).

**Oct 1909:** 1<sup>st</sup> BALK [trolleyBUS](#) in Piran public service, then part of [Austria-HUNG](#); ran from [Tartini SQ](#), CNTR sq, along coast & shipyard > [Portorož](#) & [Lucija](#); 5 trolleyBUSes manufactured: Austrian company [Daimler-Motoren-Gesellschaft](#). Replaced by [tram](#) on same route till 1953.

**24 Oct 2010**, SLOV 1st country of former communist € > elect black mayor, physician [Peter Bossman](#), from [Ghana](#) 1970s, elected Piran mayor.

**Twin City:**  [Indianapolis](#), [United States](#) (since 2001)



> DO

8¼h

**TIC Piran** (LP1113):: **DIRECS:** in Tartinijev trg (sq) N end of harbor

½h

**Franciscan MON** ([Frančiškanski samostan](#)): MON & associated CHR from 14thC > 17th C cloister built is particularly impressive, when here in summer classical music concerts R given.

**Piran Old Town** (LP1113):: **DIRECS:**

1h

mediv\_ARCH, city like lrg [open-air](#) MUS, orig clustered mediv layout: narrow winding STs, compact houses huddled close together, rising in cascades, contact w/ sea, numerous SQs & churches. [Venetian Republic](#) & [Austria-HUNG](#), arch

**Sergi Maserà Maritime MUS** (LP1113):

¾h

**DIRECS:** Cankarjevo nabrežje 3, **E side** of harbor S of Tartinijev trg

**Tartini SQ:** (**Slovene:** [Tartinijev trg](#), **Italian:** [Piazza Tartini](#)): **DIRECS:**

½h

very CNTR; named after famous violinist & composer Giuseppe Tartini, His STAT: 1896, CNTR of SQ. ([Frančiškanski samostan](#))



Piran town wall

**circular town wall:** **DIRECS:** surrounds Piran

1h

national HIST monument; constructed > protect town from OTTO incursions, & many parts of city walls from different eras remain today

**CHR of. St. George** (LP1113): **DIRECS:** **Adamiceva ul 2**, rises above town

¾h

patron saint of Piran, biggest & most imp CHR, w/ Franciscan MON nearby.

**lookout TOW:**

½h

view of Piran & its surroundings across sea > Croatian & Italian Coast; MODEL 4 St. Mark's in Venice

**Minorite MON:** **DIRECS:** Bolniska ul 30, NE of SQ; Near St. George

¾h

: delightful cloister .

**Franciscan MON** nearby

**Aquarium Piran:** **DIRECS:** **W side** of harbor S of Tartinijev trg

½h

⊗ **Tartini's house** :

½h

**DIRECS:** on Tartini SQ next > St Peter's CHR on E side Tartinijev Trg 1<sup>st</sup> mentioned 1384,OO  
oldest in town

Tartini House (Slovene: Tartinijeva hiša) is birthplace of Giuseppe Tartini, violinist from Piran.  
house is located on Tartini SQ in town of Piran.[1]

## HIST

bldg is one of oldest on SQ, 1st mentioned in 1384 as [gothic](#) bldg named *Casa Pizagrua*. was later renovated in [neoclassical](#) style. most recent renovation, which took place from 1985 > 1991, revealed interesting wall paintings. house is now seat of Italian community in Slovenia & is used as venue 4 cultural projects, gallery, & MUS. MUS part displays Tartini's violin, copperplate engraving of his dreams, & his portrait, among other items

**Municipal PAL: DIRECS:**

½h

**Loggia & Benečanka: DIRECS:**

½h

⊗CHR of St George: On hill above town,

1h

## EXIT SLOVENIA:

# CONTINUE EDIT HERE

## ENTER CROATIA:



**ENTRY: None Req'd 4 90d or < visits**

## CROATIAN HIST

### Early Illyrians

Roman & Greek towns & ship wrecks

### 229BC Roman towns

Diocletian's retirement home – Split

Rome > SLAV

N CRO: briefly, Byzantine thus great mosaics (Euphrasian basilica Poreč, Istria)

### 7th CAD Slavic Croats

### 925 AD Damatian: Duke Tomislav: United tribes creating CRO

### 12C AD Weak CRO allied w/ HUNG

### 11C- 2000 Foreign ruled, HUNG increased control;

Venetians controlled coast: bell TOW

Republic of Dubrovnik remained free cuz diplomacy & ship building, maritime power

15th C Cen Int: but not Venice's fortified coast

17th C Hapsburgs displaced Ottoman's

19th C Napoleon took Venice & Dubrovnik

Austrian Hapsburgs took Damatian Coast

### Post WWI YUGO: united Croats, SERBs, B & Slovenes

### WW II Croats supported Nazi hoping > neutralize SERBian

influence.

Unfortunately Ustase puppet regime

brutally purged: Jews, gypsies & SERBs (est

100,000s)

### Post WWII TITO (war hero) dictator, somewhat benign 40 yrs

UNTIL

SERB Milsevi & CRO Tuzman

### 1991 CRO independence from YUGO > civil war:

1) SERBs 'cleansed' CROs from Seb area

2) Tense cease-fire until 1995

1995: CRO re-took SERB area 'cleansing' SERBs

### 1999 Pres Stipe Mesi (truly demo): returned prior usurped power > Parliament

**TODAY EU candidate BUT stalled cuz human rights issues i.e. cleansing criminals, BUT some see criminals as heroes**

### Current PRE

## Kvaner Gulf:

### TRANS-IN:

### GENERAL:

**Rovinj, CRO:** (LP202-4, ) **Worth visit???** EST: (1T, 1D, 2N) **est 2D**

Rovinj islands & mainland: "outstanding scenic wonders," cuz pristine beauty of indented coastline & forests: holm oak & Alpine pine trees. From St. Ivan promontory > Barbariga, & Rovinj islands & mainland 500 ms from shore line.

Rovinj archipelago: 19 islands.

### TRANS-IN: from Roving

**Rome2rio**: 1 1/3 h, \$32) **Piran >**

**Piran** (perhaps twn > docks)

(**TAXI**: (1/5 h, 2.8mi, \$7), **THEN**,

**Piran > Roinj**: (**FERRY**: (5/wk sum only, 1 1/2h)



**FERRY**: (1 1/2h,

\$32)[www.triestelines.com](http://www.triestelines.com) **TRANS-GAP**: LK cuz no summer shed until Apr/May

**Jarrolina st-owned co**: runs *nearly* all CRO ferries, helped by few [private ferry companies](#)

**BUS**: > Rovinj, CRO (2 1/2 h, ???)

Piran > Izola or Koper: (1/2 hrly wk days, weekends???, 1/2h)

Main BUS STA: **DIRECS**: NE end of Carrera

[See downloaded Wiki page](#) ???

**Izola/Koper > Rovinj**: (Jun-Sep, stopping @ Rovinj)

Better than TRN cuz TRN's limited connections & SCHED.

**TRANS-LOCAL**: easily walked. Bike hire inexpensive, very GUD cycle tracks up & down coast.

### ACCM:

App. Garbin, Tommaso Quarantaotto 2 (US\$24);

Casa Galant, Prkacini 9, Zminj (\$29)

**POP: 13,562 > S side of BUSy harbour in Rovinj, there is**

### HIST:

**Ilyrian tribes** settlement B4 Romans

**Romans** captured & called *Arupinium* or *Mons Rubineus*, & later *Ruginium* & *Ruvinium*.; built on island near coast, connected w/ mainland (1763) by filling in channel.

**6th C**: part of [Byzantine](#) empire, then, part of Ravenna & finally, 1788, part of [Frankish](#) empire  
Then finally, rule of different feudal lords 4 many C.

**1209**: ruled by [Aquileian](#) patriarch.

**1283 > 1797**: OO most imp Istria towns under [Republic of Venice](#).

**1283 > 1797 Fortified, town wall remnants: 2 rows of walls w/ 3 gates**;; can find

**1680 [Balbi's Arch](#)**, old town gate, **DIRECS**: Close > Pier # 1 & late-Renaissance clock TOW.

**1531: city got statutes.**

**After fall of Venice & Napoleonic** parenthesi: part of [Austrian Empire](#) until WWI. POP: 1911, 97,8% Italian speaking

**1918 > 1947**: Italy contolled, then ceded > [SR](#) CRO w/in [SFR](#) YUGO: many Italian peps L.

**TODAY**: POP: 15,000. 76.31% Croats; Ethnic minorities: [Italians](#) (16%), [SERB](#) (3.51%), [ALB](#) (2.37%) & [Bosniaks](#) (1.81%).

