

Living in Belgrade Guide



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Areas marked with a * have been edited but lots more work
can be done as things are always changing in Belgrade*

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BELGRADE GENERAL INFORMATION

Belgrade is one of the oldest cities in Europe. It is situated on the confluences of the rivers Sava and Danube, and settlements have existed here since pre-historic times. In its 5000+ years of existence, it has passed from the Celts to the Romans, who knew it as Singidunum, to the Byzantines under whom it was called Alba Graeca. The Slavic name of Beograd, which in English translates as “White City”, was first used in 878. The population is currently around 1.6 million.

Climate

Belgrade has a moderate continental climate, with four seasons. Autumn is longer than spring, with longer sunny and warm periods. Winter is not so severe, with an average of 21 days of sub-zero temperature. January is the coldest month, (0.4 °C average). Spring is short and rainy. Summer arrives abruptly. The hottest months are July (21.7°C average) and August (21.3°C average) although it is not unusual for temperatures to reach mid-30°s during those months.

The Southeast wind *Košava*, which brings clear and dry weather, is characteristic of Belgrade climate. It mostly blows in autumn and winter, in 2-3 days intervals. The average speed of *Košava* is 25-43 km/h but certain strokes can reach up to 130 km/h. *Košava* is the strongest air cleaner of Belgrade.

The average annual rainfall on Belgrade is 685 mm. The rainiest months are May and June. There are about 10 hours of sun a day in July and August, while December and January are the cloudiest, with only 2 hours of sun per day. The average number of snowy days is 27; snow cover lasts from 30 to 44 days, and its average thickness is 14 to 25 cm.

The weather is prone to large fluctuations in temperature, a drop or raise of 15°C overnight is not uncommon. Republic Hydro meteorological Service of Serbia has a good weather website <http://www.hidmet.gov.rs/>
Alternatively www.accuweather.com is reasonably accurate.

Mosquitoes can be a severe problem in the summer months despite aerial spraying. The substance used for aerial spraying is eco-friendly and we are advised that there have been no reported side effects amongst the population, indeed, even the bees are unaffected. However, it is probably advisable to keep children and pets in whilst they are spraying and for the night afterwards.

Ticks appear in grassy and bushy areas from early spring and, as sometimes they can carry disease, it is worth considering inoculation against tick borne encephalitis.

Security

Belgrade is a large city, so take all normal, sensible precautions. By and large, Belgrade is a safe city. Most areas frequented by ex-pats are safe to walk around freely, even at night. However, it is wise not to become complacent. There is some risk from pickpockets, especially on public transport and in tourist areas. Burglaries and thefts do occur, so ensure you carry out normal precautions. Expats are advised to be careful if attending professional football or basketball games where local rivalries can flare up.



USEFUL TIPS ON SERBIAN HABITS & CUSTOMS

Flowers - When buying flowers remember to take an odd number of flowers when visiting or to give to any living being, but an even number of flowers if going to a funeral or to the cemetery.

Slava - A Slava is the celebration of a saint's day and is one, if not the most important, festivity for every family. People are given a days holiday from work for their Slava. When going to a Slava one usually gives flowers to the hostess and a bottle of alcohol to the host. You will either be invited for a specific time (i.e. either lunch or dinner) or told to come whenever you would like. Scheduling business/mission dinners on such days should be avoided. Adage: one half of Belgrade celebrates St. Nicholas (19 December), the other half goes to it. Another mass Slava is St George's Day on 6 May.

Greetings - People kiss three times on the cheek when they haven't seen each other for a while. Everyday friends usually kiss once.

Business Lunch - Lunch is usually not around 12 a.m. but around 3 p.m.

Eating Habits - Rather heavy meals featuring large amounts of meat with no distinction between supper and dinner (formal, that is sit down, versus informal). Vegetarianism is a rarity but most restaurants serve salads.

Coffee - Coffee is taken anytime over tea. No tea drinking culture exists and, consequently, cafes will usually only serve herbal teas such as camomile, linden, mint, rose hip. Adage: "only drink tea when ill." Many Serbians drink Turkish coffee at home, so when visiting a home, you can expect it to be served. Restaurants and cafes serve espresso drinks and Nescafe. Tea is also available – the word for all tea is "chai" not to be confused with the "chai" flavor.

Paying the Bill - It is often the case that one person pays for all and it is always the case that whoever did the inviting to lunch/drinks picks up the bill. The bill will never be brought to you until you ask for it.

Non-smoking – Smoking is cheap and popular in Serbia. Smoking is extremely prevalent in nearly all restaurants and bars. Keep track of the Belgrade Foreign Visitors Club facebook page for news about non-smoking places.

Calendar - While the country operates on the globally accepted Gregorian calendar, important church holidays, e.g. Christmas use the Julian calendar and this event occurs therefore two weeks after the Gregorian. This is often shown in print as both dates (i.e. St. Nicholas, Dec 6/Dec19; Christmas Day, Dec 25/Jan 7; New Year's Day Jan 1/Jan 14).

The date of Easter is also determined differently, although it can coincide in with the Catholic/Protestant one, the Orthodox celebration is usually between 1 to 7 weeks afterwards.

Children – Serbs love children and children are welcomed everywhere. If you have a baby in a pushchair don't be surprised/offended if you are offered a small gift for the child from a

complete stranger. In the market your child may well be given a free carrot or apple from a vendor. When queuing for things, people with small children are often pushed to the front of a queue.

Serbian Orthodox Religion



Culturally speaking, almost all Serbians consider themselves “Orthodox.” The majority of the population of Belgrade who practice their religion do so within the Serbian Orthodox Church (SOC). This is from a "family of churches", such as the Greek and the Russian, which share common doctrines and practices. It is self-governing under its Patriarch. There are some differences between the Orthodox Church and Churches in the western world, which are worth noting.

Fasting

This practice is worth keeping in mind if you invite Orthodox Christians to eat with you. There are four periods within the year when adherents do not eat meat, dairy products, eggs, chocolate or food prepared with margarine. These periods of fasting are:

The Christmas fasting period called *Božićni post* lasts for six weeks leading up to the Orthodox Christmas - 7 January;

The Easter fast, *Veliki post* starts seven weeks before Easter. Easter Sunday, unlike Christmas, is dependent upon the church calendar therefore has no fixed date;

The third fasting period is called *Petrov post*. In 2004, it took place from 7 June until 11 July, leading up to St. Peter’s Day on 12 July. As per Easter, St. Peter’s Day is dependent upon the church calendar and therefore is not a fixed date;

The fourth fasting period is *Veliko Gospoinski post*. This fast lasts from 13 to 27 August, leading up to 28 August and the holy day marking the death of the Virgin Mary. Like Christmas, this date is fixed.

It is sensible to ask what a person is happy or unhappy to eat although no offence is usually taken if you are not aware of their rules.

Liturgy

The main church celebration of the Eucharist (Mass, Lord’s Supper) is known as the Liturgy. In Belgrade churches Eucharist begins at 9.00 or 9.30 a.m. and will last for up to two hours – though not everyone stays until the end. Generally men and women stand on different sides of the church, though this is not enforced. Unless you are Orthodox, you will not be expected to receive communion. Ladies are encouraged to wear a head covering in church, and in summer, shorts or sleeveless shirts are unacceptable. This last point is valid even when you visit a church outside of service times.



GETTING AROUND

Maps

Printed maps are available to buy at larger book stores. A good online map of Belgrade is www.planplus.rs.

Google maps is very useful for finding streets, but not directing you to the correct location for the number on that street.

Public Transport

Belgrade has an increasingly efficient public transport system. With its network of buses, trolley buses (these run on routes with electric wires overhead) and trams (these run on tracks) the entire city, including New Belgrade and Zemun is covered. In some places in the center, the tram tracks share the same roadway with cars. GSP / ГСП, runs most public transport. Moovit Belgrade app helps you to get around the city. *

Maps www.gsp.rs/english/main.htm - the website has maps and lines for buses, trolley buses and trams. Note, that it is not always totally up to date. Maps with bus lines are available in some book shops.

Buses tend to pull away quickly so make sure you are holding on. People are good at giving up seats for old people/children/pregnant women. On the other hand, it is not typical for a man to give up his seat for a woman who is not pregnant or elderly.

Tickets

Electronic BusPlus tickets have entirely replaced the old paper tickets. The BusPlus system is similar to the Oyster card system in London, the Octopus card in Hong Kong and systems in other capital cities.

You can buy a plastic credit card sized card valid for three years. This can be personalized or non-personalized cards and cost a fee of 250 dinars. Credit can then be added to this card at Štampa outlets which include many of the common street kiosks (selling news, drinks, and cigarettes) throughout Belgrade. Alternatively temporary paper cards are available and are valid for three months, at a cost of 40 dinars. Credit needs to be added.



Plastic cards can be credited as many times as you want, with any amount, much like your cell phone, while paper cards can be credited with up to 500 dinars.

When entering the bus you must swipe your card (plastic or paper) against the reader located near the door. 90 dinar will be deducted from the card's credit. The card reader/validator only works when the vehicle is stationary, so be sure to swipe on entry. There is no need to swipe your card on exiting.

Citizens who rarely use public transport or tourists will have an option, which is buying

tickets for one ride from the driver inside the vehicle, which will cost 120 dinars in the first zone or 145 dinars in the second zone. This is not commonly done and more hassle than it sounds.

There are regular ticket inspectors who impose on the spot fines (3000din at present!) on passengers without validated tickets.

Private mini buses operate on the same routes as the GSP, plus some extra routes. They also accept BusPlus tickets and cost slightly more than normal buses. Small E line buses, you pay in cash to the driver. *

Buses, trolleys and tramways operate from 04:30 – 23.30 at intervals of 3-20 min.

There are no specific time schedules.

Night Lines operate at far longer intervals and with slightly modified bus numbers.

For all information on city lines contact: tel. 011/629-019 / 625-582

Transport of handicapped persons: tel. 011/625-582

Metro

There is a limited Metro with just one line at present. The line connects Pančevački Most station with Novi Beograd station in 16 minutes travel time. The line has 5 stations - Pančevački Most, Vukov Spomenik, Karađorđev park, Beograd Centar and Novi Beograd. Trains run every 30 minutes; every 15 minutes during rush hour. An extension of this line to Zemun and Batajnica and also a new line from Resnik is planned.

Taxis

Taxis are everywhere in Belgrade, although not cheap they are affordable. Fares are metered so do ensure that the taxi driver is using his meter and that it is correctly set at the start of the journey. The official tariff must start at 170RSD. Depending upon the time of day, rates vary per kilometre. Tariff 1 is within Belgrade, 6am-10pm, 70RSD/km, there is a higher tariff after 10pm, and for outside of central Belgrade.

Only use a taxi displaying a sign (usually on the roof) with the name of the taxi company and a separate sign with its registration number (usually 4 digits). Without **both** of these, your taxi is likely to be unregistered and operating illegally. Avoid taxis displaying only a 'taxi' sign and no company name. These are called "private" taxis. If they happen to be first in a taxi line, it is okay to go to the next taxi and explain that you don't want a private taxi. It is strongly recommended that you call or SMS for taxis and do not take them from the taxi ranks whenever possible. The prices from taxis waiting for fares are often much higher, especially late night outside Beton Hala, Sava Mala, or any other area with lively night life.

Taxi from Airport - Beware of taking taxis to/from the airport; check in advance how much the fare is going to be as some 'cowboys' operate on this route. This is not so much of a problem since 2011, when the City of Belgrade and the Belgrade Airport adopted a zone system for taxis from the airport to one of six different zones. Senjak and Dedinje are in Zone 2 which is 1,800 dinars. Passengers arriving in Belgrade can take a taxi receipt at the TAXI INFO desk (located near the exit of the airport building) which states the name of your destination and appropriate price before proceeding to the taxi stand. For complaints, contact

011-32-27-000 or 011-22-89-375. *

Booking a Taxi – It is often convenient to call for a taxi by phone for no extra cost. You can't book hours ahead of your journey, taxis will arrive within 10 minutes of you making a call. However, if it's rush hour or bad weather (rain/snow), it is harder to get a taxi. Tips are not expected but rounding up the fare is appreciated.

Book by SMS text:

Several companies accept bookings sent by SMS – see above for numbers. Text your location address to the taxi company. You will shortly receive one of the following replies:



Vozilo broj 613, stize za 3 minuta. = Taxi number 613 will arrive in 3 minutes.

OR

Nista slobodno. = Nothing available.

If you receive this message, wait 2-3 minutes and try again.

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|-----------------|---------------|----------|
| * Beo Taxi | 011/970 | SMS 9700 |
| * Pink Taxi | 011/9803 | |
| * Lux Taxi | 011/30 33 123 | SMS 3033 |
| Beogradski Taxi | 011/9801 | |
| Zuti Taxi | 011/9802 | |
| Maksis Taxi | 011/9804 | |
| Plavi Taxi | 011/9805 | |
| Alfa Taxi | 011/9807 | |
| Bel Taxi | 011/9808 | |
- * top rated

Motor Vehicles

Vehicle Registration

Foreign cars must be registered in Serbia within thirty days of clearing customs. Foreigners can register their cars with the transportation department of the nearest local police station.

Documents required:

- Proof of customs clearance
- Proof of ownership
- Proof of foreign registration translated into Serbian
- Passport
- Serbian visa, as appropriate
- Work permit (if applicable)
- Proof of temporary residence in Serbia
- Results of technical examination or inspection of the car

Foreign cars used by tourists in Serbia (in cases when the simplified procedure of customs

clearance without documentation was applied) do not need to be registered as long as the inspection certificate is still valid.

Car Insurance

You will need third party insurance for the journey out, including a “Green Card”, to cover you once you get across the border. Some Western European and American insurance companies will cover you in Serbia, but many don't. If your company doesn't, you can buy third party insurance when you come across the border. There are various kiosks next to the Bureau do Change (“Menjacnica” in Serbian). Dunav Osiguranje and Generali are good companies. They normally accept Dinars or Euros. Get 4-6 weeks worth of insurance to cover you until you get re-registered.

Most embassies recommend purchasing comprehensive and collision insurance from your home country and Third Party liability insurance in Serbia.

For more information about importing a car into Serbia:

<http://www.nzvanlines.co.nz/webfiles/NZVanLines/files/Serbia.pdf>

Driving

New driving laws came into effect in 2009, in an aim to reduce road deaths in Serbia. A summary can be seen at the website below.

http://www.b92.net/eng/news/society-article.php?yyyy=2009&mm=12&dd=10&nav_id=63652

Most of the laws follow common sense good driving practice, and bring Serbia in line with the rest of Europe. Fines can be issued at the scene of the violation, however these fines will *not* be payable at the scene of the violation; you will have 8 days to pay them.

Below are a few of the new laws which may be less obvious:

- Drivers must wear a seatbelt. Failing to do so incurs a penalty of 5,000 dinars.
- It is mandatory to have the short/side lights on at all times when driving. The penalty is 3,000 dinars for no lights.
- The use of mobile phones is strictly forbidden, if the hands are engaged. The use of mobile phones is allowed only if the phones are hands-free and/or the Bluetooth is connected. Failing to obey this rule will result in a 5,000 dinar fine.
- The speed limit on the highway is 120 km/h. The speed limit in inhabited areas it is 50 km/h, and 30 km/h in a school zone. You can be banned from driving for a month for speeding. Speed cameras are slowly being installed on some routes.
- If a pedestrian crosses the street on a red light, the penalty is 5,000 dinars. If the

pedestrian is accompanied by a child that is less than 12 years old, the penalty is 6,000 - 20,000 dinars.

- No child under the age of 12 is allowed in the front seat.
- You are allowed to park only 3 minutes at a non-parking spot, but the driver must remain in the car, or next to it for those three minutes. The penalty for inappropriate parking is 5,000 dinars. If the driver doesn't admit the violation, the driver could be fined 6 to 20 thousand dinars if found guilty.
- When stopped by a policeman neither the driver nor the passengers can leave the vehicle unless permitted to do so. Doing so will incur a 5,000 dinar penalty.
- When broken down the vehicle must be marked with a reflective triangle. The triangle has to be put at least 50m behind the vehicle when outside inhabited areas and 10m when in inhabited areas. All 4 indicators must be on and the driver must wear a fluorescent vest
- Mild intoxication is indicated at 0.03% blood alcohol level. Moderate intoxication is defined at 0.031% - 0.050% blood alcohol level. This incurs a mandatory 5,000 dinar fine and the driver is prevented from driving for at least 12 hours. Higher levels of blood alcohol incur increasingly stiff penalties. **Effectively the rules here can be interpreted as "no alcohol for drivers"**.
- It is a legal requirement to have **winter tyres** on all four wheels of your car during the winter months (1st November - 1st April). This is strongly recommended anyway for driving in the snow, as very few residential roads are plowed.

