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I THE CITY OF NOVI SAD AND THE UNIVERSITY

1. THE CITY - NOVI SAD

Novi Sad is the second largest city in Serbia. It is the administrative capital of the northern Province of Vojvodina, and the administrative center of the South Bačka District. Novi Sad means New Plantations (*Neo Plantae*) and it got this name in the 18th century from the Empress Maria Theresa when she proclaimed the city as independent. During the rule of Austro-Hungary, Novi Sad and the surrounding area were of central importance for the culture and education of the Serbs who lived there. This is the reason Novi Sad is often referred to as Serbian Athens, which highlights its great cultural and historical role. Importantly, one of the oldest Serbian national libraries is placed in Novi Sad – The Library of Matica Srpska. Furthermore, Novi Sad is announced to be a European Youth Capital 2019 and the European Capital of Culture 2021.

There are many significant cultural events which take place in Novi Sad throughout the whole year. One of the most popular ones is the EXIT Festival at the Petrovaradin Fortress, that hosts some of the biggest music stars of today. Apart from festivals, there are different cultural events, concerning art, theatre, literature, music, film, etc. Novi Sad is also very multicultural with various religious communities (eg. Serbian Orthodox Church, Roman Catholic Church, Greek Catholic Church, Old Catholic Church, Reformed Christian Church, Slovak Evangelical Church and Jewish). There are officially 6 different spoken languages in Vojvodina.

For additional information about Novi Sad, please visit these two pages about [Novi Sad](#) and [its history](#).

To find more information about the Province of Vojvodina, please check out [Vojvodina Online](#) and [TurizamNS](#).





2. THE UNIVERSITY OF NOVI SAD


The University of Novi Sad has more than 50.000 students and 5.000 employees and as such it is one of the largest educational and research centres in Central Europe. It belongs to the group of universities that provide a broad range of comprehensive and up-to-date knowledge of almost all scientific areas. Its Faculties and Institutes are situated in four cities in the Autonomous Province of Vojvodina, in the north of the Republic of Serbia: Novi Sad, Subotica, Zrenjanin and Sombor.

The University of Novi Sad offers 300 accredited study programmes on all study levels (undergraduate, master, specialist and doctoral studies) which are carried out on the Faculties and University Centres for Interdisciplinary and Multidisciplinary Studies. All study programmes are modern and in accordance with the development of science. Apart from the Faculties and Centres, two Scientific Institutes have an important role in creating a firm scientific base for the continuous modernization of these study programmes.

The University of Novi Sad has a well developed scientific infrastructure and an enormous innovative potential. The Central Library as well as the Faculty and Institute Libraries have rich literary collections that cover all relevant scientific areas and enable access to big electronic databases. As a result of a special agreement on cooperation, researchers, professors and students have access to the Matica Srpska Library. Matica Srpska is the oldest Serbian scientific and cultural institution, founded in 1826, and which has more than 3 million publications. The Technology Park of the University of Novi Sad has special significance for the development of innovative ideas.

As a result of such infrastructure and the quality of scientific and educational work, high results were achieved in particular areas. With the support of the Faculty of Technical Sciences and other members of the University, 125 start-up and spin-off companies were founded, mostly in the IT sector. Some of these companies carry out projects for big international companies and they have contributed to the recognition of Novi Sad as the Software Valley in the international circles. Project teams and distinguished researchers from the University have received numerous international and national awards for the best technological innovations.

The University of Novi Sad is well-known for the accredited centres of excellence in the fields of mathematics, vibro-acoustics and biotechnology. Bio-



Sense Institute, which was founded within the Faculty of Technical Sciences, was proclaimed to be one of the thirty research institutions in Europe with the greatest potential in the field of biotechnologies.

Furthermore, Confucius Institute and Francophone Centre are prolific in their activities and play an important role within the university.

University of Novi Sad belongs to few universities worldwide that have their own vineyards, wineries and grapes of high quality. Rector's wines represent a privilege of an academic community. The Rector's wine of the University of Novi Sad was proclaimed the best in the category of red wines at the International University Wine Competition in Maribor in September 2016. Wine Probus was produced by the Department of Fruit Growing, Viticulture, Horticulture and Landscape Architecture at the experimental farm in the nearby town of Sremski Karlovci.

Furthermore, the students of the Faculty of Sport and Physical Education have been achieving impressive results for decades in international competitions, and the students of the Faculty of Law are among the best in the European moot court competitions. Among the best in Europe are also the students' teams of the Faculty of Technical sciences in competitions in robotics. When it comes to rankings, the University of Novi Sad appears on the Leiden Ranking, occupying the 756th place. This progress is significant both for the academic community of the University of Novi Sad and for the whole country.

In 2015, Serbia only had the University of Belgrade placed on the Leiden Ranking. In 2016, Serbia added University of Novi Sad on this list, which ranks it among the most successful countries in the region.

In the Webometrics ranking in July 2016, the University of Novi Sad was ranked 389th in Europe (competing with 6,023 universities) and 38th in the area of Central and Eastern Europe (competing with 3,039 universities).

The University of Novi Sad builds its future together with other institutions that belong to the unique European scientific and educational community, but it also actively cooperates with other institutions from all over the world. This cooperation is based on many bilateral and multilateral agreements that ensure collaboration on joint research and development projects, mobility of students, teaching and administrative staff, etc. More information about university can be found [here](#).

The University of Novi Sad is comprised of:

Faculties:

- Faculty of Agriculture in Novi Sad
- Faculty of Philosophy in Novi Sad
- Faculty of Technology in Novi Sad
- Faculty of Law in Novi Sad
- Faculty of Medicine in Novi Sad
- Faculty of Technical Sciences in Novi Sad
- Faculty of Economics in Subotica
- Faculty of Sciences in Novi Sad
- Academy of Arts in Novi Sad
- Faculty of Sport and Physical Education in Novi Sad
- Faculty of Civil Engineering in Subotica
- Technical Faculty “Mihajlo Pupin” in Zrenjanin
- Faculty of Education in Sombor
- Teachers’ Training Faculty in Hungarian in Subotica

Institutes:

- Institute of Lowland Forestry and Environment
- Scientific Institute of Food Technology

Centres:

- University Centre for Applied Statistics
- University Centre for Educational Development
- Center for Information Technologies
- Center for Career Development and Student Counselling
- UNESCO Chair for Entrepreneurial Studies

Association of Centres for Interdisciplinary and Multidisciplinary Studies and Research – ACIMSI:

- Centre for Advanced European Studies and Research
- Centre for Sustainable Development and Environment
- Centre for Medical Physics and Medical Engineering
- Centre for Management in Education
- Centre for Sports Management
- Centre for Meteorology and Environmental Modelling



- Centre for Gender Studies
- Centre for Sports Medicine and Physiotherapy
- Centre for Research and Development of Electronic Administration Technologies
- Centre for Multidisciplinary Forensic Studies “Dr Arčibald Rajs”



3. INTERNATIONAL MOBILITY PROJECTS WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF NOVI SAD

The University of Novi Sad has been particularly involved in the programs of student mobility since 2005. University of Novi Sad is the only University from Serbia that is a member of the [European University Foundation](#) and thereby was a partner in the [Campus Europe](#) program, the first student mobility exchange program that UNS participated in, along with other 18 European partners. UNS has extended and intensified the collaboration with most of these partners via the popular Erasmus plus program for students and staff. UNS has also participated in the mobility programs such as Erasmus Mundus Action 2. In some of them, due to its achievements, the University of Novi Sad was selected as a co-coordinator of Erasmus Mundus Action 2 (Basileus program-Erasmus Mundus Action 2). Students and staff also have an opportunity to access scholarships via the following: Višegrad Fund, DAAD, Mummert Foundation and CEEPUS, World learning program, Campus France etc.

The International Relations Office of the University is responsible for establishing and developing the cooperation on a bilateral, regional and multi-lateral level through project activities, workshops, students' and teachers' mobility, knowledge and technology transfer. The International Relations Office of the University has been focusing on facilitating the implementation of the Bologna process, university degree recognition and the enhancement of competitiveness on the national and international levels. The University of Novi Sad also fosters bilateral contacts with more than 130 higher education institutions world-wide and contributes to the activities and discussions within the various university networks and forums.

In the aspect of promotion of student mobility, the University of Novi Sad has been financially supported by the King Baudouin Foundation (KBF) over the years. That significantly contributed to the higher number of students obtaining scholarships to study at EU partner universities, and also the quality of preparation and support provided to students for study exchanges.

With its proactive international outlook on the development of higher education and science, the University of Novi Sad is a very significant Higher Education stakeholder both in Serbia (University of Novi Sad initiated a formation of an academic community of leading Serbian universities) and its neighboring region. The [Internationalisation strategy](#) has been developed in order to further enhance a positioning of the university.

4. ESN NOVI SAD AND THE BUDDY NETWORK

Buddy Network Information for international and domestic students

Here in ESN Novi Sad, we believe that buddies are superheroes! Therefore, we decided to form a superhero Buddy team!

One of the toughest challenges is to adapt to a new environment. Whether one needs to overcome language barriers, cultural differences, or obtain information about official procedures regarding residence, bank accounts and consultation hours of professors; some assistance and support is surely needed.

ESN Buddy Team at the University of Novi Sad organizes for foreign students a Buddy network in order to make their transition to the campus life easier and enjoyable.

The Buddy Network's goal is to encourage intercultural engagement of foreign and domestic students. Buddies provide assistance around the arrival of foreign students, finding accommodation, accessing university facilities and services, administration requirements, etc. Buddies and foreign students also share language, customs, academic and personal experiences. Incoming students can contact their Buddies and address their questions via e-mails from the very beginning, before their arrival. Taking part in Buddy Network will not only help you learn about life and studying in Novi Sad but it will also help you reduce cultural shock and social isolation.



WHO ARE OUR BUDDIES?

