

IAESTE Niš Booklet



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WELCOME TO SERBIA

Dear IAESTE trainee,

Welcome to our local committee of IAESTE Niš. We are delighted that you have decided to visit us and we want you to have a wonderful and breathtaking time in our country. Niš is a beautiful city where you can meet wonderful people.

You shall not only gain practical experience at work, also you will have a lot of fun during your free time. We have prepared many different activities to give you the opportunity to meet great friends in fantastic surroundings.

In this booklet you can find some information about Serbia and Niš and you can read some useful hints that you might need in everyday life. We hope that you will enjoy your stay here as much as possible.

If you have any questions or you need more information, please don't hesitate to contact us on our e-mail address **info@iaeste-nis.org.rs** .

Looking forward to meeting you soon,
IAESTE Niš.

About IAESTE Niš

We are group of students of the University of Niš. We have different interests and passions, and we study on various faculties. Except study, we also like meeting new people, dancing and singing on party. With us no one can be bored. There is always lot of fun.

Our local committee is here to help you with any doubts or problems you may have during your traineeship. If you need any personal help you should contact with our menagement.

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Serbia, officially *the Republic of Serbia*, is a landlocked country located at the crossroads of *Central and Southeast Europe*, covering the southern part of the *Carpathian basin* and the *central part of the Balkans*. Serbia borders Hungary to the *north*; Romania and Bulgaria to the *east*; the Republic of Macedonia to the *south*; and Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Montenegro to the *west*; additionally, it borders Albania through Kosovo, whose status as part of Serbia is disputed. Serbia covers an area of 88,361 km² and has a population of just over 7.1 million, while the capital and largest city is Belgrade.

Serbia is a member of the **UN**, **Council of Europe**, **OSCE**, **PfP**, **BSEC** and **CEFTA**. It is also an **official candidate for membership in the European Union** and a neutral country.

The name "**Serbia**" was first mentioned as Greek: **Σέρβια**, meaning "*land of the Serbs*". There are many theories regarding the origin of the name of the Serbs. The most likely is that it is derived from the *Old Slavic* root "**serb-**", meaning "*same*". Another proposed etymology is that of the Indo-European root "**ser-**" "*to watch over, protect*", akin to Latin *servare* "*to keep, guard, protect, preserve, observe*".

Located at the crossroads between Central and Southern Europe Serbia is found in the Balkan peninsula and the *Pannonian Plain*. Including *Kosovo*, it lies between latitudes 41° and 47° N, and longitudes 18° and 23° E. The country has several notable topographical features: *the Pannonian Plain* (mainly Vojvodina) and *river lowlands*, the *Balkan* and *Carpathian Mountains*, the *Dinaric Alps*, along with hillside stretching across central part of Serbia. The **Danube** passes through Serbia with 21% of its overall length, joined by its biggest tributaries, the **Sava** and **Tisa** rivers. The province of **Vojvodina** covers the northern third of the country, and is entirely located within the *Central European Pannonian Plain*. *Dinaric Alps*, gradually rising towards south, cover most of western and central Serbia. The easternmost tip of Serbia extends into the *Wallachian Plain*. The eastern border of the country intersects with the *Carpathian Mountain* range, which run through the whole of Central Europe.

The Southern Carpathians meet the *Balkan Mountains*, following the course of the **Great Morava**, a 500 km long river. The **Midžor peak** is the highest point in eastern Serbia at 2156 m. In the southeast, the **Balkan Mountains** meet the Rhodope Mountains. The **Šar Mountains** of **Kosovo** form the border with Albania, with one of the highest peaks in the region, **Đeravica**, reaching 2656 meters at its peak. *Dinaric Alps* of Serbia follow the flow of the **Drina** river, overlooking the *Dinaric peaks* on the opposite shore in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

ABOUT SERBIA

Niš

Niš is the largest city of southern Serbia and the *third-largest city in Serbia* (after Belgrade and Novi Sad). According to the preliminary results of the 2011 census, the city has an urban population of **182,208 inhabitants**, while its municipality has a population of 257,867. The city covers an area of 597 km², including the urban core, town of Niška Banja and 68 suburbs. Niš is the administrative center of the *Nišava District*.

Niš is one of the *most important industrial centers* in Serbia, a center of electronics industry, industry of *mechanical engineering, textile and tobacco industry*. Constantine the **Great Airport** is its international airport. In 2013 the city will host the celebration of 1700 years of Constantine's Edict of Milan.