**TRANS-OUT:****BUS:**

Rome 2 rio: **BUS:** (36min); **Rovinj > Pula:** (BUS: (every 4h, 36min)  
**Rovinj > Pula:** (20/d, 1h)

**> DO**

**TOURS:** Plitvice: ,most travel agencies: (500-600 KN)

**Rovinj Town MUS:**

Old Town: **DIRECS:** best on foot;

Balbi Arch: **DIRECS:** orig city entry

Open air city **MKT @ DIRECS:**; fruit/veg, btw 7am & 4pm

**CATH of Sv. Euphemia:** **DIRECS:** old town CNTR; Climb campanile

**Grisia:** **DIRECS:** artists' ST, described as "Rovinj's Montmartre"

**Harbour:** **DIRECS:** in CNTR of town.

⊗**Heritage MUS: (only art???)** **???**

**DIRECS:**, Trg marsala Tita 11, in 17th &18th C **Baroque PAL**

/52210 Rovinj, ☎ +385 52 816 720, 9am-3pm, 7pm-10pm;

17th &18th C **Baroque PAL** that belonged > Califfi counts. Founded 1954 by Rovinj artists w/  
 intent collecting & exhibiting art works.

**Today:** town gallery 4 rich art works, permanently. 15.00 HRK.

**Cycle** coastal pine forest: cycle tracks > S. Cycle Hire: cheap, GUD quality bikes.

**DAY TRIPS:**

Limski Kanal (Lim Canal), *Long Ships* film shot.

Brijuni Islands NP: **DIRECS:** **SEE Pula**

**Pula (Istra), CRO:** (LP273, ) EST: (1T, 4D, 5N) 12 ¾ + 2 D/DT est 4D

largest Istra city , S tip of [Istria peninsula](#),; pop 62,080 (2006). mild climate, smooth sea, & unspoiled nature. ECON: [winemaking](#), fishing, [shipBLDG](#), & tourism. Istria's admin CNTR -old Roman times. Majority: [Croats](#) , 71.65% , [SERB](#) (5.83 %), [Italians](#) (4.82 %), [Bosniaks](#) (1.67%), [Slovenians](#) (1.25 %)



**TIC:** Pula TIC (tel 052-219 197) is at Forum 1 in the town centre

**TRANS-IN:**

**BUS:**

**Rome 2 rio:** **BUS:** (36min); Rovinj > Pula: (**BUS:** (every 4h, 36min)

**Rovinj > Pula:** (20/d, 1h)

**TRN:** **NO! None!**

operates N from Pula thru > SLOV, BUT disconnected from CRO RR network. Plans > tunnel 'missing link' btw this line & from Rijeka have existed 4 many yrs, & despite work starting B4; never completed.

**Passenger ferries:** from port area > nearby islands,

**ACCM:**

Amfora Hostel: 92%, \$17 [SEE "Amfora Hostel, Pula.pdf"](#)

HB Riva Hostel: 85%, \$16,

**FOOD:**

**TRANS-OUT: Zadar or Rab Island**

**AIR:** Pula > Zadar: \$60-105-146 (see Priceline), [SEE "Pula> Zadar AIR - Priceline.pdf"](#)

**Rome2rio:** cheap Cro Air > Zadar,, ½ hr, w/beautiful island views **BUS:** takews forever, NOT freq.r.

**BUS:**

**Pula > Plitvice:** (3/d, 7h): **Pula > Karlovac:** (BUS: every 4h, 4 ¼ h, \$25), **THEN, Karlovac > Plitvicka Jezera:** (BUS: 2/d, 1 ⅓ h):

**BOAT:** [www.jadroagent.hr](http://www.jadroagent.hr)

**Ferry:**

**Pula > Zadar:** (5h, \$17) : **Pula>Zadar:** (**FERRY:** 5/wk, 5h, \$17)

**Miatours** operates local & international services from Zadar.

**CAT:** Pula > Zadar: (1/d?, 5h;m 2/wk in Jun)

**BUS/FERRY:** Pula > Rab Island: (4 ½ h) **Pula>Rijeka:** (BUS: every 4h, 1 ¾ h), **THEN, Rijeka > Rab:** (**FERRY:** (1/d, 1 ⅔ h

[Rapska Plovidban:](#) ferry services > & from [Rab Island.](#)

**What BUSs service Plitvce?** [www.akz.hr](http://www.akz.hr) 3h from Zadar

**TOURS:** LP226, 230, 237,240

> Plitvice LP 230

>Brijuni: Lp 230 PK

**MISC:**

**TEMP:** Apr: 61-46°; May: 70-54°; Jun: 77-61°; lot of moist air;TEMP: above 50 °F- 240 days/yr.

**HIST:****Pre-HIST**

**1 mil BPE:** [Homo erectus](#): EVID in [Šandalija](#) cave near Pula:

**6000–2000 BC:** [Neolithic](#) Pottery period indicating [human settlement](#), around Pula

**1800–1000 BC:** [Bronze Age](#) peeps aka 'Proto Illyrians.'; new Hill-top fort-city(gradine); late Bronze Age bone: tools 4 smoothing&drilling, sewing needles, Pula bronze spiral pendants connect sites w/ Danube; Bronze Age Istria [Greek pots](#) & f [Apollo](#) STAT prove [Greek culture](#);

Greek TRAD suggests foundation of *Polai* > [Colchians](#), of [Jason](#) & [Medea](#) story who stole [golden fleece](#); . Colchians, who chased Jason into N Adriatic, but unable > catch him, so settled in *Polai (ie Pula)*, signifying "city of refuge".[8]

**Ancient period:** -----

**Classical antiquity:**-----

**1st C AD** inhabited by *Histri*, [Venetic](#) or [Illyrian tribe](#) recorded by [Strabo](#)

**177 BC;** Romans conquered [Istrian peninsula](#) starting period of Romanization.

46–45 BC: elevated > colonial rank; 10th region of [Roman Empire](#), under [Julius Caesar](#); town grew w/ high pop of 30,000; became significant Roman port w/ lrg surrounding area. of

42 BC; In triumvirate civil war - [Octavian](#), [Mark Antony](#) & [Lepidus](#) -- **against** Caesar's assassins [Brutus](#) & [Cassius](#), town sided w/ Cassius cuz brother [Cassius Longinus](#) founded.

After [Octavian's victory](#), town demolished, but rebuilt @ request of Octavian's daughter Iulia : then called *Colonia Pietas Iulia Pola Pollentia Herculanea*'. few great ruins remain

Great classical constructions built:.

1) great [amphitheatre](#), [Pula Arena](#) constructed btw 27 BC – 68 AD, much still standing

2) water supply & sewage systems

3).fortified w/ wall w/ ten gates: few gates remain

triumphal [Arch of Sergii](#),

Gate of Hercules ( names of city founders engraved)

Twin Gates.

**During reign of EMP [Septimius Severus](#)** name changed > "*Res Publica Polensis*"

**354 AD:** site of [Gallus Caesar](#)'s execution.

**425 AD:** CNTR of bishopric EVIDd by remains of few relig bldg foundations.

**Middle Ages**

*Chapel of St. Mary Formosa*

**476 AD:** After fall of Rome: Ostrogoths attacked & destrpyrd city & region.

**493 > 538 AD:** Ostrogoths ruled

**540–751:** Byzantine EMP ruled: Pula prospered & major Byzantine port of fleet & integral part of [Byzantine Empire](#).

**6th C:** Basilica of Saint Mary Formosa built.

**Post 788:** Charlemagne's Frankish kingdom ruled: introduced [feudal system](#).; seat of elective counts of Istria until 1077.

**1148:** Venetians captured & 1150, swore allegiance > [Republic of Venice](#), thus, Venetian possession.

**C thereafter, city's fate & fortunes tied > Venetian power. was in**

**1192:** conquered by [Pisans](#), but soon reconquered by Venetians.[16]

**1238** [Pope Greg IX](#) allied w/Genoa & Venice against ??? Empire & Pisa too.

**1243:** cuz Pula sided w/ Pisans, Venetians sacked by Pula;

**1267:** destroyed again

**1297:**&again cuz [Genoese](#) defeated Venetians in naval battle; declined fast by of local families infight

**1258–1271:** ancient Roman Sergi family & Ionotasi

**Late 13th – 14th C:** clash btw Venice & Genoa 4 control of city & harbour.

**1291:** Patria Raimondo della Torre gain as part of [secular realm of Patriarchate of Aquileia](#),, but....



1331: only > lose > Venice which held until its 1797 downfall.

Pula referred > by Italian poet [Dante Alighieri](#), (who had visited Pula), in [Divine Comedy](#):  
*"come Pola, presso del Carnaro ch'Italia chiude e i suoi termini bagna"* or "as Pula, along [Quarnero](#), that marks end of Italy & bathes its boundaries".

### Venetian, Napoleonic & early Habsburg rule

1331 > 1797: [Venetians](#) rule;

**14th, 15th & 16th C**; Genoese attacked & occupied, HUNG army & Habsburgs; many outlying mediv settlements & towns destroyed; war, [plague](#), [malaria](#) & [typhoid](#) ravaged city.