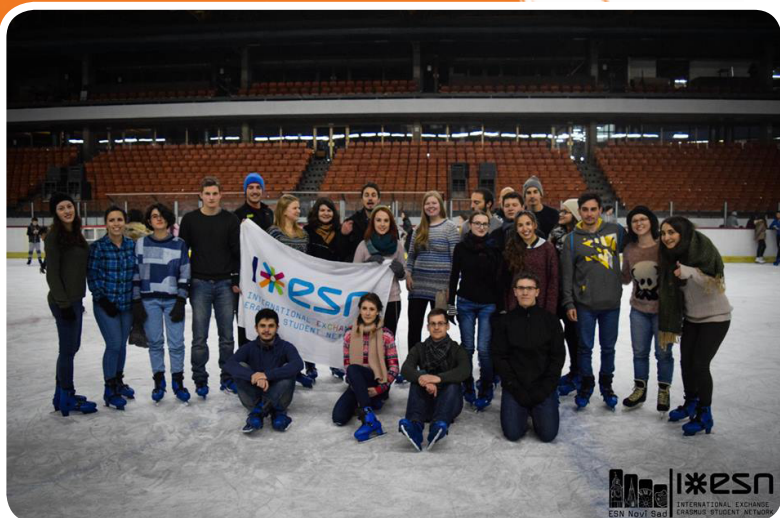
Many of our students taking part in the Buddy Network have themselves been to study abroad and have been faced with the same difficulties you may encounter. Others have not been abroad but are aware of the everyday concerns of the campus life and have a genuine interest in speaking and improving language skills, learning and making contact with people from different cultures.

Being a buddy require you to be open-minded, reliable, communicative and have excellent English skills. Every year in June, there is an intake of buddies where new students are welcome to join the network. The number of students interested to take part in the network is constantly increasing.

When you apply to volunteer as a buddy, the coordinator of the Buddy network tends to match a buddy with similar interests to you. After being paired with a foreign student, you will receive your buddy's contact information by e-mail and can get in touch with him/her. You will also both join our facebook group your Buddy coordinator will inform you about, where you will be able to exchange relevant information with other students and members.

If you are unable to make contact or if any subsequent problems arise, simply send an e-mail to our buddy coordinator. (*buddy.esnnovisad@gmail.com*)

You will have an opportunity to let us know anonymously what worked well or not so well in the Buddy Network. We appreciate feedback from all the participants in order to improve the network functioning.



5. INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS OFFICERS

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS OFFICES

All student and staff mobilities must be registered via International Relations Office of the University. Apart from the International Relations Office of the University, which is a central office, all the faculties have their own International Relations Offices that efficiently assist in implementing and managing the academic aspects of mobility exchanges and related international projects.

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II ERASMUS STUDENT NETWORK IN NOVI SAD

Erasmus Student Network (ESN) is a non-profit international student organisation. Our mission is to represent international students, thus provide opportunities for cultural understanding and self-development under the principle of Students Helping Students. ESN Novi Sad is the founding section of ESN Serbia. An official member since 2007, ESN Novi Sad re-established itself as a section in 2012 and began serious work on a local, national and international level. ESN Novi Sad aims to raise awareness of student mobility. It is our aim to help students of Novi Sad become a part of a worldwide student network. We encourage students to exchange experiences, travel and broaden their horizons. We believe that communication with students from different countries all over the world as well as experiencing life in different cultures enables young people to grow as individuals.

1. GOALS OF ESN NOVI SAD

INCOMING STUDENTS

- Promoting the city of Novi Sad on an international level
- Encouraging foreign students to choose Novi Sad as their Erasmus destination
- Helping foreign exchange students find suitable programs for their exchange
- Preparing foreign students for life and studying in Novi Sad
- Helping foreign students integrate into Serbian society
- Raising sociocultural awareness
- Organizing educational events that foreign students can benefit from
- Organizing social events which present foreign students with the opportunity to meet one another as well as Serbian students

OUTGOING STUDENTS

- Promoting student mobility
- Helping students find suitable programs for studying abroad
- Organizing educational events which prepare students to apply for student exchange programs

- Connecting students with other outgoing students as well as with ESN sections of the countries they are planning to study in
- Raising sociocultural awareness
- Teaching students to function in an intercultural environment
- Organizing social events which gives them opportunity to connect with foreign students
- Helping local students who have completed their mobility reintegrate upon their return to Novi Sad

2. ESN Novi Sad organizes:

- educational and social program designed for exchange students, which is carried out throughout the educational year.
- guided tours and intercity as well as international trips.
- sport events (hikings, Marathon, volleyball...)
- cultural events which serve both as a means of introducing foreign student to Serbian culture as well as a means of giving the foreign students opportunities to represent their own culture and educate Serbian students.
- theme parties in clubs.

Most of the events are usually open for the general public but ESNcard holders (check next chapter for more information) get special privileges.

ESN Novi Sad is implementing the **Responsible Party** project, in association with Pernod Ricard. Responsible Party promotes the responsible consumption of alcohol, making a distinction between alcohol use and alcohol abuse. The goal of the Responsible Party project is to warn young people about the dangers of alcohol consumption and advises sensible behaviour.

SocialErasmus is an international project by the Erasmus Student Network (ESN) that promotes a social attitude among young citizens participating in mobility programmes. It helps them to facilitate their integration into the local community while gives them the chance to make a long lasting social change in society through volunteering activities. The project goes under the slogan: **Leave your mark!** SocialErasmus provides an opportunity for international young people to get to know other realities and learn how they can contribute to improve society as citizens of the world.

ExchangeAbility is an international project that was developed to make ESN accessible for students with disabilities and to help remove obstacles for participation in exchange. The long-term vision of this project is to promote the opportunities and support offered for students with disabilities to study abroad.



SocialErasmus



3. ESNcard

The **ESNcard** is an annual membership and a discount card that is available only to ESN members and exchange students. The ESNcard is an ESN project implemented on the international level. All active ESN volunteers are eligible for becoming ESNcard holders. Local ESN sections also sell ESNcards to foreign exchange students who are studying in the section's jurisdiction. The ESNcard is an annual international student card which offers discounts in all countries which have active ESN sections. All ESNcards are internationally valid.

Although the ESNcard offers international discounts based on cooperation of ESN International with particular companies, each ESN section has the privilege and the duty of creating local discounts.

International discounts include *Hostelling International* (10% discount in over 4.000 hostels worldwide), *Uniplaces* (25% discount of the service fee) and most popular one being *Ryanair* with 15% discount on 8 single flights (or 4 return flights) and free check-in luggage of 20kg with each of these 8 flights booked.

There are also discounts available only in Novi Sad; you can find local discounts [here](#).



SECTION STRUCTURE

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III STUDY IN NOVI SAD



1. THE ACADEMIC CALENDAR AND THE SERBIAN GRADING SYSTEM

Academic Calendar

Although it varies slightly among different University of Novi Sad faculties, the academic calendar is as follows:

- Winter semester: 1 October – 15 January
- Examination period: 15 January – 15 February
- Spring semester: 15 February – 31 May
- Examination period: 1 June – 15 July
- Examination period: 1 - 30 September

Note: Students are advised to arrive a week or two before the beginning of semester in order to complete all the necessary paperwork and, if necessary, find accommodation. The expected date of arrival is the 15th of September (give or take 3 days) and of departure, the 15th of February, or the 15th of July, for winter and summer semesters, respectively.

Grading System

Within the Republic of Serbia higher education system, a 5 – 10 grading scale is used (5 as failing, 6 as the passing grade and up to 10 for excellence in performance.)

Local Grade	ECTS Grade	Definition	Percentage of Successful normally achieving the grade
10 (91 pts or more)	A	Excellent with Distinction	10 %
9 (81 - 90 pts)	B	Excellent	25 %
8 (71 to 80 pts)	C	Very Good	30 %
7 (61 to 70 pts)	D	Good	25 %
6 (51 to 60 pts)	E	Sufficient	10 %
5 (50 pts or less)	F	Insufficient	

2. REGISTRATION

Non-EU citizens: Please consult the nearest Serbian Embassy or Ministry of Foreign Affairs' [website](#) for information on whether you need a visa. In case you do need a visa, the University of Novi Sad will send you a letter of invitation (one of the documents needed to apply for the visa).

Please bear in mind that the visa application process can last a month or more and that it is the student's obligation to obtain this document on time. In case you do not need a visa, follow the instructions for EU citizens, bearing in mind the length of stay permitted before it is necessary to apply for a residence permit.

EU citizens: For travel and stay of up to 90 days, no visa or residence permit is required.

For travel and stay of up to 90 days, no visa or residence permit is required. Although EU citizens can enter Serbia with their ID-card, it is recommended that you use a passport.

Registration: Legally, all foreigners are required to register their residence (address in Serbia) at the Internal Affairs Office (local police department) within 24h upon arrival. Dormitories, hotels and hostels will do this automatically and students will be given a card with a name and address. This document (card) is submitted when applying for temporary residence permit. If settling down in a private housing, students will need to register themselves and bring:

- their passport,
- a copy of the landlord's ID and
- a copy of the proof of ownership (purchase contract or similar).

The Buddy Team of the ESN Novi Sad will help students with this procedure.

You are required to go to:

Police department NOVI SAD

Address: Bulevar Kralja Petra Prvog 11, 21000 Novi Sad

Phone number: (+381) 021/488-4000, (+381) 021/488-5000

Important: Foreign students need to submit a copy of their white card to the International Relations Office when they sign an arrival form!

Temporary residence: For all stays longer than 90 days all students must apply for a temporary residence permit (before the end of the 90-day period). Failure to do so is a violation of the Law on Foreigners and may result in a monetary fine and deportation. The International Office asks all students to present either their residence permit, or proof that the application has been submitted within 80 days of their arrival.

Documents for issuance of a temporary residence permit:

- a passport (valid for six months after the expiring of stay);
- a registration of residence (see above);

- 2 passport-size photos (4x3cm);
- filled in forms (3x);
- proof of the means of subsistence (scholarship or bank statement with minimum of 75 EUR per month);
- proof of a valid health insurance;
- confirmation from the faculty of the student's status;
- proof of payment of administrative taxes (for stays of up to 3 months it is around 90 EUR, for stays of up to 1 year it is 135 EUR).

