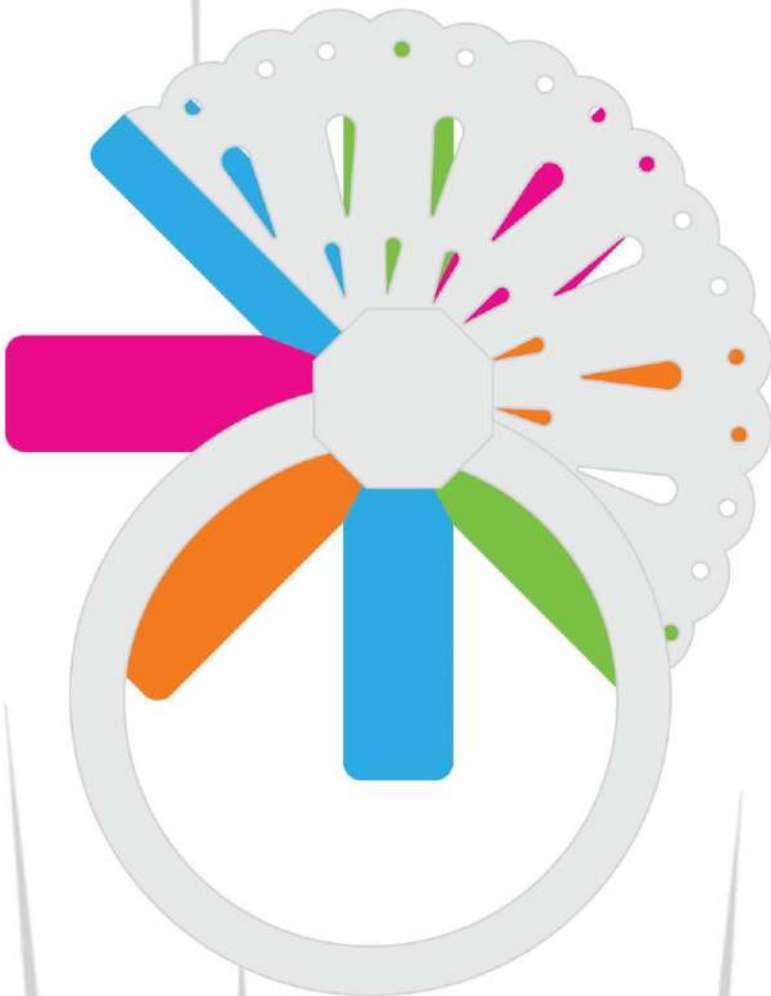


# ENJOY YOUR ERASMUS IN SARAJEVO





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# WHO WE ARE?

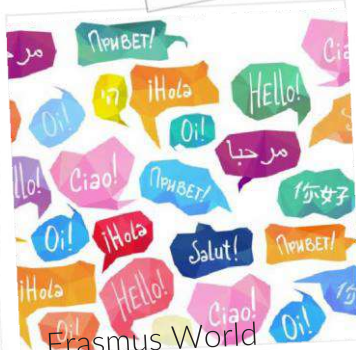
**Erasmus Student Network Sarajevo** is a non-profit volunteer organisation. It's a member of ESN International, the key student association in international higher education in Europe. Our mission is to represent international students, thus provide opportunities for cultural understanding and self-development under the principle of 'Students Helping Students'. ESN nowadays operates in more than 500 Higher Education Institutions from 41 countries.



Annual General Meeting



Flag Parade



Erasmus World



# WHAT IS OUR GOAL?



Erasmus in Schools

One of ESN's main goals is to help Erasmus students integrate into Sarajevo's social and academic life. We want to make you feel at home and provide support throughout your entire stay here. So, please don't hesitate to contact ESN whenever you need help. We will do our best to answer all of your questions and assist you in every way we can.



Rafting on Tara (BiH)



International Erasmus Games

# WHAT DO WE DO?

ESN organizes various social, cultural and sports events- parties, trips, games, educational and volunteering activities, and many more. Our programme will be diverse, so everyone can find something interesting to participate in.

We are kicking off the semester with 'Welcome Days'. In the first days of your stay in Sarajevo, you will have the opportunity to meet other exchange students and members of ESN, so you'll never walk alone.