**1750s**: only 3,000 peeps L in ancient city, an area now covered w/ weeds & ivy.

**1797**: Venetian Republic collapse following MIL defeat by [Napoleon](#), part of [Habsburg Monarchy](#).

**1805**: invaded again as French defeated Austrians ; part of Napoleon's puppet [Kingdom of Italy](#), then directly under French Empire's [Illyrian Provinces](#).

### Austro-HUNG rule & union > Italy

*Austro-HUNG dreadnoughts @ Pula.*

**1813**: Pula & Istria > [Austrian Empire](#) ; regained prosperity.

**1859**: Irg [natural harbour](#) became Austria's main naval base & major [ship](#)BLDG CNTR; chosen by, Danish admiral serving Austria; transformed from sm city w/ fading antique splendour **into** industrial town.



**Island of [Brijuni](#)**: S of Pula : **summer vacation resort of Austria's [Habsburg royal family](#).**

**World War I**: port main base 4 Austro-HUNG [dreadnoughts](#) & other naval forces. During this period many inhabitants spoke Italian.

**1910**: City pop: 58,562 (45.8% Italian speaking; 15.2% Slavic).--- However, census focused on [spoken language](#), not self-declared ethnicity of citizens.

**1918**: Austro-HUNG Empire Collapse in, Pula & entire Istria – except [Kastav](#) – given > Italy; Pula (Pola) became capital BUT: pop decline after WWI mainly cuz econ difficulties caused by Irg-scale reduction of Austro-HUNG [MIL & bureaucratic facilities](#) & [dismissal of shipyard workers](#)

Under Mussolin's fascist GOV non-Italians, especially Slavic residents, faced huge political & cultural repression & many fled city & Istria altogether.

**1930s**: Pola had ECON bonanza w/ 80% pop Italian speaking by 1940.

**Sep 1943**: Italian rule ended w/ capitulation.

**1943–1945**: [Nazi German army](#) filled vacuum L by retreating Italian soldiers; city part of "[Küstenl&](#)", occupied zone under [Third Reich](#). During [German](#) MIL rule, Pula integrated into German occupation zone. city suffered very difficult period: arrests, deportations & executions of people suspected of helping Partisans' guerilla struggle; repeated Allied [air raids](#) ; German [u-boat](#) base from 1942–1944)

### Post-WWII & MOD era

*Pula University bldg.*

**after 1945**: admin by UN; Istria partitioned into occupation zones until ...

**15 September 1947**: officially united w/ rest of [CRO](#) w/in [SFR YUGO](#) on. Pula enclave , occupied by USA company: 351st Infantry & [British battalion](#) of 24th [Guards Brigade](#).

**15 Sept 1947**: ceded > [SFR YUGO](#), Pop: 45,000 largely ethnic Italians.

**December 1946 & Sept 1947**; most Italian residents emigrated > Italy

**18 August 1946**: [Vergarola explosion](#)

**10 February 1947**: Italian woman, Maria Pasquinelli, shot British general De Winton.

City's Croatian name, 'Pula': official name

**1992**: YUGO collapse, Pula & Istria part of MOD Republic of CRO



&gt; DO

15 1/4h

2D 1 1/4h

Arch of SergiiTEMP of Roma & AugustusArena (colosseum) in Pula**Zlatni Rt - Punta Corrente PK:**

many walking paths: forests > rocky & pebble beaches; suitable 4 cycling all way > Palud:  
ornithological reserve 9 mi S of Rovinj.

1 1/2h

**1st C amphitheatre (aka Arena)(LP273, ):**

**DIRECS:** Flavijevska bb ; NE of Old Town overlooking harbor

6 largest surviving Roman arena,.; OO best preserved, used today during summer film festivals.

WWII II Italian fascist's attempted disassemble & move > mainland Italy, but abandoned cuz hi costs.

1/2h

**1st C AD Triumphal Arch of Sergii: **DIRECS:****

1/2h

**Mid-2nd C Twin Gates (Porta Gemina): **DIRECS:****

1/2h

OO few gates after city walls dismantled beginning of 19th C.; replaced earlier gate; consists of 2 arches, columns, plain architrave & decorated frieze.

**Old City Wall remnants: **DIRECS:** (close by Twin Gates).**

1/2h

**1st C. Gate of Hercules: **DIRECS:****

1/2h

Top of single arch: bearded head of Hercules, carved in high-relief, & his club on adjoining voussoir. ; damaged inscription, close > club (??): names of Lucius Calpurnius Piso & Gaius Cassius Longinus entrusted by Roman senate > found Pula colony Pula btw 47 & 44 BC.

**1st C BC Augustan FORUM: **DIRECS:** close > sea,**

1/2h

In Roman times surrounded by temples of Jupiter, Juno & Minerva.; Roman COM & admin city CNTR remained main SQ of classical & mediv Pula, **TODAY**, **still** main admin & leg city CNTR.

**1st C AD TEMP of Rome & Augustus (LP273, ) **DIRECS:** in forum**

1/2h

during EMP Augustus reign. preserved today

Sm **MUS**:

**13th C TEMP of Juno:**

1/2h

**DIRECS:** part of back wall of integrated into Communal PAL.

**2 Roman theaters:**

1) smaller one: **DIRECS:** near CNTR; (diam. circa 50 m; 2nd c. AD)

1/2h

2) larger one: **DIRECS:** on S city edge (diam. circa 100 m; 1st c. AD).

1/2h

**city's Old Quarter: **DIRECS:****

1h

narrow STs, lined w/ Mediv & Renaissance bldg; still surfaced w/ ancient Roman paving stones.

6th C (B4 546) **Byzantine chapel of St. Mary Formosa: **DIRECS:****

1/2h

form of Greek cross, resembling Ravenna churches, built by deacon Maximilian; later became Archbishop of Ravenna.

**ALSO, another chapel: **DIRECS:****

1/2h

(part of Benedictine abbey: demolished 16th C):

floors & walls decorated w/ 6th C mosaics,

decoration bears some resemblance [Mausoleum of Galla Placidia @ Ravenna](#).

wall over door contains [Byzantine carved stone panel](#).

15th-C wall paintings may be restorations of Early Christian paintings.

1605, when Venetians raided Pula, stole many treasures from chapel incldg: [four columns of oriental alabaster](#) that stand behind high altar of [St Mark's Basilica](#).

### 1314 CHR of St. Francis: **DIRECS:**

late [Romanesque](#) style w/ [Gothic](#) additions:

**W portal** i: decorated w/ shell motifs & [rose window](#).

single [nave](#) w/ 3

**unusual feature:** [double pulpit](#), w/ 1 part projecting into ST.

**15th-C wooden polyptych** from [Emilian](#) artist adorns altar.

**14th C:** [adjoining MON](#) : cloisters display some antique Roman artifacts.

### 6th C: [CATH of Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary](#) : **DIRECS:**

built when Pula became seat of bishopric, built on orig site Christians used > gather & pray in Roman times; enlarged in 10th C.

After Genoese & Venetian raids / destruction, almost completely rebuilt in 15th C.

**Present form:** late Renaissance façade added, early 16th C.

Still retains many Romanesque & Byzantine elements: parts of **walls** (4th C), few orig **column capitals** & **up windows of nave**.

**Altar area & rm @ S:**

- fragments of 5th > 6th-C [flr mosaics](#) w/ [memorial inscriptions from worshippers who paid 4 mosaics](#).
- [windows of aisles](#) underwent reconstruction in [Gothic style](#) after 1242 fire
- 1671 & 1707: [belfry](#) in CHR front built w/ amphitheatre stones.
- 5th C [baptistry](#) : front of CHR, but demolished, 1885.

### 6th C [Orthodox CHR of St. Nicholas](#): **DIRECS:**

w/ Ravenna-style polygonal apse, partially rebuilt: 10th C.

**1583**, assigned > Pula Orthodox community: mainly [Cyprus](#) & [Nauplion](#) immigrants, owns many [15th & 16th C icons](#) & 18<sup>th</sup> C GRK [iconostasis](#).

### 14<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> C Venetian castle :

**DIRECS:** Gradinski Uspon 6; on hill above Old Town CNTR Since 1961: houses

**star-shaped w/ 4 bastions** . built, on remains of Roman capitolium, following plans of French MIL architect Antoine de Ville.

### HIST MUS of Istria. (Povijesni Muzej Istre) (LP273, ):

**DIRECS** in 17<sup>th</sup> C Venetian FORT

2nd-C **theatre** remains: **DIRECS:** Close by, on NE slopes

### Archaeological MUS of Istria (Archeoloski Muzej)(LP273, ):

**DIRECS:** Carrarina 3; in PK on lower level than [Roman theatre](#) & close > Twin Gates.

Sculpture Garden **August 1802:** Collection started by Marshall [Marmont](#) when collected [stone monuments](#) from TEMP of Roma & Augustus.

