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Experience the Danube in Serbia!

Experienced river captains say that the Danube is nowhere near as exciting, unpredictable and seductive as in Serbia. On its 588-kilometre-long course, from Bezdán in the northwest to Radujevac in the southeast, the Danube, an elegant lowland gentleman near Apatin, becomes a playful reveller in front of Novi Sad, the ever-vigilant warrior at the Belgrade gate of war and peace, the nimble smuggler near Golubac, the prehistoric diver in the unfathomable depths of the Đerdap gorge, a river pirate on a submerged river island in front of Kladovo...

Along the way, it becomes a hard-working vintner, paradise gardener, tamer of horses and deer, gentle guardian of rare birds and silent fish, greatest expert in sturgeon caviar, experienced mountaineer, elegant sailor and tireless cyclist. Foodies would add that it is in itself the largest cauldron of the best fish stew and a charming host of unforgettable festivals, while lovers of cultural heritage see it as an unparalleled custodian of heritage – from the dawn of civilisation to the present day.

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Danube, view of the Veliki Kazan

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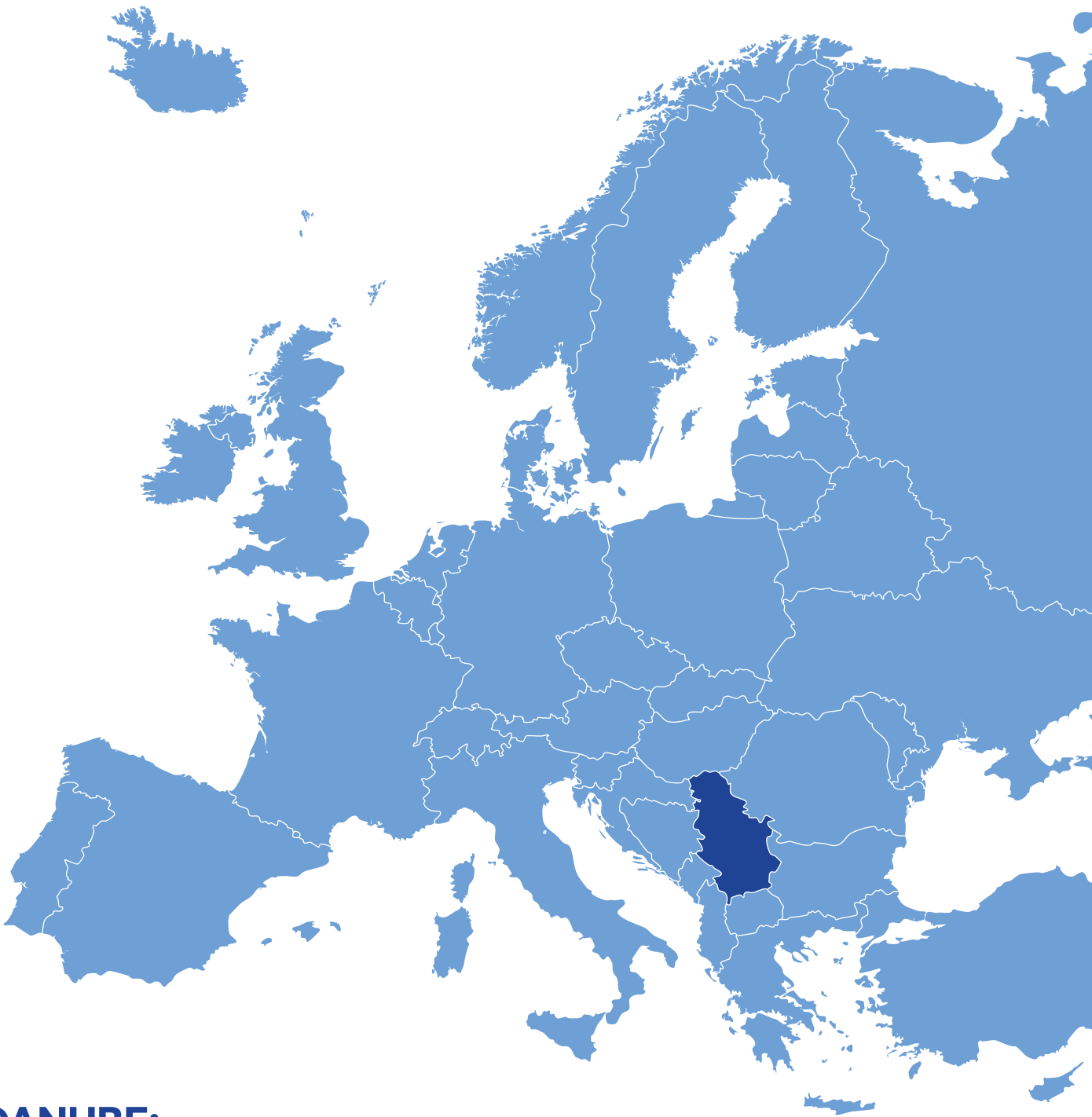
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DANUBE:

Its course in Serbia is 588 km long out of a total length of 2,860 km

There are 7 international passenger terminals on the Danube in Serbia

It connects 10 countries

It connects 4 capitals: Bratislava, Vienna, Budapest, Belgrade

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Nature

Ancient writers claimed that Phison, as the Danube was called in their time, was one of the four heavenly rivers. That ancient belief can literally be felt on the Danube in Serbia, because this blue giant gathers flocks of the most wonderful birds and fish here. Deer and lynx drink water on its banks, and eagles almost extinct fly over it.

And when one travels through Serbia along the Danube, the river islands, enchanted forests, meek plains and mighty gorges will remind him of a paradise reborn. The Danube in Serbia frees body and mind, thought and imagination.



Danube,
Ploče viewpoint

Paradise river gardens



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01, 02 SNR "Gornje Podunavlje"



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"Gornje Podunavlje" Special Nature Reserve

"Gornje Podunavlje" Special Nature Reserve covers an area of almost 20,000 hectares, from the border with Hungary to Bogojevo. The reserve, which is under UNESCO protection, is the habitat of red deer, roebuck, wild boar, fox, mink, badger, white-tailed eagle, black stork and other animal species. It is rich in rare and endangered bird species, and is also an ideal spawning ground for all types of Danube fish. With the help of a specialised guide and a catamaran, you can peek into this magical world of untouched nature.

www.gornjepodunavlje.info

Kovilj-Petrovaradin Marshes Special Nature Reserve

Kovilj-Petrovaradin Marshes is a complex of swamps, marshes and forest ecosystems inhabited by 206 species of birds and 24 species of fish. The marshes house an educational trail at the Kurjačka greda site and the extremely attractive sites of Šlajz and Tikvara near Kovilj and the 18th-century local Orthodox monastery. Get to know these unusual marshes in a real canoe adventure organised by the local Ecological and Educational Centre.

www.vojvodinasume.rs



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“Karadorđevo” Special Nature Reserve

“Karadorđevo” Special Nature Reserve is dominated by willows, poplars, ash and elm. Extremely rare white water lilies, summer snowflake and acorus bloom on the three thousand hectares of the reserve, inhabited by red deer and fallow deer, wild boar, mouflon, Virginia white-tailed deer, roe deer, wild cat, pine marten, fox, badger, ferret and wild rabbit. Karadorđevo is widely known for its famous stables, thoroughbred horses and the intriguing stories about the rulers who came here to hunt. Here you can enjoy horseback riding or a tour of the reserve by fiacre.