3. FINANCE

It is very important that every exchange student gets familiarized with the Currency of the Republic of Serbia, possibilities of exchanging money, and to have a good insight into local Banks and Costs of living.

Currency and Exchange Offices

Legal tender is Serbian Dinar (RSD). Denominations: 1, 2, 5, 10 and 20 Dinar (coins). 10, 20, 50, 100, 200, 500, 1000, 2000 and 5000 Dinar (banknote). 1 EUR = around 118 RSD (exchange rate fluctuations are to be expected) Exchange offices can be found on every corner (literally) and they do not charge any commission for Euros, but some do for American Dollars (2%-3%). Exchange offices that are opened 24/7 are located in Modena street. Exchange rate should be listed clearly and you should receive a receipt. Banks can exchange money as well but their exchange rates are less beneficial. Most exchange offices will only exchange Euros and Dollars, for other currencies you will probably need to go to a bank.

Banks and Bank account

There are a lot of different banks in Novi Sad. Most of them are foreign owned (Erste, Intesa, UniCredit, Raiffeisen Bank, Société Générale etc.). These banks are independent of their parent companies. All banks offer accounts for non-residents. Please contact the bank directly if you want to open an account (passport and registration/white card needed). You can use the ATMs to make cash withdrawals or your cards to make payments.

Most supermarkets, shops and restaurants accept credit and debit cards (Visa, Visa Electron, Master, Maestro, Diners). Please check the acceptability of the cards at a specific place before making any purchase.

Costs of living

Living in a rented apartment is somewhat more expensive than living in a dormitory but has other advantages. A studio flat costs between 120-160 EUR/month. You also have to pay the deposit with the first rent, usually as high as rent. If you don't make any damage to the apartment, you will get the deposit back when you move out. Additional expenses for utilities (heating, water, garbage disposal etc.), telephone, electricity, cable TV, are around 30-60 EUR and depend on the city area and size of the apartment. Food in supermarkets costs about the same as in most EU countries. Local grocery stores have higher prices and are therefore not recommended for bigger shopping. Bigger supermarket chains (such as Maxi, Tempo, Merkator, Idea, Univerexport and Roda) offer considerably lower prices and special promotions.

There are numerous restaurants and cafés where you can eat for around 5-6 EUR or less. Most places will also offer a vegetarian menu, but meat is generally dominant in the Serbian cuisine.

In average, you will need around 350-450 EUR to cover your basic living expenses (rent, food and living).



4. MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

Medical services are provided by the students' Health Center, located at the University Campus (No. 27). All foreign students must have medical insurance (either from their home country or purchased in Serbia). Please check for validity of your insurance before your arrival!

Pharmacies

There are many state and private pharmacies in Novi Sad. They are really easy to be found. List of all pharmacies in Novi Sad can be found [here](#).

BULEVAR	Bulevar Mihajla Pupina 7 +381 (0)21 420374
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23. OKTOBAR	Bulevar Oslobođenja 41, +381 (0)21 4770 468
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ESKULAP	Trg mladenaca 7, +381 (0)21 4721 140
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PRVI MAJ	Jevrejska 40, +381 (0)21 4721 364
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LIMAN	Narodnog fronta 10, +381 (0)21 459072
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5. LANGUAGES

Serbian Language Classes

Serbian language classes are held at the Faculty of Philosophy - from the beginner's level to C2 level. Application starts in October. You can find more information [here](#).

6. LIBRARIES AND STUDY HALLS

Every faculty has its own library with books, magazines etc. specific to a field of study. For some faculties (such as the Faculty of Philosophy) you will need a membership card to enter the library and the reading room, but for the others you can use your Index or your ID. If you prefer studying at one of official libraries, we suggest:

The Library of Matica srpska

It is the oldest Serbian national library and the first Serbian public and scientific library. With its rich collection offering excellent opportunities for cultural, historical and scientific research, and the variety of library and information services; the Matica Srpska Library is a modern library of great significance, even to the region of former Yugoslavia. It has different departments, but also has reading rooms with the capacity of 200 seats. Detailed information are available [here](#).

Address: 1 Matice Srpske Street, 21000 Novi Sad

Call Centre: (+381) 21 420 199

Central Library of the University of Novi Sad

Opening hours:

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The total number of publications: 28,872 (24,562 books, 3,348 issues of periodicals and 962 graduate theses)

The number of periodicals: 581

Databases (to which the Library provides access): KoBSON gives access to researchers who are employed in academic, research and medical institutions founded by the Government of the Republic of Serbia and which are under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Science of the Republic of Serbia. Students can have access to these databases in the libraries at their faculties, or in the Central Library of the University of Novi Sad. KoBSON subscribed to the publications of the following publishers, aggregators and databases:

Publishers: Am Chem Soc, Am Inst Phys, Am Psych Assoc, ASME, Cambridge, Emerald, Inst Phys Publ, Oxford Journals, RSC, SAGE, Science Direct, Springer/Kluwer, Wiley Aggregators (accessible with an embargo or with a delay of three months to a year): EBSCO, Hein On Line, High Wire, Free Medical, HINARI, JSTOR, Cairn.info, DOAJ, Project MUSE, TEEAL, Scindeks, DoiSerbia

Electronic books: Cleveland Med Index, EBSCO eBook, Google Books, DOAB, Hein On Line, PubMed knjige, Science Direct, Springer

Index databases: INIS, MEDLINE, SCOPUS, SCIndeks, SciFinder, Web of Science

Electronic catalogues: BISIS

Available [here](#).

Digital repository: Digital library of theses of the University of Novi Sad is available [here](#).

Head of Central Library: Mirjana Brković, PhD, library consultant

E-mail: mbrkovic@uns.ac.rs, mirjana.brkovic@uns.ac.rs

[Website](#)

Novi Sad City Library

It is located in the center of the Old City, in a building that was left as a legacy from Anka and Arsa Pajević - publishers, benefactors, and patrons of the Serbian people. There are several departments in the central building: the Đura Daničić Department, the Children's Department, Information-Reference Centre, the English Foundation, and the Management and Service Department. The Novi Sad City Library has more than 400.000 books and publications in Serbian, Hungarian, Slovakian, Romanian, and Ruthenian, as well as books in English, French, Russian and German. The website of the Novi Sad City Library: www.gbns.rs

Address: Dunavska 1

Foreign literature department: Trg Republike 2

21000 Novi Sad

Republic of Serbia

Phone: (+381) 21 420-066

American Corner

The fundamental function of American Corners worldwide is to make information about the United States available to foreign public at large. They provide access to current and reliable information about the U.S. via book, video, and DVD collections, the Internet, and through local programming.

To lend books and videos, or to participate in activities provided by the American Corner in Novi Sad you need a membership card. All you need to do is to bring your passport and a photo, and you will become their member for free

French Institute

This is another place where you can find books, videos, magazines, in a language other than Serbian. They also hold French language courses, and interesting activities related to France and French-speaking countries. To use their Mediatheque and library, you need to pay the membership fee (750 RSD for students). The membership is valid for 12 months.

Address: Nikole Pašića 33, Novi Sad, Serbia

[Website](#)

7. OTHER ACTIVITIES

In Novi Sad there are a lot of NGOs that organize various activities where you can take part.

ESN Novi Sad is open to your ideas and active participation in some parts of our work. The SocialErasmus project is particularly interested in foreign participants. The team would benefit from students ideas, creativity and participation in educational, charity and environmental activities.

BalkanIDEA, the Volunteer Center of Vojvodina, American Corner and OPENS also organize many projects and events one may take part in.



BalkanIDEA

Address: Njegoševa 3, Novi Sad, Serbia

[Website](#)

Volunteer center of Vojvodina

Address: Nova 91/15, Veternik, Novi Sad, Serbia,

[Website](#)

OPENS

Address: Laze Telečkog 2, Novi Sad

[Website](#)

American Corner

Address: Petra Drapšina 3, Novi Sad, Serbia

[Website](#)

IV LIVING IN NOVI SAD

1. HOW TO GET HERE?

1. BY PLANE

- a) From Belgrade airport to Novi Sad
- b) From Budapest airport to Novi Sad
- c) From Timisoara airport to Novi Sad

2. BY CAR

3. BY TRAIN

4. BY BUS

5. USEFUL NUMBERS



1. BY PLANE

Novi Sad DOES NOT have an airport but you can try to find cheap flights to some of the airports in the “area”:

BELGRADE: Since very recently, some low-cost companies started flying to “Nikola Tesla” airport in Belgrade: [Germanwings](#) , [Fly Niki](#) and Wizzair. Some good deals could be found with [Norwegian Airways](#).

TIMISOARA (Romania): You should try this airport if you are travelling in a group! Very small airport but it has some of the best deals Wizzair has to offer.

BUDAPEST (Hungary): All of the major low-cost companies stop here and this would also be a good place to land. Try: [Wizzair](#) (it is the company’s headquarters in Budapest so they should have good deals), [Easyjet](#), [Ryanair](#) and [Germanwings](#). You can also fly to the airports in Zagreb (Croatia) and Ljubljana (Slovenia) and come to Belgrade by train and then from Belgrade to Novi Sad by train, bus or taxi.

A) FROM BELGRADE AIRPORT TO NOVI SAD

Novi Sad is 70 km / 45 miles from the Belgrade airport.
There are 2 ways to get from Belgrade airport to Novi Sad.

1. By Taxi (direct): If you decide to take the taxi from the Belgrade airport to Novi Sad, the ride will cost approximately 50 euros depending on the company (per cab, not per person). You should not have to pay more and make sure to find out the price beforehand. The trip will last about an hour. There are companies such as [Autoturist](#) from Novi Sad that will get you straight from the airport to Novi Sad where you will be staying for affordable prices.

2. BY BUS

To Belgrade and then by bus (or train) to Novi Sad: Belgrade airport is 15km from the center of Belgrade. From the Belgrade airport “Nikola Tesla” you can take the mini bus line A1, direction Slavija Square (downtown). Ticket price: 300 RSD (tickets can be obtained in the bus). Approximate travel time: 30 minutes. One bus stop is next to Terminal 1 and the other one is in the front of the Arrivals entrance.

