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Bosnia & Herzegovina (Bradt Travel Guide)



Synopsis

A new edition of the only comprehensive English language guide to Bosnia and Herzegovina. Bosnia and Herzegovina has emerged from the ashes of war to become one of the most exotic destinations of southeast Europe, an ancient crossroads where east meets west. The updated guide takes you through mountains, thick forests, deep river canyons, medieval villages and cities. It has something for everyone, from mountain biking, rafting and world class hiking to festivals, pilgrimages and a cosmopolitan café culture.

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Customer Reviews

'The Bradt guide highlights that Bosnia and Herzegovina is one of the last undiscovered tourist destinations in Europe.' Paddy Ashdown

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Whether you consider Bosnia and Herzegovina to be the edge of the Earth or the middle of everything, there's no question that this modest southeastern European country is a true frontier. As with many frontier "shatter zones" that have seen difficult political times of late, Bosnia and Herzegovina contains many more sites for exploration than many travelers are willing to seek.

That's where an excellent guide like this comes in. Bradt guides are always excellent because they are written by people who have not only the requisite knowledge of the place, but they also have an uncompromising love for the history and culture as well. This book is no exception. Tim has a deep knowledge and respect for the complex history and culture of the country, and that is on display in the book. The book is wonderfully comprehensive, both in its coverage of places to see and do, as well as in places to stay, eat and shop. These kinds of listings are essential for a country recovering from a brutal war, where both wonderful and horrible could be around each corner. The guide to Sarajevo - a city frequently called a European Jerusalem that is really more like Tbilisi - is worth the price of the book alone. Not only is Sarajevo a fascinating mix of cultures and traditions, its continuing recovery from 1,000 days of siege makes it a dynamic place to visit. Here's a book that presents that city better than any other guide you can buy, and you get detailed coverage of the rest of the country as an encore! Of course, there's Mostar and Travnik and Banja Luka and Bihac. But there's also the small towns in between that make getting lost more fun. Watch out for those mines! There's a perfect balance between cultural and natural attractions that display the best of what Bosnia and Herzegovina has to offer. Remember, Sarajevo hosted the 1984 Winter Olympic Games. All practicalities are simply rendered with minimum confusion. Maps are very, very simple. Almost too much so. Really, a book this good should have better maps. If there's one criticism I have of the book it is that it's getting to be just a bit out of date now. A new edition will be necessary certainly within the next year.

Amazing stats and figures. The info is very good and it has answered many questions I had to ask. I am pleased with the content, which enables me to plan a safe trip to Bosnia, in the future. The weather conditions and seasons, have been a big help as well. I haven't finished reading the books yet, as I am busy at work. I plan to learn as much of the language (for travel) as I can. I can't wait to read all four books that I have purchased. I will rate them, as I read them. I have good friends in Bosnia and I am so looking forward to visiting their country (by invitation). A beautiful family.....!!! Thank you, Ruth Duffy

I am traveling to Bosnia and Herzegovina in the fall and this book is very helpful in the planning process. It spells out information about even very small towns. It is also a great resource on the history, people, and culture. There aren't really any other resources dedicated solely to BiH so it is lucky that this one is so well done. It has made me excited for the trip to such a beautiful looking place with people who have already been very friendly to me in the planning process. If you are

thinking of traveling here, buy this book.

Not enough tourist books on Bosnia! Very helpful!!!!

It's about time someone produced a travel guide dedicated to Bosnia and Herzegovina. It is a fascinating and beautiful country steeped in a complex and captivating history. And it is in desperate need of income from any legitimate source, so why not tourism? Like the author, I am particularly fond of Herzegovina, partly due to having lived in Mostar for two years in the 90s. I will attempt a fuller review of the book later, but most wanted to comment on two shortcomings in this mostly wonderful book that leapt out at me. The first is that the Mostar restaurant guide section consists almost entirely of East Mostar locales. While I cannot disagree with the descriptions of the restaurants listed, I can't help but wonder what happened to Hrvoje, Admiral, Stela, and other standout restaurants in the area. The other is the short shrift given to some of the wineries in the area. While some large wineries produce utter mediocrity, near Citluk and Medjugorje are some rather good wineries, the best of which is Andrija. This winery is known for excellent whites and rose's, and also had a delightful cherry-flavored liquor made from grapes. While the Dalmatian Coast of Croatia is deservedly well known for its reds and rose's, the finer Herzegovinian whites must not be overlooked where available! I might also add that, rather than staying and eating in Neum, it is well worth your while to head to Mali Ston, a few kilometers east in Croatia. The Kapitanova Kuca is one of the best restaurants in either Bosnia and Herzegovina or Croatia.

Provides good insight into the rebuilding area of Bosnia Herzegovina. Use the web to update/support locales before going; many facilities are as stated, some areas will shock you with visible signs from the war. Found the people to be helpful & outgoing, especially if one didn't act like the all consuming, gregarious American. Use a few social phrases from the book & you'll find the people helpful. Native use of English is much more prevalent than expected. Natural beauty abounds. The miracle of Medjugorje is the number of people who flock to this religious site; the townspeople here are very receptive to tourists/pilgrims.

An accurate and nice travel guide that I will recommend all travellers to BiH. Kept it with me all the time in Sarajevo.

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