List of equipment that everyone should have in their vehicles:

Mandatory equipment (at all times):

1. Spare tyre
2. Safety triangle
3. First aid kit size "B" (standard SRPS Z.B2.001)
4. Reflective safety vest
5. Towing rope
6. Set of reserve light bulbs and reserve fuses
7. The **European Damage Report** is mandatory to have in your vehicles. The paper will give the driver an opportunity to make an agreement with the driver of the vehicle they had collision with, without involving police. That will be possible only with minor car damages and with no human casualties/injuries.

If you do have an accident, cars are to be left in the position they collided (do not remove from the road). Police are then called to the scene. It is worth taking photos of the accident with your phone/camera for future reference.

Be aware of motorcycles overtaking you on the right or left, and between lanes of traffic. They appear to have different rules than cars.

Parking

Parking is cheap, but not plentiful. There are few car parks and most parking is on the street.

There is a list of some car parks/ garages on this website.

http://www.parking-servis.co.rs/en/parking_facilities/garages

In the city centre parking on the street is divided into zones (red, yellow, green).



Zone 1 (red), parking for 1 hour maximum.

Zone 2 (yellow), parking for 2 hours maximum.

Zone 3 (green), parking for 3 hours maximum.

Parking can be paid by text from your mobile phone.

- Check which zone you are parked in on the street sign;. It costs between 30-50din/hour.
- Send a message with your car's registration number (without any spaces or dashes) **and the last two digits (which are the year of registration)** eg. BG123YZ17

For diplomatic plates you must add the BG, so if your car registration number is for example BG 30-A-031, you should type **BG30A03117** (for those who have no. 17 at the end of their plates).

You will immediately receive a message back saying “Za vozila broj BG123AB123 vi ste kupili carte...” which means you have successfully paid for parking until the date and time noted in the message. If you get a different message, check that you have correctly entered your registration number and try again.

- You will receive a reminder SMS, 5–10mins before your parking expires. You may then send another message to renew your parking up to the parking time limit. **If you know you will be parked for 2 or 3 hours, you can send 2 or 3 messages (in Zones 2 and 3 respectively) all at once to avoid missing the reminder and possibly paying a ticket (about 1500 dinars!).**

TOP TIP – make a text message template on your phone with your registration number, and save the zone numbers; then you can quickly pay for your parking with only a few clicks.

In other areas including Zemun you may need to pay & display from a machine for your parking, check on the parking sign. Phone number for

SMS payment is displayed on the sign.

If you do receive a **parking ticket**, it is advisable you verify the time it was issued. Some have found that tickets were issued in error and were able to call the parking ticket office to contest this. Others have noted that the parking official entered the license plate incorrectly. Keep saved in your cell phone the SMS messages which you received which say you are allowed to park until such-and-such time as proof that you are legally parked.

There are also several apps you can get on your phone, and using location services, you are able to send payment directly to the correct zone. *

You can access this site for the latest rates and information on parking in Belgrade

<http://www.domovina.com/parking-in-belgrade-city-center.html>

Car Towing

There is a fleet of tow trucks which tow illegally parked cars. This seems to happen rapidly and regularly in certain hotspots, especially at Maxi supermarket at Pink TV and Sveti Marco church near Tašmajdan Park. The trucks are known as the 'spider'.

The fine for a towed car is approximately €120.

There are several locations where they take towed cars, and annoyingly they may not know in which one your car is located. Ada Cingalija, Slavija, Vidin kapija, or Staro sajmiste. You can use the following website to find the location of your car:

http://www.parking-servis.co.rs/en/vehicle_towing/where_is_my_vehicle

You can also call the tow truck to tow a vehicle blocking your property/car. Tel: 011/303 5400.

Car rental

Avis, Obilicev Venac 25, tel. 011/629-423, 620-362
Bulevar Kralja Aleksandra 94, tel. 011/433-323

Budget, Nikola Tesla Airpot tel. 011/311 3050

Europcar, Hyatt Regency Hotel tel. 011/137-703

Masters, Hotel Slavija tel. 011/450-842

Putnik Rent-a-Car, Hotel Putnik, Palmira Toljatija 9, New Belgrade tel. 0695-225, 319-3805

Sixt, Airport Nikola Tesla, tel. 011/2286-356
Zorza Klemansoa 19, tel. 011/3286654

Unis, Cara Uroša 10, tel. 011/634-766

VIP, Humska 1, tel. 011/369-1890

Yu hertz, Jugoslavija Hotel, tel. 011/2692-339

NECESSITIES

Paying Bills

Normal household bills (electricity, Internet, etc.) may be paid at any post office or bank. Take a copy of your bill, showing the amount to be paid and account number and routing number for the company to be paid. Go to the teller and complete a payment form with all the pertinent information. She/he will enter it in the computer and then you will go to the cashier “*Blagajna*” to pay. Be sure to get your receipt to prove your payment in case of any disagreement with the vendor.

Communications

Major Internet Service Providers

For EU Net (and perhaps other providers) clients may pay for several months’ service at once and receive a discount for doing so.

BeoTelNet, Maršala Tolbuhina 56, tel: 3404-118, fax: 3404-121,
www.beotel.rs

Bitsyu, Svetozara Markovića 23-25, tel: 3239-494, www.bitsyu.net

EUnet, Topličin venac 3, tel: 3281-121, fax: 3030-811, www.eunet.rs

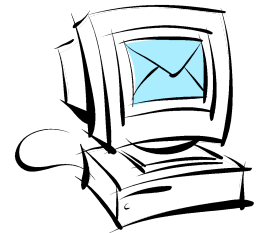
InfoSky, Jevrejska 32, tel: 3215-332 www.infosky.net

SBB, Kralja Petra 45/VI, 11000 Beograd. tel: 330-5252, email: info@sbb.co.rs, www.sbb.rs

SCnet, Sava centar, Milentija Popovića 9, Tel: 311-5684, Fax: 311-3481, www.net.rs

SezamPro, Skadarska 40/III-4, Tel: 3227-231, Fax: 3227-231, www.sezampro.rs

YUBC Net, Braće Jugovića 16/I, Tel: 33-43-697, www.yubc.net



Local Mail - Pošta (Пoштa)	Express mail companies
Opening hours: 08.00-20.00	
Head Post Office , Takovska 2, Tel: 323-8481 Dedinje - Neznanog Junaka 2a (behind Maxi) Senjak – opposite the market but further along the street, (travelling away from the Maxi). Pošta Beograd 6 , Savska 2, Tel: 011/3643-100 <i>Weekdays and Saturdays: 08.00-19.00</i>	PTT , Express mail service, Takovska 2, Tel: 9809 DHL , Omladinskih brigada 86, Tel: 011/318-1844 UPS , Aerodrom Beograd, Tel: 011/601-555 ext. 2112



<p><i>Sundays and holidays: 08.00-15.00</i> Near the railway station, just up from the central Police Station where visas are obtained.</p>	<p>TNT, Cvijićeva 60, Tel: 011/769-232 FedEx, Autoput 22, Tel: 011/3149-075</p>
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To post **international parcels** you must go to **Pošta Beograd 6**, Savska 2, □ Your parcel must be left open so that they can check the contents. Sending and receiving international post is not reliable. Most people experience lost or damaged parcels. Only send/receive items of low monetary & emotional value. For other items, a private carrier such as UPS or DHL is recommended.

Telephones

Phone numbers are 6 or 7 digits long.
Numbers beginning with 062, 063 and 064 are mobile phone numbers.

Belgrade code **011**
Serbia country code **+381**

When giving your Serbian phone number people in other countries remember to drop the 0 from the beginning of the number.
Eg. 011/123-4567 becomes +381 11-123 4567

When making **international calls** dial: 00 + *country code* + *number*
International Operator, dial 901

Mobile Phones



062, 063 or 069 **Telenor** www.telenor.co.rs
064, 065 **Telekom Srbija**, Makedonska 2, tel: 064-789, www.mts.telekom.rs
060 and 061 **VIP communications** www.vipmobile.co.rs

Internet calls

Many people use Skype (www.skype.com), a free download which allows you to make free computer-to-computer calls, or cheap computer-to-telephone. You will need a high speed connection and a microphone to use this service. Other providers of cheap internet calls are www.cheapvoip.com and www.vonage.com.

TV/ Satellite Providers

SBB www.sbb.rs, Cable TV

IKOM www.ikom.rs Cable TV

Total TV (www.totaltv.tv), cable TV through Satellite

Mr. Jasminko, tel. 063/237 076 or 063/237076

English spoken. An installation specialist and a provider of satellite TV receivers.

Netflix is also now available in Serbia *

HEALTH

Medical Cards

All non-Serbian citizens officially working in Serbia are entitled to Serbian medical cards for themselves and all their dependents. It is a green/orange card folded into three, with Cyrillic writing. The card is issued via your employer. The card needs to have the current stickers inside the card to make it valid – check with your employer how regularly you need to get a sticker (eg. 6/12months) and ensure your employer provides the sticker for you. Take your medical card with you when you attend a hospital. The Serbian medical card entitles you to free medical care at state institutions to the same level as a Serbian citizen would receive. Most expats use private clinics for routine visits.

Pharmacies

Pharmacists are generally helpful and often speak excellent English. They can sell many medicines over the counter without prescription, and will happily suggest a suitable product for minor ailments.

Most pharmacies that you see are private pharmacies. State pharmacies are harder to find, but are sometimes the only places to stock certain prescribed medicines.

Medication Availability Number

Instead of driving from one pharmacy to another to hunt down some special medication, you can call up two special information numbers:

State pharmacies 011/2435 008

Private pharmacies 011/2671 996

You tell them the name of the medication you need and in which part of town you live, they will then look up in which pharmacy the product is generally listed and give you the number of the specific pharmacy. You can then call this pharmacy and find out if they presently have the medication on stock.

Prima Pharmacy, Kralja Aleksandra (opposite new hotel) is a good place to get harder to find medicines.

Lilly and **DM** stores all have pharmacies attached, and are good places to find general toiletries, baby products and diapers.

Emergency Information

Emergency services have English speaking operators.

If it's a **true emergency call 194 immediately**.

If the patient is walking wounded you are better driving or getting a taxi to hospital

Dr Dusan Teodorovic Tel: 063/378 999

Available 24/7 to help with emergency advice & translation (see below for more info)

24 hour health service

Klinički Centar, Pasterova 2 – located off Kneza Miloša. Emergency hospital where all ambulance cases are taken. The main public emergency hospital in Belgrade.

Belmedic, Viktora Igoa 1, Senjak, or Koste Jovanovica 87 (just off Oslobođenja).

Tel: 011/309-1000, or 011/3065-888

Many Staff speak English. Open 24 hours a day for children and adults, covering all medical fields. They contract with a wide range of specialists who are available on call. They have ambulances and can deal with minor emergencies (“walking wounded”).

Bežanijska Kosa Medical Centre, Zemun, Bežanijska Kosa bb. Tel 3010-700 / 2697-038

www.bkosa.edu.rs - located just off the Belgrade – Zagreb highway, towards the airport. Exit at the Bežanijska Kosa exit.

Dr. Dragiša Mišović Medical Centre, Heroja Milana Tepića 1, Dedinje Tel:011/2667-122

www.dragisamisovic.com

Military Medical Academy, *Vojno-Medicinska Akademija/VMA*

Crnotravska 17, Banjica tel 011/2661-122

Certain embassy's have an agreement to be able to use VMA, check to see if you are entitled.. Good for severe injuries for adults only. You need to request to be taken here by

the ambulance crew.
www.vma.mod.gov.rs

Serbian Medical Centre, Pasterova 2. Tel: 011/361-8444
Zvezdara Medical Centre, Dimitrija Tucovića 161. Tel: 011/3810-969
Zemun Medical Centre, Zemun, Vukova 9. Tel: 011/3772-666

Children's Hospitals

The following are two children's hospitals recommended for emergency stabilisation but not routine cases. **These hospitals rotate their after-hours clinics based on the date.**

However if you have a **real emergency go to the one nearest you** and they will have someone available to treat your child.

Even dates, 2,4,6, etc:

Children's Clinic - Dejca Klinika, Tiršova 10, Belgrade Tel: 011-206-0639
Located within Klinički Centar complex off Kneza Miloša.

Odd dates, 1,3,5 etc:

Mother & Child Institute – Institut za majku i dete, Radoja Dakića 6-8, New Belgrade
Tel: 011-310-8161 (non-urgent), 011-310-8152 (urgent)

Medical Centres

Belmedic, Viktora Igoa 1, Senjak, or Koste Jovanovica 87.
tel: 011/309-1000, or 011/3065-888
Staff speak English. Open 24 hours a day for children and adults, covering all medical fields.
They have ambulances and can deal with minor emergencies ("walking wounded").

Diplomatic Clinic, St Vojvode Milenka 35
Tel: 011/ 2644 952 (adults); 011/ 3616-084, 011/ 3616-339 (children)
Open 8am-3pm.
The clinic of the standard Serbian health service which has been set up to help deal with diplomats health.
Some English speaking staff. Considerably cheaper than other providers.
Dr. Djuvisic recommended.

Irva Clinic, Beogradskog bataljona 115, Košutnjak, Beograd.
Tel: 011/254 6863, 011/357-2426 Mobile 065-999-2899
E-mail: office@irvaclinic.com www.irvaclinic.com/
Open 24 hours, house calls 24/7. Staff fluent in English.

Dr. Ristic, Ulici Narodnih Heroja 38, New Belgrade (near Mercator), ph: 011-269-3287, www.dr-ristic.com. Broad range of medical services, including health checks for those wanting to take driving lessons in Belgrade. Outpatient only. Also have physiotherapy section and labs, x-rays, scans, etc.

Jedro/Medi Group - jedro.medigroup.rs hospital/clinic on Jurija Gagarina, just before Delta City. Many staff are English speaking. *

Obstetricians

Medison plus, Ginekoloska Ordinacija, Zemun

Address: dr Petra Markovica 8, phone: 2105-164 or 063 302 756.

"I had one nice doctor I went to when I was pregnant. I found her good and she has good equipment too. I only did check ups with her but I know others that have had her follow them all the way, also through delivery." - expat mum

Dr. Kangrga, Tel: 063/233-771

She's in Senjak, in the block of flats next to the little Post Office.

Dr. Dragana Haidukovic, Her English and French are perfect. Tel: 063-316057

Gynecologist. Check-ups, pregnancy care & delivering babies.

They also run pilates, yoga and massages for pregnant woman.

Mladenović, ginekološka ordinacija □ Beograd, Baba Višnjina 37, Vračar, Kalenićeva

pijaca □ Telefon: 011/2436 504 □ Mobtel: 069/2436 504, 064/1756 040 □ E-mail:

sanjamladenovicmihailovic@gmail.com

"I can recommend Dr Gordana Hajdukovic, for absolutely everything. She is the most professional person I've met in this country and the best doctor I've ever had. I strongly recommend her." – expat mum.

Paediatricians

Dr. Goran Vukomanovic, Assist. Prof. of Pediatrics, Medical School of Belgrade University Children's Hospital. tel: 063-312-424 email: goranvukomanovic@gmail.com

Highly recommended. He does house calls and has a very good manner with children.

House call fee approx €40.

Dr. Goran is married to **Dr. Tanja Vukomanovic** (+064 1101330), who is a paediatrician herself. She feels that her English is not so good, but if for some reason Goran can't make it, he tries that Tanja can come for medical check up.

"We can really highly recommend the paediatrician couple Vukomanovic. I had big problems with my 2 year old daughter at a paediatrician in our home country - kicking, screaming, no opening of the mouth, etc., and Goran managed to circumvent that all, she actually asks now, if Goran is coming and when." - Expat mum.

Dr. Spomenka Mihic Simovic Slavija Medic, Beogradska 6. I floor

Tel: 011/344 8893

Home visits are aprox 3000din.

Dr. Zutic clinic. ulici Antifašističke Borbe, Block 22, New Belgrade www.dr-zutic.com
Tel: 011/30-18-333, 011/2604-934, 011/2604-111, 064/116-2334
Near Belgrade Arena. Pediatrics and general medicine.

Lab

Beo-Lab <http://www.beo-lab.rs/en/> Easy access lab, walk-ins welcome, for a variety of tests.
easy to find location at Resavska 60. *

Hexalab - The best laboratory for performing blood/urine/stool tests. You can use them directly without going through a doctor.

**Central laboratory Mite Cenića 11, VOŽDOVAC, □tel/fax: 011/ 309 66 63, 309 69 80 •
mob: 069/ 820 28 44**

http://www.hexalab.co.rs/index_en.html Several locations – see website.

Dentists

Dental work is considerably cheaper in Serbia than many other European countries.

Dr. Vojislav Rascanin and Dr. Diana Rascanin (father & daughter) dentist-orthodontist
Kosancicev venac 2a diana@EUnet.rs
tel: 011/263 9876, mobile: 064 118 0967; email:

“Dr. Rascanin (the orthodontist) speaks English perfectly and is wonderful with children. Her father is a very kind, professional gentleman who also speaks English.”