- 01 Night heron
- 02 SNR Kovilj-Petrovaradin Marshes

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Fruška Gora National Park

Fruška Gora National Park, located on the only mountain of the same name in Vojvodina close to the Danube, is a wonderful combination of flora, fauna and cultural heritage. Often referred to as a small Holy Mountain with its 17 monasteries located in a luxurious natural garden with over 1000 species of plants and more than a hundred species of animals and birds, it is the place where body and soul rest. It is ideal for hiking, cycling, picnics, as well as cultural tourism. Pristine trails in the Fruška Gora National Park allow for pleasant and safe movement through this tame area. From the medieval Vrdnik tower and the remains of ancient Gradac, through the ruins of the Benedictine monastery Dombo to the Beli Majdan



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caves. With birds chirping stream murmur, the visitor here encounters nature and history in a unique way. Get all information and guide services at the Fruška Gora National Park Information Centre at Iriški venac, in the part with an exceptional natural history exhibition.

There are as many as 17 Orthodox monasteries built in the 15th–18th centuries on Fruška Gora, the most famous being Krušedol, an endowment of the despotic 16th-century Branković family, standing for a unique cultural and historical treasure.

www.npfruskagora.co.rs

- 01 Fruška Gora
- 02 Vrdnik Tower
- 03 Fruška Gora, mountain marking
- 04 Novo Hopovo Monastery



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Krčedin River Island

Dive into an unforgettable experience in hot air balloons over the Danube, on Krčedin River Island. The ballooning season lasts from June to September when the weather permits and the nature is at its most beautiful.

Krčedin River Island, with a nearly 10-kilometre-long coastline and an area of approximately 800 hectares, is one of the largest natural islands on the Danube. It is a unique area for raising domestic animals where horses, cattle, donkeys and mangalicas live in full freedom.

www.srpskakapadokija.rs
www.indjijatravel.rs

- 01 Krčedin River Island
- 02 Panoramic view
- 03 Confluence of the Sava and Danube rivers



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Great and Small War Islands

The Great and Small War Islands are located at the confluence of the Sava and the Danube near Belgrade. As many as 196 species of birds live on the Great War Island, which is covered with dense forest. The Small War Island is made of sand and gravel deposits from the Danube distributary between the Great War Island and the New Belgrade coastline. In the past, it was inhabited by the poorest citizens of Zemun, who engaged in agriculture here, while the wealthier Belgraders kept their horses there, so it was often called Horse Island. Visit the Great and Small War Islands as part of a mini tour boat cruise, and those who like challenges can reach these sites by kayak.

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Balloons over the Danube,
on Krčedin River Island

Đerdap National Park

With a total area of about 64,000 hectares, under the UNESCO protection as a natural heritage of outstanding value, Đerdap National Park is the largest national park in Serbia. It stretches for 100 kilometres along the right Danube bank, from Golubac to Karataš near Kladovo. The main natural phenomenon of this area is the Đerdap gorge, and the park also includes a narrow wooded hill-mountain belt, 2 to 8 km wide, rising above the Danube from 50 to 800 metres above sea level.



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The specific historical development of this area, the favourable Đerdap climate, a complex network of gorges, canyons and deep coves, distinguish the Đerdap National Park as a unique European reserve of tertiary flora, vegetation and fauna. An ideal place for hiking, walking through nature and cycling, the National Park has a Visitor Centre in Donji Milanovac with a permanent, interactive exhibition about Đerdap, as well as a

Geointerpretation Centre in Tekija where you can get all the information about hiking trails and guided tours. The Đerdap area houses at least 55 species of mammals, including protected species such as otter, coloured ferret, lynx and bats. This is also the home of the fragrant, luxurious Đerdap lilac, which, among many other plants and trees, is a kind of Đerdap gorge trademark.

www.npdjerdap.rs

- 01 Greben viewpoint
- 02 Đerdap lilac
- 03 Tourist boat ride
- 04 Lynx



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Derdap Gorge

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Sports and recreation

Swimming, rowing, sailing, canoeing or boating? Riding or going for a walk? Maybe ride a bike or ride in a carriage? Hiking, bird watching, fishing or hunting? Or maybe just daydream while your eyes and imagination fill with the tirelessly flowing river? You can do all this on the Danube in Serbia! And there is more, because here only the sky is the limit!



Choose your adventure!



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Boat trips

The most popular are certainly those that include a tour of the Golubac Fortress and Trajan's Plaque in the Derdap Gorge. It is equally interesting to get to know Belgrade from the river as part of a boat tour. Veliko Gradište and Donji Milanovac organise boat trips as well, where the river is as wide as the sea in an almost unreal setting.

www.tob.rs
www.toom.rs

Nautical sport

The Danube is a paradise for nautical sports lovers, especially rowers and sailors. The best equipped centres for this type of activity are undoubtedly the Apatin marina and the Golubac sailing centre. However, you can also kayak down the river in Bački Monoštor, Novi Sad, around the Great and Little War Islands in Belgrade. And for those who like to row with friends, the big TID International Regatta comes to Serbia every 28 July and goes down the local part of the Danube until 14 August. Everyone can join it!

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Cycling

The Eurovelo 6 international cycle route that connects the Atlantic and the Black Sea follows the Danube course through Serbia. This well-made route enters Serbia at Bački Breg, to go down the Danube towards Novi Sad, Belgrade, Smederevo and the Đerdap Gorge.

The Eurovelo 13 cycling route known as the “Iron Curtain” route, which divided Europe into East and West for almost half a century, passes along the Danube.

www.eurovelo.rs
www.en.eurovelo.com



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Hiking trails

www.vojvodinasume.rs
www.npfruskagora.co.rs
www.npdjerdap.rs
www.togolubac.rs

Find organised hiking trips and trails for visitors in the Gornje Podunavlje Nature Reserve, the Fruška Gora National Park in the immediate vicinity of Sremski Karlovac, the Đerdap National Park, as well as in Smederevo, Golubac, Kovilj-Petrovaradin Marshes, Ivanovo river island and other sites.



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- 01 Sailing regatta
- 02 Tourist boat ride
- 03 View of the Golubac Fortress
- 04 Cycling trail near Golubac
- 05 Ploče viewpoint

Beaches

Find them literally everywhere from Apatin to Kladovo! The most interesting ones are in the Tikvara Nature Park near Bačka Palanka, where you can swim in the Danube and in the lakes near the Danube, or the wild, exotic one on Čerević river island, and the romantic one on the nearby Love Island. There are famous beaches on Novi Sad Štrand and Zemun Lido, while the large beach on Srebrno Lake near Veliko Gradište undoubtedly offers the fullest experience.