**TODAY's MUS:** opened 1949: Pula treasures & surroundings from prehistory > [Middle Ages](#).

12 ¾ h

½h

St Francis CHR



¾h

½h



½h

¾h

½h

¾h

**DAY TRIPS:****Brijuni national PK : dinosaur footprints DIRECS:**

4h

Tito summer res, [Roman villas](#) & temples still lie buried among farm fields & along shoreline of dozens of surrounding fishing & farming villages. beaches, dives > ancient Roman [galleys](#) & WW I warships.



Istrian Dinosaurs: track dinosaur footprints: nearby sea shores; more imp finds @ undisclosed Bale location.

During Cretaceous period, 80 > 140 million yr ago, dinosaurs on Istrian peninsula; Pangea breakup; warm & dry climate favorable 4 lush vegetation (huge forests, fern).

1st Istria dinosaurs discovery - 1934, Adolf Bachofen-Echt, Austrian brewer & paleontologist found footprints @ Cape Ploče on Veli Brijun, over next decades, footprints found @ other sites including nearby Levan islet, also on Fenoliga islet & in sm Premantura bay.

**BEST discovery**, 1992, Dario Boscarolli, Monfalcone diver, accidentally found site w/ bones on sea bottom near [Bale-Valle](#) (20 km from Pula-Pola & 13 km from Rovinj); 1st site w/ dino' bones in Mediterranean; bones confirm existence of @ least ten dino groups; 1 was plant-eating Brachiosaurus, OO big & heaviest of all dinosaurs (20 > 25 mtr long, w/ neck about 10 mtr long) World Paleontologist Sites List, some bones exhibited in Bale-Valle Town Hall.

**Zlatne stijene** beach's rocks along coast R 100 million yr old. In dino era beaches: muddy coast of shallow tropical sea w/dinos walking in yellow mud which fossilized footprints. Scientists searching Pula beaches have found traces of sm theropods (carnivorous or meat-eating dinos) & long-necked herbivorous (plant-eating) sauropodst. Also, ½ mtr traces found on rocks, indicating 9 mtr long dino, maybe 10 tons. **most interesting track is more than one mtr long.**

**DT: Tour**

1D

**Hilltowns:** SEE pdf [hire car 4 day or 2](#) & beautiful hill-top towns ?

easy day tour hill-top towns: Buzet, Draguac, Hum & Boljun, BEST: Grožnjan & Motovun SEE" Rick Steve

(Kindle/iPad) S Eastern Europe P19903 Motovun section that we .

ORIG, Cs ago, fortified settlements on top of hill, rebuilt in Middle Ages & then strengthened further under Austrian or Venetian colonisation.

**Motoun:** walk up thru stone gateway w/ carved Venetian stonework inside archway; preserved encircling mediv fortified town walls; **walk around them** w/ fantastic views over valley onto terracotta tiled roofs.



**Groxnjan arrive & PK on edge of town,** ?h

Wander thru CHR SQ & thru PED lanes. Many picturesque old stone bldg R converted > art galleries, selling ceramics, paintings, jewelry & gifts, as well as odd stalls selling honey & other local produce. ?h

**TRANS-OUT**

**Rome2rio:** **BUS/FERRY:** Pula > Rab Island: (4 ½ h) Pula>Rijeka: (BUS: every 4h, 1 ¾ h), THEN, Rijeka > Rab: (FERRY: (1/d, 1 ⅔ h)

**Zadar:** (If can go from Pula > Plitvice, THEN can SKIP here.

**TRANS-IN:**

**Rome2rio:** **FERRY:** Pula > Zadar: (5h, \$17) : Pula>Zadar: (**FERRY:** 5/wk, 5h, \$17)  
**???**

TIP: (my Idea: May be possible > get taxi @ Zadar Ferry Term )if there is one, w/10 peeps direct > Plitvice @ same cost or less/peep

**AIR:** Pula > Zadar: \$60-105-146 (see Priceline), **SEE "Pula> Zadar AIR - Priceline.pdf"**

**BUS:**

Pula > Zadar: (3/d, 7h)

	Departure	BUS company	Days
ID-225	06:45 - 14:15	<b>STOPS</b> Čazmatrans Nova d.o.o	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 / (01.01. - 31.12.)
ID-921	07:00 - 12:35	<b>STOPS COMPANIES</b>	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 / (01.06. - 01.09.)
ID-151	11:00 - 18:00	<b>STOPS</b> BRIONI - Pula	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 / (01.01. - 31.12.)
ID-218	20:00 - 03:05	<b>STOPS</b> Autotrans d.o.o	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 / (01.01. - 31.12.)

**BOAT:** Jadrolinija Ferries: [www.jadroagent.hr](http://www.jadroagent.hr) [www.jadrolinija.hr](http://www.jadrolinija.hr)

Locval ferries:

**FERRY:** CAUTION: check actual days of passage

Pula > Zadar: JUN> SEP: W & Sun: DP: 0700, ARV: 1155;

**ACCM:** **SEE "Zadar Hostels 1, HW.pdf", "Zadar Hostels 2, HW.pdf" , & "Zadar Hostels, HBookers.pdf"**

Dolac GH: 94%, \$11,

Mira GH: 100%, \$13

**FOOD:**

**TRANS-OUT: > Plitvice NP:**

If can pre-book Plitvice ACCM , THEN, can be flexible DP Zadar

**BUS:** (27/d; 3-4h) **SEE: "BUS Zadar>NP Plitvice Lakes.pdf"** 4 later BUS SCHED

**VALID???? BUS Zadar** > Plitvice: main hiway, best/logical rt > Plitvice

**BUSs** >< Zadar: DP Zadar @ 7:00, ARV: 10:05; Zadar > Zrenjanin BUS route

ID-655	08:30 - 10:25	<b>STOPS</b>	Prijevoz Knežević
ID-373	09:00 - 11:00	<b>STOPS</b>	Autotransport d.d Šibenik
ID-962	13:00 - 14:10	<b>STOPS</b>	Prijevoz Knežević
ID-79	14:30 - 16:45	<b>STOPS</b>	Croatia BUS
ID-86	15:05 - 17:50	<b>STOPS</b>	AutoBUSni promet Varaždin
ID-371	18:00 - 19:55	<b>STOPS</b>	Prijevoz Knežević
ID-154	20:30 - 22:44	<b>STOPS</b>	Polet Vinkovci
ID-155	23:00 - 01:50	<b>STOPS</b>	Autopoduzeće Z Imotski

**NOTE: BUS ARV @/IN Plitvice:**

BUS CO PR & INFO very iffy: don't always display timetables, friendly info desk person may help,  
 Zadar BUS: starts in Zadar & ends @ Plitvice. ---- @ Plitvice: goes > Entry 1, THEN, back down >  
 Entry 2. RETURN BUS: from Entry 1 @ 5pm from Entry 2 @ 5.10. ALWAYS ask **National PK**  
**info desk** cuz SCHED changes & may TERM 4 season: 10.10.13..

Croatia BUS: @ 5.10 back > Zadar

Zadar BUS co: Prijevoz Knezevic, 165 HRK return.

**BUS SCHED site:** <http://www.autoBUSni-kolodvor.com/en/timetable.aspx>

BUS from Senj > Plitvice: no info

**TRN:** (2/d; 5h) ??? Nite TRN from Zagreb so what is reverse SCHED

**TOURS:** LP226, 230, 237,241

> Plitvice LP 230

>Brijuni: Lp 230 PK

**MISC:****> DO:**

Sea Organ LP240

Sun Salutation: LP 240

CHR of St Donat: circular, 9<sup>th</sup> C, Byzantium, LP 240

MUS of Ancient Glass: interesting/impressive

## Plitvice Lakes NP, CRO MAP

Another STRAT: Sarajwvo, B-S > Mostar BASCK > Split > Plitvice NP

**Plitvice Lakes NP, CRO:** Pronunciation: pleet vit sa)(aka lee ka (L& of wolf) (Croatian: Nacionalni PK Plitvička jezera, colloquial *Plitvice* ; [UNESCO World Heritage](#)

**Plitvice Lakes Nat Monument (1 nite)**

**> Adriatic Sea : boat > Rab island (2 nites)**

### PLITVICE LAKES NATIONAL PARK

Between Zagreb and Zadar, **Plitvice Lakes National Park** (☎751 015; [www.np-plitvicka-jezera.hr](http://www.np-plitvicka-jezera.hr); adult/concession Apr-Oct 110/80KN, Nov-Mar 80/60KN; ☀7am-8pm) comprises 19.5 hectares of wooded hills and 16 lakes, all connected by a series of waterfalls and cascades. The mineral-rich waters carve new paths through the rock, depositing tufa (new porous rock) in continually changing formations. Wooden footbridges follow the lakes and streams over, under and across the rumbling water for an exhilaratingly damp 18km. Swimming is not allowed. Your park admission also includes the boats and bus-trains you need to use to see the lakes. There is hotel accommodation onsite, and private accommodation just outside the park. Check the options with the Plitvice National Park Office (p224) in Zagreb.