To get to their office, you turn right as you're looking at the Austrian Embassy (coming up from the old harbor where the famous night club Magasin is located), then you'll pass Restaurant Langouste on a cobblestone street. Continue around on that cobblestone street until you see a traffic light (at the street where Fashoff and Restaurant Knez are). If you reach the traffic light, you've gone about 2 buildings too far. Theirs is on the left (#2a). Parking is always available there in a 3-hour zone.

Dr. Dmitrijovic of Smile Dent on Sindeliceva street near Kralja Aleksandra

Kosovcevic, Stomatoloska klinika

Smiljaniceva 35, Vracar

Tel: 011/2454668, 011/2441727, 065/4441727

They do everything including children and orthodontist. They all speak good English. Prices are normal, and they will tell you that you don't need to do anything if that's the case.

Nebojsa and Zorica Nikolic, 22.oktobra 10, 11080 Zemun

Tel 011/269-7613 or 063/275792

Husband and wife team, they speak good English, with a lot of experience behind. Their prices are very reasonable.

Zepter Dental, Kralja Petra 32

Tel: 011/ 3283880; 011/3283881

www.zepter-dental.com

Great with nervous patients young and old.

Dentics - Dr. Drasko Ilic - Dental clinic in Senjak - Kozjacka 4a, dentics.rs

Tel: 011 2653075 *

Optometrist

ABM Clinic, Terazije 29. www.abmclinic.com

Tel: 011/322-9966

They speak English well, with good prices. Eye tests, glasses & contact lenses.

Chiropractor

Dr. Petar Dinic, Kursulina 16 (close to St. Sava) Tel: 063 781 5282
<http://hiopraktor.com/HomeEN>.

Physiotherapist

Sasa Jezdic <http://www.ft-jezdic.com/english.html>

Excellent physio, easy to contact, English speaking, with offices located just off of Knez Milosa.
+381 65 44 66 902 *

Srdan Andelkov also highly recommended by members of the ISB community *

Manual Physical Therapy

27.Mart, br.9, interfon 9

011/323 74 35

+381 63 80 94 358

<http://www.fizikalnaterapija-manual.co.rs>

NURSERY SCHOOLS

International School of Belgrade

www.isb.rs

Age Group: 3-6 yrs

Address: Temišvarska 19 Tel: +381 11 206-9999 (extension 3)

Children attend full-time (8am-3pm) five days a week.

Located on the ISB Lower School campus. A separate playground is provided for the 3-4year olds. Five year olds attend Kindergarten and play in the general Lower School playground with Grades 1&2.

The ISB Early Childhood program provides full-day classes for children ages 3-5. We believe that young children are naturally curious and learn by engaging in ongoing inquiry. They engage with the world in a direct and interactive manner, and the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Program (IB PYP) encourages an active learning approach through which children construct meaning from experience about the social and physical world that surrounds them.

“The teachers are wonderful and caring. They made us feel welcome as a whole family. The learning environment encourages each child’s individual personalities & development whilst at same time bonding together as a class. My daughter really loves school!”

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

Protestant

St Mary's Church

23 Višegradska, 1st Floor, Caritas Building Tel: 180-854
The Reverend Robin Fox Tel. 323-2948, mob. 063 750-2469

robin.fox@sbb.rs, www.stmarysbelgrade.org www.stmarysbelgrade.org

Service: Sundays 10.30–11.30 in English, followed by fellowship with refreshments. Sunday school for children aged 4-16.



Prva Baptistička crkva

Slobodanke Savić 33. Tel: 410 964, mobile: 063 392912

Pastor Dane Vidović

Sunday worship 11.00h + Sunday school – all ages, Wednesday 18.00 prayers, services in Serbian, personal translation available.

Holy Trinity Pentecostal Church

Simina 8. Tel: 622 642 (09.00-15.00)

Pastors: Boban and Ann-Christin Anđelić

Sunday worship: 10.00-11.30 with Sunday school ages 2-13,

18.00-19.30 followed by refreshments and prayer meeting. Translation by headphones

The Redeemed Christian Church of God (RCCG)

Block 70a, Omladinskih Brigada 65v

(near Delta City in New Belgrade).

The service starts at 14.30 – 16:30. The service is in English with Serbian translation.

The RCCG family is based in Nigeria and has churches in 140 countries. The lead Pastor was interviewed on CNN as one of Africa's influential leaders.

Roman Catholic

Christ the King Church (*Crkva Krista Kralja*)

Krunska 23. Father Andrej, Sr. Ines. Tel: 323-4846, mobile: 063 359 326

Many foreigners attend an English Mass held at 11.30-12.30 on Sundays

Children's religious education 10.00 in English on Sundays

St Peter's Church

Makedonska 23, Tel: 303 0815, 303 0814

Fr. Ivan Cindori, SJ. Sunday Mass in English 09.00h, contemporary youth mass 18.00h in Croatian.

Franciscan Church

Strosmajerova 6, Zemun

For more Roman Catholic churches, check www.beograd.rs

Russian Orthodox

Crkva Svete Trojice

Takovska 4
Tel: 334-2717

Serbian Orthodox

Saint Sava

Krusedolska 20
Tel: 636-684

Saint Aleksandar Nevski

Cara Dušana 63
Tel: 629-274

Saborna Crkva

Sime Markovića 3
Tel: 432-585

Jewish

Jewish Elders tel. 624-359

Synagogue, Marsala Birjuzova 19
Tel: 2622-634
Regular services on Fridays

Muslim

Bajrakli dzamija,

Gospodar Jevremova 11
Tel: 2622 428

FOOD SHOPPING

Although supermarkets are improving and more are opening up all the time, most people still tend to shop using a mixture of supermarkets, green markets and local shops. Seasonal fruit and vegetables are generally of better quality and cheaper at the green markets.

Supermarkets

Grocery stores are usually open from 6:30am - 8pm/ 9pm on workdays; they close slightly earlier on Saturdays and are open until 1pm or 3pm on Sundays. Larger supermarkets are open until 9pm or 10pm or are now open 24 hours. Shopping malls and city centre shops are usually open until 10pm everyday. Some supermarkets are now 24/7. For the most up to date hours - google maps provides great information on current opening hours. Check before you drive or walk there...*

Large supermarkets mostly get their meat on Tuesdays, and fish Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Below is a list of some of the larger supermarkets. Use a map application to find one near you.

Idea - many locations throughout the city

Roda Mega

Mercator Bulevar Umetnosti 4, New Belgrade. Open 9:00-21:00, Sun 9:00-19:00.

Recently updated and upgraded. The supermarket has clothes, housewares, toys and groceries. It is more expensive than some others but has some harder to find ingredients. It is in a shopping mall with many other stores including shoes, toys, sporting goods, gifts and with a small play area for kids and a couple of cafes. www.mercator.rs

Metro which has three locations near Belgrade, one in Pancevo (Zrenjaninski put 11M) and the other on the road to Novi Sad (Autoput za Novi Sad 120). The third location is near Banovo Brdo in Vidikovac (**Ibarski put 20**).

A membership card is required to shop at this store, similar to Costco in the U.S. You can get a temporary card at the entrance. The selection includes groceries, clothing, shoes, housewares and even garden furniture and play equipment. Good quality meat, including New Zealand lamb, and good fish counter with excellent fresh salmon.

Metro also stocks some harder to find Asian food/sauces *

Super Vero, Greek company, a good place to find some harder to find ingredients.

Vojvode Stepe, Voždovac – new store with underground parking and café & play area upstairs.

Milutina Milankovića 86a, New Belgrade.

The centre has a small indoor soft play area for kids & an outdoor play area. It also has a small café where you can get sandwiches, pastries and drinks.

Tempo – a supermarket chain with several stores in Belgrade. Check the website for your nearest store and opening hours etc. www.tempocentar.com There is a large one at the exit immediately after the Novi Sad exit of the motorway, and another just past Ada Ciganlija on the main road (open 24 hours). Good selection of fresh produce and all household items, also varied frozen food section. A good bet to get lower prices on bulk purchases of drinks and other staples. Tempo and Maxi are both Delhaize Serbia companies. *

Maxi –the majority of smaller convenience stores; small stores vary in quality, but all are good for basics. The store at Pink TV roundabout is of good quality with good meat and fish counters. *

SuperMaxi – found in Delta City shopping centre Jurjia Gagarina, New Belgrade,

Maxi Exclusive's are found on Kralja Milana and Cika Ljubina (behind Trg Republic).

Online shopping <http://www.shop.maxi.rs/index.php>

Only in serbian, but it's navigable with a basic grasp of the language of shopping or judicious use of google translate. If you order before 12:00, your items will be delivered on the same day between 2:00-5:00 p.m. You can use a credit card, but delivery personnel are not able to process PDV tax forms. There is a minimum order of 4,500 dinars.

Aroma - small supermarket in Senjak on Andre Nikolica. Convenient for basic items.

Green Markets

Serbians are rightly proud of the quality of their fresh fruit and vegetables. Availability is seasonal. When in season prices are low and flavour is high.



Most are minimal/shut on Mondays. Open 06.00 – 17.00 in summer and 08.00-16.00 in winter. Fridays & Saturdays are the best stocked days. They are the best places to buy vegetables, fruits and flowers (except on the coldest winter days – beware the frozen eggs). Around these markets you will also find many butchers, fish shops, bakeries and small grocery shops.

Banjicka Pijaca, Crnotravska 10/1, Vozdovac

Medium sized green market with a good range of fruit, vegetables and clothing stalls, as well as a health food shop. Stall selling organic eggs.

Directions: From pink TV go down Neznanog junaka past the military hospital (VMA). Pass the turning for Čačak (Puzzle play castle on corner), take the next right at the traffic lights, and then take the first right. The market is on the right hand side of this street– parking at end of street. Park where you can on the street.

Banovo Brdo, Pozeska 41

A green market, convenient to those living in Banovo Brdo, located just behind Grill Uno on Pozeska between the Hipodrom and the JugoPetrol station in Banovo Brdo.

Kalenića Pijaca, Maksima Gorkog, Vračar

The largest and most extensive green market in Belgrade. An excellent place for fresh vegetables, fruit, meat and fish and especially well supplied on Friday, Saturday and Sunday mornings. Also to be found are household goods, local cheeses, olive oil, herbs and home-made jams, as well as ducks, geese and turkeys. Flowers are sold in bulk at cheap prices, early in the morning, between 07.00 and 08.00h. Biospajz, a well-recommended health food shop, is also located at this market. Also try fishmongers Gora Prom and Ribrnica Kalenic (Tel: 0655477-347 or 063477347) situated behind Biospajz in the fish sector. They get salmon on Wednesdays (around 2pm) and most other fish on Thursdays. For smoked/dry meat use a stand inside the Kalenic market (where cheeses are, right from the entrance, market side). Chicken & local cheese is located inside and upstairs at the back of the market by the eggs. There are also many stalls selling second hand goods - fun to walk through and find a bargain.

Senjak Market, Koste Glavinića

A handy little market for Senjak residents, located at the bottom of the hill, Vase Pelagica. Prices slightly higher than other markets. An excellent butcher and health food shop is located opposite the market and a good sized Maxi, Hleb & Kifle, Pekara Lulu, Mali Kalenic market and Lilly are just down the road.

Vidikovac Market. Near Garden Center and Vidikovac McDonald's.

Large selection, especially nice plants, reasonable prices. Also to be found separately are honey, jams, household products, lighting, clothing, etc.

Zeleni Venac Pijaca, Narodnog Fronta (below Moskva Hotel)

This fruit and vegetable market is open until late afternoon. Also stocks eggs, honey, clothing, household products, pasta, and flowers, as well as small butcher shops and local cheese shops.

Ilije Garašanina, behind Tašmajdan Park

Bajlonijeva Pijaca Džordža Vašingtona, at the end of Skardarlja. If you see a man walking around selling bread from a basket – buy some – it comes from a tiny bakery behind the market and it is excellent.

Voždovac , Jove Ilica 72

Zemun Market Masarikov trg 17, Zemun

An excellent fruit and vegetable market with produce being brought into town and sold direct from the countryside rather than via a middleman. Also to be found separately are honey, jams, household products, lighting, clothing, etc, in the second part of the market.

Here you can buy home made butter, at one of the kiosks on the river side of the market (in serbian "puter" or "maslac"). Good smoked meat is situated in cheese section, his stand is beside the outside water tap (he always wears white butchers coat).

He also has the most amazing paprika in pavlaka. Free range eggs are also available at the market.

Butchers – kasapnica, mesara

Most butchers shops and supermarkets sell a good range of meats and charcuterie, though lamb can be difficult to obtain when out of season. Many of the cuts of meat are different to those available in other countries. It is also worth noting that it is often sensible to eat meat within one or two days of purchase, or freeze it. It may well turn bad quicker than you are expecting especially during the hot summer months.

The following butchers have been used by members of the international community recently:-

Butik Mesa “Uzelac”, Beogradskog Bataljona, Banovo Brdo. Tel: 011/355-8289

They have lovely cuts of meat and will grill them for you (at no extra cost) if you call ahead or while you wait. Very good chicken livers or chicken breast wrapped in bacon which are excellent for cocktail party hors d’oeuvres.

Konstancia tel: 011/3231-863, 3230-776

Good for venison, wild boar and suchlike, which should be ordered a few days in advance.

Mama Dana, located at Kalenića market, along the outside wall, with a white frontage.

Maxi supermarkets have been mentioned as selling good meat.

Mesara Cubura, Kalenićeve 4

Mesara Uno, Sarajevska 12 - located on the street behind the American Embassy. Tel. 011/265 9273. Has great beef fillet that you can order if you need it.

Perper Located at the end of Bulevar Avnoij in New Belgrade. First class beef, veal, pork and mince. Also offers a large range of delicatessen products like prosciutto, salami and sausages, as well as a good fruit and vegetable shop outlet opposite. There is a popular restaurant outside belonging to the shop and they are open 7 days a week.

Mesara Tamo Daleko opposite the market in Senjak. Tel. 011/369 3230

If you ask they often have steaks and lamb in stock, but you can pre-order. They will also grill items for you at no extra cost.

Halal Butchers Maksima Gorkog 50, Vračar

www.turkovic.rs/

Coffee

Cafe and Factory, Nevesinjska 21,

Sells good coffee beans and they'll grind them to either espresso or filter grind for you.

Przionica 59 Dobracina, in Dorcol deep NW side near the Danube end.

3 shops down from Holesterol restaurant (same side)

Java Coffee, Andre Nikolica 1, best coffee in Town, and located 100m from ISB campus *

Delis

Salumeria All Italiana, Stur Menatti

Svetozara Markovica br 62, Beograd tel : 011/3641-2778

They have some really good hams and cheeses which are especially difficult to find in Belgrade. It's quite difficult to park.

“As you know, the French are quite fussy about cheese and lots of the French community buy theirs here!” - French expat

Vegetarian / Organic Food

If you are vegetarian a useful word to know is "posno" which is food that can be eaten during an orthodox fast (*post*). It cannot contain meat or meat products (including lard) but can contain fish. If you can find non-fish *posno* then it will be vegetarian but not for vegan.

See a previous expat inhabitants experiences of being vegetarian in Belgrade: <http://livinginbelgrade.com/blog.php?id=173>

Health food stores *Zdrava hrana* have ranges of dry goods. And the larger supermakets have a small selection of organic products in the healthfood section. **DM** stores have a selection of organic food. Larger Maxi stores are now selling a limited range of organic vegetables.

Mali Kalenic stores are like a little fruit and vegetable shop, there is one near Kalenic Market, and they have some organic produce.

Kalenic Market - There's a stall that often sells organic fruits and vegetables (including organic pumpkins around halloween) towards the flower side of the market, but they aren't always there. More likely on Fridays and the weekends.

Organic Vegetable Home Delivery

Gordana Iliskovic Tel: 063/654 858, or e-mail organskahranapaketici@gmail.com or giliskovic@hotmail.com

For a home delivery of organic fruit and vegetables. Order weekly online with a minimum

order of 1000 din. This company also has a shop in the Senjak market, but is only open at the weekends.

www.organskafarmalaf.rs

Free Range Eggs – if you prefer not to have eggs from intensively farmed chickens, it is best to go to the markets and find a vendor with a small amount of eggs for sale, marked *domaci* (domestic) they are more likely to be free range, but you need to ask to be sure.

Vranic Organic - Environmentally/Eco friendly Home delivery and market at Dvorište, Senjak Sundays throughout July and August from 9-23, Andre Nikolić st. 7-9. vranic.organic@gmail.com. Petar and Maja - 0693493118 *

Takeaway food - online

www.donesi.com

You can order food online for home delivery. There are loads of restaurants to choose from, pizza, pancake, Chinese, Japanese etc. It is in English too.

Foods & Products – names & recommendations

Bread

Very good is found at **Hleb & Kifle, ХЛЕБ & КИФЛЕ** a huge selection of delicious breads & pastries. Branches throughout Belgrade.

Roggenart, . Krajla Petra, Vojvode Steppe (Voždovac), Svetozara Markovica 22 (near the Russian Embassy) Maksima Gorkog (opposite the park), Vracar – this is an Austrian bread shop. Excellent chocolate torte & organic bread. Some have started to sell ice cream as well.