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www.novisad.travel
www.tovg.org



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Horse riding

When it comes to horse riding, i.e. equestrian sports, the Karadordevo Stables is the right choice. However, the ethno-oasis in Surduk and the Equestrian Club in Belegiš offer horseback riding, as well as carriage rides.

www.vumorovic.mod.gov.rs
www.turizampazova.rs
www.vojvodina.travel



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Hunting and fishing

You can literally fish everywhere on the Danube in Serbia. However, experienced fishermen say that the Danube fish “jerk” best at Bezdan and near Apatin, in Beška near Zemun, in the area of Grocka and Dobra near Golubac. You can hunt in Karadordevo.

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- 01 “Ko Chang” beach near Sremski Karlovci
- 02 Beach near Golupac
- 03 Horse riding
- 04,05 Fishing on the Danube
- 06 White heron
- 07 Kingfisher

Bird watching

The “Gornje Podunavlje” special nature reserve is an ideal place for bird lovers, with unparalleled experience in “Mala Vrbica” Bird Oasis in the village of the same name near Kladovo.

www.gornjepodunavlje.info



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Cities

Cities are a faithful reflection of their inhabitants. They are the reflection of people from times long gone, as well as the ones who currently live in them. When they arise on the banks of a mighty river such as the Danube, their blood gets imbued with the flow of the river. Seemingly similar, yet so different. Especially in Serbia!

From the elegant north to the cheerful south, from the organ in old churches to rock music under the walls of ancient fortresses. Equally exciting as the witnesses of history, even more as a mirror of the spirit of a country that's always loved its guests and showed them with joy the rich treasures of its spirit and history, opening wide its city gates for them.



View of
Belgrade

Treasures of spirit and history

Apatin

Apatin is located on the left bank of the Danube in Zapadna Bačka district. The rich history of this city, which today has around 17,500 inhabitants, goes back a long way. Apatin fishermen, hunters, boatmen and millers are mentioned in medieval chronicles, and the rapid development of the town and its great economic growth began with the settlement of Danube Germans in mid-18th century. Famous in the past for its brewery, but also for shipbuilding, a textile workshop and the production of “clinker” bricks used in numerous buildings in Vienna and Pest.

www.apatin.org.rs.



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Town Hall

The Apatin Town Hall was built in 1909 according to Ferenc Reichle's design. Born in Apatin, Reichle gave the Apatin Town Hall an aesthetic touch of Hungarian Art Nouveau, which was at its peak at that time.

Apatin brewery

The picturesque building of the widely known Apatin brewery, founded in 1756, is a witness to the long brewing tradition of this region, but also to the turbulent city history. If you do not try Apatin beer, it's as if you never came to Apatin.

Boat mooring

It was opened in the summer of 2009 and is considered one of the most modern facilities of its kind on the Danube, with a capacity of 400 vessels, of which 120 are yachts.

The complex also houses the Sports Fishermen House, 10 apartments, 100 cabins and other facilities.

Novi Sad

The turbulent history of Novi Sad stretches from Racka varoš and the 18th-century Petrovaradin moat to the 2022 European Capital of Culture. Home of Matica Srpska and its fantastic Gallery, the Serbian National Theatre and the Museum of Vojvodina, the birthplace of poets, storytellers and scientists, Novi Sad is also a unique kaleidoscope of multi-ethnic and multi-confessional Vojvodina. Pleasant for a walk, offering delicious food, and dizzyingly entertaining at its numerous festivals, “Exit” above all.

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- 01 Apatin, boat mooring
- 02 View from the Petrovaradin fortress
- 03 Danube Park



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Danube Park

Danube Park, one of the symbols of Novi Sad, located in the heart of the city, is home to a wonderful artificial lake with ducks and swans, surrounded by luxurious trees and ornamental shrubs. It is an ideal place for a break between visiting the Collection of Foreign Art of the City of Novi Sad Museum and the Museum of Vojvodina, but also a point from which to return to the busy Zmaj Jovina street, to the city’s shopping area, for shopping or good coffee and the famous Novi Sad cream pies.



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Almaški kraj

The oldest part of modern Novi Sad, just a few steps from the Danube, arose in the early 18th century. A witness to the historical rise of the city, Almaški kraj is today a unique urban complex with family houses from bygone eras, the monumental Almaška Church of Three Holy Hierarchs and the cultural station “Svilara” in the area of the 18th-century silk weaving mill.

Clock Tower

The clock tower on the Petrovaradin fortress, offering an unforgettable view of the river, is one of the symbols of the city of Novi Sad. A masterpiece of Baroque architecture, it is widely known for its large hand that shows the hours, while the small one shows the minutes. That being so, the time is easier to see from the Danube.



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- 01 “Svilara” Cultural Centre
- 02,03 “Petrovaradin Fortress” Clock Tower
- 04 Fisherman’s Island, Ribarac
- 05 Podgrade (lat. Suburbium) with the St. George church

Fisherman's Island, Ribarac

Find Fisherman's Island near the centre of Novi Sad, also known as Ribarac among the Novi Sad's inhabitants. This river island is an oasis of rest and leisure on the Danube. In addition to restaurants offering Danube fish specialties and other Vojvodina delicacies, as well as sports fields, Ribarac is known for its greenery and beaches, but also for its noisy nightlife on local rafts.



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Saint George Church

Built in the period 1701–1714, the church of St. George in Petrovaradin, once part of the Jesuit monastery of the same name, is the oldest preserved religious building on the Novi Sad city territory. It was built according to the model of the famous Roman church Il Gesu, which is considered the earliest example of Baroque in the history of church architecture. The Church can be visited every Sunday for an evening mass.

Podgrade (lat. Suburbium)

The Petrovaradin Podgrade or Suburbium consists of a series of baroque buildings, mostly private homes built for officers who served at the Petrovaradin Fortress. There is also the Belgrade Gate, built in 1753, an exceptional example of a monumental Baroque entrance to the Suburbium.

Sremski Karlovci

Sremski Karlovci is the Serbian Baroque gateway to the new century, opened after the Great Migration of the Serbs in 1690 to the territories of Austria at the time. Since then, Sremski Karlovci has been an area of culture, religion and knowledge, but also a lovely town that has attracted filmmakers in recent decades. It is the seat of the bishop of Srem, a large college of future theologians, the site of the oldest and most famous Serbian grammar school that gave rise to some of the greatest names in politics, science and art. In Sremski Karlovci you can drink bermet, the finest dessert wine, an autochthonous product of Karlovac vineyards, and enjoy the traditional gughupf (“kuglof”) with bermet and cinnamon.

01 View of the Orthodox Cathedral of St. Nicholas

02 “Four Lions” Fountain

Orthodox Cathedral of St. Nicholas

Built in the mid-18th century, the Orthodox Cathedral of St. Nicholas dominates the city view with its two tall bell towers. This architectural fusion of baroque, classicism and renaissance was decorated by Teodor Kračun and Jakov Orfelin, the famous Serbian painters, while Paja Jovanović, the great master of academic realism, painted nine monumental oil paintings on canvas with biblical and national history themes in the late 19th century.