Not all Zagreb–Zadar buses stop here as the quicker ones use the motorway, so check before boarding. You can check the schedules at [www.akz.hr](http://www.akz.hr). The journey takes three hours from Zadar (95KN to 108KN) and 2½ hours from Zagreb (93KN to 106KN); there are 10 daily services.

Luggage can be left at the tourist information centre at the park's main entrance.



### TRANS-IN: SEE Zadar: TRANS-OUT above

What BUSs service Plitvice? [www.akz.hr](http://www.akz.hr) 3h from Zadar This ius a Zagreb site but may be able to book Zadar > Plitvice and Plitvice > Zagreb

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TOURS: LP226, 230, 237,240

**DIRECS:** Plitvice Lakes National PK : from Karlovac exit in N, from Otočac exit in W or Gornja Ploča exit in S.

Nearest TRN STA: Josipdol & Plaški,

BUS: NO direct BUS connection from TRN STAs, BUT public transport > lakes easily by direct BUS Karlovac or Zadar . ???

**Gate 2:** all needs, TIK takes 1min > buy..BUT HINT: if crowded GOTO 2<sup>nd</sup> TIK Booth @ PKing lot by just walking across bridge towards hotels & by train entry& bus PKing, always empty.

Maps are all over PK, large ones on big signs nearby, entrances & even on back of your ticket!!

**ACCM:** 3 places @ Gate 2,, expensive BUT convenient; do not stay in Grabovac cuz too far , unless forced

**GEN:** **KNOW @ which PK BUS STOP my hotel is @!!!! pre-booked on PK's website**

Stay 2 nites 4 gud BUS sched, PK OPEN: 7am - 6pm, hike late in afternoon after 5.00pm & early next morning,

Validate 1day TIK @ hotel - saving 10E; so, **DO NOT** buy 2-day TIK

### HIKE STRAT

**Tip:** KEY > avoid tour grp's 9:00 am - 3:00 pm period - hike late day & early mornings.

- 1) If ARV when lrg grp ARV, hike in reverse a well defined route; mostly uphill, but fewer peeps. 2) Shuttle > **lower lakes** & then walk back, 6.5 hours
- 2) Start @ P1 & work way up > P3 & looping back down > hotel, we managed > beat, or @ least be going opposite way of most crowds,
- 3) **Afternoon ARV STRAT:** take TRN/BUS etc > far Upper Lake point & walked back(1½h); **Next morning** take 1st boat > walk **lower lake & big waterfall** , met few tour grps coming towards us & lrg waterfall crowd, but otherwise few peeps. ; boat took us across lake > hotel

### Hotel Plitvice:

**BENE:** great staff, clean, bad wifi, ok brkft, food OK, but nearby rest not worth effort.

**LOC:** ideal loc in PK @ P2 (Gate 2????), 2 mins walk > PK entry /// located btwn Entry 2 & BUS ST2 & boat pier P1 ---- best location 4 explore Lakes.

So, @ end of 1<sup>st</sup> day hike, simple 2 min walk after we got off BUS @ ST2.,

### Bellevue Hotel: P2 ???

series of very large photographs of Plitvice Lakes, worth eating in dining room just > enjoy these

#### ACCM:

Ask 4 rm away from PKing lot w/balcony; 3 min Friendly reception, Brkf, Good shower, clean, Wi Fi, no dinner anymore, GO> Hotel Plitvice REST old BLDG; check-out:12 noon.

**LOC:** Perfect loc:5 min walk > PK's entry & BUS STOP , hear waterfalls, .

### Hotel Jezero P2 ???

**GEN:** **wifi**, Gud staff & **Eng**, 70's look, hotel also offers BUSs & water taxis;

**TRANS:** if you arrive by local BUS service, stop is **not** in front of hotel.

**LOC:** Unbeatable, 2 min > PK ENTRY & BUS STOP, Check in was easy cuz we had **pre-booked**;

#### ACCM:

Praise Marija check-in receptionist; Do **not** leave room keys @ desk

Choose grilled trouteparate dining rm 4 non-tour groups, a la carte rest

### Other ACCM:

We stayed @ House Tina in Grabovac, (Plitvice ???): lovely, approx. 310 kuna; Zadar BUS: 8:30a, dropped bags @ Plitvice INFO CNTR & walked > PK; THEN, from PK > House Tina.

NOTE: Plitvice > Zadar BUS: approx. 8.30am (from Grabovac) How far is Grabovac ?

### MISC:

Is brown bear grizzily w/ that pronounced hump

**HIST:**

HUMANS: 1000 BC Prehistoric cradle of Illyrian tribe of Japuds, THEN, 8th C AD Romans THEN, SLAVs. Prehistoric site @ current Plitvice village, FORT, Bronze Age tools & ceramics  
Plitvice Lakes were declared public property by law of 8 April 1949, & national PK in Official Journal (Narodne novine) NO.29 1949. Accepted as World Heritage site in 1979 .

**STATS:**

Protected area: 296.85 sq kms (73,350 acres); 1979: added > [UNESCO World Heritage](#) list; 900,000 visitors/ yr, Entry fee; Strict regs.

**HIST:**

**Plitvice Lakes incident** - 1st armed confrontation w/fatalities of CRO War of Independ. PK under control of Serbs during conflict & suffered some damage, w/ hotels & other facilities used as barracks. @ auto-camp Grabovac there was massacre of 3 children by Yugo. Army, 1991 THEN, retaken by CRO Army in 1995 during Operation Storm, which ended Croatian war. War led UNESCO > add PK > 'World Heritage in Danger'. PK's ECON imp made CRO GOV's de-mining a priority, & 1998 UNESCO accepted PK's newly mine-free status & removed from list of endangered sites. However, area outside Plitvice still has mine issues.

**Features**

World fame 4 lakes in cascading sequence, 16 lakes result from confluence of many sm RIVs & subterranean karst RIVs; lakes all interconnected & follow water flow; separated by nat travertine dams created by depositing action of [moss](#), [algae](#), & [bacteria](#) --particularly sensitive [travertine](#) barriers/dams R result of interplay btw water, air, encrusted plants & bacteria accumulate on top of each other forming travertine barriers/dams which grow 1 cm / yr.

126 lakes separated into up & lower clusters formed by [runoff](#) from mountains which descends from 2,087 > 1,650 ft over 8 km distance in S>N direction; lakes collectively cover 2 sq kms, w/ water exiting lowest lake into [Korana](#) RIV.

Renowned [distinctive colors](#), from azure > green, grey or blue; colors change constantly depending on composition of minerals or organisms in water & [angle of sunlight](#).

Multifaceted flora & fauna created by different climatic influences & lrg difference in elevation w/in protected area --NP home > many [endemic](#) species some of which existed B4 man's arrival..

**Origins of name & reputation**

*Plitvice name* 1st , in 1777 doc, priest of [Otočac](#). cuz NAT phenomena created lakes i.e.: naturally formed shallow basins (Croatian *pličina* or *plitvak*, *plitko* means *shallow*), which filled w/ water. 4 eons, water fashioned limestone & thus landscape: emerging travertine barriers/dams slowed & retained flowing water; dams height continuously growing now.

Some scientists think RIV [Plitvica](#) named 4 little RIV flows **into** PLNPs @ lower & final part of lakes; nearby VILL w/Plitvice name, H2O exits Plitvice Lakes as N flowing [Korana](#) RIV.

1960s & 1970s: famous 4 many [Karl May](#) novels [film productions](#) scenes shot here.

**Long Description**

Plitvice Lakes basin is [geomorphologic formation of biological origin](#), karst RIV basin of limestone & dolomite, w/ approx 20 lakes, created by deposition of calcium carbonate precipitated in water thru agency of moss, algae & aquatic bacteria, this in turn, creates strange, characteristic shapes & contain travertine-roofed & vaulted caves. Carbonates date from Up Triassic, Jurassic & Cretaceous Ages , 4,000 m thick.

> maintain & preserve lake's natural characteristics, entire surface & most of subterranean [drainage system](#) has > be protected by extending orig borders of PK into new areas which comprise layers of karstified limestone w/ dolomites of Jurassic age.

16 interlinked lakes btw Mala Kapela Mt & Pljesevica Mt. divided into up & lower lakes:

**Upper lakes:**

lie in dolomite valley surrounded by thick forests & interlinked by numerous waterfalls;

separated by dolomite barriers which grow w/ formation of new travertine, i.e. forming travertine barriers. Travertine: usually formed on spots where water falls from an elevation, by incrustation of algae & moss w/ calcium carbonate.