Bacon – streaky bacon is occasionally available in a flat red pack in the chilled meat sections of supermarkets. Alternatively *slanini* sold unsliced is good for cooking with in dishes. Back bacon (much loved by the British), is not available. The word “pancetta” is often used on packets of bacon.

Baking Powder – *Prašak za pecivo* available in small sachets.

Corn flour – *Gustin* by Dr Oetker from most supermarkets.

Cosmetics & Sanitary Items – it is worth bringing supplies of your favourite cosmetic brands with you, as they may not be available in Serbia. Applicator tampons are not available.

Flour – there are two types of white flour, T-400 is for general cooking, T-500 is a finer flour. No self-raising flour is available.

Double Cream – Buy the green *Halta* tetrapak. This is vegetable fat but it behaves in the

same way as double cream when you cook with it. President Whipping cream can sometimes be found at Maxi and Tempo supermarkets in the refrigerator section near the milk/yogurt. *

Single cream – buy UHT *slatka pavlaka* in the yoghurt section, good for cooking and pouring, or for cooking *Room Culinair*, longer life in a small green tetrapak in the chill section.

Frozen fruit – Buy frozen raspberries and blackberries out of season. These are great quality. Strawberries aren't very good unless you blend them. Too squishy when they defrost.

Frozen vegetables – the best brand is Frikom (especially for the peas which are not great otherwise).

Greek Yoghurt – buy *Milleram 22%*, or real Greek yoghurt from Super Vero.

Porridge oats – buy the Blue paper packet (500 g) from "Hahne". You can find these in Mercator or Idea and they are located together with bio/ organic foods or in health food shops.

Rehydration liquid for children – Use the *Hipp Ors 200 bez glutena* (without gluten). It is an orange liquid and can be bought from most major supermarkets.

Washing powder for sensitive skin – *Frosch liquid* – sold in a green bottle. It's not non-biological but it doesn't seem to irritate sensitive skin.

Dairy – Serbs like their yoghurt. Standard *jogurt* is a plain drinking yoghurt and is more popular than drinking milk. *Kiselo mleko* is a thicker eating yoghurt, *kisele pavlaka* is sour cream. Milk is called *mleko*. Cream cheese is called *Krem Sir*. *Svezi sir* is a fresh soft white cheese.

GENERAL SHOPPING

Remember to pick up your till receipt when making purchases as you may be stopped and asked for proof of purchase.

Don't be afraid to explore staircases in shops, they often lead to other floors which aren't signposted.

Main Shopping Streets

Bulevar Kralja Aleksandra (Bulevar Revolucije)
Kralja Milana (Srpskih Vladara)
Knez Mihailova (Pedestrian zone leading to Kalemegdan)
Požeška (in Banovo Brdo)
Terazije
Kralja Petra

Shopping Centres

Banjica, Paunova 24.

From pink TV go down Neznamog junaka past the military hospital. Pass the turning for Čačac (puzzle play castle on corner), take the next right this is Paunova. Shopping centre is a pink building on right hand side, at the bottom of the hill. Small boutique shops, good gift shop, several toy shops, seamstress (in basement). Good green market nearby.

Big Fashion Mall - Višnjička 84, new shopping mall with the usual shops H&M, Zara brands, cinema, food court, etc

Chinese Market, Jurja Gagarina, Block 70, New Belgrade.

The market is one green and one grey building with a large 70 on the outside. Located past Delta City shopping centre on the left hand side. Not pushchair or toddler friendly as very crowded. Cheap and cheerful clothes, toys and household goods, good for ribbons and crepe paper (stalls on outside of building). Art shop on 2nd floor of green building.

Delta City, Jurja Gagarina, Block 67, New Belgrade. Open 10:00-22:00 every day. A shopping mall with international brand shops, cinema, Super-Maxi supermarket (open 8am) and restaurants. Large toys shop and kids soft play area on 3rd floor.
www.deltacitymalls.com

Mercator (recently renovated), Bulevar Umetnosti 4, New Belgrade. Open 9:00-21:00, Sun 9:00-19:00. Has a free indoor play area and shops for kids clothes and toys. Lovely cake shop, a great art shop and a high quality supermarket.

Piramida, Juriša Gagarina 151, Blok 44, New Belgrade. Next to Chinese Market.
Open 10:00-20:00, Sat 10:00-15:00.

Collection of shops and small boutiques selling clothes, shoes and home wares. Good kids toy and equipment shop on the second floor. Good computer shop as well. Ranges from cheap to expensive. Not particularly child friendly.

Usće Centar, Bulevar Mihajla Pupina 4, New Belgrade. □ Next to the Usće Tower in New Belgrade. Open 10:00-22:00 every day.

Belgrade's busiest centre. The centre is made up of 160 shops, a supermarket, seven fast-food restaurants, a multiplex cinema & bowling. Kids soft play area for young children next to food court. *Space* – a large play area for older children is located on the top floor. *Vapiano* is a popular self-serve Italian casual restaurant with a nice view of New Belgrade, on the upper level above the food court. www.usceshoppingcenter.com

Zira Mall, Bulevar Despota Stefana, attached to Hotel Zira downtown (not far from Pionirski Hall) with Super Vero, Mahmut book store, some good ladies clothes shops and a Turbo Limac.

Household Goods Market

Buvlja Pijaca (Buvljak), New Belgrade

At end of the Ada bridge, Blok 42 on Juriša Gagarina. One can find everything ranging from clothes to cleaning products, electrical appliances to tools, carpeting to kitchenware, plasticware, etc.

May to October – from 06.00-20.00 (closed on Mondays)

November to March – from 08.00 to 16.00 (closed on Mondays)

Art Galleries

The museum of Modern Art is still in the process of being renovated, in the meantime, there are many free gallery and exhibits throughout the city. Exhibits change often in the smaller spaces. *

Serb Orthodox Church Museum & Gallery, Kralja Petra, 5

Gallery of the Serbian Academy of Sciences, Knez Mihailova 55

Sebastian Art Gallery, Rajiceva, 12

Verica DS Gallery, Rajiceva, 20

Radionica Duše Gallery, Knez Mihailova 48 (next to British Council Library)

Trezor Gallery, Knez Mihailova, 19

Art Pavilion Cvijeta Zuzoric, Mali Kalemegdan

Gallery of the Cultural Centre of Belgrade, Knez Mihailova 6

Ethnographic Museum & Artmedia Gallery, Studentski Trg, 13

Gallery of the Yugoslav Army, Braće Jugovića 19

Graphics Gallery, Obiličev venac 27
Zepter Gallery, Kralja Petra I no. 32
Gallery Progres, Knez Mihailova 22
Gallery of Museum of Contemporary Art, Pariska 14
Ulus Gallery, Knez Mihailova 37
Gallery of the Faculty of Fine Arts, Knez Mihailova 53
Sanu Gallery of Science & Technology, Djure Jaksića 2
Kosančićev Venac Gallery (close to Patriarchate)
Gallery of Student's Culture Centre, Makedonska 22
Stara Kapetanija Art Gallery, Kej oslobođenja 8, Zemun
Gallery Haos, Cara Lazara 12
Singidunum, Knez Mihailova 42, 185-323 – nice stuff.
U10- Kosovke devojke 3

Do not miss the **Legacy of Petar Lubarda** - kucalegata.org, Iličićeva 1, Beograd, near Hyde Park. The former home of modern abstract artist Petar Lubarda. Interesting film gives information on the artist, and you can have guided tour. Visit on a weekday when it is quiet, and you will be sure to get a tour, a knowledgeable English speaking art historian will tell you all about the paintings and the painter. *

Antiques

If you are interested in antiques then regular weekend fairs are held at Hotel Slavija A, Svetog Save Street. A large number of exhibitors offer diverse wares including furniture, china, jewellery, stamps, medals, etc. There is a small entry fee. Also keep you eye out for pop up second hand sales at markets and in various neighborhoods.

Books

The following bookshops are good for English language books and newspapers:

BNB Bookshop, Tel. 3442 975, e-mail planetsr@eunet.yu

IPS (Mahmut) Bookshop, Knez Mihailova 6 (basement), & Zira centre www.ips.co.rs

Knjižara SKC Delfi Kralja Milana 48 (entrance on Resavske)
Tel. 011/2645-783 □ Opening hours: 09-22h (Mon-Sat) 12-21h (Sun) □ It is next to the Studenski Kultural Centar. It has a very wide selection of books and magazines in English and French - for adults, children, novels, fiction, non fiction, by subjects etc. They have a very nice selection of stationary and you can buy tickets for anything. There is also a non-smoking café.

Longmans Bookshop, Akronolo, Krusedolska 1b
Tel nos. 434 040 435 333, fax. 435 329, e-mail akronolo@eunet.yu

Oxford Centre, Dobracina 27, tel. 011/631-021



Plato Bookshop, Knez Mihailova 48, tel. 011/625-834 New store also near Studenski Trg.

The English Book, Staro Sajmište Central tower, Sajmište 29, www.englishbook.rs *

Vulcan, outlets in Mercator, Ušće & Delta City.

Libraries

American Corner, Makedonska 22/I

Tel 011/ 3227 694

Opening Hours: Monday to Friday 10:00 to 20:00, Saturday 10:00 to 14:00

AC provides access to current and reliable information about the U.S. via book collections, the Internet, and through local programming to the general public. Sponsored jointly by the U.S. Embassy, Belgrade City Library and Youth Cultural Center, the American Corner serves as an information outpost similar to a public library reference service.

<http://www.americancorners.rs/local/en/Beograd/> *

Goethe Institute, Knez Mihailova 50

Postanski pregradak 491

Tel. 011/2622823 info@belgrad.goethe.org

For German books www.goethe.de/belgrad

The National Library of Serbia, Skerlićeva 1, adjacent St. Sava cathedral, large public library which offers quiet space to study and many reference books www.nb.rs *

Children's toy stores, baby equipment and clothes

There are many shops selling items for babies and children, H&M and Zara are easy choices for clothing and accessories.

Banjica shopping centre (Banjica) This has some toy stores. See shopping centres.

Enci Menci www.encimenci.com

Bul. Kralja Aleksandra 199b, Beograd

Kneza Višeslava 63, Beograd

Bul. Mihaila Pupina 4, Novi Beograd

Glavna 25, Zemun

They have great items for kids; toys, clothes and baby equipment. *

Baby Superstore – Immo Outlet Centar, Gandijeva, Block 64, New Belgrade. immocentar.rs

Cheap for essentials and has a good range of toys and equipment. *

Jumbo. Bulevar Milutina Milankovića 86, in the Super Vero in New Belgrade. Cheap toys, party supplies, costumes...

Lavirint (www.lavirint.rs). Surcinska 21b, Novi Beograd Tel. 011/3185 048

Good selection of outdoor toys and equipment. They have several stores. There is also a store on Terazije 7-9, for the other stores check out their website. *

Leto baby store. Off the highway towards Nis. www.letoshop.rs

After autokomanda, go for approximately 4 kms. After the blue bridge you will see the shop on the right. It is one house standing alone.

The store has 5 floors with everything for babies/ children and mothers including maternity clothes. A bit more expensive, but you can find most things here. *

Mothercare, Delta City shopping centre (New Belgrade)

More expensive than the UK stores but good if you are desperate for good quality clothes and equipment. Some baby toys *

Piramida shopping centre (Jurija Gagarina, Blok 44, New Belgrade)

There are lots of small children's stores, including a good toy store on the second floor and lots of shoe stores. Quite expensive but some different things. *

Pertini Toys, Ul. Sindelićeva 2a, Vračar

Tel: 011/244-83-84 www.pertinitoys.com

There are also branches in Millenium shopping centre, one in Piramida

They have some good wooden toys and can supply play room furniture e.g. table and chairs and garden play houses etc. *

Christmas items

Christmas Trees & Decorations

Buy your tree in early December if you can as the quality, price and choice deteriorate quickly. You can buy trees at the local pijacas (green markets), i.e. Kalenić, but usually only much closer to Christmas around 18 December. The garden centers listed below could not be verified in 2017, it would be great to get some feedback on these in the winter.

Christmas decorations are readily available in home stores, supermarkets and the chinese market in New Belgrade.

Rasadnik Topčider, Rakovicki put 5

Tel: 011/2663 626, 011/3672-772 From Topčider Park, continue toward Kosutnjak, you'll pass a restaurant on your left, next gate on the left is the tree farm, opposite the gas station, before the bridge/tunnel going to Kosutnjak. *

Rasadnik Zuce

On Zuce street near Mt. Avala (45 minutes max, outside of Belgrade). Tel: 064 815 5097 Sloba (Does not speak English). Not expensive

Rasadnik Srbija Šume

VI or IX Nova Street, Sremčica

Tel: 011 2526 163 or 011 2526 094

Ask for: Nataša Saranović, Bogdana Bojić, or Slobodan Sljivancanin

Email: rassremcica@yubc.net

Christmas turkey and other traditional food

Čurka = turkey

La dane

Laetitia Blankert, mobile: 063/249- 460 or 064/315-9879,

e-mail: Laetitia179@gmail.com

She will cook delicious Christmas food for you – Roast Turkey, mince-pies (for the British) – all the trimmings. A bit pricey but very good quality. She gets very busy over Christmas so book early.

Kalenic Market – in the chicken hall. You will find turkeys, geese and duck on offer around the Christmas season. Serbian speakers will be able to order a bird for collection on an appropriate day from one of the stall holders. Ask around the stall holders.

Banjica Market – turkey crowns on sale in the chicken hall – building located on the side of the market, next to the side street, near the egg stalls.

Zemun Market – organic turkey (be careful about the size of turkey you order if you have a

smaller oven).

Contact Jaro, Tel:065 609 9915. Speaks Serbian

Santa

Santa Claus (phone: 064 28 992 48, Danko Dudok)

Santa can speak English or Serbian. If you wish, Santa can visit you at your home or at any other place that you choose him to come. Price for home visit (2010) is 50 euro and for some organized events is 70 euro. If you wish Santa can visit you on New Year`s Eve until 10:00pm, price for those visits are 90 euro.

“My children loved it when Santa visited, he made all the children feel special, and he made them all laugh.” – expat parent

Craft supplies - Children

Book shops and Stamperiers have limited supplies of stationery.

ARS Plus and Rasko - on Kralica Natalija in the city center both sell a wide range of art and craft supplies. <http://ars.rs/> and [Knjizara-rasko.rs](http://knjizara-rasko.rs)
Easy parking nearby in Garaza Zeleni Venac. *

Balloon shop, Bulevar Vojvode Misica 33F.

Directions, park by Senjak Market and walk through the market down the footpath towards the main road below that runs alongside Sajam. On this footpath, before the small clothes shop on the left, there is a row of (mostly derelict) shops currently with a pet shop on the corner. Walk along past all the empty shops, the balloon shop is on the end here, you can't see it until you are there.

Another branch is found at – Banjica Shopping Centre – Top Floor

Helium balloons are 90 dinars each and can be delivered for parties etc. Inflated balloons last approximately 24 hours.

SuperVero/Jumbo Milutina Milankovića 86a, New Belgrade

Good cheap kids craft supplies. *

Chinese Market Juria Gagarina, Block 70, New Belgrade

Top floor of the green building. A shop for glitter, beads & stickers. Another shop sells artist canvases, acrylic, oil & water paints, & paint brushes. *

Galeria Ulus (галерија Улус), Kneza Mihaila. An art gallery with an art supplies shop underneath. *

Grafoteknika Crnotravska 23, 11000 Belgrade.

Tel. 011/367 0955, 011/367 0956, csggrafo@eunet.rs.

On the corner of Nezmanog Junaka. It is the first and only building on your left.

Large selection of coloured cards and papers, however no transparents. Mostly A0 size.

Kreativ Hobby, Golsvortijeva 21 Pasaz , www.kreativhobby.hu

Hobby& art, Hala pinki, Gradski park 2, tel: 011-316-4478 www.hobby-art.org.

Mercator Mall – has an art supply shop near “Intersport” store.

Fabric/Haberdashery supplies

Modellina, Hilardarskala (near Pizza Hut)

New shop with three floors - wool & knitting supplies, felt, paper, trimmings, & small amount of patchwork supplies and other craft items. They also run courses in patchwork, appliqué and other sewing techniques. The owner speaks English well. Open: 08:30 – 21:00. Ph: 011-323-4319, www.modellina.rs, email: office@modellina.rs.

Mercator Center – wool shop opposite supermarket cashiers.

St. George, Beogradska, (near Slavia) – supplies St. George wools.

Princeza, Takovska 13 (near Parliament building). Tel: 011/322-0822

Wide selection of buttons, cottons, wool, ribbons and cross stitch supplies.

Banjica Shopping Centre, Paunova – located on ground floor, small shop selling buttons, wool & ribbons.

Fabric shop- 1st floor, opposite pharmacy, next to costume jewellery shop. Sells material, buttons, needlecraft materials.