Belgrade Central Bus Station to Novi Sad:

Bus run every 15 to 45 minutes and the ride takes an hour and a half.

Belgrade to Novi Sad:

Every 15 to 45 minutes from 03:00 to 23:59

Novi Sad to Belgrade:

Every 15 to 45 minutes from 5:00 to 23:59

Price: 5 - 8 EUR (you will have to pay in RSD - 600-800)



B) FROM BUDAPEST AIRPORT TO NOVI SAD

The same applies here as it does for Belgrade. Either directly from airport to Novi Sad or from airport to train/bus station in Budapest and then to Novi Sad. The companies [Autoturist](#) from Novi Sad and [Gea Tours](#) from Belgrade are both offering the service. They take you straight from the airport to your hostel address. They both charge approximately 25 euros one way.

It might seem a bit expensive but it still beats the complications and large amount of time you would spend otherwise. Other option is to go to the center of Budapest and take a train/bus (you can see instructions in travelling BY TRAIN).

C) FROM TIMISOARA AIRPORT TO NOVI SAD

We would again recommend Autoturist travel agency (directly to Novi Sad) or GEA Tours, but they are traveling to Belgrade.

2. BY CAR

Driving in Serbia:

All roads are clearly marked so the risk of getting lost is low. The speed limit varies from place to place so it is important to respect and follow all road signs. If you possess a valid international or local driving license and if you are comfortable with driving on the right side of the road, then you are most welcome to drive in Serbia.

Gasoline prices (updated in the moment of writing)

BMB 95 ~ 155 RSD (1.3 EUR) per liter

D2 Diesel ~160 RSD (1.3 EUR) per liter

Euro Diesel ~160 RSD (1.3 EUR) per liter

Autogas TNG ~77 RSD (0.64 EUR) per liter

Peage is charged on the following roads: E-75 Belgrade - Novi Sad, E-70 Novi Sad - Feketić - Subotica, E-75 Belgrade - Niš, E-75 Niš - Leskovac and E-70 Belgrade - Šid. Peage prices range from 2 to 40 EUR.

For any assistance during your travel through Serbia, you can call **AUTOMOBILE AND MOTORCYCLE ASSOCIATION OF SERBIA - AMSS: AMSSroad assistance +381 1987**

3. BY TRAIN

Train tickets are much cheaper if you buy them in the country you travel from, but if you want, you can buy tickets in advance [online](#).

Other useful websites:

[Serbian Railways](#)

[Croatian Railways](#)

[Slovenian Railways](#)

Students from Turkey can use Balkan Flexipass (about 70 euros), which can be used during 7 different days during one month or even longer.

BUDAPEST – NOVI SAD:

The trip takes about 6 hours.

Budapest to Novi Sad - Departures daily from Keleti Railway station at 07:57 and 14:57

Novi Sad to Budapest - Departures daily to Keleti Railway station at 09:26 and 16:04

Ticket Price: from 40 EUR.

LJUBLJANA - BELGRADE:

Ljubljana to Belgrade: Departures daily at 08:15, 14:45 and 21:15

Ticket Price: 49, 20 EUR one-way, 78, 80 EUR round trip.

Belgrade to Ljubljana: Departures daily at 05:13, 10:28 and 21:30

Ticket Price: 49, 20 EUR one-way, 78, 80 EUR round trip.

ZAGREB - BELGRADE:

The train takes around 7 hours and once in Belgrade you can take a train or a bus from the Central Station (nearby) to Novi Sad.

Zagreb to Belgrade: Departures daily at 06:17, 11:03, 17:25 and 23:55

Belgrade to Zagreb: Departures daily at 05:13, 10:28, 15:16 and 21:30

Ticket price: 22 EUR one-way, 39 EUR round trip.

4. BY BUS

The Polazak.com journey planner provides timetable information about all inner city coach lines in Serbia. The web page delivers unified contact data of all registered coach operators. The station's web page is indicating all contact data of Serbian bus stations and works as a virtual station display indicating all arrivals or departures of a selected bus station.

We advise you to use Lasta. This bus company is the major Serbian bus company and they are also working as part of Eurolines.

5. USEFUL NUMBERS

Airport Belgrade Nikola Tesla	Info telephone: (+381 11) 209 4000 www.beg.aero
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Novi Sad Train Station	Jase Tomica Boulevard 4, 21000 Novi Sad +381(0)21 420 700
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Novi Sad Central Bus Station	Jase Tomica Boulevard 4, 21000 Novi Sad +381(0) 21 444021 +381(0) 21 444022 +381(0) 21 444023
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Belgrade Central Bus Station	+381(0)11 636299
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Parking Service Novi Sad	+381(0)21 4724140
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Belgrade Central Train Station	+381 (0) 11 3602899
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Air Serbia - Novi Sad office	Bulevar Mihajla Pupina 18, Novi Sad +381(0)21 456177
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2. LOCAL TRANSPORT

If you want to use local transportation you can take a bus, a cab or even a bike. In order to travel to other cities in Serbia you can take a bus or a train.

Taking a Bus

Novi Sad has an excellent bus service. Tickets for one ride (no matter how far you go as long as you don't change the bus inside of the city) costs 65 RSD and you can buy it in the bus. Also, it's possible to buy monthly tickets – more information can be found on their [website](#).

Taking a Taxi

Taxis are not overly expensive (by Western standards), the minimum fare varies between 100 and 150 RSD, with a cross-city trip typically costing 200 - 400 RSD. It helps to have the address written out although many taxi drivers speak fair English.

Some good taxi companies are VIP Taxi , Pan Taxi, Red Taxi.

- VIP Taxi: (+381) 21 444-000; (+381) 066/444000; (+381) 069/444000; sms: address to be sent to 1088
- Naš Taxi: (+381) 21 6300-300; (+381) 065/3003000
- Red Taxi: (+381) 21 525-150; (+381) 064/5251500; sms: RT_address to be sent to 6230
- Pan Taxi: (+381) 455-555 ; (+381) 064 21 55 555 ; (+381) 065 21 55 55

Taxis

Meter start price: 100 RSD

Within city: 52 din/km (06-22h), 66 din/km (22-06h)

Out of city bounds: 98 din/km

Pets: 200 dinars surcharge

Waiting: 435 din/hour

Luggage: 50 dinars per bag/suitcase

Rent A Car

Adaggio

Address: Bulevar Vojvode Stepe 38

Tel: +381 21 6792 200

Mobile: +381 69 2324 446

E-mail: office@rentacar-novisad

Rent a Bike

The city has a quite long network of cycling paths (around 60km), especially around the University campus and Danube.

For those who don't own a bicycle, there is a bike rental system, called NSBIKE. It consists of public bikes that can be rented at very low prices. Bicycles can be rented at seven locations: next to SPENS, by main entrance to "Štrand", on the Railway station, near the Serbian National Theater, in the University Campus, in Rumenačka Street and Jovan Dučić Street. In 2013. season, NS bike system was fully automated. It is foreseen that a user rents a bike, transports to the desired destination and then brings it back to the nearest station.



3. ACCOMODATION IN NOVI SAD

Temporary accommodation

Here are useful links for temporary accommodation in Novi Sad:

Hostels: [City Hostel](#)*, [Hostel Mali](#), [Hostel Sova](#).

*Official ESN Novi Sad Hostel in Novi Sad.

Hotels: [Hotel Zenit](#), [Hotel Aurora](#), [Hotel Prezident](#).

Erasmus Students and Others

We recommend you to arrange the accommodation before arrival. The best option is to share a flat with someone in order to reduce the price of accommodation and other costs. Renting a flat can cost you from 90-400eur, depending on location and number of rooms. Try to contact other foreign students who are going to study in the same city.



We suggest you contact your buddy or someone else you know from Novi Sad and ask them for help. However, if you want to explore on your own, you can check links of the internet ads about renting the accommodation: [Oglasi](#), [realitica](#), [Nađi dom](#).

Important: Never accept the offer before considering all the aspects – location, price, bills... If you are signing a contract in a language you do not understand (Serbian) we advise you to have your buddy read it for you or to witness (be present) while you are signing it.



4. SHOPPING IN NOVI SAD

MARKETS:

- Fish market (fruit, vegetable, meat, eggs, bread, ect.)

Address: Trg Republike 18 Working hours: Every day 6h-16h

- Nylon market (place where you can buy literally everything):

Address: Temerinski put 1

Working hours: Friday, Saturday, Sunday: 07-16h

- Futoška market (fruit, vegetable ,meat, eggs, cosmetics, flowers, clothes):

Address: Jevrejska 42

Working hours: Workdays & Saturday: 06-18h, Sunday: 06-14h

- Limanska market (fruit, vegetable, meat, eggs, cosmetics, flowers, clothes):

Address: Bulevar Cara Lazara 50

Working hours: Workdays & Saturday: 06-17h, Sunday: 06-14h.

SUPERMARKETS:

You can find them in every part of the city and most of them offer a wide variety of groceries and other everyday necessities. Some of the best equipped markets are: UNIVEREXPORT, MERKATOR, RODIĆ, IDEA, MAXI.