**Our partner universities are:** University of Sarajevo, International University Sarajevo, International Burch University, Sarajevo school of science and technology, University of East



City Tour



Hiking Trip



Iftar at the Yellow  
Fortress



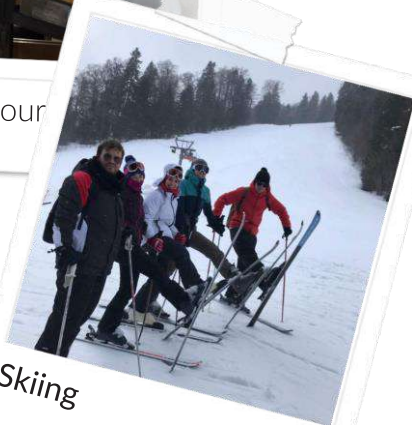
International Dinner



Museum Tour



Paintball



Skiing

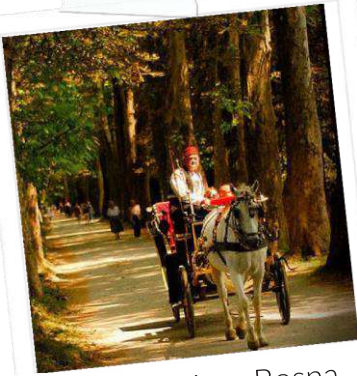
Lastly...

In days ahead, ESN team wishes you a lot of laughter, parties, amazing memories and life-lessons. Remember what they say about Erasmus- 'It's not a year in your life, it's a life in a year.'



# SARAJEVO

Sarajevo is the capital and largest city of Bosnia and Herzegovina. It serves as the country's administrative, commercial, cultural, university and sports centre. The city has a long and rich history, marked by many different cultures. Sarajevo area has been continuously inhabited since the neolithic age. However, the Ottomans founded the modern city as we know it today, in the 15th century. The name Sarajevo comes from Turkish word for castle, "Saray". Sarajevans are proud of the traditional religious diversity, having followers of Islam, Orthodoxy, Catholicism and Judaism coexisting there for centuries. Given the diverse cultural influences, it enjoys a reputation of a place where East and West meet and where various cultures unite.

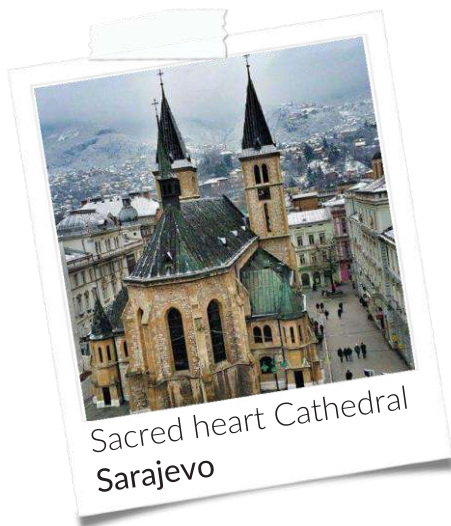


Spring of River Bosna  
alley

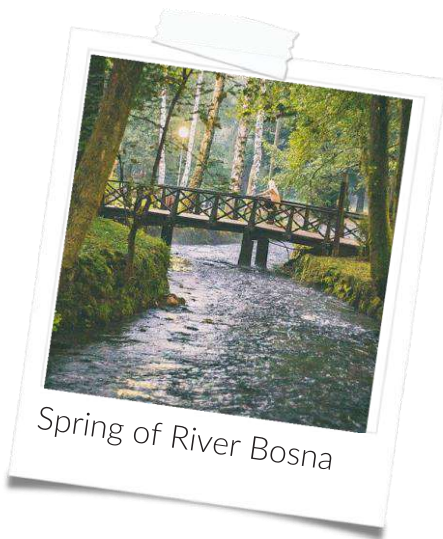


Eternal Flame  
monument





Sacred heart Cathedral  
Sarajevo



Spring of River Bosna

## **GEOGRAPHY**

Located in Sarajevo valley, the city is surrounded by mountains: Jahorina, Bjelašnica, Igman, Treskavica and Trebević. The Miljacka River flows through the city.

## **POPULATION**

Around 300,000 in the urban area and 500,000 in the metropolitan area.

## **CLIMATE**

Sarajevo has a mild continental climate. Average summer temperature is 19.1 °C, and winter is -1.3 °C. Average yearly temperature is 9.5 °C.

## **WATER SUPPLY**

It is safe to drink tap water in Sarajevo.