Also a small shop for sewing supplies. Located on Bastovanska the road between Banica shopping centre and the pijaca.

Fabric Shop – on the corner of the park by Kalenić Market. Good supply of cotton fabric.

J. Mikic PR – Trg Nikole Pašića No. 4 (near Parliament building), tel: 011 334 5180

A great material shop for silk and beautiful fabrics.

Directions: 1st street on the left after McDonalds at the end of Kneza Mihajlova. Close to the new car parking building. When walking down this street towards the water fountain, it is half way down on the right in a relatively small shop.

‘Belgrade’ department store on Terazije. Fabric shop on 3rd floor.

Zemun, pedestrian street. Good craft shop.

Italtes – corner of Blagoja Parovića & Požeška, Banovo Brdo, below the Roda cinema.

At the bottom of a small block of shops with the bank, next to JP petrol station.

Good supply of fabrics, cottons & synthetics, plain and patterned. Wadding also available.

Fabric is strangely sold by the kilo, however you can ask for metres required. The shop extends back a long way.

Knitting website www.ravelry.com has a very helpful Serbian group who will happily answer questions, even if you post in English.

Furniture & Curtain shops

Catra, Trajkovic d.o.o. Cvijiceva 1, Belgrade; Tel: 062 229 016; modern furniture by Serbian designers

Emmezeta, emmezeta.rs , large home goods store on the main highway in New Belgrade

Eurosalon, www.eurosalon.rs , Bulevar Vojvode Misica 12 (next to Belgrade Fair in the building of Home Center), Tel: 011 2067 501 and

Eurosalon Exclusive Kralja Milana 1, Tel: 011 3231 345; design furniture

Forma Ideale, Vojvodanska, New Belgrade www.formaideale.rs Several locations in Belgrade (see website) *

IKEA - to open in August 2017

Kare, www.kare-beograd.rs , Studio 3 Kompresor, Zorza Klemansoa 19, Belgrade; Tel: 011 20 30 788; Opening hours: Monday - Friday 10 - 20 h, Saturday 10- 17 h; Design furniture and decorations. *

My Home, www.myhome.rs Ustanicka 182v, Belgrade, Tel: 011 3046 147.

Novolux – Grčića Milenka 83, modern Italian furniture and lighting with prices to match. Ph: 011-344-7764.

Trend, Trgovacka 8, Tel 011 250 7166 or Katarina (speaks English) on 063 241 477. They make curtains, great roman blinds and soft furnishings. Will come to your house and measure up. On the expensive side but good quality and service.

Wabisabi, www.wabisabi.rs , Kralja Petra 76, Belgrade: Tel: 011 303 7337; gallery of Indonesian furniture and art objects.

Home improvement shops

Home Center & Euro Salon – Bulevar Vojvode Misica 12 (next to Sajam). In Eurosalon, if you like it, buy it, if you wait it won't be there anymore. Sometimes they don't like refunding items so ask before you buy.

Home Center also found on top floor of Usće Centre, New Belgrade.

EuroSalon outlet is at the Roda MegaMarket, New Belgrade (see supermarkets).*

Uradi Sam (Do it Yourself store) Đorđa Stanojevića 35, RODA centar, New Belgrade. (near Rodic supermarket, look for signs). They have all sorts of hardware, and things for the home including, kitchenware, inexpensive rugs and even sandpits and other outdoor toys for kids. This is also the only place I found string. Outlet store also in Zemun. *

Plants and garden supplies

Green Markets/Pijaca are the most common places to buy plants in spring & summer with a good selection of reasonably priced annual bedding plants. Kalenic has a good selection including herbs & some perennials, as do the markets in Zemun and Vidikovac, (see market section).

Garden Centar, Vidikovački venac 102a in Vidikovac.

Open 9 a.m. – 8 p.m. Monday – Saturday and Open 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. on Sundays.

A small selection of perennials, mostly bushes and trees. Quite expensive.

There is also a garden center on Vladimira Popovica opposite the Crown Plaza Hotel in New Belgrade, as well as one in Senjak on Colak Antina just off of Vase Pelagica.

Sand

Surprisingly difficult to buy childrens play sand in Belgrade.

Pertini Toys sell 15kg bags. www.pertinitoys.com

Alternatively you can find a building site and ask the builders for some sand. Finally, you can try the builders yard below!

Banjica builders yard

From the roundabout in front of Pink TV take the street Neznanog Junaka past turning to INSB as if you were going to Banjica. Continue along this road until you come to a major crossroads with Bulevar JNA (Oslobodjenja). Go straight over the road and you will see a petrol station on the corner on your right. Just ahead there is a builders yard. Pull in there. Sand can be purchased from a man in a van but you have to try a few times because he isn't always there. Fridays seem to work. Ask for a *djak* (bag) *pesak* (of sand).

Souvenir and gift shops

Beogradski izlog – Belgrade Tourist Board, Knez Mihailova 6 (on the corner of Trg Republik), 263-1721

Good quality Belgrade specific souvenirs, mugs, t-shirts, magnets *

Serbian Tourist Board, Čika Ljubina (behind the Man on the Horse in Trg Republik). Look for the sign, the shop is upstairs. Nice quality Serbian souvenirs.

Beosouvenir, Zeleni Venac, 263-1423

The English Pot – Balkanska 2, 011-268-8299. Vast range of English porcelain from plates to figurines plus books and gift wrapping paper. Reasonably priced, great gifts.

Ethno magazine Gal, Zetska 13, 324-6583

Ethnography Museum, Studentski Trg 13, 328-1888

Galerija ART, ulica Marka Leka 6, 262-8053

Izlozbeno-Prodajni Prostor – Bulevar Oslobođenja (also called “JNA Bulevar”) 15, ph: 065-560-7510. Open 10:00-21:00, between Slavija circle and St. Sava. A consortium of 20 local artists specializing in various hand-made crafts.

Knez Mihailova & Kalemegdan at the top end of the walking street and into the park there are craft/souvenir stalls.

IPS Mamut Megastore, Sremska 2, 639-060

Makadam Concept Store, Kosančićev venac 20, makadam.rs Beautiful local gifts, handmade crafts, books, clothing, second hand items *

Usce & Delta City, souvenir stalls found in shopping centre.

Vukasovic, Gospodar Jevremova 63 Tel 064 297 7994

A little shop in a side street in Skadarljia. A great book binding place that can also produce personalised photo albums etc with beautiful personalised leather covers. Great for presents.

Zdravo živo, Nušićeva 3, 324-7574

SERVICES

Auto Mechanic

Andjelkovic, Stolacka 8, Senjak. Tel no. 0112652385, 2653156.
Services, repairs & paintwork.
Recovery service number is: 0644121209 or email: adx@eunet.rs.

Rade Rajić, Kružni Put 17 behind Land Rover shop, 063-778-5952

Vojinovic, Milke Grgurove 9.
Tel: 011/397-2891, 011/398-8889 ag.vojinovic@sezampro.rs
Good for body repair work. Reasonable prices.
□SG auto, Vrtlarska 1, Zemun.
Small shop selling all kinds and brands of motor oil and filters.
“Very useful if your need a special oil for your car and can not find it at the gas stations.”

Babysitting

International Playgroup

Contact the Playgroup coordinator who can email all the play group attendees to ask for a baby sitter for you. It is a wide network of 70+ international mothers with many contacts.

Bebi Servis, tel. 629 123
Gospodar Jevremova 18
at least 24 hours notice required.

Mary Poppins 061- 11 309 66, 061- 11 309 55.
Baby sitting, pet sitting, house keeping, personal shopping, party service and personal home spa service.

Bicycle Repair service

Ciclodrom. Bulevar Umetnosti N.1, Belgrade, tel: 011/2146-329 or mobile 063/7395-240.
The shop is very close to Mercator centre, but a bit difficult to find. It is on the corner from Bulevar Umetnosti, in one of the big concrete buildings, there is a small entrance.

Planet Bike – info@planetbike.rs <http://planetbike.rs/>
Several locations
Bikes for sale and repairs.

Cakes

Diplomat MS, Dobropoljska 61, lok.12, Beograd.

Tel: 011/369-9338, 064/561-9558 or email: diplomat.ms@gmail.com

Delicious range of cakes, not too expensive. Home delivery. For adults more than young children.

"Petkovic"

The shop is on the corner of Takovska Street and Ilije Garasanina.

Delicious cakes for children.

Mali Princ- Mercator Shopping Centre, Bulevar Umetnosti 4, New Belgrade

Popular for childrens birthday cakes. Also sells small sugar cake toppers in popular characters to add to your own home cooked cakes.

Mandarina Cake Shop, Gračanička 16, beautiful and delicious cakes mandarinacakeshop.rs *

Pekara Blagoje, Kumodraška 94-96, Voždovac, Beograd

Dragana Tel. 011/3096-583 /011/3096-583 ☐ Mob. tel. 064/211-87-94 064/211-87-94

pekarablagoje@gmail.com

They make the most amazing cakes for only RSD 1,000 per kilo and the art work is very good.

Catering

Belgrade Kitchen

Nami 0616515010

Marija 062440175

belgradekitchen@gmail.com

“We love good food. We make it for you the way we make it for our families. We use only the best ingredients available and bring you flavor bombs from around the world.”

Delicious fresh food and friendly service.

www.belgradekitchen.tumblr.com ☐

Catering Servis Lastavice, Šumatovačka 70a

Telefon: 011/24-44-931, 064/16-33-874 Big variety, nicely presented, modest pricing

(This is an NGO comprising of a catering service and a weaving works to support women on the margins of society and refugee women)

Christina

Cristina will make spring rolls to deliver to your home for parties. They are delicious: kitz@fetummi.com or cell: 069 752 375 or home: 011 54856.

Dejan Filipović tel.011/563-031 mobile 064/142 6142

Italian style. Well recommended. Dinners, lunches, buffets, good cakes. Waiters can be provided.

La dane

Laetitia Blankert, mobile: **063- 249- 460 or 064-315-9879**, e-mail Laetitia179@gmail.com
Well known within the international community. Also can supply tents, tables, chairs, crockery, cutlery, ice and waiters. Can cater for up to 150 guests with 2 weeks' notice and 100 people with one week's notice.

Mary Poppins, Tel: 061/11 309 66, 061/11 309 55.
(more info under "Babysitting," above)

Menu Home Cooking

tel/fax: 3592 261, mob.: 064 127 8298, e-mail: menu@sezampro.yu
Provides first class cuisine and service in the home.

Mića Matić, Tel. 176-5920, mobile: 064 139 0163
Banquets, cocktail parties, cold buffets, wedding and engagement parties

Orah – Tel. 011 322 11 91, mobile: 063283412 or email: oleg@verat.net
Cocktail parties, cold buffets – not too expensive

Party Service, Kalemarska 31g □ Tel: 011/3947-749, 064/84-11111

Dragan Ilić tel/fax 394-6461, mobile 063 207868
<http://www.partyservice.rs/>, email: partyservice@beotel.yu
Whatever the occasion they are able to cope with banquets up to 400 or cocktail parties up to 5,000. Able also to provide waiting staff and drinks.

Pavle (Paul), tel. 011/660-377
English speaking waiting staff for private functions.

Windmill Catering

Vladislav Veljić – functions organiser, mobile: 064 210 7056, 063 815 0418
e-mail vladaveljic@hotmail.com,
windmillcatering@operamail.com
Barbeques, birthday parties and all celebrations. Finger food, salads, main dishes, desserts, beverages. Waiters on request

Zivko Ginin tel. 190-790
Serbian style – good meat – highly recommended.

Clothes repair/Alterations

Banjica Shopping Centre, in the basement, there is a lady who does cheap good alterations. Weekdays open after 11am, Saturday from 10am.

Fashion Studio Portoarba (Tanja) – Ph: 011-266-8992 or 063-694-492, Banjicki venac 32 (in Dedinje).

Vesna Stojkovic – Ph: 060-702-7566.

Tailor Zdenka – Ph: 011-232-2158 (no English), Vinogradski venac by the Garden Center.

Computer repair

Dejan Milaković, 064-112-0794

Clubs for Foreigners

International Women’s Club of Belgrade

Meets on the first or second Tuesday of each month and offers a variety of social activities for foreigners living in Belgrade including welcoming newcomers and enhancing cultural exchange. For more information go to <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/iwcbelgrade/>.

Belgrade Accueil

A social club “en francais” to help you get acquainted with Belgrade and meet other French speakers. Their website is: <http://belgradeaccueil.canalblog.com/>.

Belgrade Foreign Visitors Club www.belgradefvc.com

A club and information resource for foreign residents and visitors. Regular events are organised, eg. Pub quizzes, and a Masked Ball. Also on Facebook – receive updates of events happening in Belgrade.

Domestic Help

Chimney Sweep

Sreten Tel: 063/175-0196 Charges Rs 250/m of chimney.

Gardener/Swimming Pool Maintenance/Snow Removal:

Mr. Alex, Tel: 064 178 21 94

www.bastavon.com

Dry Cleaners – Hemijsko Čišćenje

Pop's, Mercator, New Belgrade. Tel: 3130-251

Tip Top, Kosta Glavinića 5c, Senjak. Tel: 647-363. Opposite the Maxi.

Hemijsko Čišćenje, Ljutice Bogdana 30, Tel: 011/3672-011

Opposite Red Star Stadium. Easy parking outside.

Other branches: Francuska 35, Majke Jevrosime 53.

Miss clean, Branicevska (at the corner of Sumatovacka), Vracar.

The owner speaks English, she is usually there in the afternoons.

There is also a recommendation from an ISB parent for Koste Glavinića 6, lok 17 beneath the pijace in senjak. Dry cleaning and they mend clothes

Framing

Pale, Blagoja Parovica 25 (near diplomatic area in Banova Brdo). Tel: 011/254 7405

Very good quality frames and good price. The owners speak English well.

Art Zona Voje Veljkovića 14, www.artzona.net.

Tel: 011/286 16 19 Mob: 065/81 98 111

Framing and Gallery

Flowers - Cvečara

Green Markets are good places to get fresh flowers.

Teleflora, Svetogorska 11, 11000 Belgrade and also on the ground floor of Mercator Mall.

www.teleflora.rs, Tel: 303-0048, 303-0047, E-mail: office@teleflora.rs.

This has been tried, tested and proved reliable. Some staff speak English.

Cvečara in Dedinje, in front of the Maxi at Pink TV circle.

Cvečara in Senjak, opposite the market. Good value.

Mery at Autokomanda.

Hairdressers/Beauty Salons

Alexandra – home manicures/pedicures, body waxing and facials.
Very good with reasonable prices. She's not confident in English.
Mob:063/800-1612

Alexander Team No. 1 Salon, corner of Srpskih Vladara 1 and Resavska
Unisex salon Tel. 011/361-2134, 063/288-228

Andjelka Drazovic, Mladena Stojanovica 23. Dedinje
(one corner away from Pink TV turnabout, behind the Maxi, next to Bela Technika shop)
Tel: 011/3670-555, 063/7784-280
Opening hours: Tues-Fri: 10:00 - 18:00, Sat-Sun: 9:00- 14:00, Closed on Monday
Unisex hairdresser, she also cuts children's hair. She speaks enough English, and not expensive. Very friendly and quick.

Beauty Bar – next to Zodiac restaurant in Senjak. Croatian Yva speaks English, ph:
011-369-1945.

Children's Hairdresser – Cuperak T.C. City Hall, Pozeska 19/1, loc 3.12, Banova Brdo.
tel: 011/354-57-40. Dragica: 063/8307-313
Ask for Dragica– please be aware she only speaks Serbian. Located in Banovo Brdo, on
Pozeska street inside the City Hall shopping centre - top floor on the left side from the
entrance.

Peter Pan, Protica, Vracar, Tel. 063/842 67 73. Children's hairdresser in Vracar. However,
be ready to defend your daughters hair from getting some glitter in the end.

Dali, Manicure, pedicure, waxing - mobile: + 381 641 60 1659.
She speaks enough English to understand what you want. She can also come at the evening,
after you put your children asleep.

Dajana, Bulevar JNA 20, (just off the Autokomanda end of the bridge)
tel. 011/264 7053_or_mob. 063 771 6342 e-mail.
ajmanaba@hotmail.com
Daniela is highly recommended

Dejan Salon, Hyatt Regency Hotel, Milentija Popovića 5, tel. 301 1152
Unisex salon - Ivana is well recommended

Dragana tel: 064/570 6563

Two sisters, Dragana the beautician who speaks good English, and her sister is a hairdresser who doesn't. If you book both of them together then it generally works OK. They come to your house.

Flamingo, Knez Miloša Street (opposite US Embassy) tel. 361-7765
Massages and facials for very reasonable prices.

Fulham Press, Zetska 4a. tel. 324-0466
Hair salon. Mića speaks English well and is recommended by many in the international community.

Gossip, Trnska 15, Tel: 011/245-8282 or Mob: 064/356-9076 Located near Kalenič market.
Hair salon & nails.