SHOPPING CENTRES:

- TC Bazaar

Address: Bulevar Mihajla Pupina 1

Working hours: Workdays & Saturday: 09-21h, Sunday: 10-18h

- TC Merkator

Address: Bulevar oslobođenja 102

Working hours: Every day: 10-22h

- TC BIG

Address: Sentandrejski put 11

- TC Spens

Address: Sutjeska 2

- TC Promenada

Address: Bulevar oslobođenja/Bulevar cara Lazara

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Police: 192

Fire brigade: 193

Ambulance: 194

Current time: 195

Sending telegrams: 1961

Reporting faults on the line: 977

Directory enquiries: 988

Wake-up call: 9811

Roadside assistance: 1987

International informations: 19011

Information in the event of poisoning: 521-338

6. PUBLIC HOLIDAYS AND TRADITIONAL FESTIVITIES

New Year's Day (Нова Година, Nova Godina) - 1 January

Christmas Eve (Бадње вече, Badnje veče) - 6 January

Orthodox Christmas (Божих, Božić) - 7 January

Serbian New Year (Српска Нова година, Srpska Nova godina) - 13 January

Sretenje (The Meeting of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ in the Temple) or
Statehood Day of the Republic of Serbia – 15 and 16 February

Orthodox Friday (Велики петак, Veliki petak) - varies (2 days before Easter)

Orthodox Easter (Vaskrs) - varies (end of March/April/beginning of May)

May Day / International Workers' Day (Празник рада, Praznik rada)- 1 May

Saint George's Day (Ђурђевдан, Đurđevdan) - 6 May

Saint Vitus Day (Видовдан, Vidovdan) - 28 June

Armistice Day (Дан примирја, Dan primirja) - 11 November

Slava (Крсна слава, Krsna slava) Patron saint of the family - varies among families.

TRADITIONAL FESTIVITIES

Christmas Eve

The Serbian name for Christmas Eve during the day is Badnji dan or Badnje večer referring to the very evening. Christmas Eve is a fasting day, so the dinner is prepared accordingly. Besides a round unleavened loaf of bread called "česnica" or "badnjački kolač", and salt, dinner also includes roast fish, cooked beans, noodles with ground walnuts, honey, and wine. There is a tradition that groups of young people go from house to house, congratulating the holiday, singing, and making performances; this continues through the next three days. There is a custom that Badnjak (oak is the most popular species of tree selected in most regions) is burnt during the Christmas Eve and that an armful of straw is spread over the floor of the house.



Christmas

Christmas (Serbian: Божић, Božić - diminutive form of the word Bog-God) is celebrated for three consecutive days, beginning with Christmas Day. The Serbian Orthodox Church uses the traditional Julian Calendar. The 7th of January is therefore called by Serbs the first day of Christmas, and the following two are accordingly called the second, and the third day of Christmas.

On the Christmas Day, one is to greet another person with "Christ is Born," – Hristos se rodi, which should be responded to with "Truly He is Born." – Vaistinu se rodi.

Krsna Slava

Krsna Slava is the celebration of the home Patron Saint. This is the greatest characteristic of the national and religious life of the Serbian people. It is a beautiful and unique expression of the Orthodox faith that is deeply implanted in the Serbian Christian soul. Krsna Slava is an exclusively Serbian custom. It is the most solemn day of the year for all Serbs of the Orthodox faith, and has played a role of vital importance in the history of the Serbian people. Krsna Slava is actually the celebration of the spiritual birthday of the Serbian people.

There are several Patron Saints that are most commonly celebrated, including: St. Nicholas (December 19), St. George, also called Đurđevdan (May 6), St. John the Baptist (January 20), Saint Demetrius (November 8) and St. Michael (November 21).

Easter - Vaskrs

Easter in Serbian is called Vaskrs, meaning "resurrection". The tradition is coloring the first set of eggs in red and setting one of them aside until next Easter. That egg is called the "housekeeper", referring to the belief that the egg will help protect the home. After morning mass, families have breakfast together and play the game of 'tucanje', which involves cracking eggs against each other to see which one breaks first. Most Serbs spend Easter visiting friends and family. The phrase exchanged most commonly in greeting is "Hristos Vaskrse", meaning, "Christ has Risen". The response is "Vaistinu vaskrse" - "Indeed He has Risen".

7. CLIMATE

The climate in Novi Sad crosses over from humid continental to continental. The city has all four seasons. During winter, cold southeastern wind, which usually lasts for three to seven days, can create a snowdrift during heavy snowfalls and blizzards.

Air temperature average is 10.9°C. The average temperature in January is -1°C and 21.6°C in July. The average annual rainfall is 578 mm, with 122 days with rain or snow. During autumn and winter an occasional cold wind, known as "the košava", blows from the south-east.

8. COMMUNICATION

Mobile telephone services

There are three mobile operators and a total of eight mobile phone networks in Serbia. Prepaid SIM cards for all mobile networks are available at many points of sale.

mt:s – MOBILNA TELEFONIJA SRBIJE

(network prefix 064, 065 and 066)

Call Center: 064-789

Website

Address: Sutjeska 2 (SPC Vojvodina) Novi Sad

Working hours:

Monday-Friday 08-21

Saturday 08-17

Address: Zmaj Jovina 4 Novi Sad

Working hours:

Monday-Friday 08-21

Saturday 08-20

Sunday 09-14

Address: Bulevar Oslobođenja 82 Novi Sad

Working hours:

Monday-Friday 08-21

Saturday 08-17

TELENOR

(network prefix 062, 063 and 069)

Call Center: 063-9863

[Website](#)

Address: Modena 1-3

Working hours:

Mon-Fri 08:00 – 21:00

Sat: 08:00 – 20:00

Sun: 09:00 -14:00

Address: Bulevar Oslobođenja 30

Working hours:

Mon-Fri: 08 - 21h

Sat: 08 - 20h

VIP MOBILE

(network prefix 060 and 061)

Call Center: 060-1234

Website

Address: Zmaj Jovina 16

Working hours:

Mon – Fri: 08:00 - 21:00

Sat: 10:00 - 20:00

Address: Bulevar Oslobođenja 109

Working hours:

Mon – Fri: 08:00 - 21:00

Sat: 08:00 - 17:00

And when you spend your mobile phone credit, there are many prepaid mobile phone topup options:

- Electronic topup – via terminals at authorized distributors
- Topup cards – available from kiosks
- By debit or credit card (DinaCard, Visa, MasterCard, Diners)
- Online topup – via the operator's website

- SMS topup – by sending an SMS from another telephone
- Over the counter and from ATMs in post offices and banks
- At mobile operator retail outlets

FIXED-LINE TELEPHONE SERVICES

Telekom Srbija is the National fixed-line telephone service. Last few years other telecommunications companies (Internet and cable providers) have also started providing fixed-line telephone services in Serbia.

TELEKOM SRBIJA

Takovska 2, 11000 Belgrade, tel: +381 (0)11 3032-030

[Website](#)

DIALING CODES:

The international dialing code for Serbia is 381. The area code for Novi Sad is 021 for calls made within Serbia.

- To call Novi Sad from abroad, you must dial the appropriate international code, e.g. 00, followed by the dialing code for Serbia 381 and then the area code for the city (without the leading 0) 11.
- To call abroad from Serbia, you need to first dial the international code 00, followed by the dialing code of the country, the area code of the town (without the leading 0) and then finally the subscriber's number.

INTERNET

The national Internet domain of the Republic of Serbia is **.rs**. Until recently, the domain of the former Yugoslavia **.yu** was still in use, and links with that extension are still common on the Internet.

MAIN INTERNET SERVICE PROVIDERS IN SERBIA:

[VeratNet](#)

[Orion telekom](#)

[SBB](#)

[Telekom](#)

[EUnet](#)

Mobile telephone providers (above mentioned) also provide internet that can be obtained for affordable prices.

INTERNET CAFES AND HOTSPOTS

There are many Internet cafés in Novi Sad and other large towns and tourist sites in Serbia, as well as a great number of wireless Internet hotspots where you can access the Internet free of charge via your laptop.

Some places in Novi Sad where you can find wireless Internet hotspots outside: Dunavski park, University Campus, The Spens, Liberty Square etc.

If a student wants to have wireless internet in the University area, they need to contact ARMUNS - Technical Support to get access.

Email: *armuns@uns.ac.rs*

Also another option for free internet in the University. Eduroam is a free service for Internet access. It provides its users with secure, fast and easy access to the Internet all over the world, without the need to open additional accounts, using the existing username and password created at the institution where they work or study. Eduroam form is in Serbian, so ask your buddy for help.

[Download eduroam form.](#)

9. USEFULL SERBIAN VOCABULARY

In the Serbian language every written letter is pronounced. You should remember this useful rule. It will help you to read nameplates and street signs in the cities, read the following dictionary of the most common and the most necessary words and phrases in Serbian, but also communicate with local people and find your way to Novi Sad. The pronunciation of particular letters is very close to that in German.

Yes/No - Da/Ne

No problem - Nema problema

Excuse me - Izvinite

Please - Molim vas

Thank you - Hvala

I'm sorry - Žao mi je

Good morning - Dobro jutro

Good evening - Dobro več

Good night - Laku noć

What time is it? - Koliko je sati?

How much is it? - Koliko košta?

Where? - Gde

When? - Kada

How? - Kako

Yesterday - Juče

Today - Danas

Tomorrow - Sutra

How long? - Koliko dugo?

How far? - Koliko daleko?

Left /Right - Levo/Desno

Straight on - Pravo

Street - Ulica

Ticket to Belgrade / Novi Sad - **Karta za Beograd/Novi Sad**

I don't understand - Ne razumem

Good/Bad - Dobro/Loše

I'm getting off in Novi Sad - Silazim u Novom Sadu

Where is the exchange office? - Gde se nalazi menjačnica?

Is there some discount? - Da li postoji neki popust?

It might be useful for you to know what the cyclic alphabet looks like, because street names for example are written this way.

А	Б	Ц	Д	Е	Ф	Г	Х	И	Ј
К	Л	М	Н	О					
А	В	С	Д	Е	Ф	Г	Х	И	Ј
К	Л	М	Н	О					
П	Р	С	Т	У	В	З	Љ	Ж	Љ
Њ	Ћ	Ч	Џ	Ш					
Р	Р	С	Т	У	В	З	Љ	Ж	Љ
Њ	Ћ	Ч	Џ	Ш					

10. FAMOUS SERBIAN PEOPLE

Serbia has always been a fertile ground for the development of many talents. This nation has given many famous people from all sorts of different fields: science, sports, literature, politics, etc. These people are very important for Serbia's cultural awareness and the image it sends to the world.