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“Four Lions” Fountain

The “Four Lions” fountain, the symbol of Sremski Karlovci, was built in 1799, in honour of the completion of the first water supply system. It was built of red marble from the Pecs area, with four metal lions on the central pillar, with water flowing from their jaws into the pool at the pillar base.

www.karlovci.org.rs



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Zemun

Tucked under Gardoš, resembling an old admiral in a uniform heavy with decorations and gold cords, Zemun remembers rulers and warriors, captains and river fishermen, merchants and innkeepers living in the distant past. A real atlas of architectural styles, it was once a lively town on the Austrian-Turkish border, on whose main street border guards and spies, insurgents and confectioners, educators and gardeners greeted each other. Today, it is a place where you dream about the glorious past with an iced spritzer and hot fish soup while barges sail down the Danube.



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Zemun quay

The large promenade next to the Danube and the Zemun marina, the Zemun quay stretches from the Gardoš hill to New Belgrade. Surrounded by greenery, it is the favourite promenade of the Zemun people, but also the area of the best restaurants, cafes and open terraces where you can enjoy fish specialties and live music.



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Gardoš Tower

Gardoš Tower was built in 1896 to mark an important Hungarian jubilee – the millennium since the Hungarian tribes came to Pannonia. 36 metres high, it was built on the southernmost point of the once powerful Austro-Hungarian Empire, and today it is a visual landmark without which Zemun is unimaginable.

St. Nicholas Church

The St. Nicholas Church tower can be seen from afar from the Danube. It was built in the mid-18th century in Baroque style. It houses the flags of all trade guilds in Zemun. A primary school was opened in its yard back in the 18th century, and it still works today.

- 01 Gardoš Tower
- 02 Zemun quay
- 03 St. Nicholas Church

Belgrade

Belgrade, the gate of war and peace, the Roman Singidunum, the Crusaders' Alba Graeca, the Byzantine Veligradion, the Hungarian Nandorfehervar, the Slavic Beligrad, like a phoenix on the living rock of the great Šumadija plate, destroyed a hundred times, each time manages to rise from the ashes. The capital of Serbia, which, experts say, never sleeps, a cool guy, as its people see it, that loves a good joke and parties with friends, located at the confluence of the Sava and the Danube, a great crossroads of civilisations and worlds. Relaxed over the first long-sipped morning coffee, kind to foreigners, famous for good food and large portions, cheerful in spring and endlessly in love with its rivers – Belgrade is unique.

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- 01 Zemun Marine
- 02 Panoramic view of Belgrade



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Kalemegdan

Once a bare battlefield around the Belgrade Fortress, Kalemegdan is Belgrade's largest park today. In the greenery of trees, ornamental shrubs and flowers, this park houses the Belgrade Zoo and the "Cvijeta Zuzoric" Art Pavilion. Kalemegdan stands as a green ring between the Belgrade Fortress and the main shopping street, Knez Mihailova, the historic Kosančićev venac, the Orthodox Cathedral, the Patriarchate, the Residence of Princess Ljubica, the oldest Belgrade tavern unusually named "?" and numerous museums and galleries.

- 01 View of the river
- 02 Grand staircase
- 03 Monument of Gratitude to France



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Nebojša Tower

The octagonal defence tower at the very confluence of the Sava and the Danube, the Nebojša Tower, was built in the Middle Ages to provide access to the Danube pier. Today, the tower houses a unique historical exhibition that recounts its long, bloody history.

Saint Petka Church

Saint Petka Church in the Belgrade Fortress is one of the largest pilgrimage sites in this part of the world. It is located above a spring that believers consider to be healing. The church, built in the first half of the 20th century, is decorated with lavish Byzantine-style mosaics.

- 01 View of the Nebojša Tower
- 02 Ružica Church

Ružica Church

The Ružica Church in the Belgrade Fortress is one of the most unusual sacred buildings in the world. It emerged between the two world wars by adapting a powder warehouse into a military temple. What makes it special are the sculptures, icons, chandeliers and other furniture made from weapons and ammunition from the First World War.



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Dorćol

One of the oldest settlements in Belgrade, Dorćol, opens onto the Danube along its entire line from the Belgrade Fortress, all the way to the Dorćol marina.

In addition to numerous historical buildings, including the oldest baroque house in Belgrade, the Saint Alexander Nevsky church, the Bayrakli Mosque, the Dositej's Lyceum and the Defterdar's house, which today houses the Vuk and Dositej Museum, the Jewish Municipality, and representative family houses of prominent Belgraders, built in the late 19th and early 20th century, Dorćol is an area of excellent restaurants and cafeterias, lovely craft shops and a special atmosphere. The well-kept cycling trail next to the Danube allows for a pleasant ride from the confluence of the two rivers, past the "Milan Gale Muškatirović" sports complex, almost all the way to the Pančevo Bridge.

01 Quay on Dorćol

02 Panoramic view od Grocka

Ada Huja

Once an island on the Danube, and today a peninsula, almost four kilometres long, Ada Huja is the place with archaeological traces of one of the oldest human communities on the territory of Belgrade – the Celtic Necropolis on Rospi Čuprija. Ada Huja is known for its long tradition of fishing, as evidenced by the memorial cross, erected by the River Fishermen Association of Serbia. The cross has the following words written on it – "They lived and live from the Danube".



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Grocka

A historical town at the confluence of the Gročica river with the Danube, located in the middle of rich orchards and vineyards, Grocka is known as "little California". First mentioned in the 9th century, it is the centre of the municipality with the largest area under orchards in Serbia – as many as 7,500 hectares and 3,000 registered fruit producers.

Smederevo

Find the despot's city of Smederevo, the last capital of medieval Serbia, in the heart of the Danube region, decorated with a garland of vineyards, surrounded by the river like a blue-green precious belt, all of stone and memories. Ladies used to send off ships and warriors from its walls, while today it is the stage of colourful festivals in honour of chivalry, poetry and good wine.

www.visitsmederevo.com

- 01 St. George Church
- 02 Smederevo vineyards



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Karadorde's Mulberry Tree

Karadordev dud (Karadorde's Mulberry Tree) is a unique historical and natural monument. That is, under this tree, on 8 November 1805, the Turkish commander of the Smederevo fortress handed over the keys to the fortress to the leader of the First Serbian Uprising, Karadorde Petrović.

Saint George Church

The Church of Saint George in Smederevo is the most monumental Serbian temple of the 18th century. At the same time, its frescoes, made by Andrej Bicenکو, represent a masterpiece of religious and national paintings, a type of Serbian Sistine chapel.

Wine city

Smederevo occupies an important place on the Wine Route, and in VinoGrad, i.e. Wine City, which consists of kiosks made of old wine barrels, visitors can taste wines and brandies produced by Smederevo producers.