Her'n'his, Aleksandar Gligoric, Mutapova 15, Vracar. Tel. 011/344 6100, 063/771 4359

Ivana Salon, Pozeska 172, main floor, in Banovo Brdo tel. 064/ 115 9949
For Nails & Facials- approximately \$15 for manicure and pedicure & \$25 for a facial.

Jelena Tel: 064/4940-432 or 064/1177-665
Mobile hairdresser. Expensive, but good and speaks very good English and does everything.
Hair cut 800dinars, blow dry 1500 dinars.

Linea, Banjica Shopping Centar, Paunova 24, 2nd Floor / Lok 245.
Tel. 064 250 1602 or 011/3670 278
Ask for Goca, she's very friendly, speaks good English and manages to cut curly hair well.

MahiKira, New belgrade tel. 065 509 5959
Ask for Lidija. Great quality. Not expensive. Book at least 2 -3 days in advance. They are very busy from Thursday to Saturday. They speak English. It is the same centre as Mercator.

Milan D. Savic. Excellent hairdresser, speaks good English. He has two salons,
Misarska 4a, Belgrade 011 323 6116 or Boulevard Despota Stefana 1, Belgrade tel: 011 3349004

Rock & Hair, Next to the American Corner in Makedonska Street (downtown Belgrade)
tel. 011/322-5426, 063/271 1919
Owner Mr. Branko Petkovic, President of the Serbian Hairdressers Association. He is fluent in English and an excellent stylist. Working hours from noon till 8pm, Saturday 10am-3pm.

Stage Salon, Vojvode Milenka 24, tel. 268-8817
Angela, who owns it speaks perfect English. Good prices (about \$15 for a haircut), with a really pleasant atmosphere.

Studio Đorđe, Koste Glavinića 3a (opposite Senjak's green market) tel. 2650 939
Đorđe, who speaks excellent English, and Rade who speaks enough English to get by.

Zeljko Dobricic

Gruppa L'Ultima Hairstyling, Cubrina 10, Beograd

Tel: 011 / 21 81 566 Mail: gruppalultima@gmail.com

A very nice shop downtown but would also come to your house. He is Austrian with Serbian roots, therefore speaks fluently German, Serbian and also English.

Home Decorating/Event Planning

*** Pia Dyberg Interior Design**

Talented ISB Parent

Tel: 069 790 770

“Let me help you create your perfect home”

Have you just moved in and your furniture does not match or fit your house? Or are you just need some refreshing and new ideas but do not want to spend a fortune? Or maybe you want to spend a fortune and do it wisely. Pia is a Danish expat mom with 3 children at ISB. She has worked with Interior Design for more than 7 years in Norway, Denmark, Kiev and Belgrade. She can also help with planning and decorating for parties and special events. *

Ice Delivery

There is a large freezer with bags of ice at the small corner shop opposite the NIS petrol (Vase Pelagica and Andre Nikolic). *

Zoran, mobile 063/203 543

Delivers **ice** for drinks for functions.

In 2008 prices were 30din/kg + 100din for delivering if less than 50kg

Ledilo - ice delivery company - great for parties.

www.ledilo.rs Tel: 065-2222-067

Vlada 063/296320 Delivers ice for parties/functions.

English-speaking with reasonable prices.

Language Classes

Gordana Banjac – comes to your home and brings material. No English, so you just have to speak to her in Serbian, ph: 063-844-2555.

Snezana Masic Serbian teacher, will come to your house for private lessons. Reasonable rates. Tel: 064 312 6899, Email: smasicz@sezampro.rs.

Mira, Serbian teacher. Small groups or one-to-one tuition. Tel: 064/120 1243

Berlitz

Avalska 9, 11000 Beograd Tel/Fax: +381 (11) 308 74 66

info@berlitz.co.rs +381 (11) 244 39 44
www.berlitz.co.rs +381 (11) 383 06 29
+381 (63) 333 227 +381 (11) 383 06 34
+381 (11) 383 06 38

Institute for foreign language

Jovanova 35, Belgrade Tel: 011/ 2625-427.

www.isj.co.rs/NASTAVA/serbianasforeignlang-e.htm

Kolarac, Tel: 011/2630 – 480

M. Kolarac Foundation

Studentski Trg 5, Belgrade

www.kolarac.rs

skola@kolarac.rs

Language Institute □ Oslobodioci Valjeva 31 □ 14000 Valjevo □ email:

skola@srpskijezik.edu.rs □ srpski@gmail.com

Tel: 063/1631 631

www.srpskijezik.edu.rs

Massage/ Holistic Therapy

Gordana Matovic-Milenkovic, tel.: 069/665 995

Massage for approximately \$20 for 1.25 hours and she will come to your home (she has her own massage table and oils).

Ivana Salon, Pozeska 172, main floor, in Banovo Brdo tel. 064/ 115 9949

Great Massage - \$20 for 1.25/hour massage

Jai Thai, 48 Vase Pelagica st., Senjak www.jai-thai.net/

Tel: 011/3699-193 Thai massage parlour, next to Zodiac pizza restaurant.

Jelena ter Haar Tel: 062/774-244

jelenaterhaar@yahoo.co.uk

Reflexology, Massage & Hypnotherapy. Trained & worked in London & full member of Association of Reflexologists. Specialist in pregnancy and fertility but also treats other complaints. Runs courses in Baby Massage for new mothers.

Slobodan Jerkovic, shiatsu massage therapist. Tel: 011/313-2461 Mob: 064/2633655

www.shiatsu-terapeut.com He trained in Amsterdam, and speaks English/ Spanish /Serbian.

Pest Control

Ticks can be prevalent in Serbia, especially in large green spaces like Ada Ciganlija and Kosutnjak Park. Tick prevention such as Frontline or Advantix is recommended.

Mr. Vasilije "MIDRA-EKO", Tel: 065/22 66 123

Contact for any problems that you may have with mosquitoes, spiders, ticks, or any other sort of insects.

Pet services

Pet Centar, Milutina Milankovića 1v, New Belgrade www.pet-centar.rs/

Largest pet store. Stocks pet food for all pets, bedding, toys, travel baskets for cats & dogs, and cages for smaller pets. Fish section and vet in store. Small pets also sold such as birds, hamsters, rabbits, guinea pigs and chincillas.

Beca vet clinic, Gen. Save Grujica 2, Dedinje.

Tel: (011) 367 29 39 or mobile phones: 064 164 2264 (Dobrila), 064 132 9264 (Andrijana)

Opening times: Monday to Friday: 10:00 - 20:00, Saturday: 10:00-18:00 Sunday: 11:00-16:00. Dobrila, Andrijana, and Mihailo (the vets), speak good English, email: andrijana97@yahoo.com.

Reasonable prices. They are a vet clinic primarily but they do have some space for cats for boarding while you are away. Give them plenty of advance warning if you want your cat to board.

Dog Wash Center – in New Belgrade, Blok 64, Gandijeva 73 (next to Immo Outlet Center which has an IDEA supermarket). Call Stefan, 011-163-445 or 065-364-9274.

Ivankovic Family – has extra room to board dogs at their home in Zvezdara neighbourhood, Donja Losinjska 24/1. Nikola (the dad), very experienced with dogs, ph: 063-307-229, does not speak English, so it's best to have a Serbian friend call. Small yard, but near a large green space for walking dogs. Clearly loves dogs. They will pick up and drop off.

Pet Taxi – Nemanja Tilger, ph: 063-271-695.

Pet hotel

Open all year - owned & operated by Dragana and Djordje. Located at Topcider, near Dedinje and Senjak. Pet Pick-up and Drop-off from your home is also available. Contact Djordje (Speaks English) on 063/ 843-0303.

Photographer

Goran, 064113 9516.

Takes all the photographs at the INSB and can do personal home photographic sessions. He is good but you must tell him exactly what you want.

Predrag Mledenovic. T: +381 (0)64 1768978 or email:predragphoto@yahoo.com

Family photos, business photos, commercial photos etc., or he also teaches photography.

Very good guy, speaks very good English.

Nebojsa Photo did a great job with our Bar Mitzvah and is very creative. He does weddings and events, or just simple family shoots. Fair English. +381 65 2515 785 *

Relocation Agencies

AGS, Visnjicka 91 www.agsmovers.com
Tel: 011/2085 917 Mob: 063/371 964

Colliers International

Address: Bulevar Mihajla Pupina 115 D (New Belgrade)
Tel: +381 11 3139955 www.colliers.com/Markets/Serbia/

Interdean International Relocation

Address: Visnjicka 51, 11000 Belgrade.
Tel: +381 11 297 0997 Website: www.interdean.com

Shoe Repair

Obucar, in the small alleyway on uphill side of Pozeska street, just before Jugopetrol station in Banovo Brdo.

Obucar, Makenzijeveva 64 (opposite DM), Vracar. Tel. 011 2458 684.
Only speaks Serbian but I always had my shoes repaired in a satisfactory way.

Skis & skates

Banovo Brdo, Lješka 2, lok. 3,
Tel 011/354-20-18, mobile 063/86-96-164. They provide a great service.

Spas

Beauty Imagini – Beauty and Massage Center, ph: 011-263-6658, 011-328-6016, or 063-130-3528. Brankova 23/III, apt. 22 (take elevator to 3rd floor). An older apt. transformed into a relaxing spa, experienced and very pleasant staff. www.beautyimagini.com.

City Spa Retreat, Misarska 7, Tel: 011/334 9420 www.cityspa.rs
Near Kralja Milana.

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 10:00-22:00 Sunday 10:00 – 20:00
Very extensive range of treatments and reasonable prices.

Lago di Spa, Majevička 2N, New Belgrade (near Merkur) ☐ tel: 011/319-63-16 mob:
064/111-28-99 ☐ n.johnson@lagodispa.rs www.lagodispa.rs
On the highway take exit KBC Bežanijska Kosa , on the exit turn right at the second street.
At the intersection, turn left, immediate right and then take the first right and it is there.
Salt cave, tepidarium, sauna, steam room, massages, beauty treatments. Ladies night with
discounts can be arranged.

LEISURE ACTIVITIES

"Beogradski Izlog" (The Belgrade Shop Window), a cultural centre in Republic Square, has information on entertainment and sells concert and theatre tickets. There are various festivals, dance, film, philharmonic, etc throughout the year. It is best to buy tickets as soon as the events are announced to make sure you get tickets.

Concert Halls

Dom Omladine, Makedonska 22

Kolarac, Studentski Trg 5. Classical concerts. Belgrade Philharmonic Orchestra plays most Fridays. Reasonable season tickets: www.bgf.co.rs

Sava Centre, M. Popovića 9, New Belgrade: www.savacentar.com

Dom Sindikata, Trg Nikole Pašića 5

Kombank Arena, Bulevar Arsenija Čarnojevića 58, New Belgrade www.arenabeograd.com/en The largest venue for concerts in Belgrade. Lots of international and Serbian acts play here. Check website for listings.

Theatres



Atelje 212, Svetogorska 2a, Tel: 324-7342

Belgrade Drama Theatre, Mileševska 64, Tel: 423-686

Bitef Theatre, Skver Mire Trailovic 1, Tel: 3220-608, www.bitef.rs

Jugoslav Drama Theatre, Kralja Milana 50, Tel: 644-447 www.jdp.rs

National Theatre, Francuska 3, Tel: 620-946, www.narodnopozeriste.rs

Kamera Opera Madlenianum, Glavna ul. Zemun, Tel. 3162-533

Pozoriste na Terazijama, Trg Nikole Pašića 3, Tel: 323-4037

Teatar T, Bulevar Kralja Aleksandra 77a, Tel: 403-570

Zvezdara Theatre, Milana Rakića 38, Tel: 2419-664

Cinemas

Films are shown in the language they were made in, with Serbian sub-titles, *except* for animated films which are dubbed.

A good website listing all the films showing in Belgrade, where they can be seen and at what times:

www.livinginbelgrade.com/cinemas

Akademija 28, Nemanjina 28

DKC - Dvorana Kulturnog Centra, Kolarčeva 6

Dom sindikata Dečanska 14

Jadran 2K DPL Trg Republike 3

Kolosej, Bulevar Mihajla Pupina 4 (Ušće Shopping Centre) –multiscreen

Museum Art cinema, Uzun Mirkova 2

Palas Šumadija, Turgenjevljeva 5

Roda Cineplex. Požeška 83a, Banovo Brdo.

CineplexX, Jurija Gagarina 16 (Delta City) - multiscreen

Tuckwood Cineplex. Kneza Miloša 7

Museum of Yugoslav Film Archives Kosovska 11

Art Classes

Art Classes for Moms

Drawing, Painting, Icons, Mosaic...

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays from 10 a.m till 12.

Cost: 20 Euro for 2 hour session. Material included.

Phone: 063 73 73 009.

www.gordananikolic.com

Moje Boje - Ceramics Studio, Djordja Kratovca 30/a, Belgrade

mojeboje@yahoo.com

Judit 064/254 73 33 (English) Mihajlo 064/260 60 35

Facebook: MOJE BOJE

They have a small studio where they run courses for adults, they can also run sessions for children if requested.



SPORTS ACTIVITIES

The following sports facilities are a small selection of what is available in Belgrade:

Fitness Centres

Banjica Sports Centre, Crnotravska 4, tel. 667-999, 668-711

The center has an enclosed Olympic swimming pool, two open Olympic swimming pools and 6 tennis courts. The center has a medical centre, sauna, hydro massage, recreation room, weight room. The center is designed for sport competitions: water polo, swimming, synchronized swimming, as well as tennis tournaments.

Membership fee varies according to standard, silver, gold or VIP card, as well as the length of membership taken out. Contact Aleksandar Sostar or Biljana Milić, tel. 2668-143 or e-mail wcpart@eunet.yu

Club Olympus Fitness Centre & Spa, Hyatt Hotel, Milentija Popovića 5, New Belgrade

Tel: 301 1107 or 064 290 6282, Olgica Mišić

Facilities include indoor heated pool, jacuzzi, steam sauna and effusion showers. In the gym qualified counsellors prepare personalised programmes using a combination of high-tech cardio-stations and free weight equipment. In addition exercise classes include step aerobics, fitball, Pilates, yoga and aerobics – available to non-members too. In the spa rooms you can either choose for yourself from the treatment menu or in private consultation with a qualified therapist. The spa rooms have been individually designed and equipped with dimmed lighting, shower, and soothing music and are also available to non-members. Diplomatic membership available. Family membership can also be arranged. It should be noted that the Hyatt now charges 30 dinars an hour for car parking.

Colonial Sun Tennis Club, Bulevar Vojvode Putnika 32-34 tel. 369 2156; 369 1150

Club Hours: 08.00-24.00h. Also gym, football and aerobics hall, and a restaurant.

Continental Hotel, New Belgrade, was closed in 2011 and plans to re-open Christmas 2012 under a different name. Indoor swimming pool and gymnasium for which it is possible to obtain membership.

Diplomatic Club, Bulevar Oslobođenja 317 (JNA) tel. 011-309-5000

Now looking dated and in need of refurbishment, but still useable. Included in membership: gym and aerobics, sauna, small open air swimming pool. Also available for an additional fee are tennis courts, (2 covered during winter months) and tennis coach. Additional facilities include a children's playground, free parking, garden, restaurant and bar and regular exhibitions and events

Happy Hour on Fridays 18.00-20.00h (open to non-members)

Ethnogym, Two locations: Crnotravska 7-9, Banjica and Jurija Gagarina, New Belgrade

Tel: 062/888 10 20 http://www.ethnogym.com/index_uk.htm

Gym for cardio machines & weights. Wide range of classes including: bodypump, yoga, pilates, spinning and zumba. You pay in quarterly instalments, and you can go as often as you like.

Fitness Element, Sindejelicevo sokace 1, Vracar. Tel: 011/344 8197

www.fitnessclubelement.com

Ladies only gym. Free trial session. Hours: Mon-Fri 9-22h, Sat 9-20h, Sun 9-15h

Flex Fitness Studio, Ljutice Bogdana 38, tel. 667-516

Freya Fitness Studio, Sokolska 2, Vracar. Tel. 011/2423-449

Small but new fitness center with recommendable personal trainers.

Gemax, Veljka Lukica Kurjaka bb, tel. 306 1813. Subscription includes gym, swimming, sauna, Jacuzzi. Restaurant and sports shop available.

Joy Fitness, Resavska 28 www.joyfitness.rs/

Tel: 064/0757-003, 064/1132-198

Group classes of Pilates, Yoga, Body & Mind, Mix Aerobics, Body Tone, Fat Burn Aerobic and Zumba Fitness are offered 6 days a week at. The price of monthly membership is 2700 dinars for 12 classes. Instructors speak English. (See also Ivana under Yoga teachers)

Musculus Lux, Autokomanda, Dr Milutina Ivkovic 2, tel. 0113691623

A good if a little small gym. Prices are inexpensive.

You can pick from many different classes and times or take a personal trainer.