**Lower lakes,**

smaller & shallower, lie on limestone bedrock surrounded only by sparse underbrush. formed by crumbling & caving-in of vault ceilings above subterranean cavities thru which up lake's water migrated.

**Forest:** pure beech stands @ lower altitudes; mixed beech & fir stands @ high levels,

**Also, classified by underlying strata of dolomite & limestone complexes:**

dolomite communities of tertiary pine, hornbeam, spruce & beech-fir forests.

limestone communities : fewer forest types but cover larger area w/ spruce & fern, spruce in beech, coppiced hornbeam w/ sumac, maple & heather communities.

Hydrophytic communities of black alder, grey ivy, willow, reeds & bulrush communities R found.

There R lrg mosaic of meadow communities, depending on altitude, geology soils & other ecological factors.

**Fauna-rich, € brown bear, wolf, eagle owl & capercaillie;**

*Barbastella barbastellus* / W barbastelle, *Bubo bubo* / Eurasian Eagle-owl,

*Lutra lutra* / Eurasian **Otter** (9), *Myotis capaccinii* / Long-fingered **Bat**,

*Ursus arctos* / € brown **bear**



**TRANS-OUT: Plitvice > Zagreb:**

**BUSs** from PK leave > Zagreb, Zadar, & Split but are infrequent during low season. Check schedules B4 taking 5 hour hike in PK or you might be forced > spend night. BUS schedules are available @ PK entrance or @ hotels near BUS stop. Schedules for BUSs leaving from STA "Plitvička Jezera"

**Taxi drivers** will wait near BUS stations & will offer > drive for same price of BUS ticket if around 10 persons are willing > take taxi. It costs same, takes an hour less & most won't charge extra for baggage ( BUS service charges extra).

**BUS:**

gentleman @ PK ENTRY #2 BUS kiosk said: 8 BUSs/d day. I was dropped off @ entrance (ulaz) 1 because I did not remember @ time that this hotel is @ ulaz 2.

**TRN:**

> DO

**Hiking trails, Forested, lake filled canyon,waterfalls,**

Veliki Splat, 100 foot waterfall surrounded by nearby boulders > which tourists have access. There is also large waterfall complex that can be access via cave in surrounding rock face.

**Upper Lakes:**

SEE Nacionalni PK "Plitvička jezera" • Explore PK > Sites.webarchive for map LOCs, Details

**Lower Lakes:**

SEE Nacionalni PK "Plitvička jezera" • Explore PK > Sites.webarchive for map LOCs, Details

**Plitvica Stream:**

SEE Nacionalni PK "Plitvička jezera" • Explore PK > Sites.webarchive for map LOCs, Details

**Korona RIV::**

SEE Nacionalni PK "Plitvička jezera" • Explore PK > Sites.webarchive for map LOCs, Details

**Supljara CAVE**

SEE Nacionalni PK "Plitvička jezera" • Explore PK > Sites.webarchive for map LOCs, Details

**Zagreb, CRO:** (LP265, 270m, )

(1T,1D,2N)

2N

On [Sava](#) RIV, @ S slope of [Medvednica](#) mt.

**POP:** metro 1.2 million;

**TEMP:** May: 70.3-48.6°; Jun: 76-54.9°

 **Pittsburgh, USA** (since 1980)

**VOCAB:** few basic *molim* or *oprostite* will

**TRANS-IN:** From [Plitvice](#)



Glavni kolodvor -Main TRN STA



Zagreb Tram



[ZET](#) BUS

**TRANS-LOCAL:** trams, **BUSs** & **TRN**

**PUB TRANS:** organized in many layers: 1) inner parts of city: mostly covered by [trams](#), 2) outer suburbs linked w/ **BUSs**, 3) some suburban areas: commuter rail.

**Zagreb Card** **unlimited pub TRANS,**

discounts almost all **MUS**::; reduced **REST** prices, shops, service providers etc. **COST:** 90 kuna (approx. 12 euros); 4 (3 day)72 hrs from date & time entered on card.; also, special booklet w/ list all discount biz, **BUY:** any Zagreb's Tourist **INFO** Centers & majority Zagreb's hotels.

**HIST funicular railway** (*uspinjača* in Croatian), in HIST city btw lower & up towns OO **steepest in world,**.

**TRAM network:** [route map](#) 24 hrs/ day:

30–70 km/h (19-44 mph), slower during rush hr;; ambitious program > replace old trams w/ 140 new & **MOD** ones built mostly in Zagreb; dubbed "[TMK 2200](#)",

- **15 "day-time lines"** (tram lines 1-9, 11-15 & 17) 4AM > 12AM,
- **4 "night" lines** (tram lines 31-34) 12AM > 4AM: cover most day-time lines, BUT on reduced freq.(30-40 minute). Occasionally, **BUSs** replace trams on night lines.
- **Line 3** does **not** operate Saturdays, Sundays & public holidays.
- **Tram line maps:**@ almost every stop, so **GOTO** stop (iPod Touch photo/)

**BUS network:** (same **TIK** system as trams).

**Zagreb (Main) BUS STA / AutoBUSni kolodvor:** seems **more like shopping mall from outside.** [SCHED INFO & \\$: AKZ website](#)

**DIRECS:** SE of RR STA - 1) approx 10 min walk, or 3 tram stops: (lines 2 & 6).2) THEN: facing STA & standing on Avenija Marina Držića walk up stairs > L > get > **TIK**.

Many Croatian & Intn'l **BUS** operators w/ scheduled lines > all major domestic & € cities: 113 day-time & 4 night lines.

**ZET BUSs:** area outside city **CNTR** & some neighboring towns.

**TIKS & COST:**

**Daily/24 hrs TIK** (dnevna karta) **tram/BUS TIK:** 25 Kuna (~ 3.5 €).

**Single tram/BUS TIK:** sm fee / single ride in 1-zone **TIK** valid 4 1.5 hrs:

If bot @ newspaper stand or **ZET TIK** office 8 Kunas (~ 1.1€), OR

if **BOT** from tram or **BUS** driver: 10 kn (~ 1.3€); . local currency only: Kuna.

**Single TIKs:** transfer TIK valid in multiple vehicles traveling in single direction, so no new TIK req'd when switching trams &/or BUSES

**VALIDATE TIK:** [on entry](#): insert in [little orange](#) machine.

Tariff zone system exists, all trams & BUSES in City of Zagreb: Zone 1. but [only 4 townships & communities outside of Zagreb city limits](#):

**Suburban National rail operator** [Croatian Railways](#) (*Hrvatske željeznice*, HŽ) operates network of suburban TRN in metropolitan Zagreb area since 1992; 2005, suburban rail services increased > 15-min freq serving middle & outer suburbs of Zagreb, primarily in E-W direction & > S districts; **new link** > nearby Samobor town due soon;

[Taxis](#) available, but TOO expensive.

**Croatian Railways TRNs:** [\[26\]](#) (Hrvatske Željeznice): every 15 min: E > W , connecting suburbs of Zagreb w/ CNTR RR STA: (usually quickest TRANS coming from areas of Zagreb far from railway STA (Glavni kolodvor), or [beyond tram network](#).

**TRN:**

Domestic & International TIK counters: separate, do NOT speak ENG.

Zagreb GLK (Main STA): main tourist sites short walk > TRN STA: **CAUTION:** dubious safety.

**EuroCity & InterCity railway lines:**

B "Zürichsee": [LJU](#) - Zagreb - [Belgrade](#)

EC "Sava": [LJU](#) - Zagreb - [Belgrade](#)

Most services Croatian Railways operated SCHED online in ENG.

Zagreb: railway hub; w/ direct **intn'l service** > major € cities: [Budapest](#), [LJU](#), [Sarajevo](#), [Belgrade](#) & **domestic services:** all major towns (except Dubrovnik); also, yr-round overnight TRN (w/ sleeping compartments) btw Zagreb & [Split](#).

**ACCM:**

**Buzz Hostel**, [70]. Furnished w/ MOD, ikea furniture. Also in [Split](#). Dm: 120 kuna.

**Chillout Hostel Zagreb**, Fra andrije Kačića Miošića 3b, ☎ +38514849605 ([info@chillout-hostel-zagreb.com](mailto:info@chillout-hostel-zagreb.com)), [71]. checkin: 2pm; checkout: 11am. brand new, city CNTR, free linen, free towels, free wifi, 0-24h bar & reception Dm: 97-127 kuna.