## **CURRENCY**

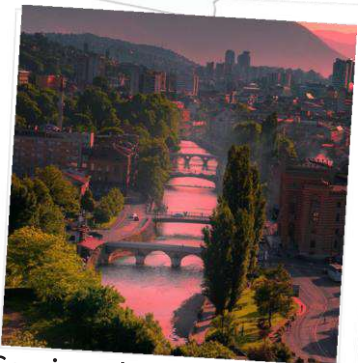
Currency in BiH is Convertible Mark (KM/BAM). The exchange rate is 1,95 KM = 1 Euro.



Academy of Fine Arts



Sebilj



Sarajevo Landscape



Vijećnica / City Hall



# TRANSPORTATION

## PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Sarajevo has tram, trolleybus, bus and minibus lines. Ticket costs 1.40 KM when purchased at a kiosk and 1.40 KM when purchased from the driver. You can get a monthly public transport card for students that costs 20 KM. You will need the famous “potvrda” from your faculty for the monthly ticket.

There is a bus line from the airport to the city centre and costs 5 KM.

## TAXI SERVICE

Taxis operate 24 hours a day. The starting fare is 2.50 KM and the normal tariff per kilometre is 1.20 KM. A fare from the airport should not exceed 25 KM to the city center.

## BICYCLES

There are marked bike paths in certain parts of Sarajevo and few bike parking spots around the city. You can rent a bike at a public system, NextBike ([www.nextbike.ba](http://www.nextbike.ba)).

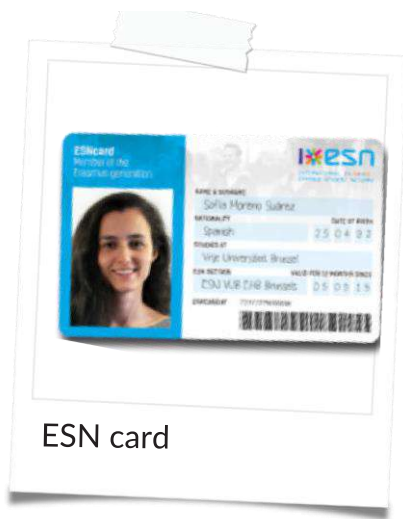


# ESN CARD AND PARTNERS

ESNcard is a membership card that allows you to access all the services offered by ESN and our international and local partners. For just 10€ (or 20 KM) you will unlock all the opportunities that will help you make the most of your stay in Sarajevo. As an ESN-Card holder you can enjoy thousands of discounts traveling around Europe.

You can find the complete list of our official international partners at [www.esncard.org](http://www.esncard.org) and local at [www.facebook.com/esnsarajevo/](http://www.facebook.com/esnsarajevo/).

If you want to get your ESNcard, feel free to contact us.



ESN card



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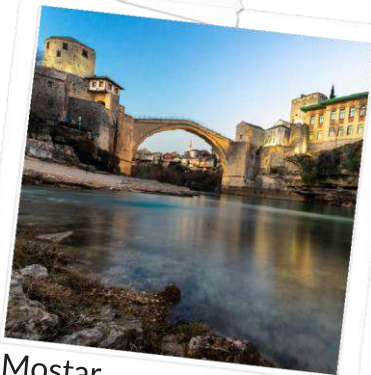
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EVENTS**



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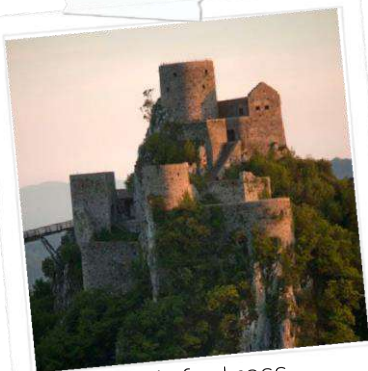
# BOSNIAN GEMS