PowerGym, Steve Todorovića 32, tel. 354-5935, (aerobic and step classes + gym)

Stibo, Milenka Vesnića 3, Dedinje □ Tel: 011 266 81 33; 064 86 10 210; 064 86 10 220;

□ www.stibo.rs.office@stibo.rs

Offers classes for children aged 4-12. Also has a gym with trainers for women only. Trainers are very experienced and professional, very clean.

Zvezda City Oaza, Ada Ciganlija, 5, 355-4652, info@zvezda-ada.rs. It has an indoor pool, fitness center, classes, and also a nursery school for children starting at age 1.

Badminton

Contact the **Badminton Club of Belgrade** for details. Radomir on mobile 064 167 5228 or Jovan on mobile 064 158 6555. Both speak English.

Bike & Rollerblade Hire

There are a couple of small bike hire places along the cycle path which runs around Ada Ciganlija and towards Kalamegdan.

Ada Ciganlija. There are two hire places in Ada. One is near the metal parking lot on the side near the main road. Reasonable selection of bikes; mostly adults and some children's bikes.

The other is near the roundabout once you enter the park (250din entrance fee for cars). This is the largest hire place with all types of bikes, children's, adults, rickshaws, tricycles, baby seats, helmets, rollerblades. Open 24 hours. Prices range from 100 – 200din/hour.

Dance

Ashen Ataljanc school is held in the Majdan children's culture center, Kozjačka 3-5, Senjak. There are many different classes including ballet and hip hop (from 3 to 9 years).
Contact: Ksenija Gaćinović Tel: 064/141 9983, 060/350 0505
Email: office@skolaigre.com www.skolaigre.com

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Royal Academy of Dance -Ana Savićević Došen,
Sports Academy Senjak, Andre Nikolića 29, Senjak
Classes for children from 2.5 years upwards.
Contact details: Ana Dosen 0656572343 info@balletschoolasd.com
www.balletschoolasd.com

Plesni Centar

www.plesnicentar.com

They do absolutely any kind of dance you can think of, and for most of them they have classes for kids and for adults.

Football Stadiums

In Belgrade there are two rival football clubs, Red Star (Crvena Zvezda) and Partizan, each with their own stadium. In addition, they each have volleyball and basketball teams.

Stadium FC Crvena Zvezda (Red Star), Ljutice Bogdana 1,
tel: 667-2062 website: www.redstarbelgrade.com

Stadium JNA FC Partizan, Humska 1,

tel: 2648-222, website: www.wsn.com/football/serbia/partizan-beograd

The best fixture list is on Partizan's site at, click on 'competitions' on the tool bar at the top right and then 'fixtures'. Matches are listed round by round.

Flying Lessons

JAT's Vrsac-based flying school offers the possibility of obtaining a basic pilot's licence. Information on 013 812-185

Go-carting

Autokomerc Karting Center, Alongside motorway, near airport. Tel. 316 9029
Outdoor, 803m long, 8m wide track. Floodlit, night karting available. There is a track for children aged 5-8. Open March – October, every day except Monday.
Go up to airport exit of motorway to turn around to come back towards Belgrade. Track is then off to the right.

Floyd, Mostarska Petlja (Gazela bridge),
Indoor go-carting, modern, asphalt track, electrically powered carts. Races last 8 mins and cost 400 dins. Refreshments and bar.

Golf

There is a professional 10-hectare golf course on Ada Ciganlija with nine holes.
Tihomir Bikički from Australia is the professional coach. Tel. 063-896-3816. The Golf Academy runs reasonably priced "introduction to golf" courses.

Belgrade Golf Club Tel: 011/3332-851, 3056-837

Gymnastics

Gimnastički klub DIF, Blagoja Parovića 156

Tel: 060/754 2675

Children 5 - 12 years. At the very decent sports facilities of the Serbian faculty of sports in Kusunjak, instructors do speak English, classes are held in Serbian though.

www.gkdif.org (unfortunately not in english)

Hiking, Mountaineering, Cycling

ACE Cycling & Mountaineering Centre, ACE, B. Krsmanovića 51/8, Nis
Tel: 064 247-6311, Fax: 018 325-852, www.ace-adventurecentre.com
e-mail: info@ace-adventurecentre.com info@ace-adventurecentre.com Contact Miša Kolić for details.

A non-profit organisation founded in 1993 to promote and educate the public in these activities. Weekend hiking and cycling guided tours are organised the whole year round in Serbia and are designed for people wanting to see the country, its culture, food, folklore and history, whilst spending an active weekend out of the city.

Horse Racing

Hippodrome, Paštrovića 2 Tel: 3546-834, 3546-826
Summer horse racing every Sunday afternoon.

Horseback Riding

Škola Jahanja Aleksa Dundić, Pastrovićeva, Beograd, tel.011/266-5675.
Near the hippodrome, is the oldest riding school in former Yugoslavia. Qualified staff. Call Firfrić Mirko.

Konjicki klub 'Beograd', Pastroviceva 2, 11030 Beograd. tel: 011/355 3550 or 0637636387.
Call Vanja – she speaks good English and the horses/ponies are in great condition. Email pvanja@bvcom.net or pvanja@eunet.rs. Cost is 8800 Dinars for 10 lessons (lessons last 1 hour).

Ice Skating

Pionir sports centre, Čarlija Čaplin 39, tel. 766-566, ext. 116. Open October -April and lessons are available during the week.

Pingvin, HK Beostar, Jurija Gagarina 78, New Belgrade. www.hkbeostar.net
Tel: 011/ 217-8183, 011/ 217-8184 E-mail: info@hkbeostar.net
Pingvin is usually open December through February. Call or check website for times of group lessons on the weekends. *

Ana Cule teaches group lessons at Pionir and Pingvin and also available for private lessons. Her English is very good and she is an excellent coach, even for beginner adults like me! I can't believe how much I've learned. +381 64 3290 708 *

Open-air rinks, including at Ada Ciganlija www.adaciganlija.rs, Tašmajdan, Beogradski Sajam (between Halls 2 and 3), and beside Hotel Jugoslavija in New Belgrade. Boots

available for hire. Open in winter only.

Jet Skiing

Eurojetsport Maćvanska 28, Tel. 306-5340, E-mail
info@eurojetsport.com
www.eurojetsport.com

Website is:

Karate

Karate Klub Diplomatik, at the Diplomatic Club, Coach Nikola Stevanovic,
Mob. 063/568734.

Simonida, Tel: 064/301-7020

Karate teacher who can come to our house for lessons for children.

"She got my son to yellow belt and is brilliant with kids."

Paintballing

Ada Paintball, at Ada Ciganlija,
Arena No 1, Extreme Sport Club, Tel. 063/7796 796
info@arenano1.rs
<http://www.adaciganlija.rs/sportovi/www.arenano1.rs>

Running

Hash House Harriers.

Contact Suzanne: 065-898-1244, or send email to zsuzsika_uva@hotmail.com

YahooGroups: belgradehashers; <http://sports.groups.yahoo.com/group/belgradehashers/>

The Belgrade Chapter of the international "drinking group with a running problem".

Imitating a hare/hound hunt, we travel 4-7km on trails throughout Belgrade in search of our prey (a fellow runner) and the bounty (the beer). Neither running nor drinking is required.

About half the group walks, and water is always provided for non-drinkers. The only requirement is to not take yourself too seriously and to have a good time. It is a mix of Serbs and expats, and the official language is English.

Where: Location changes each run -- explore Belgrade a little! Urban and green spaces

When: *generally* 1st & 3rd Sunday of each month, 16:00 during summer;

Rowing

Red Star Club at Ada Ciganlija 3, Tel 551-171, 554-652

Sessions are on Wednesdays at 4pm, Saturdays at 3pm and Sundays at 3pm. It is expected that participants be able to make it to sessions regularly. The price is 1,200 dinars per month.

Usually starts with some running, a weight work out and then rowing, either on the river or on the indoor equipment. Most of the trainers speak English.

Ski instructor

Sara Popov – ski instructor in Kopaonik. Tel. 0606266843
Highly recommended for teaching children.

Soccer/ Football School

"Slodes" Sports Centre, Borska 92f.
Mr Siniša Ružičić is the contact/organiser. His mobile number is: 064-254 4797.

Sports Bars

More of an armchair sports fan? Find company to watch an international game.

Sports Café, Makedonska – located near Trg Republic, entrance is set back from the road.
Tel: 060/0360105 www.sportcafe.rs
Opening Hours 9:00–2:00 am
The only place in Belgrade that show live all sports events. 15 HD LED TV's, one 7m HD video wall. A large sports bar, recently refurbished. Good food and beer.

The Beer Bar, Nebojšina 8, Vračar – behind Amici Pizza, and run by the same people, so you can order a pizza while you watch. A great location in the summer with screens outside.

Squash

SquashLand, Pionirski grad, Košutnjak tel: 065-855-8558,
e-mail: squashland@squash.co.yu yusquashland@squash.co.yu www.squashland.com

Swimming Lessons

Held at the indoor pool which is part of the Fakultet Sporta in Kosuntjak. Kids classes held on weekends.
Contact: Danjela Tel: 065/858 0542

Swimming Pools

Outdoor swimming pools are open from June to late August.

Banjica, Crnotravska 4, tel. 011/ 668-700, 011/667-999
Indoor & outdoor pools. Swimming lessons available from age 5 up.
Two open Olympic sized swimming pools and a kids pool.

Open 10am-7pm from July 15th. Check opening hours for indoor pool as it is often used for training. Admission 200 dinars.

Tašmajdan, Ilije Garašanina 26, tel. 011/324-0901

Indoor & outdoor pools. Open 10am-7pm from July 15th. Admission 250 dinars.

25. Maj, Tadeuša Košćučka 63, tel. 011/2622-286 Near Kalamegdan. Recently refurbished, although there is no shade.

11. April, Autoput 2, New Belgrade, tel. 011/2671-547

Outdoor swimming pool. Open 10am-7pm.

Košutnjak, Kneza Višeslava 72, tel. 011/551-353

Recommended for children and toddlers. Shade and small shallow toddler pool. Snack bar.

Changing facilities are dated. Busy at weekends.

Photos: <http://www.panoramio.com/photo/8001500>

OLYMPUS - Olimp

Vjekoslava Kovaca 11, 011/ 412-353

DIF Sport Center – Deligradska 27 (next to the Slavija roundabout), Tel: 011/2658 747

They organise all sorts of programs including **swimming for babies**. They speak English and are helpful.

www.staridif.rs/en/

Tennis lessons

Iva Gvozdenov email: ivagvozenov@yahoo.com or Mob: 064/157-4678.

'Iva is a strict-but-kind, very professional, young (in University) tennis coach for my two older kids (ages 12 & 9). She has instructed them for over a year and a half. She lives in Banovo Brdo and has access to a car. For my kids' lessons, I arranged for her to pick up and drop off my children, in addition to instructing them in tennis. The kids have progressed a lot in their tennis skills.' – ISB parent

Goca – very experienced and nice tennis coach, Banjica tennis courts, not fluent in English but speaks enough to train effectively, ph: 064-617-4385.

Gigi - at OAZA Tennis Club near Banjica. Mob: 060/0886-588, a great tennis coach for both children and adults. He speaks English, French, Italian, German and Serbian.

Nenad Ljubomirovic – speaks English, ph: 065-555-9934.

Marko Barasecic has been teaching our kids and me tennis for the past three years and is fabulous. He is great with any level: from kids just starting out to pros needing a hitting partner and everyone in between. His English is excellent. He usually plays in Banovo Brdo (Baseline

or Trim clubs) or New Belgrade. +381 63 212 087 *

Yoga & Pilates Teachers

Ashtanga Yoga www.ashtangayogabelgrade.com

Klaudia, Mob: 064/128-9352

Pilates teacher. Will come to your house. Can run classes for individuals or small groups.

Ivana Mob:064/075-7003 ivanafitnessmachine@gmail.com

Yoga, pilates, body & mind teacher. Will come to your house. Classes for individuals or small groups. Can also do general fitness training or act as a personal trainer. She is happy for babies or children to be present whilst you have your class.

“Ivana is very professional, and tailors classes to your requirements and she is also a fun and positive person to be with. “

Om Joga Centar www.omjoga.rs in the tradition of Satjananda Yoga.

PreNatal Yoga www.sidhasanayoga.com

Braće Radovanovića 36, Vracar.

Yoga for pregnant women at Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 11.15am for 1h 15 min.

The teacher (Mirjana) is very nice and she speaks also english.

Sfera. Vidya yoga with Ivana Dikic www.holisticcentarsfera.in.rs/yoga.html

Sidhasana Yoga Studio www.sidhasanayoga.com

Yoga Center of Serbia www.yogacentarsrbije.com/eng/index.html with a listing of Yoga teachers. Yoga style is **Yoga Similiris**. This style integrates Hatha, Tantra, Raja, Bakhti, Nada and Jnana Yoga.

Yoga Federation of Serbia www.yogasavezsrbiije.com/eng/index.html with a listing of members association and yoga teachers.

Yoga Vidya www.vidyayoga.net following the tradition of Swami Satjanandu

Water Parks

There are currently three aqua parks in Serbia.

Petroland, Petrovac, close to Novi Sad, approximately 1.5 hour drive from Belgrade.

www.petroland.rs

Izvor Aqua Park, Arandjelovac. Approximately 1 hour drive from Belgrade.

Separate sets of slides for smaller children and others for adults and teenagers. Plenty of chairs and umbrellas. Family day ticket costs 1500din.

www.aquapark-izvor.com/article/navigacija/atraccije

Jagodina, it is nice as there is also a nice zoo close by, so it can be a whole day trip.

www.aquapark.autentik.net

Napfényfürdő Aquapolis, Szeged, Hungary. Approximately 50km over the Hungarian border. A large indoor and outdoor aquapark. A nice weekend trip away. You can stay in the adjoining hotel **Hunguest Hotel Forrás**, and walk via an indoor walkway from your room to the pools.

www.napfenyfurdoaquapolis.com

Then there are some places with swimming pools to get out of Belgrade for the day.

Bazeni "Kovilovo", President Hotel, Zrenjaninski put 170- They also have a gun range here. www.bgsck.org.rs

Country Club Babe, 50 km from Belgrade. www.country-club-hotel-babe.com

Horizont Swimming & Spa, www.bazenihorizont.rs This is really nice and full of hamacs.

Ethno Village Moravski Konaci, Veliki Plana, 90km from Belgrade, This is an ethno-village with some pools www.etnoselo.rs/lang-lat/aqua-park.

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

Ada Ciganlija www.adaciganlija.rs

The largest park in Belgrade with facilities for every kind of sporting activity, based around a 4km long lake. There are pebble beaches around the lake, barbecue spots, picnic tables and a good bike path which goes around the lake 8.7km in length. There are many cafes and some good grill style restaurants. There are many playgrounds of varying quality, but they are improving each year. Bike hire is cheap (see Sports Activities).

The main entrance into the park is by the 'Stonehenge' like stone formations, on Obrenovacki drum, you can pay 250dinars and drive in to park here. Or you can use the metal parking lot (entrance for which is the next exit off the main road) which is cheaper but further for little legs to walk to the fun stuff.

During summer months a motorised train drives around the circumference of the lake, with many stops. The main train stop is by the main entrance at 'Stonehenge'. No pets allowed on the train. With small children this will be the best way to see what is on offer around the park for your first visit, alternatively hire bikes and cycle around.

Belgrade Zoo, Kalamegdan

Open during the winter time from 8am until 5 pm, during the summer from 8am until 8pm. Entrance fee for adults (older than 15 years) is 300 DIN, entrance fee for children older than 3 years is 200 DIN, children younger than 3 years are for free.

There is an annual fee as follows: Whole family (adults, grandparents, children) pays 5000 DIN, one family person (mum or dad) pays 3000 DIN, one child (between 3 and 15 years old) pays 2000 DIN. Go to www.beozoovrt.izlog.org where you can find a lot of information about the zoo, unfortunately almost everything is in Serbian, but on the navigation system on the left is written: English info. Here you can find the history of the zoo, the working hours and the entrance fee.

Indoor Soft Play – Dečija Igroanica

Belgrade has many soft play centres for young children, great for the cold winters and hot summers. They are clean and well run. There is always a café attached for parents to sit and relax with a coffee or even a beer whilst their children play. Smoking is sometimes permitted, but usually in an area away from the actual play area. Staff always supervise the play area, however with very young children parents are sometimes asked to accompany their child.

Play centres are the standard location for birthday parties for many families. Many play centres have a separate area specifically for parties.

Casper's (near Kalinić market) Topolska 22

tel. 2455-497, mob. 064 249-3474

Children's parties – animators and a coffee area for parents. Owner - Luka

Circus, <http://www.circus.rs/en/index.htm>

- Delta City Shopping centre, 2nd floor, tel: 011/2203 866 or 2203 867
- Usce Shopping Mall – 3rd floor – next to the food area.
- Junži Bulevar, Vračar – coming from Autokomanda direction, it is on the right hand side, just before the turning to Kalenić Market.