Here are some of many famous Serbs:

NIKOLA TESLA

Some call him 'The inventor of the 21st century', and rightfully so. This brilliant mastermind of a man was born on the territory of today's Croatia in 1856, in a Serbian family. It is thanks to this man that we can use wireless communication, internet, radio and even electricity. He was never given true credit for his inventions, but he never wanted the credit. He just wanted to make the world a better place. He died in New York City, in 1943. He still remains an inspiration to many scientist and spiritualists, because of his unique understanding of science and universe.

MILUTIN MILANKOVIĆ 1879 – 1958

Milutin Milanković was a Serbian mathematician, astronomer, climatologist, geophysicist, civil engineer, doctor of technology, university professor and popularizer of science. Milanković gave two fundamental contributions to global science. The first contribution is the "Canon of the Earth's Insolation", which characterizes the climates of all the planets of the Solar system. The second contribution is the explanation of Earth's long-term climate changes caused by changes in the position of the Earth in comparison to the Sun, now known as Milankovitch cycles. This explained the ice ages occurring in the geological past of the Earth, as well as the climate changes on the Earth which can be expected in the future. He founded planetary climatology by calculating temperatures of the upper layers of the Earth's atmosphere as well as the temperature conditions on planets of the inner Solar system, Mercury, Venus, Mars, and the Moon, as well as the depth of the atmosphere of the outer planets. He demonstrated the interrelatedness of celestial mechanics and the Earth sciences, and enabled consistent transition from celestial mechanics to the Earth sciences and transformation of descriptive sciences into exact ones.

VUK STEFANOVIĆ KARADŽIĆ

The father of the modern Serbian language and the preserver of folk poems, this linguist was born in the Serbian village Tršić, in 1787. After his parents had a number of still-born children, they decided to name him Vuk (Wolf) so that he would be strong and brave enough to fight the evil spirits which killed his brothers and sisters. And, fortunately, he was. He dedicated his life to reforming the Serbian writing system so that it could match the speech of common people. He was the one who invented the basic rule of the Serbian writing system: 'One letter-one sound'. He was also very interested in preserving old Serbian folk-tales and poems which had never before been written down, but only passed on orally from generation to generation. Vuk died in Vienna, in 1864, and his remains were relocated to Belgrade in 1897.

MIHAJLO PUPIN

Mihajlo Idvorski Pupin, Anglicized as Michael Idvorsky Pupin (born, 1854, Idvor, Military Frontier of Austria [now in Serbia]—died 1935, New York, New York, U.S.), Serbian physicist who devised a means of greatly extending the range of long-distance telephone communication by placing loading coils (of wire) at predetermined intervals along the transmitting wire.

He immigrated to the United States in 1874 and held a series of odd jobs before attending Columbia College (now Columbia University). In Columbia he earned a B.A. in 1883; that year he also became a U.S. citizen. Pupin subsequently studied at the University of Cambridge and the University of Berlin (Ph.D., 1889). In 1889 he began teaching mathematical physics at Columbia, becoming professor emeritus in 1931.

In 1896 Pupin discovered that atoms struck by X-rays emit secondary X-ray radiation. He also invented a means for taking short-exposure X-ray photographs. In 1901 American Telephone and Telegraph Co. and some German telephone interests acquired the patent for his invention of long-distance telephony. Pupin received the 1924 Pulitzer Prize in biography for his autobiographical work "From Immigrant to Inventor" (1923).

JOVAN JOVANOVIĆ ZMAJ

This is one of the most famous Serbian poets, best known for his poems for children. He was born near the town of Sombor in today's Vojvodina, Serbia. After he had finished his studies in Budapest, Prague and Vienna, he settled in Novi Sad. In fact, Jovan Jovanović Zmaj is one of the most famous inhabitants of Novi Sad during its history. To pay him homage, the main street in the city of Novi Sad carries his name, and there is also a statue of him in the centre of Novi Sad. He died in 1904, and was mourned by the entire country. He was buried in Sremska Kamenica, near Novi Sad, and his funeral was attended by the Royal Princes of Serbia and the highest ranking officers of the royal army.



NOVAK ĐOKOVIĆ

Probably the most famous Serb at the moment. Đoković was born in 1987. He has won fourteen grand slam titles so far, and he is the only player in history of tennis who won all Masters Series tournaments. He also led the Serbian national team to victory in the 2010 Davis Cup. Đoković has started his own humanitarian foundation, helping children in need. He was also named UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador for Serbia.



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MARINA ABRAMOVIĆ

Marina Abramović is a Serbian performance artist who began her career in the early 1970s. She currently lives and creates in New York, USA. She is considered the most important figure in performance art and is often called its “grandmother”. Abramović’s work explores the relationship between performer and audience, the limits of the body and the abilities of the mind. The most significant of her recent work is the piece “The Artist is Present” (2010), held at MoMA (NYC) as the biggest exhibition of performance art in MoMA’s history. Abramović has been working with American pop singer Lady Gaga on the singer’s third album *Artpop* (2013). The pair has also collaborated on projects supporting the Marina Abramović Institute.

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V WHERE TO GO AND WHAT TO DO?

1. CULTURAL PLACES

Speaking of culture, one of the most important cultural monuments of Novi Sad is the **Petrovaradin Fortress**. It was built as a military fortification between 1653-1707. According to a legend, the name Petrovaradin is derived from several words - "petra" means rock in Latin, "var" means town in Hungarian, and "din" of the Turkish word for faith, from which is derived Petrovaradin, **the town on the rock firm as faith**. The fortress was completely demilitarized in the mid-20th century and proclaimed a historical monument. It was placed under the protection of the state and assigned to civilian use. Located at the fortress are the Museum and Archive of Novi Sad, hotels and restaurants, art studios and galleries, the Academy of Art, astronomical observatory, planetarium and many other facilities. **The Clock Tower** is a distinctive sign of Petrovaradin Fortress and Novi Sad. The clock's unique feature is the long hand that indicates the hour and the small hand indicating the minute, originally designed to enable a better visibility from afar. The clock is still fully operational and strikes every hour on the hour.



MUSEUMS

The Novi Sad City Museum:

The Novi Sad City Museum was founded in 1954 and belongs to the category of general city museums. It is devoted to the development of the city from its foundation to the present period and consists of the Department of Archeology, Department of History, Department of Cultural History, Department of Ethnology, and Hometown Gallery.

Buildings and Annexes of the Novi Sad City Museum:

1. **The central building** of the museum is located on the upper plateau of the Petrovaradin Fortress, in the structure known as Topovnjača (Gunboat) or Mamula's Barracks. It contains a permanent exhibition of the Petrovaradin Fortress in the Past, and the Study Exhibition of the Department of Cultural History, which depicts the civil life of Novi Sad from the middle of the 18th century to the second half of the 20th century. The Underground Military Galleries are one of the biggest attractions of the Petrovaradin Fortress and are open for visitors, with a professional guide of the Novi Sad City Museum Guiding Service.

Visiting hours: Tuesday – Sunday 9:00–17:00

Address: Petrovaradin Fortress

Telephone: (+381) 21 43 31 45

2. **Collection of Foreign Art.** This annex contains a part of legacy of Dr. Branko Ilić, which consists of French, German, Italian and Austrian works of art originating from the period between 16th and 20th century, as well as period furniture and objects of applied art.

Visiting hours: Tuesday – Sunday 9:00–17:00

Address and contact: Dunavska 29, Novi Sad

Telephone: (+381) 21 451 239

3. **Jovan Jovanović Zmaj Memorial Collection.** The annex is situated in the house in which the poet spent the last years of his life.

Visiting hours: Monday – Saturday 9:00–16:00

Address and contact: Jovana Jovanovića Zmaja 1, 21208 Sremska Kamenica

Telephone: (+381) 21 462 810

4. Sremski Karlovci Hometown Collection. The annex belongs to the category of general city museums. Historical, archeological, ethnological and art collection, with ten thousand objects, constitute the museum's resources, which include the collection of poet Branko Radičević, legacies of "Karlovačka Gimnazija" (language high school in Sremski Karlovci), painter Milić od Mačve, architect Svetomir Lazić and others.

Visiting hours: Monday–Saturday 9:00–16:00

Address and contact: Patrijarha Rajačića 16, 21205 Sremski Karlovci

Telephone: (+381) 21 881 637

The Museum of Vojvodina:

A permanent display of archaeological, historical and ethnographic artifacts relevant to Vojvodina, dating from the Palaeolithic to the middle of the 20th century.

Visiting hours: 9:00-19:00 on working days, closed on Monday, 9:00-14:00 on weekends.

Address: Dunavska 35-37

Phone: (+381) 21 420-566

(+381) 21 526-555

[Website](#)



The Pavle Beljanski Memorial Collection:

This is the legacy of Pavle Beljanski, a diplomat and an art collector. The collection features paintings by the finest Serbian artists of the first half of the 20th century (including Nadežda Petrović, Sava Šumanović and Petar Lubarda) as well as sculptures, drawings and tapestries.

Visiting hours: 10:00-18:00, Thursday 13:00-21:00, Closed on Mondays and Tuesdays.

Address: Trg Galerija 2

Telephone: (+381) 21 472 99

Matica Srpska Gallery

The Gallery of Matica srpska was founded in 1847 under the auspices of The Matica srpska, the oldest cultural, literary and scientific institution of Serbian people. The permanent collection is exhibited in three parts, chronologically presenting the Serbian national art from the 16th to the 20th century and its integration into the mainstream of modern European art, as well.

Closed on Mondays, Tue-Thu 10h-20h, Fri 10h-22h, Sat-Sun 10h-18h

Address : Trg galerija 1

Phone : (+381) 21 4899000

THEATRES

Serbian National Theatre

Serbian National Theatre was founded in Novi Sad, at the time a part of the Austro-Hungarian Empire, during a conference of Serbian National Theatre Society, founded by the Serbian Reading Room ("Srpska čitaonica"). The Theatre was founded with nine actors: Dimitrije Ružić, Dimitrije Marković Kikinđanin, Nikola Nedeljković, Kosta Hadžić, Mihailo Gavrilović, Mihailo Rac(ković), Mladen Cvejić, Stevan Čekić and Draginja Popović (married Ružić).