Church of the Assumption of the Most Holy Mother of God

The 16th-century Church of the Assumption of the Most Holy Mother of God is the last representative building in Serbia before the Ottoman conquests. Built on the Old Smederevo Cemetery, it is a true jewel of the Moravian School of Architecture; it is decorated with extremely interesting frescoes showing medieval musical instruments.

Donji Milanovac

Donji Milanovac is located on the right Danube bank, in the centre of the Đerdap National Park. Due to the large width of the river, constant water level and calm surface, visitors can enjoy boat trips and water sports here. From Milanovac, you can reach the prehistoric Lepenski Vir in no time, but also go by boat to Romania or nearby Kladovo. For lovers of cycling there is the “Eurovelo 6” route, and for lovers of mountaineering there is a guide service through the Đerdap National Park.

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- 01 View of Donji Milanovac
- 02 Beach in Kladovo
- 03 HPP Đerdap



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Kladovo

Kladovo is the last major town on the right bank of the Danube in Serbia, a transit river and tourist centre, a shipyard, the capital of electricity from which the huge Đerdap hydroelectric plant is managed. Kladovo remembers its distant past, as a large ship stranded on a living, geo-strategically vital coast. It evokes the memory of Apollodorus of Damascus building the greatest bridge of ancient civilisation, but also of Hans Christian Andersen’s ode to Đerdap.



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Đerdap Hydroelectric Power Plant

The Đerdap hydroelectric power plant is a system of one dam and one river-flow hydroelectric power plant, Đerdap I and Đerdap II, which were built on the Danube River at the exit from the Đerdap gorge in the period from 1963 to 1984. Since they are on the Serbian-Romanian border, they belong to and are managed by both countries.

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Experience

Fortresses and archaeological sites

Once life was buzzing in them, guards called each other, merchants haggled, ladies hid their faces behind veils, people feared sieges, wrote chronicles and toasted rulers and warriors. Today, they remind us of the past as its most reliable witnesses living on the banks of an unpredictable river, in the course of an even more unpredictable history. The fortifications and archaeological sites on the Danube in Serbia tell some of the most exciting stories of European civilisation.



View of
Ram fortress

Witnesses of the past

Petrovaradin fortress

Often referred to as Gibraltar on the Danube, the Petrovaradin fortress is a masterpiece of Austrian military engineering, created in the period 1692–1780, housing at that time the main command of the then Austrian border with the Turks. Hungarian kings Matthias Corvinus and Vladislav II visited it, Suleiman



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the Magnificent fought there with the Serbian navy, and Prince Eugene of Savoy drank his favourite hot chocolate in this place. Today, the endless underground corridors of the Petrovaradin Fortress are a tourist attraction, and the military buildings are home to museums, art studios and other cultural institutions. Young people around the world best know it for “Exit”, the famous music festival.

www.novisad.travel

01 Petrovaradin Fortress, Ludwig’s Gate

02 View from the Danube to the Petrovaradin Fortress



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Belgrade Fortress

Two thousand years old, the Belgrade Fortress remembers as many as 115 sieges, which makes it the scene of the largest number of battles in one city on the planet. With its Upper and Lower Towns, it covers an area of 57 hectares and is one of the largest fortifications in Europe. It offers the most beautiful view of the confluence of the Sava and the Danube, and houses numerous gates, towers, underground passages, bastions and many other points of interest. It is the custodian of the turbulent city history at the crossroads of European roads, a pleasant park for walking, an area with fields for sports recreation, a corner for lovers of gastronomic delicacies.

- 01 Defterdar's Gate
- 02 Zindan Gate
- 03 The Victor monument



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Additional magic comes from two unique Orthodox places of worship – Ružica Church and the Church of Saint Petka, and a special mystery is the Roman Well and Gunpowder Warehouse with a permanent display of items from the city's ancient Roman past.

www.beogradskatvrdjava.co.rs



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Vinča – Belo brdo

Vinča – Belo brdo, the site of the Vinča culture of the older Neolithic from mid-6th or late 5th millennium bc, is located close to Belgrade, on the right bank of the Danube. The organised settlement from the ancient past is one of the most important archaeological sites in the world. It is a real treasure trove of Neolithic items that are exhibited on the site itself, within the permanent exhibition of the Museum of the City of Belgrade, which displays tools and weapons made of stone and bone, dishes for everyday use, richly decorated ritual vases, and a large number of characteristic anthropomorphic and zoomorphic figurines.

www.mgb.org.rs



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Late Roman tomb in Brestovik

In the village of Brestovik near Grocka, there is the 3rd century ad Roman tomb. Some researchers assume that the Belgrade martyrs Ermil and Stratonik, who were drowned in the Danube by order of Emperor Licinius, are buried here. This site can be visited with prior notice to the Cultural Centre Kuća Rančića in Grocka.

www.kulturagrocka.rs



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Smederevo Fortress

Built at the confluence of the Jazava and the Danube, the Smederevo Fortress is a Danube mini version of Byzantine Constantinople. It was built in several stages in the first decades of the 15th century, as a defence against the Ottomans. The core of the Smederevo fortress is the Small Town, surrounded by the so-called Big Town. The Small and the Big Town together have as many as 25 large towers. The palace of the despot Đurađ Branković was located in the Small Town, from which a part of the large ceremonial hall has been preserved, whose four windows still offer an unreal view of the Danube.

www.smederevskatvrdjava.com



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Viminacium Archaeological Park

Viminacium, located near Kostolac, was founded in the 1st century ad, and was once the capital of the Roman province of Upper Moesia. Since 2006, Viminacium has been operating as an Archaeological Park with a scientific research and visitor centre. Here you can see the city gates, the amphitheatre, the baths, the Emperor Hostilian's mausoleum, but also the remains of exceptionally well-preserved mammoths.

www.viminacium.org.rs

- 01 Vinča – Belo brdo, ceramics
- 02 Late Roman tomb in Brestovik
- 03 Smederevo Fortress
- 04 Viminacium Archaeological Site
- 05 Mammoth park
- 06 View of the Danube from the Ram Fortress



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Numerous precious traces of life in the Roman metropolis on the Danube border, over ten thousand necropolises, well-preserved wall paintings and a number of other details make Viminacium a must-see on a trip along the Danube in Serbia.