History of Niš

It is one of the **oldest cities** in the Balkans and Europe, and has from ancient times been considered a gateway between the East and the West. The Paleo-Balkan Thracians first inhabited the area in the Iron Age, and Triballians dwelled here prior to the Celtic invasion in 279 BC which established the Scordisci as masters of the region. Modern-day Niš was among the cities taken in the Roman conquest in 75 BC. The Romans built the Via Militaris in the 1st century, with Naissus being one of the key towns. Niš is also notable as the birthplace of Constantine the Great, the first Christian Roman Emperor and the founder of Constantinople, as well as two other Roman emperors, Constantius III and Justin I. It is home to one of Serbia's oldest churches dating to the 4th century AD in the suburb of Mediana.

Tourist Sites you should visit

- **Čegar** .The place where Battle on Čegar Hill took place on May 19, 1809.
- **Crveni Krst concentration camp** - One of the few preserved Nazi concentration camps in Europe. It is located on '12 February Boulevard'.
- **Bubanj** - Monument to fallen Yugoslav WWII fighters, forming the shape of three clenched fists. The place where 10,000 civilian hostages from Niš and south Serbia were brutally murdered by German Nazis.
- **Kalča, City passage and Gorča** - Trade centers situated in Milana Obrenovića Street.
- **Memorial Chapel in the memory of NATO bombing victims** - The chapel was built by of Niš local authorities while the monument was built by the State government in 1999. They are situated in Sumatovačka street near Nis Fortress.
- **Niš Fortress** .The remaining fortification was built by the Turks, and dates from the first decades of the 18th century (1719–1723). It is situated in the city center.
- **The fortress-cafes** - They are situated near Stambol gate (the main gate of the fortress).
- **Archeological site**, an Imperial villa, from the late Roman period located on the road leading to Sofia near EI Nis.
- **Banja (Niš spa)** - A very popular spa during the summer season. It is located at 10km from city center on the road leading to Sofia, in the bottom of Suva Planina Mountain.
- **Alley** - An old urban downtown zone in today's Kopitareva Street, built in the first half of 18th century. It was a street full of tinkers and other craftsmen, but today it is packed with cafes and restaurants.
- **Skull Tower** (*Serbian: Теле Кула, Џеле Кула*) - A monument to the Serbian revolutionaries (1804–1813). A tower made out of skulls of Serbian uprisers, killed and decapitated by the Ottomans. It is situated on Zoran Đinđić Boulevard, on the old Constantinople road leading to Sofia.
- **Spa of Topilo**

PUBLIC TRANSPORT IN NIŠ

The public transport in Niš consists of buses and taxis. The regular bus transport starts around 5am and finishes around 11:30pm. The bus ticket costs 45 dinars and you can bought it in the bus.

Taxi service is easy to get and it is very affordable. The fares are 100 dinars for start and 40 dinars per each kilometer. Taxi companies that we recommend are: Naissus and Broz. Be careful with wild taxi drivers that can charge you much more than expected.

CLIMATE

On the macro-level, the climate of Serbia is under the influences of the Atlantic Ocean and Mediterranean Sea and the landmass of Eurasia.

The summers are pretty hot and dry. The weather at daytime is usually sunny with temperatures from 30 to 36°C, but often it can reach 40°C. At nighttime the temperature drops, it is cooler, but it isn't cold (temp. around 25°C). There might be changes in weather; thunderstorms, cold wave etc., but generally speaking it is hot and dry.

During the winter it is pretty cold. The average temperatures are around 0°C or below with minimum temperature of -20°C. The winters can be snowy, dry or rainy, but in any case warm clothes are needed. The seasons are very marked and they change in this order: March – May = spring; May – September = summer; September – December = autumn; December – March = winter.

CLOTHES

If you visit Serbia during the summer, light clothes with bright colors is what you should bring mostly. Also, don't forget your swimsuit, sun glasses and sun protection cream. There might be some rainy and cooler days, so it is advisable to bring an umbrella and a jacket.

During the winter all you need is warm clothes and winter jacket. It is good to have winter shoes too, since some winters might be very snowy.

Formal clothes are usually not required at work. Even if you don't have to wear formal clothes every day it's good to have some for special meetings or events.