**Dizzy Daisy Hostel Zagreb**, [72]. Dm: 100-150 kuna.

**NO Fulir Hostel Zagreb**, [73]. 2 rms, incldg **NO** 12-bd dm. meet people, but can wait > use bathrm. edit

**Funk Hostel**, Poljicka ST 13a, [74]. Dm 95 kuna. edit

**Hobo Bear Hostel**, Meduliceva 4, [75]. Dm: 105 kuna. edit

**Hostel Carpe Diem**, Milana Sufflaya 3, [76]. Dm: 80 kuna. edit

**NO Hostel Lika, Pašmanska 17**, [77]. Sm & cozy hostel bit **NO** out of city CNTR. Dm: 100 kuna.

**Hostel Mali Mrak Zagreb**, Dubicka 8, [78]. Dm: 100 kuna. edit

**Nokturno Hostel**, Skalinska 2a, [79]. Free internet, free linens & towels. Dm: 130 kuna; Single: 200 kuna.

**Old Town Zagreb Hostel**, Dordiceva 24 (Ulica Ignjata Dordica). Dm : 100 kuna.t

**Ravnice Youth Hostel**, I. Ravnice 38d, [80].

**FOOD:**

**MOCA**. New, main SQ, great & cheap fried, deep fried & baked potatoes w/ lrg variety of dips 4 takeout. 10 kuna.

**Oliva, Jarunska 5** ( Italian restaurant Oliva is located @ Jarun near students` hall Stjepan Radic @ E part of volleyball CNTR.), ☎ Phone: 01 3020 777, 3020 778 ([restoran.oliva@gmail.com](mailto:restoran.oliva@gmail.com)), [47]. **11-24**.

Italian restaurant (pizza, pasta)

**Stara Sava**, Savska cesta 208 (Close > rotor & Mladost sports CNTR), ☎ +385 1 3634-322. best pizzeria Domestic products: turkey, [duck](#) or [goose](#) w/ [mlinci](#) ( kind of [pasta](#)), [štrukli](#) (cottage cheese [strudel](#)), [sir i vrhnje](#) ([cottage cheese](#) w/ cream), [kremšnite](#) ([custard](#) slices in flaky pastry), & [orehnjača](#) (TRAD [walnut](#) roll).

**MISC:****Economy**

Burza SQ in 1930s

Most imp industries: production of electric machines & devices, [chemical](#), [pharmaceutical](#), [textile](#), [food & drink](#) processing. Zagreb is [international trade](#) & BUSiness CNTR, & transport crossroad of CNTR.€. [Croatian National Bank](#)

**HIST:****Early HIST:**

1st C AD: oldest settlement in urban Zagreb area: [Roman](#) town of Andautonia, now [Šćitarjevo](#). [6]

1094 1st mention of Zagreb name:: city existed 2 different city centers:

**smaller, E [Kaptol](#), inhabited mainly by [clergy](#) w/ [Zagreb CATH](#)**

**larger, W & fortified hill town, [Gradec](#), inhabited mainly by farmers & merchants., TODAY: is**

**Gornji Grad's Old Town:**

1242 Both settlements came under [Tatar](#) attack 1851: Gradec & Zagreb united by [ban Josip Jelačić](#), who credited(?) 4 naming main city SQ: [Ban Jelačić](#) SQ (self serving???)

???: **King's sign of gratitude:** in return 4 offering him safe haven from [Tatars](#), Croatian & HUNG [King Bela IV](#) bestowed Gradec w/ [Golden Bull](#), offering citizens exemption from county rule & autonomy & own [judicial system](#).

16th C: Many connections btw Zagreb diocese & [free sovereign town](#) of Gradec 4 econ & political reasons, however, Zagreb name used 4 both separate boroughs; Zagreb seen as [political](#) CNTR & capital of [CRO](#) & [Slavonia](#).

YUGO period: imp econ CNTR of CRO & 2nd largest city(1<sup>st</sup> ???)

After YUGO end: Zagreb became capital of CRO.

1 January 1877, [cannon](#) fired daily from Lotrščak TOW on Grič > mark midday.

17th & 18th C

17th C: & [Nikola Frankopan](#) :Zagreb seat of [Croatian viceroys](#)

1621. [Croatian Parliament](#), invited [Jesuits](#) > Zagreb who built 1<sup>st</sup> [grammar school](#), [St. Catherine's](#) CHR & MON.

1669: Jesuits founded [academy](#): philosophy, theology & law.

17th & 18th C: devastated by fire & [plague](#).

1776, gov't moved from [Varaždin](#) > Zagreb

19th > early 20th C

19th C: CNTR of [Croatian National Revival](#): erection of imp cultl & hist institutions.

1850: town united (?) under 1<sup>st</sup> [mayor](#) - [Janko Kamauf](#).<sup>[11]</sup>

1862: 1<sup>st</sup> TRN line: Zagreb > [Zidani Most](#) & [Sisak](#)

1863: rec'd [gasworks](#).

1878: [waterworks](#)

1891: 1st horse-drawn [tram](#). construction of

[Donji Grad](#),: TRN lines allowed old suburbs > merge gradually into Zagreb; characterised by REG block pattern prevalent in CNTR€ cities. [This BUSTling core](#): many imposing bldg, monuments, & PKs & MUS, theatres & cinemas. An

1907 [electric power plant](#)

1880–1914: rapid development after [earthquake](#) ; today's characteristic layout.

1<sup>st</sup> ½ of 20th C : great expansion of Zagreb.

B4 WWI: expanded & created neighbourhoods: [Stara Peščenica](#) in E & [Črnomerec](#) in W

After WWI:, [working class districts](#) ( [Trnje](#) ) emerged btw railway & [Sava](#) RIV,

btw [2 World Wars](#) res districts on hills of [Medvednica](#) S slopes completed.

1920s: POP: increased 70 %, largest in HIST

1926: 1st [radio](#) STA in region began broadcasting

1947: Zagreb Fair opened.<sup>[12]</sup>

In WWII: capital of CRO, backed by Ger & Italians.

End WWII: capitulated > [Partisans](#)

MOD Zagreb



MOD Zagreb [Ilica](#) ST - Main shopping st

After WWII: area btw TRN & [Sava](#) RIV: new construction boom.

After mid-1950s:

- began construction new resl areas S of [Sava](#) RIV, creating [Novi Zagreb](#) (CRO: *New Zagreb*)in

- expanded > W & E absorbing [Dubrava](#), Podsused, [Jarun](#), [Blato](#) & others.
- cargo railway hub & [international airport Pleso](#) : built S of [Sava](#) RIV.
- largest [industrial zone](#) (Žitnjak) in SE Zagreb was extension of ind zones on E Zagreb outskirts btw [Sava](#) & Prigorje region.

1987: hosted [Summer Universiade](#)

1991: capital after secession from 2<sup>nd</sup> YUGO.

1991–1995: [Croatian War of Independence](#): sporadic fighting, but escaped major damage.

May 1995:., targeted by SERB [rocket artillery](#) in 2 rocket attacks: killed 7 civilians.

## TRANS-OUT:

Air:

**Zagreb Airport** (aka 'Pleso Airport'): ([IATA](#): ZAG, [ICAO](#): LDZA)

**DIRECS**: 11 mi SE of Zagreb in [Pleso](#) suburb. also main Croatian airbase: fighter squadron, helicopters, MIL & freight;

**2nd, smaller airport, Lučko** ([ICAO](#): LDZL: sport planes & CRO special police unit, & mil helicopter airbase; main airport:1947 > 1959.[48]

**3rd, sm grass airfield**, Buševac: outside [Velika Gorica](#); sport purposes.

## AIRLINES:

**CRO Airlines: nat'l carrier, (Star Alliance)**: majr € cities & Domestic: [Pula](#).

**EasyJet**: has direct flights from Dortmund, London Gatwick

**Wizz Air**: flies btw Zagreb & [London](#) (Luton Airport).

**German Wings**: low-cost carrier

**Lufthansa**: flies many times day > Munich & Frankfurt,

**Austrian**: operates many flights > [Vienna](#) each day..

**Air France**: operates flights > [Paris](#) (Charles de Galle)

**My Trip**:

**BH Airlines**: connects [Sarajevo](#) & [Mostar](#) w/ Zagreb.

**MALEV**: HUN national carrier, flies 3 times daily > [Budapest](#)

>< **City**:

**Airport BUS**: btw airport (Zračna luka) & BUS STA (AutoBUSni kolodvor); single (one-way) TIK: 30 kuna (~ 4,2 €).

(**DAY SCHED**) DP airport: 7AM, every 30 min btw 8AM & 8PM.

(**NIGHT SCHED**) Btw last REG BUS @ 8PM & 1st one @ 7AM next morning: BUS leaving 4 BUS STA every time CRO Airlines plane lands.

**BUS btw BUS STA & airport: slightly more complicated: full details available in ENG from**

**BUS** located @ edge (facing city CNTR) of BUS STA. You'll see "**CRO airlines**" & "**eurolines**" written on that part of bldg.