Address: Pozorišni trg 1

Phone: (+381) 21 6621-411

[Website](#)

Pozorište mladih Novi Sad

Pozorište mladih Novi Sad (Theatre of Youth), founded in 1934. originally as a Puppet theatre, today mainly consists of plays directed and played by young people of various age or children and youth themed plays

Address: Ignjata Pavlaša 4

Telephone: (+381) 21 521 826, (+381) 21 520 534

[Website](#)

CINEMAS

Arena Cineplex

Address: Bulevar Mihajla Pupina 3

Phone: (+381) 21 447 690

E-mail: office@arenacineplex.com

[Facebook](#)

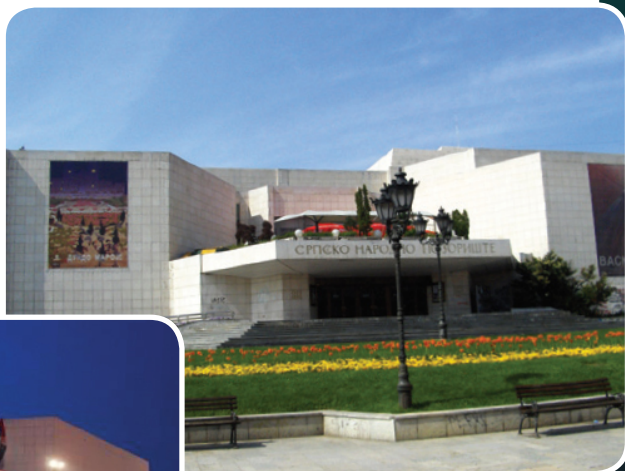
[Website](#)



BIG CEE Novi Sad

Address: Sentandrejski put 11, Novi Sad

info.rs@blitzgroup.eu



2. PLACES TO ENJOY NATURE

PARKS

The Danube Park

The most beautiful park in Novi Sad, located in the city centre. Once there was a fen overgrown with reeds, which was developed into a park in 1895. Today there is a small lake in the heart of the park, which has a tiny island in its middle and ducks and swans can be seen gliding in the lake. The park is perfect place to get away from the city noise and chill out. In that purpose there are numerous benches as well as a lot of open space for those who like sitting on the grass. The park boasts over 250 species of plants, numerous sculptures, and part of it is turned into a children's playground. Also, it is one of the most common hangout places for youth of Novi Sad.

The Liman Park

The biggest park in Novi Sad. Located close to university campus and city beach "Strand". It is great for recreation and relaxing walks. Here you can find a small open air gym in the park and the only skateboard park in the city. Every last Friday of a month the park hosts an interesting event called "Kritična masa", which can be best described as a "monthly protest by cyclists reclaiming the streets."



Other beautiful parks include the Kamenica Park, the Futoški Park, and the Railway Park.

OTHER PLACES

The Quay

One of the best choices for outdoor recreation as well as relaxing walks all the way along the Danube. It has recently been renovated, and now there are separate paths for walking, running and cycling (also used for roller skating). Along the way there are loads of possibilities for free outdoors sports, such as a tennis court, football and basketball fields, two outdoors gyms, etc. It is also a popular place for young people, especially students, to gather during the night in a relaxing atmosphere, usually accompanied by the sounds of a guitar.

City Beach

Štrand is the most popular beach in Novi Sad. During the day , Štrand is all about sunbathing and active leisure on the spacious yellowwhite sandy beach, while in the evening the numerous beach cafés guarantee a good time all throughout the night. There is also a possibility of renting kayaks and explore the Danube.



3. SPORT TIME

Novi Sad has a rich sport related history. The city has always been a popular host of sport competitions and events – volleyball and handball championships, motorcycle and car racing, bicycle races etc.

As a student in Novi Sad, you will have the possibility to participate in a great number of free sport activities via “Požuri polako”(“Hurry Up Slowly”) programme. Everything you need is to have a special card which you can get for free. All the offered activities are free for young people of ages between 14 and 30. All you need to do is fill in an online form with personal information and send it to the email address *pozuripolakovs@gmail.com*. You will receive further instructions about the creation of your card and instructions on how, where and when to pick it up and start using it. All the information about the programme as well as the form can be found on their online profile on [Facebook](#). Holders of the ESN card can also get this card easily.

The biggest sport event in Novi Sad is **Fruškogorski maraton**. The marathon is held in early May and represents an annual hike through the mountain of Fruška gora. It is attended by a large amount of people from Novi Sad and neighboring towns each year and represents one of the most popular traditional events. Participants get to choose the track they hike, ranging from beginner ones of 5 km to demanding two-day hikes of over 100 km.

Another interesting sport event is **Novi Sad Night Marathon**. This unique event, as its name says, is run by night along the banks of the Danube. It is held annually in June and attracts more and more people every year. Additionally, there are regular marathons and half marathons held every year.

Cycling paths (around 60km), especially around the university campus and the Danube, makes bicycles one of the favorite means of transport in Novi Sad.

The Skate park is located in Limanski Park. There are 15 ramps spread out over an area of 1,200 square metres, surfaced with modern materials.

FitPass

FitPass card allows you to practice many sports and go to many different sports facilities at the cost of just one monthly membership fee.

In FitPass system there are best gyms, swimming pools, fitness centres, dance studios, and many other sports facilities.

For more information and for registration, check out FitPass [website](#).

Sport Centers and Swimming Pools:

SPORT CENTER "Slana bara"

Sentandrejski put bb, 21000 Novi Sad, Novi Sad
Telefon: 021/410-490

JP „SPORTSKI I POSLOVNI CENTAR VOJVODINA"

(popularly called "SPENS")
21000 Novi Sad, Sutjeska 2
Tel: 021 48 82 222
e-mail: office@spens.rs

Website

SPORT CENTER "SAJMIŠTE"

Hajduk Veljkova 11, 21000 Novi Sad

Fitness Centers:

FLEX FITNESS

Novi Sad 21000, Sutjeska 2, Spens
Tel: 063-584-020

Website

LADY'S GYM FITNESS CENTAR I TERETANA

Novi Sad 21000, Branimira Ćosića 47
Tel: 021-530-741
Novi Sad 21000, Trg Marije Trandafil 24
Tel: 021-653-32-12

Website

At the SPENS you can also find more fitness centers and places for other sports activities. You can use the swimming pool (indoor and openair swimming pool), go bowling, play pool and ice-skate for affordable prices.

4. TIME TO EAT

Restaurants

There are a huge number of restaurants in Novi Sad and lots of them offer a wide variety of local and international food for bargain prices. The good thing about our restaurants is that they have a daily list with a “worker’s menu”, where you can get several dishes for special prices, if you don’t mind less decorated dishes. If you are a lover of meat we recommend you to try “**čevapčići**” (a grilled dish of minced meat, a type of kebab), “**mešano meso**” (mixed meat), “**karađorđeva šnicla**” (a Serbian breaded cutlet dish), “**pečenje na ražnju**” (meat off the skewer), “**sarma**” (cabbage rolls with minced meat filling), “**srpski đuveč**” (oven baked meat and vegetable stew), “**svadbarski kupus**” (Serbian traditional way of preparing cabbage), our suggestion for vegeterians is not to miss “**pasulj**” (Serbian traditional way of preparing beans).

This is the list of some good restaurants in and around Novi Sad:

Restaurant “Atina”

Address: Njegoševa 2, Novi Sad
Tel: (+381) 21 528 863

Pub and Restaurant “Gusan”

Address: Zmaj Jovina 4, Novi Sad
Tel: (+381) 21 425-570
E-mail: gusanoffice@gmail.com

“Ananda” (vegetarian restaurant)

Address: Petra Drapšina 51, Novi Sad
Tel: (+381) 63 108 89 78
Web: www.ananda.rs
E-mail: ananda.cth@gmail.com

“Alla Lanterna” (Italian restaurant)

Address: Dunavska 27, Novi Sad
Tel: (+381) 21 6622 002



Restaurant "Aqua Doria"

Address: Kamenički put bb, Petrovaradin

Tel: (+381) 21 6430 949; 063 688 196

"Dva štapića" (Chinese restaurant)

Address: Vase Stajića 27

Tel: (+381) 21 459 524

[***Website***](#)

E-mail: info@2stapica.com

Student Cafeterias

There are 2 student cafeterias in Novi Sad, popularly called "menzas". A lot of students choose to eat there because it is affordable and close to the university campus and it provides cooked meals. We recommend that you eat at a student cafeteria if you have a lunch break in-between lectures instead of going all the way back to your flat to cook.

For eating in cafeteria you will need:

1. A student card (2200 RSD)
2. A coin (1000 RSD)

You can buy those two things in the Students' Center - Sime Miloševića 4, 21000 Novi Sad.

List of Cafeterias in Novi Sad:

- **Restaurant #3**, near the Faculty of Natural Sciences (popularly called "**Small Menza**") - address: Vladimir Perić Valter 5.
- Restaurant "**Velika Menza**", the biggest student cafeteria at the University Campus - address: Sime Milošević 4.