GOOD TO KNOW

Smoking in public places is strictly forbidden.

Electricity: 220 V, 50 Hz

Time zone: CET (Central European Time), GMT +01:00.

TELECOMMUNICATION

Mobile Operators

There are three mobile operators in Serbia: **Vip**, **Telenor** and **MTS**. You can buy SIM pre-paid card in any of their stores.

To phone abroad from Serbia:

- 1) dial + (international call prefix)
- 2) dial the country code
- 3) dial area code
- 4) dial the phone number

To phone to Serbia from abroad:

- 1) dial + (international call prefix)
- 2) dial 381 (country code for Serbia)
- 3) dial area code in Serbia (the code for Niš is (0)18)
- 4) dial the phone number



COST OF LIVING

Restaurants Avg.

Meal, Inexpensive Restaurant 6.00 €

Meal for 2, Mid-range Restaurant, Three-course 16.50 €

Combo Meal at McDonalds or Similar 3.00 €

Domestic Beer (0.5 liter draught) 0.65 €

Imported Beer (0.33 liter bottle) 0.70 €

Cappuccino (regular) 1.30 €

Coke/Pepsi (0.33 liter bottle) 0.77 €

Water (0.33 liter bottle) 0.30 €

Markets Avg.

Milk (regular), 1 liter 0.53 €

Loaf of Fresh White Bread (500g) 0.34 €

Eggs (12) 0.95 €

Fresh Cheese (1kg) 3.32 €

Chicken Breasts (Boneless, Skinless), (1kg) 3.35 €

Apples (1kg) 1.00 €

Oranges (1kg) 0.80 €

Potato (1kg) 0.40 €

Lettuce (1 head) 0.30 €

Water (1.5 liter bottle) 0.57 €

Bottle of Wine (Mid-Range) 3.38 €

Domestic Beer (0.5 liter bottle) 0.50 €

Imported Beer (0.33 liter bottle) 0.65 €

Pack of Cigarettes (Marlboro) 1.30 €

Utilities (Monthly) Avg.

Internet (6 Mbps, Unlimited Data, Cable/ADSL) 16.50 €

1 min. of Prepaid Mobile Tariff Local (No Discounts or Plans) 0.10 €

Sports And Leisure Avg.

Fitness Club, Monthly Fee for 1 Adult 16.33 €

Tennis Court Rent (1 Hour on Weekend) 4.67 €

Cinema, International Release, 1 Seat 2.33 €

Clothing And Shoes Avg.

1 Pair of Levis 501 (Or Equivalent) 57.00 €

1 Summer Dress in a Chain Store (Zara, H&M, ...) 20.00 €

1 Pair of Nike Shoes 123.33 €

1 Pair of Men Leather Shoes 83.33 €

Supermarkets and Greenmarkets

The biggest supermarkets in Niš are: **IDEA**, **MAXI**, **TEMPO** and **DIS**. They all have lots of stores in the city, probably one (or more) near you. There are two green markets in Niš: „**Cvetna pijaca**“ near Fortress and „**Bulevarska pijaca**“ near Bulevar Nemanjica.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Police: 192

Fire Brigade: 193

First Aid: 194

Information: 988

IAESTE Niš Office: +381 64 08 02 323

RECOMMENDED PLACES IN NIS

National Restaurants

Stara Srbija (<http://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100002432796485>)

Sindjelic (<http://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100000114381877>)

Dusanov konak

Stari kum

Mrak

Vrtlog

Skadarlija

Citaonica

Galija

Slavija

Koliba

Ruski car

Niska porta

Hamam

Night clubs

Spark (<http://www.facebook.com/MusicClubSpark>)

Studio (<http://www.facebook.com/studionis>)

Cubo club (<http://www.facebook.com/CuboClub>)

Irish pub (<http://www.facebook.com/IrishPubCrazyHorse>)

Sunset (<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Sunset-Club-Nis/120794938037891?ref=ts>)

Shopping Malls

Tempo (www.temponentar.com)

Metro (www.metro.rs)

Mercator (www.mercator.rs)

Idea (<http://www.idea.rs/>)

Interex (<http://interexsrbija.rs/>)

ENGLISH – SERBIAN DICTIONARY

English Phrases

English Greetings

Hi!

Good morning!

Good evening!

Welcome! (to greet someone)

How are you?

I'm fine, thanks!