&gt; DO

8½H

Zagreb **WALKING TOUR**: Have LP pdf mapo but can't find key4334

D3 Trg Josipa Jelacica (SQ): city heart,	½h
5E3 Equestrian STAT:	¼h
E3 Dolac MKT: Post-1930s activity CNTR	¾h
3/6E3 CATH Assumption of Blessed Virgin Mary:	½h
13 <sup>th</sup> C frescoes, Renaissance pews, marble altars, baroque pulpit,	
D1 City MUS:	1h
10C2 ST Mark's CHR: ???	½h
11D2 Stone Gate: E gate >medieval Gradec Town:	½h
C2 MUS of Broken Relationships:	1h
C3 Lotrscak TOW: medieval, CLIMB,	¾h
6C3 Funicular RR: nearby, connects Upper >Lower Town	½h
12E5 Strossmayer GALL of Old Masters: (art)	??? ¾h
1E6 Art PAV: yellow art nouveau BLDG: (MOD art)	??? 1h
B5 MUS Mimara: (art):	??? ¾h

### Up (Old Town) & Lower Towns

Zagreb cultural, relig, HIST & COM hub N of [Ban Jelačić SQ](#) : composed of [Gornji Grad](#) & [Kaptol](#), mediv urban complex of churches, PALs, MUS, galleries & gov't bldg --- popular w/ tourists.

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~~4G2 CRO MUS of Naive ART: \_\_\_\_\_ NO!~~

~~9C1 Mestrovic Atelier (Art MUS): \_\_\_\_\_ NO!~~

D1 City MUS:

~~7D2 Galerija Klovicevi Dvori: (ART): \_\_\_\_\_ NO!~~

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Ban Jelačić SQ



Ban Jelačić SQ in 1880.

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<del>2G7 Botanical GRAD:</del>	<del>NO!</del>
<del>8E5 GALL of MOD ART:</del>	<del>NO!</del>

#### OUTSIDE CNTR:

~~CONT ART MUS:~~ ~~NO!~~

Mirogoj CEM: 1876,

**DIRECS:** 10min N, BUS 106 or ½h walk

Maksimir PK: also modest zoo

**DIRECS :** Tram 11 & 12,

13th C Gothic CATH: not fine cuz ugly 19th C overcoat;

Wide MKT Place: w/ STAT in CNTR:

Croat patriot, Yellatchiitch; strangest STAT cuz:

celebrities HUNG defeat cuz CROs passionately allied w' Hapsburgs who treated them as low serfs (go figure) allowing HUNG > also enslave CRO & committed > negating CRO existence (like Pols), nevertheless CRO sought from Hapsburgs that Yellatcih be CRO overseer & he in turn defeated HUNG. In Sum , Yellatchitch saved Hapsburgs Austrian Empire, but evil Hapsburgs again turned CRO over > control by HUNG resulting in Cs of non-peace

CATH SQ: Archbishop's PAL w/ squat TOW

....under candle-extinguisher tops;

CATH's Treas:

chalice, jeweled mitre, diptych: sham/real; illuminated Psalters & Bibles

St. Mark's CHR on hill:archaic STAs on porch; I

Bishop Strossmayer STAT

public GARD outside hotel; (Sculptor: Mestrovitch); inaugurated U of Zagreb, ;

also Zagreb MUS;

Strossmayer's PAL ( 22 miles outside Zagrb ???; & his CATH

**Croatian National Theater-** Zagreb: 1860,



## DAY TRIP

### Samobor -

1D

picturesque mediv town w/ well preserved old lore & long tourist TRAD.

**DIRECS:** 25km W of Zagreb, by BUS: (~30 min from Zagreb, TIK: ~20 HRK).

**Vrbovec** typical way-of-Croatian life town,

**DIRECS:** 32km NE of Zagreb, by BUS.

### Karlovac - stunning town

1D

**DIRECS:** intersection of 4 RIVs; 45 km SW of Zagreb, by BUS.

## PKs

### Maksimir PK & Zagreb Zoo,

**DIRECS**(tram #7: if coming from CNTR BUS STA; trams #11 & #12: from main SQ; Tram #4 : if coming from TRN STA. biggest PK in Zagreb.

Great place > chill out, drink coffee, eat lunch (picnic / PK's restaurant); take long walks in forest or by sm lakes; cyclists, lake rowing. 85-yr old zoo: red pandas.t

### "Lenuci Horseshoe":

unfinished effort > combine sm green SQs & PKs @ core town CNTR.

### Zrinjevac PK,

**DIRECS:** (just S - E of main SQ). PK of Academy (connecting Zrinjevac & Tomislav PKs).

**King Tomislav SQ, DIRECS** S of Zrinjevac, just outside main TRN STA).

**Botanical Gardens, DIRECS:** S of K. Tomislav SQ, near Hotel Esplanade).

**Mažuranić square:**t

**SQ of Maršal Tito:**, ( green SQ sorrounding National Theatre)

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## Donji grad (Lower Town).



Ban Jelačić SQ



Zagreb 1880. Jelačić trg. Sjeverna strana.

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### Strossmayer šetalište. (

Eng. Strossmayer's walkway): In summer: outdoor scene 4 painters, musicians & other artists offering food, drinks, performances & concerts. Popular, all ages, w/ great view of Lower Town.

### Ethnographic MUS [Etnografski muzej]:

High fashion collides w/ odd impracticality providing unique look @ peep of this country thru time; cool, curious & wacky, all @ same time.

Admission: 10 - 15kn. Free admission on Thu.

### Medvednica MT:

imposing mt overlooking Zagreb; over 1000ms, lrg area w/ many excellent hiking & biking routes;; many sm rest, mt grills & cafes @ mt top

**DIRECS: BUS:** > top, Sljeme, from end of Tram system @ Mihaljevac; takes circular route & comes back > same place; about 30 min up, less down( BUS replaces gondola, in future may be rebuilt). . Quite **hike up: DIRECS:** Many other BUSES serve sm villages @ mt base where mt hike paths start/stop.

**old Medvedgrad, Medvednica hill.** special attraction: recently restored mediv burg built in 13th C, represents of overlooks W part of city & also has *Shrine of Home*&, memorial w/ an eternal flame, where CRO pays reverence > all its heroes fallen 4 home& in its HIST, customarily on national holidays. Travel agencies organize guided excursions > surroundings as well as sightseeing in Zagreb itself

**Medvedgrad FORT:** preserved, FORT w/ fascinating city views; .

### Altar of Homeland MEM:

**respectful in fort** cuz site dedicated > CRO soldiers: died in Homeland war.

**HIST Festival:** incldg **knights tournaments**.

## MUS

### MUS of Broken Relationships (Muzej prekinutih veza):

Sv. Ćirila i Metoda 2, ☎ +38514851021 ([info@brokenships.com](mailto:info@brokenships.com)), [37]. **every day**; 9-9 pm(oct 1st > may 31st); summer: 9 -10:30 pm (jun 1st > sep 30th). ....

After break-up? unique emotional journey thru **love leftovers** from all around world; most innovative MUS in €. Ed



[Mimara](#) MUS @ night

### Archaeological MUS (Arheološki Muzej) (19 [Nikola Šubić Zrinski](#) SQ):

nearly 450,000 varied artifacts & mon, include: 1) EVID of Croatian presence ; 2) most famous:

**Egyptian** collection includ: [Zagreb mummy](#) & bandages; rare samples 3) oldest [Etruscan](#) inscription in world ([Liber Linteus Zagrabiensis](#)) & [numismatic](#) collection & collection of stone monuments back > Roman period.

**Croatian Natural HIST MUS** (1 Demetrova ST):

OOM ( world's) most imp collection of Neanderthal remains found @ one site.[52]: stone weapons & tools of prehistoric Krapina man. .

**TECH MUS** (18 Savska ST):

founded 1954; 1830, oldest preserved operational machine in area. Also, many HIST aircraft, cars, machinery & equipment. Distinct sections: Planetarium, Apisarium , model of mines 4 coal, iron & non-ferrous metals,: 980 ft long, & Nikola Tesla study.[53][54]

**Ethnographic MUS** (14 Ivan Mažuranić SQ): 1919, in fine Secession bldg (former Trades Hall, 1903.)

80,000 items: ethnographic heritage of CRO, 3 cultural zones: Pannonian, Dinaric & Adriatic. [

**Prizemljeno sunce ( Grounded Sun) :** Sun scaled down, w/ many planets situated all over Zagreb in relative scale w/ Sun (graffiti magnet cuz most don't know what it is.

[Grounded Sun](#)

**SEE “ Sun & Planets Sculpt & Locations, Wiki.pdf”** for full description & locations of planets around Zagreb - cool idea really!!!

**St. Mark's CHR, ????**



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