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Ram Fortress

The village of Ram, on a vertical rock that descends into the Danube, gives rise to the Ram fortress. The fortress, which was first mentioned in the 12th century, was extended by the Ottoman conquerors during the 16th century. The Ram fortress has an irregular, pentagonal shape with five towers. Next to the fort there are the precious remains of a Turkish bath and lodgings for travellers. Thoroughly renovated in 2019, the Ram Fortress has become a venue for concerts and other cultural events, and it can also be reached via the organised bicycle path under the Eurovelo 6 Danube bicycle route.

www.ramskatvrjdjava.rs



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Golubac Fortress

At the point where the Danube narrows from its greatest width near the entrance to the Derdap Gorge to only 300 metres, find the Golubac Fortress with its nine high towers. Research shows that today's fortress was built in the late 13th or early 14th century. It consists of three units – the front, back and upper town. Recently renovated, with an exhibition space and various cultural contents, the most interesting of which are those related to medieval chivalry, it is one of the biggest tourist attractions on this part of the river.

www.tvrdjavagolubackigrad.rs



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- 01 Golubac fortress, Cannon tower
- 02 Panoramic view of the fortress
- 03 Lepenski Vir Archaeological Site

Lepenski Vir

The Lepenski Vir archaeological complex is located not far from Donji Milanovac. Lepenski Vir is a unique prehistoric site from the Mesolithic and early Neolithic eras. Lasting from 9500 to 5600 bc, it is characterised by planned settlements with habitats and sanctuaries of a trapezoidal base, necropolises indicating special funeral rituals, monumental stone sculptures, as well as numerous mobile finds made of bone and stone. It is famous for its stone sculptures of fish-like creatures. Lepenski Vir represents the oldest area of organised living within the urban structure in Europe, so it rightly bears the title of the cradle of European cities.

www.lepenski-vir.rs



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Trajan's Plaque (Tabula Traiana)

The Roman emperor Trajan's Plaque, carved into the rock at the exit from the Derdap gorge in the early 2nd century ad, is a unique testimony of the construction of the ancient Roman road in this area. It can only be seen from the Danube.

- 01 Trajan's Plaque (Tabula Traiana)
- 02 Fetislam fortress



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Trajan's bridge

The construction of Trajan's bridge was described in "Memoirs of Hadrian" by Marguerite Yourcenar, rightly fascinated by the largest bridge of ancient civilisation, by Apollodorus of Damascus across the Danube in ad 105. The bridge was almost 110 metres long, and its construction and ceremonial opening have been immortalised on Trajan's Column in Rome.

Diana Roman Military Camp

Built in the late 1st century ad, the Diana Roman military camp grew into a fortress from which the Dacian Wars were fought. The remains of this complex are in Karataš, on the stretch between Hydropower Plant Đerdap I and Kladovo, and indicate a complex fortification that had four entrances, a series of towers, a multi-nave building with floor heating and a granary.



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Fetislam fortress

Fetislam fortress (Novigrad) or Kladovski Grad, built in the period from the 16th to 18th century, is located on the right bank of the Danube near Kladovo. It got its present appearance through numerous additions in the long period from the 16th to the 18th century. Inside these ramparts there are Varoška, Orospi and the Danube Gate, and in front of them there used to be a trench filled with water. It is currently under renovation and will soon be part of the tourist offer in Kladovo.

www.tookladovo.rs

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Unique fusion of flavours

Serbia is the point in Europe where the true miracle of the gastronomic fusion of East and West, North and South takes place. Here you can sweeten Hungarian goulash with Turkish baklava, see Serbian sarma simmered for hours mingling with Viennese strudel, and wash everything down with brandy, beer and wine. Only in Serbia, kaymak and Srem kulen are put on the pizza, and cream pie is served with raspberries.

On the Danube in Serbia, that gastronomic ikebana is additionally embellished with fish paprikash, songs and a good spritzer. Because the Danube in Serbia means fish and vineyards!



Food and wine

Apatin fish paprikash

The people of Apatin are rightly proud of their river fishermen, but also of the widely famous fish paprikash and roasted fish stew, unique in the world of the Danube's gastronomic heritage. Spicy fish or fish paprikash made from Danube fish is prepared in a cauldron, on an open fire, and local cooks compete every summer at the traditional "Apatin fishermen's evenings" to see who can prepare the best paprikash.

www.apatin.org.rs



Monoštor Doboš cake

Bački Monoštor is famous for its good food and various gastronomic festivals and fairs, where you can taste everything from top-quality fish paprikash, to kulen with deer meat, to the "zabunita" pie with cherries, poppy seeds and cocoa. However, among all those delicacies, one stands out – the Monoštor Doboš cake with as many as 12 crusts!

www.visitsombor.org



Futog cabbage

Futog is widely known for growing high-quality cabbage of protected geographical origin. This agricultural brand in the land of sauerkraut, podvarak and sarma is the foundation of the far-famed "Futog Cabbage Festival" as a unique agricultural-gastronomic event!

www.novisad.travel



Karlovci bermet and gughupf (“kuglof”) www.karlovci.org.rs

Karlovci vineyards are widely famous for their local, well-preserved recipe for the sweet dessert bermet wine. With various herbs, spices, honey, white or red bermet is the trademark of Karlovci, along with the famous Karlovci gughupf (“kuglof”) in at least 400 varieties, the most famous of which is the one with bermet and cinnamon.



Novi Sad “čarda” and fish on “Tanjirača”

There is nothing sweeter than Danube fish baked in “tanjirača”, a semi-deep iron dish, covered with pork fat. Novi Sad “čarda”, i.e. fish restaurants, are famous for this specialty.

www.novisad.travel





Zemun fish stew

The slightly spicy, very thick and aromatic fish stew from Zemun with various types of Danube fish is widely known. It is slowly simmered in a cauldron for hours, and it goes best with homemade equally hot bread.

The Grocka homemade jam

Serbia is a country of fruit jams, but Grocka, Serbia's "little California", because of its famous cherries, apricots, peaches, plums, apples and pears, is the realm of top-quality jam. It is famous for its unsurpassed "doctor", the most famous variety of Grocka cherry, but also for its sweet spells, without which there are no top-quality pancakes.

Smederevo Wine City

The Smederevo vineyard has been famous since ancient times for its good grape varieties, among which the autochthonous "Smederevka" with small golden-green grains stands out. Without Smederevka there is no table wine of the same name, and without it there is no good spritzer. Hence, Smederevo and its surroundings occupy an important place on the so-called Wine Route, and in the city centre, in VinoGrad, i.e. Wine City, visitors can taste and buy wines and brandies made by Smederevo producers.

www.visitsmederevo.com





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Experience

Memory keepers

Established to preserve the evidence of history and art, museums are dynamic spaces of continuous dialogue. They are also places that offer answers to complex questions, but also an inexhaustible source of inspiration, a point where museums, as memory keepers, bear witness to the past and predict the future. Like the Danube through Serbia, emotions flow through them, without which there are no good stories, because on the banks of the great river, memory is infinite – both the one older than human civilisation, as well as the one that will yet be written into our experience.