And you?

Good/ So-So.

Thank you (very much)!

You're welcome! (for "thank you")

Hey! Friend!

I missed you so much!

What's new?

Nothing much

Good night!

See you later!

Good bye!

Serbian Phrases

Serbian Greetings:

Zdravo!

Dobro jutro!

Dobro veče!

Dobrodošli (pl); Dobrodošla (f);

Dobrodošao (m)

Kako ste? (polite); Kako si?

Dobro. Hvala.

A vi? (polite); A ti?

Dobro/Kako – tako.

Hvala (puno)!

Nema na čemu!

Hej! Prijatelju!

Nedostajao (m)/ Nedostajala (f) si mi puno!

Šta ima novo?

Ništa

Laku noć!

Vidimo se kasnije!

Doviđenja!

Asking for Help and Directions

I'm lost

Can I help you?

Can you help me?

Where is the (bathroom/ pharmacy)?

Go straight! then turn left/ right!

I'm looking for john.

One moment please!

Hold on please! (phone)

How much is this?

Excuse me ...! (to ask for something)

Excuse me! (to pass by)

Come with me!

How to Introduce Yourself

Do you speak (English/ Serbian)?

Just a little.

What's your name?

My name is ...

Mr.../ Mrs.../ Miss...

Nice to meet you!

You're very kind!

Where are you from?

I'm from (the U.S/ Serbia)

Izgubio (m) / Izgubila (f) sam se

Mogu li da vam (polite) / ti pomognem?

Možete li da mi pomognete?

Gde je (kupatilo / apoteka)?

Idite pravo! Onda skrenite levo/desno.

Tražim Džona.

Sačekajte momenat.

Sačekajte molim vas! (telefon)

Koliko košta ovo_

Izvinite..

Izvinite / Pardon

Pođite sa mnom

Da li govorite (polite) / govoriš

Engleski/Srpski?

Samo malo.

Kako se zovete (polite) / zoveš?

Zovem se...

Gospodin / Gospođa / Gospođica

Drago mi je!

Veoma ste (polite) / si ljubazni (polite) /

ljubazan (m) / ljubazna (f)

Odakle ste (polite) / si?

Ja sam iz (SAD-a/ Srbije)

I'm (American)
Where do you live?
I live in (the U.S/ Serbia)
Did you like it here?
Serbia is a wonderful country
What do you do for a living?
I work as a (translator/ businessman)
I like Serbian
I've been learning Serbian for 1 month
Oh! That's good!
How old are you?
I'm (twenty, thirty...) years old.
I have to go
I will be right back!

Wish Someone Something

Good luck!
Happy birthday!
Happy new year!
Merry Christmas!
Congratulations!
Enjoy! (for meals...)

I'd like to visit Serbia one day
Say hi to John for me
Bless you (when sneezing)
Good night and sweet dreams!

Ja sam (Amerikanac)
Gde živite (polite) / živiš?
Živim u (SAD-u / Srbiji)
Da li vam (polite) / ti se sviđa ovde?
Srbija je predivna zemlja.
Čime se bavite (polite) / baviš?
Radim kao (prevodilac / biznismen)
Sviđa mi se srpski.
Učim srpski mesec dana.
Oh! To je dobro.
Koliko imate (polite) / imaš godina?
Imam (dvadeset, trideset..) godina.
Moram da idem.
Vratiću se brzo.

Srećno!
Srećan rođendan!
Srećna nova godina!
Srećan božić!
Čestitam!
Priyatno!
Voleo (m) / volela (f) bih da posetim
Srbiju jednog dana.
Pozdravi Džona u moje ime.
Nazdravlje!
Laku noć & slatki snovi!

Solving a Misunderstanding

I'm Sorry! (if you don't hear something)

Sorry (for a mistake)

No Problem!

Can You Say It Again?

Can You Speak Slowly?

Write It Down Please!

I Don't Understand!

I Don't Know!

I Have No Idea.

What's That Called In Serbian?

What Does "gato" Mean In English?

How Do You Say "Please" In Serbian?

What Is This?

My Serbian is bad.

I need to practice my Serbian

Don't worry!

Serbian Expressions and Words

Good/ Bad/ So-So.

Big/ Small

Today/ Now

Tomorrow/ Yesterday

Yes/ No

Here you go! (when giving something)

Do you like it?

I really like it!