Mostar



Spring of river Buna

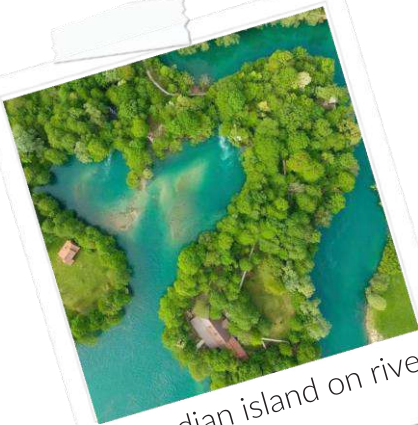


Srebrenik fortress



Kravica Waterfall

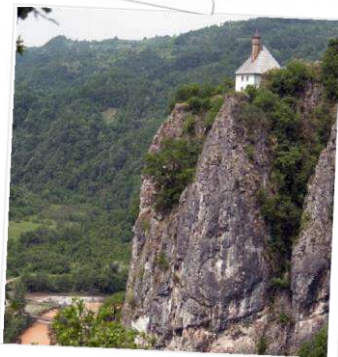




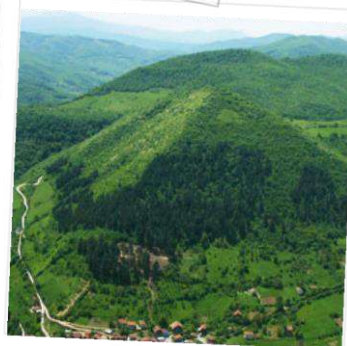
Japodian island on river  
Una



Prokoško lake



Kušlat mosque on a  
rock



Bosnian pyramids  
Visoko



Štrbački buk Waterfall



# TIPS AND TRICKS

**Note: for every student discount mentioned, you need proof that you are a student- INDEX or university student card.**

As a student in Sarajevo you can:

- Get a student discount when visiting almost all museums in Sarajevo.
- At the Olympic pool, pay 4 KM for 3-hour pass and 8 KM for an all-day pass.
- Get a discount on almost all gym memberships.
- For the cable car, you can get a discount by presenting the white card or residence permit and pay 6 KM for roundtrip and 4 KM for a single ride.

## IMPORTANT NUMBERS IN BOSNIA

**121 CIVIL PROTECTION**

**122 POLICE**

**123 FIREFIGHTERS**

**124 EMERGENCY HEALTH SERVICE**

**We urge you to save these numbers in your phone contacts, to have them in a case of need.**

Hello! Zdravo!

How are you? Kako si?

Im good. Dobro SAM.

Good morning Dobro jutro

Good afternoon Dobar dan

Good evening Dobro večer

Good night Laku noć

Goodbye Doviđenja

CHEERS! Zivjeli!

I don't UNDERSTAND Ne razumijem

Excuse me Izvinite

PLEASE Molim

Thank you Hvala

I love you Volim te



# KEEP IN TOUCH WITH US



ESN Sarajevo

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Ask to join :D  
or join via provided link



## **Public Transportation in general**

- Public transportation in Bosnia-Herzegovina consists of buses and railways. Buses are the easiest way to get around Bosnia-Herzegovina as all cities and towns are connected with buses. Railways operate a limited service in Bosnia, however if travelling from Sarajevo to Mostar we advise you to take the train, because the scenery is breathtaking.
- You can purchase single and return tickets for buses and trains from ticket offices, and discounts are offered for students.

## **Sarajevo public transportation**

- Public transportation in Sarajevo consists of five different modes of transportation: trams, trolleybuses, buses, minibuses, and suburban railway. These are operated by two companies: GRAS and Centrotrans, plus Railways of Federation of Bosnia-Herzegovina which operates suburban railway.
- NOTICE: From 1<sup>st</sup> May 2023, public transport for full-time students is completely fare-free on the territory of Sarajevo Canton. This includes the city of Sarajevo, and towns belonging to Sarajevo metropolitan area (Vogošća, Ilidža, Ilijaš, Hadžići, Trnovo). This pass is only valid on routes that operate in Federation of Bosnia-Herzegovina; it is not valid on transport routes operating in the entity of Republika Srpska.
- Student passes are loaded on new smartcards which are called Centroc card (Centrotrans) or SA Smartcard (GRAS). These cards have a different look but they function the same. To get a student pass, go to Centroprint kiosks for Centroc card smartcards, or to GRAS ticket offices if you would like to get GRAS smartcard. You will need a confirmation letter that you are a student, plus one photo 3.5 \* 3.5 cm size. For Centroc card smartcards, you will get a form that you need to fill-in regarding your personal information and what type of pass you would like to purchase. The fee for plastic card 'Centroc card' is 2 KM (€ 1,02), while for GRAS smartcard a processing fee is ca. 5 KM (€ 2,52). You might need to wait for 2-3 days to obtain your plastic smartcard. Once you obtain your smartcard you will get a pass that is valid for one school/academic semester (Centrotrans) or pass valid for one calendar month that needs to be activated/extended at the beginning of every calendar month (GRAS).
- In case you do not need a semester pass, you can always purchase a single ticket. Single ticket currently costs 1,80 KM (ca € 0,9) and it is valid for single journey on the vehicle where it has been purchased or validated. Transfers to other lines, trip interruptions and return trips are not permitted. Every mode of transportation has its own single ticket, and they cannot be used in other modes of transportation (i.e. ticket purchased for tram cannot be used in trolleybus or bus network).
- If using trams or trolleybuses, you can purchase your ticket in advance from kiosks located near tram/trolleybus stops, or onboard from the driver. Both trams and trolleybus tickets must be validated when boarding tram/trolleybus. However, single trolleybus tickets bought onboard do not need to be validated!