5. GOING OUT

Nightlife

As a university town, Novi Sad is known for a lively bar scene. There are lots of nice bars in the small streets to the west of Zmaj Jovina Street, mainly in Laze Telečkog Street, and around Njegoševa and Grčkoškolska Streets. During the summer, it's very popular to sit outside in one of the cafés in Zmaj Jovina Street and Dunavska Street and hang out with friends. If you're around during the day it can be a nice place to have a drink and relax. Some of the popular places where you can have a drink and some fun are:

Cafés:

Absolut, Zmaj Jovina 12, tel. (+381) 21 42 24 26; Open 09:00 - 24:00, Sat, Sun 09:00 - 01:00

Fićkić, Zmaj Jovina 22, tel. (+381) 21 661 50 88; Open 08:00 - 23:00, Sat, Sun 08:00 - 01:00

Hedonist, Zmaj Jovina 26/I, tel. (+381) 21 52 94 38; Open 09:00 - 23:00

Greenet, Bulevar Mihajla Pupina 1, tel. (+381) 21 42 35 57; Open 09:00 - 21:00, Sun 10-18h

Trčika, Kralja Aleksandra 14, tel. (+381) 064 112 45 88; Open 09:00 - 23:00, Sat 09:00 - 01:00

Bars and Pubs:

Lazino Tele, Laze Telečkog 16, tel. (+381) 66 960 69 56, www.lazinotele.com Open Mon-Fri 09:00-00:00, Sat 09:00-02:00

London pub, Laze Telečkog 15, tel. (+381) 21 42 18 81; Open Mon-Sat 08:00 - 03:00, Sun 16:00 - 00:00

Martha's Pub, Laze Telečkog 3, tel. (+381) 21 61 10 38; Open Mon-Sun 08:00 - 03:00

Havana, Mite Ružića 2, tel. (+381) 63 77 54 883; Open 09:00-23:00, Sat, Sun 08:00-01:00

Berliner Pub, Katolička Porta 2, tel. (+381) 63 503 519, berlinerpubnovisad@gmail.com; Open 08:00-23:00, Sat, Sun 08:00-01:00

Red Cow Irish Pub, Zmaj Jovina 28, tel. (+381) 21 427 136

Pivnica Gusan, Zmaj Jovina 12

Clubs:

Giardino, Bulevar Mihajla Pupina 1, tel. (+381) 21 489 87 40; Open Mon-Wed 09:00-01:00, Thu-Sat 09:00-03:00

Muzej, Petrovaradin Fortress, tel. (+381) 21 64 640 79 76; Open Fri-Sat 23:00 - 04:00

Foxtrot, Futoška 23, tel. (+381) 21 662 29 04; Open 08:00 - 23:00, Sat, Sun 08:00 - 01:00.

Skipper, Ribarsko ostrvo bb; Open Mon-Thu 08:00-23:00, Fri-Sun 08:00 - 01:00.

Cuba-Libre, Laze Telečkog 13, tel. (+381) 65 270 76 86; Open Mon-Sun 22:00 - 02:00

Dom b-612*, Svetozara Miletića 40; Open Mon-Sun 17:00-01:00

Firchie Think Thank Studio, Bulevar despota Stefana 5; Open Thu-Sat 21:00-04:00

Open air clubs:

Borisov atelje, Petrovaradin fortress, Open Fri-Sat 21:00-05:00

Bastion, Petrovaradin fortress, Open Fri-Sat 21:00-05:00

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6. CULTURAL EVENTS IN NOVI SAD

DID YOU KNOW?

Novi Sad the European Capital of Culture 2021!

Novi Sad was announced European Capital of Culture for 2021, on October 13, 2016. This is a first city not part of European Union, that will have Title European Capital of Culture.

The European Capital of Culture was established in order to emphasis richness and diversity of European cultures, strengthen cultural connections between citizens of Europe, connect people from different European countries, meet other cultures, promote mutual understanding and strengthen the sense of Europeanism.

The most important heritage of the project Novi Sad 2021 is placing culture in the very centre of social development and seeing culture as the key factor for economic development of the society founded on knowledge, innovation and creativity.

Main goal for the following period is to strengthen cultural vitality of the city, enable urban regeneration, improve international image and tourist offer of Novi Sad.

European commission

But, here is more!

An independent, high-level jury, convened by the European Youth Forum, chose Novi Sad from a shortlist of five finalist cities for the **EYC (European Youth Capital)** 2019 title. Through an open application process, Novi Sad's proposal aims to celebrate and empower young people under the "OPENS19" theme, and beat close competition from Amiens (France), Derry City & Strabane (UK), Manchester (UK), and Perugia (Italy).

In its year as European Youth Capital, Novi Sad will work to create more opportunities for youth, including a newly-formed 'Local Youth Governing Forum', which will enable youth civil society to input on youth policies. A year-long programme of initiatives looks to further empower young people to become proactive initiators of positive change, introducing innovative ideas not only in Novi Sad, but also at the national and international level.



As you have read before, Novi Sad is the city that offers all kind of night and daily activities. It also hosts numerous cultural, fun, touristic events.

1. One of the oldest cultural events is **Sterijino pozorje**, a theatre festival named after a famous Serbian playwrighter, Jovan Sterija Popović. Established in 1956, the festival can be described as a competition of national drama and theatre that includes performances of classic dramas and contemporary pieces written and performed by regional artists. Visit the official [website](#) for more details.

2. **Cinema City** is an annual international film festival held for a period of eight days at over 20 locations all across the city. The festival's programme covers film, music, and academic programmes and includes competitions in various categories. The festival is a great opportunity to experience international and Serbian cinema at unique locations. Visit the official [website](#) for more details.

3. The biggest music festival in Southeast Europe and the most visited festival in Novi Sad is **the EXIT festival**. During the festival, thousands of people visit the Petrovaradin Fortress, where numerous stages are set up for various music performances, ranging from international artists to local bands. The festival was founded in 2000 by three university students from Novi Sad and has since hosted artists from all over the world such as Guns N' Roses, The Prodigy, Atoms for peace, Jamiroquai, David Guetta, Eric Prydz, Snoop dog and many others. Visit the official [website](#) for more details.

4. **Museum Night** is a cultural event held in many cities across the globe, including Novi Sad. For one evening visitors have the opportunity to visit various museums with a common pass and see many unique exhibitions all across the city.

Other great events are include the [Festival of Street Players](#) and Maškarada (Masquerade).

In the vicinity of Novi Sad, a number of similar events are held various occasions, such as holidays, tradition preservation: Spring on Čenej farms, Days of Wine in Sremski Karlovci, Kupusijada in Futog, Bostanijada in Rivica, Patlidžanijada in Neradin, Days of Plum in Vrdnik and others.



VI OTHER STUDENTS' EXPERIENCES "INTERVIEWS"

This is how some foreign students talk about their experience in Novi Sad:

1. KÜRŞAD FROM TURKEY:

"I really enjoyed my time in Serbia. I really liked people, how friendly and helpful they are. Also, people can speak English well and that helped a lot. I found it refreshing to live somewhere where it's not as crowded and hectic as Istanbul. The only thing I disliked is the weather, it is so dry."

2. JOSE FROM SPAIN:

"It's an incredible city, the city centre is beautiful and It's small, so everything is very close. The prices are very low so you can go to the party everyday or opt for a more cultural plan. There are several music styles and pubs to go out. There are people from other parts of the world, and that's what makes an intercultural city with open-minded people."

Novi Sad is totally a university city and I would definitely recommend it. It is a precious and accessible city. the student life couldn't be better! There are lots of libraries and when you walk down the streets you see more students than any other type of person. The people tend to be very nice and there are is no real competition.

If you are coming to Novi Sad, move a lot, make an effort to make all the cultural visits you can, take an advantage of the ERASMUS exchange meeting with other foreigners and local people, they are especially kind, and also go out a lot and go to the parties offered by the cities which are around (Belgrade, Budapest, Sofia...) and explore the villages. Don't stop, because it's a city that provides it all, so enjoy to the maximum. Best, Jose."

3. ELINA FROM LATVIA:

“I chose my Erasmus adventure to spend in Novi Sad, Serbia. Best decision ever made, because it is not the mainstream place student would choose. Therefore, there were not so much foreign students, local were interested in us and showed the real life of Serbia - food, nature, parties. Novi Sad for me was like discovery of hidden gem. It is cosy student city with most friendly people and best places where to party. Serbia also is in a good location to explore every Balkan country; nature is breathtaking there. Exchange semester in Serbia was something I won't ever forget, I got so much friends all around the Europe; they gave insight in their culture and I had opportunity to introduce them with my small country Latvia. I miss all these people I had fun with and hope to see them soon again! I am proud and happy that I can say Novi Sad is my second home.”

4. UULA FROM FINLAND:

“Like many I arrived in Novi Sad via Belgrade to which comparing I quite sharply noticed Novi Sad being much smaller, more peaceful and really welcoming city. Not to mention the great national park of Fruška Gora just across the river offering great potential for outdoor activities like hiking and biking within the forestry mountain slopes.

I got to enjoy quality time in this beautiful and lively city, met the most hospitable and friendly people, many that I got to keep as good friends. English is spoken well around here (maybe excluding all the elderly) and the presence of nearly all types of people around you just improves the multicultural status and colourful history that this ancient city has.

The centered location at the Balkan peninsula is quite perfect for traveling and exploring the richnesses of this area. Once coming here one shouldn't miss this chance. Beautiful cities like Budapest or Sofia, warm Adriatic sea or a hike in magnificent Durmitor are all just nearby.

Now I'm forever grateful for having this all as an indispensable part of my experience as a human being. Should I get to choose one more time; Novi Sad would be mine again!”

5. MARTHA FROM GERMANY:

“While I was traveling through different Balkan states, I could experience different types of towns, villages and nature. But as soon as I finally arrived in Novi Sad it felt immediately like home. Not just because of the beautiful architecture of the city centre or all the different street artist and musician whom are creating awesome vibes, also because of the warmth of the people. All the people at the little cafes and parks are creating a special atmosphere what I like a lot.

I am studying at the faculty of fine art, so I spend most of the time up on the fortress, which is called “Petrovaradin”. It’s a wonderful and calm place where you will always find a rest and a quiet space for yourself. Especially the view of the skyline of Novi Sad behind the wonderful Danube River is breath taking and I think unique. You must see it ones in your life!

I am really thankful for the ESN people from Novi Sad. They are always organising awesome events and showing us the most beautiful places around and in Novi Sad. I love the community and I am proud to call me a part of it. Take your chance and experience your own little Erasmus adventure in beautiful Serbia. Hope you will love it as much as I do!”

6. DIONYSIS FROM GREECE:

“I have heard so many good things about Novi Sad from my Greek friends, so it was my first choice for Erasmus Mobility.

People here are very kind and polite and everyone from Serbia likes me! The food is amazing and very cheap.

Also, it is a small city so you don’t need transport to move.

All in all, Novi Sad is an amazing city and I am happy I chose to come here for an exchange!