Pardon (nisam čuo (m) / čula (f))

Izvinite (polite) / Izvini.

Nema problema!

Možeš/ možete (polite) li da ponovite?

Možeš/ možete (polite) li pričati sporije?

Zapišite to molim vas.

Ne razumem.

Ne znam.

Nemam pojma.

Kako se to kaže na srpskom?

Šta znači 'lingua' na engleskom?

Kako se kaže 'Please' na srpskom?

Šta je ovo?

Moj srpski je loš.

Treba da vežbam srpski.

Ne brinite se (polite). Ne brini.

Dobro/ Loše/ Tako-tako.

Veliko/ Malo.

Danas/ Sada.

Sutra/ Juče.

Da/ Ne.

Izvoli/ Izvolite (polite).

Da li ti/ vam (polite) se sviđa?

Veoma mi se sviđa.

I'm hungry/ thirsty.

In The Morning/ Evening/ At Night.

This/ That. Here/There

Me/ You. Him/ Her.

Really!

Look!

Hurry up!

What? Where?

What time is it?

It's 10 o'clock. 07:30pm.

Give me this!

I love you!

I feel sick.

I need a doctor

One, Two, Three

Four, Five, Six

Seven, Eight, Nine, Ten

Gladan (m) / Gladna (f) / Žedan (m) /
Žedna (f) sam.

Ujutro/ Predveče / Uveče.

Ovo/ Ono. Ovde/ Tamo.

Ja/ Ti. On/Ona.

Stvarno!

Pogledaj/ Pogledajte (polite and pl).

Požuri/ Požurite (polite and pl).

Šta? Gde?

Koliko je sati?

Deset sati je. Sedam i trideset je.

Daj/ Dajte (polite) mi ovo!

Volim te!

Loše se osećam.

Treba mi doctor.

Jedan, dva, tri

Četiri, pet, šest

Sedam, osam, devet, deset

ARRIVAL

Picking you up

You have to send us an email with details of your arrival (exact date, hour, and place). When we'll get this information we'll send someone to pick you up. It would be good if your email includes contact phone or other way to communicate you during your journey in case some changes. Above mentioned details please send to our e-mail address info@iaeste-nis.org.rs.

You can enter Serbia by plane, train, bus or car.

Accomodation

Lodging for the students will be arranged by IAESTE Niš Serbia. It will be either in a dormitory or in a private household. Estimated cost of lodging is approximately 100 euros.

FINANCE

The currency in Serbia is called Serbian dinar (RSD). At the moment of making this booklet the exchange rates are:

1 EUR = 110,71 RSD

1 USD = 84,61 RSD

1 GBP = 130.82 RSD

The current exchange rate you can check on this site <http://www.kursna-lista.info/>. In Serbia you can find coins of 1,2,5,10 and 20 dinars and notes of 10, 20, 50, 100, 200, 500, 1000, 2000 and 5000 dinars. Money can be exchanged at hotels, banks and exchange offices (called “Menjačnica”) at the current rate of exchange.

Credit cards American Express, Visa, Diners club, MasterCard and Eurocard are accepted up to a total amount of 150 EUR per day. Traveler’s checks can be exchanged in any major bank office. Banks and post offices are open between 8am and 4pm during the week, and between 8am and 1pm on Saturdays.

Remark: Upon your arrival in our country you must leave deposit of 20 euros at the IAESTE account, that will cover unexpected damage in the dormitory, as well as at your workplace, caused by disrespecting the working conditions stated in the job offer. However, you will be obligated to meet the costs for repairing any damage. For specific questions and problems you are always welcomed to contact us at info@iaeste-nis.org.rs

Checklist

- Valid passport (visa if necessary)
- Insurance
- Tickets
- Acceptance note
- Arrival information sent by IAESTE LC Niš
- Pocket money for the bus from the airport in case no one appears there
- Sufficient money for the first month
- This booklet
- ISIC card (International student card)
- International Driving license if you intend driving
- Alarm clock
- Camera
- Adapter for your electrical equipment (220V/50Hz)
- Electrical chargers for: mobile phone, camera and player
- Swimming suit
- Sleeping bag
- May be needed (rucksack, trekking boots).
- Something for your country presentation (information material, flag, music, or some specialties for international evening)
- First Aid Kit
- Special medicine if necessary
- Humor and smile
- Mood for great party

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