Softplay construction occupying some 200sqm, and stretching over 4 levels, Circus also features a separate partyroom for birthday celebrations. Café catering to adult guests. Children up to 4 years old need to be supervised by parent/carer. Opening hours from 10am.

Extreme Kids Cvijićeve 1 lok. 109-110 (PC ABC) (couple of streets down from 29th November police station) Tel: 011/2768-255, 063/7368-348

It has a children's area with balls and climbing frames and a section where they can just sit and draw, an area for parties (although this is not completely separate from the main play area), and an area for adults.

Kika, (see furniture shops) on the 2nd floor adjacent to the restaurant is a free small soft play area.

Kids and Play, Požarevačka 19, Vracar.

Tel: 011/308 7902 Mob: 065/344 1800

The charge is 200 dinars for 1 hour of supervised/interactive play with English speaking staff. Both walls and floors are padded. There is a pool of balls, crawling spaces and toys. Adjacent to the play area is a cafe where parents can have a cup of coffee or a drink and still be within earshot/sight of their little one. They also do birthday parties.

Current hours are 1pm-9pm.

Jungle Milana Jovanovića 14a, Žarkovo Tel: 011/2398 300, 011/2398 301, 063/495 314

□ www.jungleplay.info office@jungleplay.info

Be warned: the address given is for the road at the back of the building (with little signage) where there is parking, the entrance is actually located at the front on the main road where there is some parking too.

Clean, well maintained play area, suitable for ages 4+. Zip wire, trampolines, rock climbing and slides. Assistants to supervise children. Café attached. They organise birthday parties, including theme parties.

Liliput. Vidikovački venac 62E, Vidikovac Tel. 234-90-74

Open Monday – Friday 2:00 – 9:00 p.m., Saturday and Sunday 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Very clean play area for kids and café for adults. For a birthday there, you can bring in your own food but you buy the drinks from them. Located just past the McDonald's in Vidikovac, turn left at the light after McD's (not right next to McDonald's but the next one) and you will see it on your left. Also available just to come and play for the afternoon.

Puf Puf Children's Café, Tel: 011/311-0147, 3111-793

165a Bulevar Mihaila Pupina st. (building Jugoagenta).

http://www.puf-puf.com/bg_home.php

Located behind Mercator in New Belgrade. When approaching Mercator on Bvd Avnoja, turn right down the right-hand side of the Mercator building, take the first left at the traffic lights. You can then turn left into the Mercator covered carpark, or turn right into outside parking - Puf Puf is in the 2nd building on the left in the outside parking.

Working hours 14:30-20:30 on Saturday 12:00-20:30

Beware it sometimes shuts in summer – check opening times.

Indoor soft play area. Assistants can supervise children whilst you have a coffee. Toddlers -seven years. They can arrange parties and have separate party room with a private play area.

Mali Pirati Visokog Stevana 40, www.malipirati.rs

Tel: 011/292 8710, 011/292 8766 Mob: 060/5566 139 office@malipirati.rs

Opening hours: Tues-Fri: 15-21h, Sat-Sun: 12-21h Closed Monday

Not far from Supermarket restaurant, in Dorcol. One way is to go down Kralja Petra towards the Danube, crossing Cara Dusana, and take the 2nd right).

Moj svet, Čuburska 11, on the corner of Čuburska and Sumatovacka, Vracar.

Tel: 011/2419-707, 062/227-013 www.mojsvet.co.rs/

It is not big, but they have people inside the playground at all time, so that is really good place where you can take your kids and peacefully have coffee. It is family run and they insist on being smoke free.

Okean, Andre Nikolića, (next door to Šeher café). Conveniently located near ISB. A smaller play centre with an additional video gaming room downstairs for older children.

Space, Usce Shopping Centre, top floor. Tel: 011/311-00-88 011/63-04-522

Opening Hours 10am-10pm. www.spacepark.rs

Suitable for older children, aged 4 - 14. Popular for parties. Soft play, rock climbing, Segway.

Tehnokids. Dobropoljska 2 (Autokomanda – under the bridge),

Tel: 063-888-6017; 063-259-189 <http://www.tehnokids.com/>

Open 11 – 2100hrs

Indoor play area for kids like Puff Puff.

Turbo Limac, Usce Shopping Mall, 3rd floor.

Free, small soft play area located at the back of the shop. Suitable up to age 4.

Tweety Igraonica, Petra Martinovica 33, Banovo Brdo.

Suitable for toddlers – 4yrs with slides, ball pool and small trampoline. There is a nice café where you can have a coffee and watch the children playing

Opening Hours: Mon-Fri 11-14h & 16-21.30h Weekend 10-21:30h

<http://igraonice.ioi.rs/subs/tweety/>

Zazu's Pilota Mihaila Petrovića 72a, Vidikovac Tel: 011/234 6644

Located in the small shopping area behind McDonalds. Park in McD's car park, and walk

along Pilota Mihaila Petrovica past a row of shops then turn left into a courtyard of a small shopping centre, where Zazu is located. Soft play with café attached, assistants to supervise children. Only open in the afternoons.

Outdoor Play

Ada Ciganlija, (see above) has many children's playgrounds. The best are at Sunset Café (see below), Red Shoes (next to Sunset), the one near the roundabout on the other side of the lake, and café Lago (suitable for younger children) opposite Oaza restaurant.

Kalamegdan Park, has a couple of playgrounds in the park area outside the fortress.

Pink TV, Bulevar Kneza Aleksandra Karađorđevića, at the end of the road up to Beli Dvor. Recently refurbished with good equipment for older children, ages 4+. Zip wire, giant spider net for climbing, slides and hammocks.

Puzzle, on corner of Borska and Crnotravska, next to Banjica market.

An outdoor playground under cover, so you will keep dry but not necessarily warm in winter. Climbing frames, sew-saws and a maze, with a soft all weather surface, so not muddy. Not recommended at weekends as it can get very overcrowded.

Senjak Park, next to the 'giraffe round-a-bout'. Climbing frame - play equipment ideal for ages up to 5. Soft all-weather surface. Older style equipment for older children.

Sunset Café, Ada Ciganlija.

Drive past main entrance to Ada, take next right after traffic lights (signposted Ada). Drive along this road parallel to lake for approx 3 mins, small sign on left hand side in blue & yellow. Park anywhere here on side of road. Café is on right hand side of road.

Play area with sandpit. Suitable for ages up to 6. Café attached, but you can play without having to purchase anything. **Red Shoes** café next door also has a playground suitable for older children, age 4+.

Tašmajden Park, Bulevar Kralja Aleksandra

Popular park for children. Recently renovated play areas with soft all-weather surface, separate playgrounds for older and younger children. Children's cultural centre & theatre. Sports centre with indoor and outdoor swimming pools.

Zamak (Play Castle), Zemun

Near Hotel Jugoslavia and next to the lunar park. Closed in winter. A good place for the children to jump about and get rid of some excess energy. Children under 10 years only, it costs 250 dinars each for as long as you like. Inside are animators and a bouncy castle area, as well as a café for the grown-ups. *A note of caution:* Zamak is open-air and there is little shade so it's not a good idea to go along at midday in the summer heat.

Zemun – along the waters edge between Hotel Jugoslavia and Zemun, there are several bouncy castle operators and a few old fairground rides – a small roller coaster, bumper cars.

Vračar, four smaller parks with a playground in the vicinity of the Temple Sava/Neimar

between Bulevar JNA and Maksima Gorkog.

Child Friendly Restaurants

Generally all restaurants welcome children, however high chairs can be hard to find, and changing facilities for babies are almost non-existent.

Mala Ukusa Fabrika, Nebojšina 49a, Vracar

A restaurant with good toddler friendly play equipment next to it. You can sit in the restaurant and watch your children play. However you can use the play equipment without entering the restaurant.

Playground, Toplicin Venac 19-21, Center (011 202 8080).

Don't be fooled by the name - there isn't an actual playground but they have high-chairs, a changing table and a toddler-size bathroom. They have a small play area in the back with books, puzzles, crayons etc and a large TV with cartoons:) There is a staff member assigned to play with the children. The parking around the area is terrible but you can walk from Knez Mihailova in about 5-10 minutes. They have a children's menu too.

Madera, Bulevar Kralja Alexandra by Tasjmadian park.

Nice restaurant with kid-friendly staff. They have 2 or 3 high chairs so if you are going it might be wise to reserve a table and inform them that you need the high chair too.

Pizza Hut: Makedonska 44. Kid friendly place. They have many high chairs. □ □ **Vapiano**: Italian restaurant on the top of Usče mall (enter in corner of food court) and in center at beginning of Knez Mihailova walking street. A concept restaurant where they make the food in front of you. Great with kids since you can get it however you want. They make pizzas in shapes of teddies, rabbits or fish for kids. It is also non smoking in the main part of the restaurant. The only bad point is that there is no elevator so you have to carry the stroller up a flight of stairs, staff are helpful with this though.

Lorenzo Ikakalamba – Cvijićeva 110, ph: 011-329-5351. A wall made of beanie babies and lots of striking features, there is much for children to view.

Children's Entertainers & Parties

Ballet – Contact: Maja Pavlovski

Tel. 011/3192 912 Mob. 064/2870 837 email: viseodigre_balet@yahoo.com

Performances by one or two ballerinas.

Igor the Magician. Excellent, entertains children and adults. Famous across the region. He even produces a live dove from a handkerchief. Makes balloons for children at the end of the show. Tel. 063/360-936

Klovn Pera,

064-128-2514, www.peraklovn.freeservers.com

Well-known clown for hire for birthday parties. Speaks English and Serbian, performs, makes balloon animals and leads games.

Moje Boje mojeboje@yahoo.com

Judit 064/254 73 33 (English) Mihajlo 064/260 60 35

Mobile ceramics studio. They come to your house and help children make creations with clay which can then be fired and returned at a later date.

Paul the Clown. www.klovnpaja.com

Mob: 063/34 84 81 or 065/34 82 811

He does a show for parties which lasts about 2 and 1/2 hours and he does amazing face painting, a clown show, a magic act, dancing and he makes the children balloons.

Treasure Hunt

Create custom treasure hunts for parties at locations around Belgrade (Kalemegdan, Ada ciganlija, Kosutnjak, Gardos-Zemun, Knez Mihajlova Str...). Team games lasting 1-2 hours.

Choose your own theme (eg Robbin Hood or Pirates of the Caribbean).

Cost approx 125 Euros.

Milos Dilic

Mob: +381 64 16 06 879

www.potragazablagom.rs

E-mail: milodik@yahoo.ie

www.youtube.com/potragazablagom

Art / Craft Activities

Art Classes for Kids

Drawing, Painting, Sculpture...

Saturdays and Sundays from 10a.m till 12 and from 12 till 2 p.m

Age 5 - 13.

Cost: 15e for 2 hour session. Material included. English and Spanish spoken.

Gordana Nilolic Phone: 063 73 73 009.

www.gordananilolic.com

Studio 91/1, Makenzijeve 91/1, 011-245-3396

Every Wednesday from 1–5 p.m. you may come and paint readymade pots, plates, bowls or cups with your own designs and colours. They will fire your work and you may pick it up in a week. Prices range from 10 – 20 Euros/piece depending on the size. Great gifts for grandparents and fun afternoon activity for the kids. Also offers ceramics classes for kids and adults.

Moje Boje - Mobile Ceramics Studio

mojeboje@yahoo.com

Judit 064/254 73 33 (English) Mihajlo 064/260 60 35

Facebook: MOJE BOJE

They come to you and bring all necessary professional materials and tools. Lots of options for kids and adults. Ceramic birthday parties, pottery wheel, hand-building from clay, decorating pots, and more. They also have a small studio where they run courses for adults.

Chartwell ART Studio

Chartwell School, T. Dražera 36, Dedinje.

Saturday 11am – 1.30 pm

6 Euro per session or 20 Euro per month

Contact Person: Mr. Milos 066/8400-427

Pero Art Centar *

This friendly studio in Dedinje - near Jerry's - offers classes for adults, and children.

Painting, Icon painting, jewelry making...and more. www.peroartcentar.com

Baby Cinema

Watch films with your baby. The cinema is on the top floor of the shopping centre.

Ster Cinemas Beograd

Delta City Shopping Mall

Jurija Gagarina 16-16a,

Tel: 011/220 3 400

www.stersrbija.com/baby.friendly.ster/

Fancy Dress

Dnevna Soba, Vila I Vilenjaka., Vile Ravijojle, Dedinje

Tel: 011/266 5787, 064/271 4237

Two streets behind the Maxi Market in Dedinje, located on the right hand side of the row with the little shops. The owner speaks reasonably good English.

Costume rental, good to rent any kind costume for school play, carnival, halloween, etc.

Music

Jelena Samolov, piano teacher

jelenasamolov@yahoo.com

Mob: 063/169 6067

“Jelena has taught my older two children piano for 2.5 years (as well as being piano teacher to many other Embassy and ISB kids). She is kind, knowledgeable and instructs them in music theory, note reading, and in performing various pieces of music. They enjoy taking lessons from her, and I have seen them progress quickly under her guidance. She has come to our home to give lessons, but she also gives lessons at ISB after school for those without a piano at home.” – ISB parent

Olja Bajčić, piano teacher

Tel. 011-29 71 427, Mob. 063-83 69 216

oljab73@yahoo.com

She speaks perfect English; she has worked in a school of music, as a primary and high school teacher for the last 9 years. She also works with children with special needs.

Kristina Simic, piano teacher

Kristina.david@gmx.net, tel. 064 5789 266.

She is excellent with children.

Story Telling / Plays / Drama

Treehouse storytelling centre,

Bulevar Kneza Aleksandra Karadjordjevica 6, 011 266 1150

www.nassvet-eduarts.org

This is a company located in Dedinje, that puts on theatre performances for children from 3 upwards. It is in Serbian, French and English. They have some lovely Christmas performances. They also run a programme of events for the whole year, eg. Music& drama, for younger children, and computer animation for older children. Sunday Fundays are held each weekend during term time – open to all, it includes a play, circus/magic acts, craft activities and face painting. They also do private birthday parties and also private lessons.

Childrens Cultural Centre, Belgrade

Takovska 8, Tel: 011/32 42 01, 011/32 42 012, 011/32 34 941

e-mail: info@dkcb.rs

www.dkcb.rs/eng/00.html

Lots of activities, courses for children, ages from 4 – teenagers. Weekday and weekend courses in acting, ballet, English, dance, music and art.

Childrens Cultural Centar Majdan, Kozjačka 3-5, Senjak

www.dkcmajdan.org.rs

Tel. 011/414 3101, or 011/3692 645 office@dkcmajdan.org.rs

A range of activities and courses for children. See website for more information.

Pan Teatar, Bulevar Kralja Aleksandra 298

Tel: 011-2418524

www.panteatar.rs

Repertoire for children is based on the Serbian adaption of well-known fairytales.

Usually performances take place on Saturdays and Sundays at 12 pm and 5 pm. Depending on the play (Little Red Riding Hood, Peter Pan, Little Mermaid) kids don't have a problem with the Serbian language.

They also offer a Children's Drama Studio, with classes twice a week, where children do voice exercises and learn creative acting. For these classes though you need to be proficient in Serbian.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Check out the following publications and websites:

Belgrade in Your Pocket www.inyourpocket.com

Great free quarterly publication listing up coming events, restaurants, hotels, and services.

Belgrade Insight www.belgradeinsight.com

Weekly free English newspaper with news and tips. In airport, hotels or in tourist offices or through subscription.

HitProm Magazine

This magazine is in English and specialized for a real estate for CD and other EX-Pats leaving in Belgrade, including DIPOS properties and information's about moving etc. It is distributed, complimentary, to all Embassies, Consulates and foreign companies in Belgrade and in Serbia, locally.

Belgrade4kids. This site is dedicated to entertaining kids in Belgrade. It was developed by a member of the IWC play group and has a huge range of activities for children. <http://sites.google.com/site/belgrade4kids/>

011info.com website listing services, similar to the 'Yellow Pages', quite an extensive kids section. <http://www.011info.com/en/index.php>

This is a handy website with lots of great information. You can even purchase their "**How to Conquer Belgrade**" book via one of the links on their site. www.beligrad.com/index.html

News in English <http://www.b92.net/eng/>

Belgrade Foreign Visitors Club – Forums for expats living in Serbia, including lists of restaurants, medical services etc. Good place to find the address or phone number of a place someone recommends to you. www.belgradefvc.com

Tourist Organization of Belgrade. Good tips and info about various sites in Belgrade. www.beograd.org.rs/

Welcome to Belgrade magazine and website www.tob.co.rs Helpful quarterly magazine from the **Belgrade Tourist Organization** with info on tours, sites, restaurants, shopping, etc.

Website for Belgrade. Very comprehensive list of contact details (including websites) for hotels, services, telephone companies, transport (including airline websites, car rental), tourism, sports etc. <http://www.beograd.rs/cms/view.php?id=202613>

National Tourist Organization of Serbia. <http://www.serbia-tourism.org/>

English-language guide of Belgrade <http://www.belgradeeye.com/index.html>