- For buses and minibuses operated by GRAS, you can only purchase a single ticket from the driver. You do not need to validate the ticket, instead the driver will validate it for you.
- For buses and minibuses operated by Centrotans you can purchase a single ticket from the driver; however, we encourage you to use electronic ticketing system called 'Centroc card' which comes in two forms: a plastic non-personalized smartcard, and a QR code e-ticket. Single tickets paid through Centroc card system are 5% cheaper.
- Non-personalized smartcards can be purchased from Centroprint kiosks, from Sarajevo bus station, or from driver onboard the bus. There is no fee for the card, but the minimum first top-up is 5 KM.
- A QR code e-ticket can be obtained for free through Centroc card app that is available on Android and iPhone. Once you download the app, register in the app, and add your credit card details. The QR e-ticket, as well as non-personalized smartcard can be topped up through this app.
- Both Centroc card smartcards and QR code ticket must be validated on the validator located near the driver. Simply tap the card on lower part of the validator, or in the case of QR code ticket, turn the phone so that screen is facing the validator, point the phone towards the camera and hold it till you hear confirmation sound 'beep'.
- Non-personalized smartcard and QR code ticket are only valid for Centrotans buses, they cannot be used on routes operated by GRAS.
- Suburban railway operates a distance-based fare system, with single and return tickets available from the train attendant. If having a student pass, using suburban railway is free in Sarajevo Canton (except to/from Visoko station, where you will need to buy an extension ticket).

### **Mostar, Banja Luka and Tuzla**

- Public transportation in Mostar, Banja Luka and Tuzla consists exclusively of bus network operating in urban and suburban areas. These are operated by companies called GiPS (Tuzla); Mostar bus (Mostar); Autoprevoz, Bočac Turs, Pavlović Turs (Banja Luka).
- Single tickets are available if using buses only occasionally. Single ticket costs 1,50 KM (Mostar); 2,30 KM (Banja Luka); 2,50 KM (Tuzla)
- In case you are student you can obtain a student pass, but the price varies depending on distance or zones travelled, and the number of lines and operators you will use. The student pass comes in the form of paper pass called 'kupon' or 'pokaz' (Banja Luka/Mostar) or in the form of electronic smartcard (Tuzla). The price for monthly student pass is 80,00 KM (Tuzla)



## Arrival to Sarajevo

- Plane: Sarajevo International Airport (SJJ) is the largest airport in the country, serving destinations such as Vienna, Frankfurt, Istanbul and other cities. More information on [www.sjj.ba/en](http://www.sjj.ba/en). The airport is located ca. 10 km from the city center and it is connected to the city with taxis and airport bus line **200e** operated by company Centrotrans.
- Train: Unlike rest of Europe, Bosnia is not connected with European train network, meaning that trains only operate inside Bosnia-Herzegovina. Currently, there are trains between Sarajevo and Mostar, Sarajevo and Maglaj, as well as suburban rail in Sarajevo metropolitan area. During summer months, there are weekend train services heading from Sarajevo to Ploče, a coastal city in Croatia. Tickets are cheap, students and groups travelling together get discount of 30%. More information on [www.zfbh.ba](http://www.zfbh.ba)
- Bus: There are numerous companies operating bus services in Bosnia-Herzegovina. Some of the bigger bus companies include Centrotrans, Globtour, Kantic touristic, Biss tours, Autoprevoz-bus Mostar etc. Buses operate to almost all cities in Bosnia, and there are also international departures to Croatia, Serbia, Slovenia, Italy, Austria, Germany, Sweden, Denmark, the Netherlands and Norway.
  - Centrotrans: [www.centrotrans.com](http://www.centrotrans.com)
  - Globtour
  - Kantic touristic
  - Websites for ticket purchases: [busticket4.me](http://busticket4.me); [buskarta.ba](http://buskarta.ba); [getbybus.com](http://getbybus.com)
- Please note that there are two bus stations in Sarajevo. The main bus station (Sarajevo) is located in center, right next to the railway station, and it operates most bus services from Sarajevo to rest of Bosnia and Europe. There is another bus station in Dobrinja district called Lukavica or Istočno Sarajevo. This bus station will be useful in case you need to go to Serbia or Montenegro.