Museum of the city of Novi Sad
"Mileva, we are a rock"
exhibition

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Museums

Danube Germans Museum Apatin

The Catholic Church of the Sacred Heart was built in the pseudo-Romanesque style in the period 1931–1933. Today, it houses the Danube Germans Museum, which keeps over 40,000 books and a complex archive about the life of Germans in Vojvodina.

www.danubeswabianmuseum.com



Karadorđevo Stable Museum

The Austro-Hungarian monarchy started the establishment of a stable in Karadorđevo in 1885 due to its favourable geographical location, close to the Danube River. In addition to the stable and racetrack, Karadorđevo has also had a stable museum since 1983, which preserves precious testimonies about the history of this elite institution. A special attraction are the sleighs and carriages used by the former president of Yugoslavia, Marshal Tito, during his stays in Karadorđevo.

www.vumorovic.mod.gov.rs



Museum of the city of Novi Sad

The central building of the Museum of the City of Novi Sad, with an exceptional collection of items from everyday life in the city and numerous works of art, is located on top of the Petrovaradin rock, in the heart of the fortress of the same name. The main building of this complex city museum is a place where you can learn about the long and complex history of the capital of Vojvodina. One can spend the whole day in this beautiful environment that offers an unreal view of the Danube, with a glass of good wine, while enjoying history and art.

www.museumns.rs



01 Beer tap



Beekeeping Museum – Wine House Živanović

The Beekeeping Museum – The Wine House Živanović bears witness to the life of Professor Jovan Živanović, the pioneer of modern beekeeping in Serbia, but also the long tradition of wine production of this distinguished family, which began in the 18th century. This is a place which, along with honey and wine tasting, tells the story not only about the history of one family, but also about the history of Sremski Karlovci, its winemakers and learned artisans.

www.museumzivanovic.com

Brewery and beer museum in Čelarevo

The brewery in Čelarevo was founded in 1892 by Lazar Dunderski. The brewery had a modern steam engine and electric motor, which allowed it to produce much more than the market demanded. Since 2008, the Beer Museum in Čelarevo has been working as part of the brewery with a unique display consisting of several hundred exhibits, documenting the long, successful journey from a small brewery to a beer giant. The collection of letters and photographs of Lazar Dunderski is a special treasure.

www.carlsbergserbija.rs



Museum of Contemporary Art in Belgrade

The Museum of Contemporary Art is located right at the confluence of the Sava and the Danube. Located in a large park decorated with selected sculptures from its collections, the Museum of Contemporary Art began its work in 1965. Based on the concept of the New York Museum of Modern Art (MOMA), the Belgrade museum with a view of the Danube preserves an exceptional fine art collection created by the most distinguished artists of Serbia, Yugoslavia and the world.

www.msub.org.rs



Natural History Museum Gallery

For visitors who are more interested in nature, the Natural History Museum Gallery at the Belgrade Fortress with its exceptional occasional exhibitions is the right choice. The gallery also has an outdoor summer cinema where you can watch great documentaries.

www.nhmbeo.rs



Military Museum

When you bear in mind that, according to the Encyclopaedia Britannica, Belgrade is the city for which the most battles were fought in the history of civilisation (as many as 115!), the Military Museum at the Belgrade Fortress is undoubtedly the place that all those interested in this topic should visit.

www.muzej.mod.gov.rs



Macura Museum

A unique private art collection, the Macura Museum, is located in Novi Banovci. Located on the Danube meander, the Macura Museum is the only museum in Serbia located in the middle of an orchard, standing for a natural “exhibition” of the most diverse types of apples. Vladimir Macura, a collector, exhibits works of modern art, from Yugo-Dada, Zenitism and Surrealism, to conceptual art and neo-avant-garde. The Macura Museum is a paradise for art and nature lovers.

www.muzejmacura.com

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Veliko Gradište National Museum

Veliko Gradište has exceptional collections in its National Museum that show all the cultural layers hidden in this seemingly quiet town. The museum is also known for its art exhibitions, especially for fostering a culture of memory with focus on the residents of Gradište and the private history of their lives.

www.tovg.org

- 01 Gold cameo with Gorgon’s head, 3rd–4th c.
- 02 Head of the goddess Diana 1st–2nd c
- 03 Figure of the god Neptune with a dolphin, 1st–2nd c.



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Derdap Archaeological Museum

The Derdap Archaeological Museum in Kladovo preserves significant evidence of diverse cultures of the prehistoric, Roman and medieval periods on the Danube in a chronological range of over 10,000 years. A large number of exhibited items represent true rarities and heritage whose importance exceeds the borders of Serbia. Over 1,500 exhibits from the Derdap collection, discovered in more than 100 sites in this region, are currently on display in the museum’s galleries.

www.narodnimuzej.rs



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Talking walls

A house on the river bank is always more than a building with a nice view. It is a sort of chronicler of the water, earth and sky that embrace it. A memoir of people and events, intrigues and deeds, dreams and ambitions. It is often a reflection of the sense of beauty, but also a space with walls that remember and tell some of the most interesting stories from the history of private life.



Patriarch's Palace,
lion sculpture,
Sremski Karlovci

Historical houses

Bezeredi-Dunderski Castle in Čelarevo

Bezeredi-Dunderski Castle in Čelarevo is a classicist building of the late 19th century, which its last owner, Lazar Dunderski, a distinguished industrialist, turned into a kind of centre of agricultural and industrial experiments. The castle was also a gathering place for the Serbian cultural and political elite of the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

www.vojvodina.travel



House of Jovan Jovanović Zmaj

The right bank of the Danube, in Sremska Kamenica, is the site of a memorial house of one of the most famous Serbian poets, Jovan Jovanović Zmaj, who spent the last years of his long, fruitful life here in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

www.museumns.rs



Patriarch's Palace in Sremski Karlovci

Built in the style of Italian palaces under the design made by Vladimir Nikolić, an architect, in the period 1892–1895, the Patriarch's Palace is one of the most representative buildings of the protected spatial cultural-historical unit of Sremski Karlovci. It is a treasure trove of precious furniture, church furniture, rare books and works of fine art.

www.karlovci.org.rs



Karamata Family House in Zemun

Built in 1763 in the core of old Zemun, the Karamata family house is one of those rare historical buildings where members of the same family still live today. It represents an architectural fusion of baroque, empire and classicism and preserves original furniture and items of applied and fine arts, which the family acquired over a period of almost 260 years. Austrian Emperor Joseph II stayed in this house in 1789.



Rančić's house in Grocka

Near Gročanska čaršija, on a hill overlooking the Danube, there is Rančić's house, a historical building from the early 19th century. The Grocka Cultural Centre is located in Rančić's house, which, in addition to exceptional exhibitions, offers visitors a wide variety of cultural content.

www.kulturagrocka.rs



The "Golden Hill" villa

A hill close to Smederevo, in Plavinac, which a fairytale vineyards and the Danube panorama stretches, tucks away the "Golden Hill" villa. This estate was bought in early 19th century by Prince Miloš Obrenović from a prominent Turkish sipahi, and Queen Natalija Obrenović turned it into a summer house for her son, King Alexander, at the end of the same century. After the Second World War, the summer house was turned into a luxury villa of closed type, and was completely reconstructed. The villa can be visited with prior notice and accompanied by a specialised guide.

www.visitsmederevo.com

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**Trigger all
your senses!**

The Danube is a river that connects people in the broadest sense of the word. Bonds become especially strong when we celebrate, sing, enjoy art, food and good wine together. That is why Danube, in addition to all its titles, is also a great festival master. Cheerful, fun, educational... It triggers all the senses and gives a bigger picture. As wide as the Danube itself!



