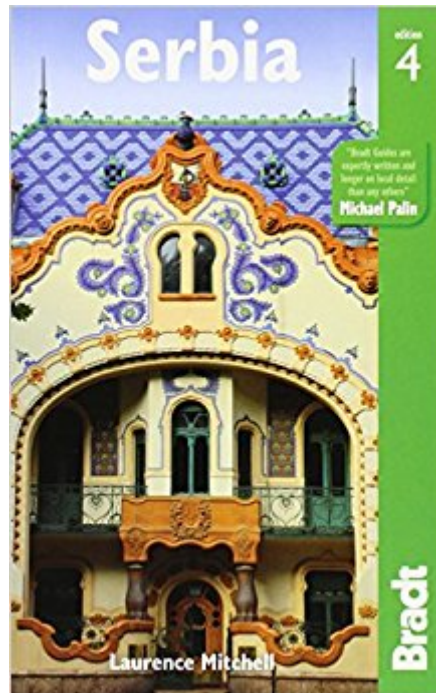




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Synopsis

Serbia is a spirited, fascinating country and tourism has grown steadily. Belgrade and Novi Sad are lively, cosmopolitan and welcoming while rural Serbia, with hidden monasteries and breathtaking countryside, is an undiscovered gem. This edition of the guide features the burgeoning music festival scene, bird-watching, wine-tasting and Serbia's growing litany of sporting stars such as Novak Djokovic. It includes a new section on the Danube cycling route. Updated throughout, the listings include boutique hotels, eco-lodges and backpacker hostels. The guide goes into greater depth than its competitors with more on the history, politics, culture and sights.

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"a good introduction to the country" - The Independent

Laurence Mitchell is a travel writer and photographer. He first visited Serbia in the 1970s when hitch-hiking through the former Yugoslavia. He is the author of Bradt's Kyrgyzstan.

This guide to Serbia is everything that a guidebook should be. Physically, it is compact enough to fit easily inside a backpack or shoulder bag so that it can be referred to easily during travel. The front cover contains essential information, such as what visual symbols mean both on signs and on maps and tourist brochures. It gives a basic "hello / goodbye / thank you" vocabulary and the phone numbers of emergency services in Serbia. The vocabulary help is continued at the end of the book,

where appendix 1 gives a fairly comprehensive vocabulary useful for asking basic questions, shopping, and ordering in a restaurant. Highlighted with a gray background, there is also a sectioned-off vocabulary list of words used in an emergency: police, ambulance, Call a doctor, I am lost, etc. Appendix 1 also gives the Cyrillic alphabet, its nearest equivalent in the English alphabet, and how to pronounce the letters. The book also includes an index (very useful), a bibliography, addresses and phone numbers for Serbian embassies in several countries, and a list of relevant internet links. A beautiful, two-page topographical map of Serbia appears at the beginning of the book, with the relevant page numbers listed at the side for each region. The map also shows the major transportation routes throughout Serbia, which has been helpful to me in planning my own trip. Further maps of each region are included in each of the chapters, as well as street maps of the major cities. The general information section is practical, helpful and accurate. In addition, Mitchell has done an excellent job of presenting the incredibly complex history and cultures of Serbia in such a short space. I feel that it is impossible to fully appreciate a place without understanding the history that formed it. The guide itself is divided into geographical regions. Each section has a gray "tab" which can be seen on the side of the book, so opening to the desired chapter is easy. Information is given about accommodations, transportation, where and what to eat, festivals, what to see, how to make phone calls, what is unique to the area, what to watch out for, etc. The section on Belgrade also includes the addresses and phone numbers of several foreign embassies. There are 8 pages of colored photographs in the middle of the book. I will be "field testing" this guidebook in a couple of months, but I do not see how Laurence Mitchell's Bradt guidebook to Serbia could be any better than it already is.

I spent five days in Belgrade, and this was the only guide I could find. Pros: Had some very good information for hotels and museums Cons: The section on Belgrade is only a fraction of the book None of the maps are easy to find quickly It's a little bulky, especially if you only want information for one city Some information I thought should be in a guide was absent (i.e. tipping after a meal) Overall, it served my purposes and may be the only guide for Belgrade/Serbia until more people start travelling there. Personally, I prefer Frommer's Day to Day city guides, but there wasn't one for Belgrade.

I am Serbian but have lived in the states for most of my life. When my husband and I took a trip this part fall, we decided to tour the country side for a week and escape the obligation of seeing relatives and friends. Best decision we ever made... particularly since it got us out of Belgrade, my home, but,

a city I don't think I would ever recommend to travelers... at least not until many, MANY things change. This book helped us, including me, a native, find the gems many Serbs haven't explored. A few such gems included Mokra Gora, Djerdap, and any number of monasteries, many of which have recently been repaired to their original grandeur! However, not only was this book an amazing way to help make our trip easy navigation to the hidden treasures of Serbia, it was also invaluable to fill in the (many) holes in my knowledge of Serbian history. By the end of the trip, my husband, a pure-bred American, was quizzing me on things such as "the significance of Manasija Monastery..." :-)

In other words, I recommend this book to tourists as well as Serbian natives who wish to explore more deeply parts of their home!

Great guide! I found and worked with one of the travel agents listed in Novi Sad-Go Travel-and booked a fun excursion to Budapest, Bratislava and Vienna then back to Belgrade.

I had a hard time finding a travel guide for my trip to Serbia. Due to its history, that area is not a popular tourist destination. I am so glad I found this book. It helped me immensely! You will find information on so many interesting facts in Serbia. I do not know how the author was able to collect such detailed information. If it was not for this book I would have ended up confined to Belgrade (a wonderful city). However I was able to travel across many areas and got to see things such as Goluba Castle far off the beaten path. The restaurant and hotel information, along with the included maps, was invaluable. I recommend this book 100%!

This was a great tool for my trip to Serbia. It offered a great background on the history of Serbia and the context of a lot of the important buildings. When I took a bus tour of Belgrade, I felt like I had the inside track on understanding all of the interesting sites. The book also includes some interesting sidebars, like buying a house in Serbia, which offers some insight in what life is really like there. It also had great tips on things like avoiding the airport cabbies and a description of the flea market in New Belgrade, although it did seem to overstate the size of the flea market. If you are making a quick trip to Serbia, this book is well worth the cost.

Published in 2013, the only travel book only about Serbia. (There's a lot to tell about!)

Well written

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