Festivals

Danube Day

International Danube Day is celebrated every 29 June. In honour of the river, a festival of culture, nautical sports and gastronomy is held in several cities on the Danube.

“EXIT” Festival

The international music festival of rock, techno, dance and other musical styles takes place in the first half of July in Novi Sad.

www.exitfest.org



Shakespeare Festival

A theatre festival that takes place during the summer in Villa Stanković on the Danube in the Municipality of Indija.

www.sekspirfestival.org



International Danube TID regatta

TID is the oldest, longest and largest international sports and recreational rowing regatta in Europe. It starts in Ingolstadt in Germany and ends in St. George on the Romanian coast of the Black Sea. It lasts for 75 days, and arrives in Serbia on 27 July and stays there for two days until 13 August, when TID leaves the Serbian part of the Danube. It is open to all participants who want to join it from the local coast.

www.serbia.travel

Smederevo Autumn

The festival in honour of wine and grapes with a rich cultural and artistic programme is held in early September.

www.visitsmederevo.com



Karlovcı grape harvest

Festival in honour of Karlovci wine and grapes, which takes place in late September.

www.karlovcı.org.rs

The Danube Fair in Golubac

A complex event that includes culture, folk creativity, old crafts and gastronomy takes place at the last weekend in July.

www.togolubac.rs

“Beer Fest” Festival

The festival of beer, fast food and music takes place during the month of August.

www.belgradebeerfest.com

Interesting Facts

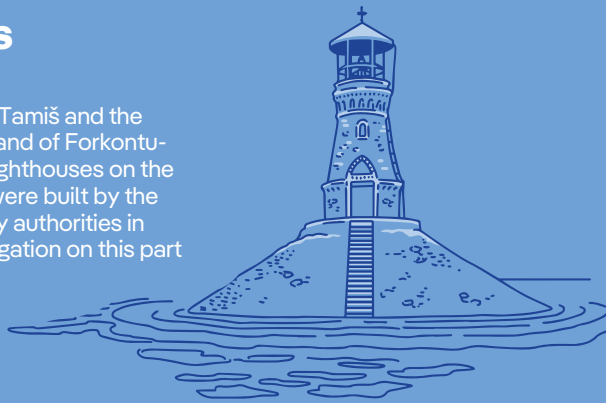
The first concrete lock in Europe

Janoš Mihalek, a construction manager at Bezdan in 1854–1856, was the first in Europe to use concrete under water, building a lock on the Danube.



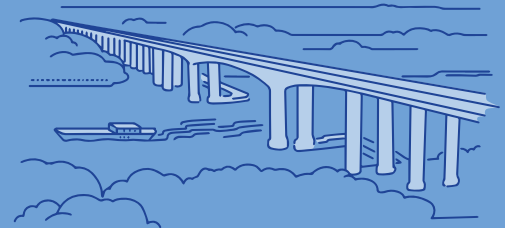
Lighthouses

At the confluence of the Tamiš and the Danube, opposite the island of Forkontumac, there are the only lighthouses on the Danube in Serbia. They were built by the Austro-Hungarian military authorities in 1909 to ensure night navigation on this part of the river.



The longest bridge on the Danube in Europe

The longest bridge on the Danube in Serbia, but also in Europe, is the one near Beška, near Novi Sad. It is 2.2 kilometres long, 15 metres wide, and raised 55 metres above the river level. It was opened for traffic in 2011.



Petrovaradin clock

The clock on the Petrovaradin fortress, built on a lookout point above the Danube in the 18th century, shows the hours with large hands and the minutes with small hands. It was designed so that those who navigate the river always know the exact time.

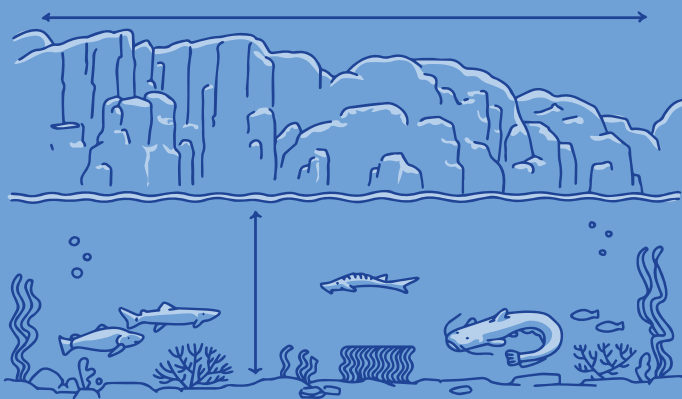


Emperor Trajan's Bridge

Around the year 105, Apollodorus of Damascus built a bridge on the Danube with 50 pillars and a length of 1 km by the order of Emperor Trajan. Even today, one can see the remains of pillars that are almost two millennia old.

The widest and the narrowest

The Danube is the widest and narrowest in Serbia at a very short distance from the Golubac Fortress. It is over 6 kilometres in the widest part, and about 300 metres in the narrowest part, right at the entrance to the Đerdap Gorge.

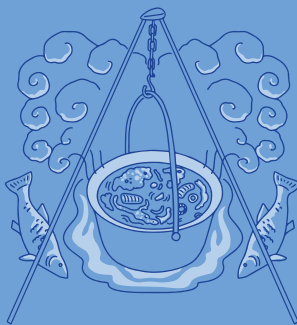


The largest gorge in Europe

The Đerdap Gorge, which consists of four gorges and three basins, is 100 kilometres long and is the largest river gorge in Europe. At certain points, the Danube in Đerdap is more than 80 metres deep.

Champions of fish stew

In 2002, a fish stew was cooked for 12,000 people at the "Kaloš čarda" near Bačka Palanka, and this venture entered the Guinness World Records book.



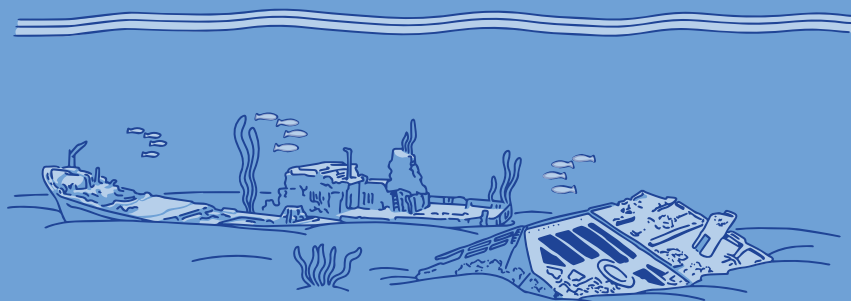
Cradle of European cities

On the Danube in the Đerdap Gorge, near Gornji Milanovac, there is the Lepenski Vir, more than 9,000 years old known organised human settlement in Europe, so it is rightly called the cradle of European cities.



Graveyard of ships

On the Brza Palanka – Prahovo stretch, there is the largest ship graveyard on the Danube. These are the ships that were sunk by the German war fleet in the fall of 1944 after the failure of Operation Danube Elf.



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