



Welcome to Bosnia and Herzegovina

The Heart-Shaped Land
Where East and West Meet

Connecting Lives, Sharing Cultures



BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA



...lies in
Southeastern
Europe on the
Balkan peninsula
bordering
Adriatic Sea,
Croatia, Serbia
and Montenegro.



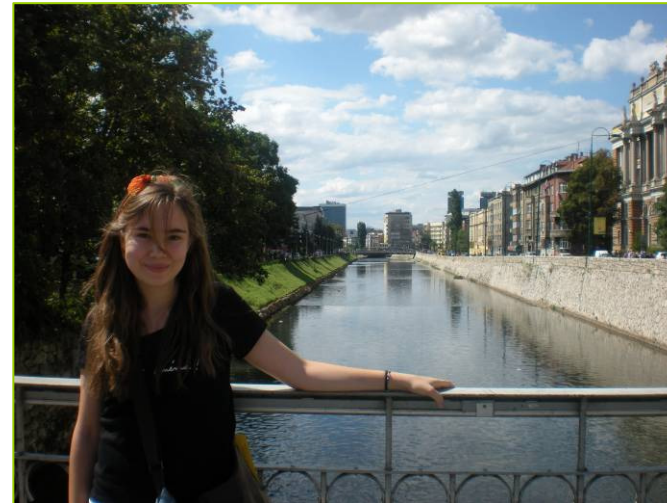
Facts and numbers

- **Capital city:** Sarajevo
- **Climate:** Continental Mediterranean climate
- **Area:** 51,197 sq km
Population: 3,879,296
- **Languages:** Bosnian, Croatian, Serbian (which used to be one language)
- **Alphabets:** Latin and Cyrillic
- **Religions:**
Muslim 40%, Orthodox Christians 31%, Roman Catholics 15%, Jews and other 14%



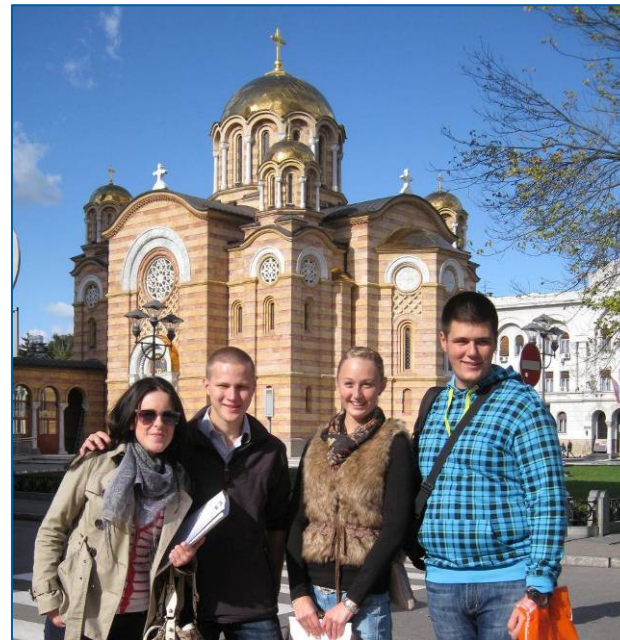
The biggest cities (and our AFS chapters)

Sarajevo



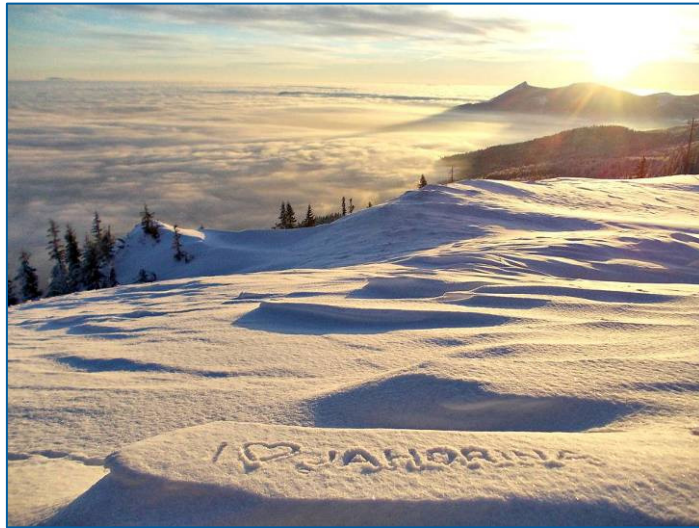
The biggest cities

Banja Luka



Nature

Olympic mountains



Adriatic Sea



Fields



Waterfalls

Traditional Cuisine



Bosnian coffee



Sarma



Burek



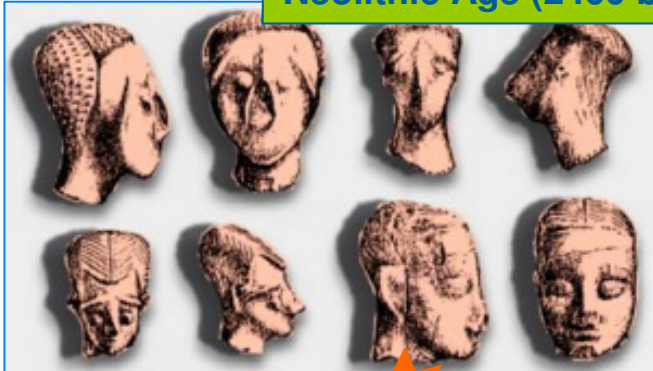
Cevapcici



Baklava

History

Neolithic Age (2400 b.c.)



Fortress from
Bosnian Kingdom



Roman Rule
(from 300 b.c.)



Bosnian medieval state
(10th century) - *Stećak*



Bosnian Kingdom
– First King
*Trvrtko I
Kotromanić* (1377)

History

Ottoman Rule (1463 – 1878)



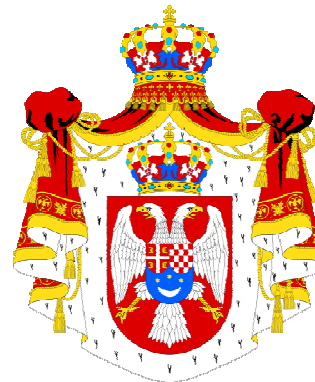
Austro-Hungarian rule
(1878 - 1914)



Independent
Bosnia and
Herzegovina
(from 1992)



Republic Bosnia
and Herzegovina
in Socialist
Federal Republic
of Yugoslavia
(1943 - 1992)



Kingdom SHS
and Kingdom of
Yugoslavia
(1918-1941)

Did you know?

The XIV Winter Olympic Games were held in Sarajevo in 1984.

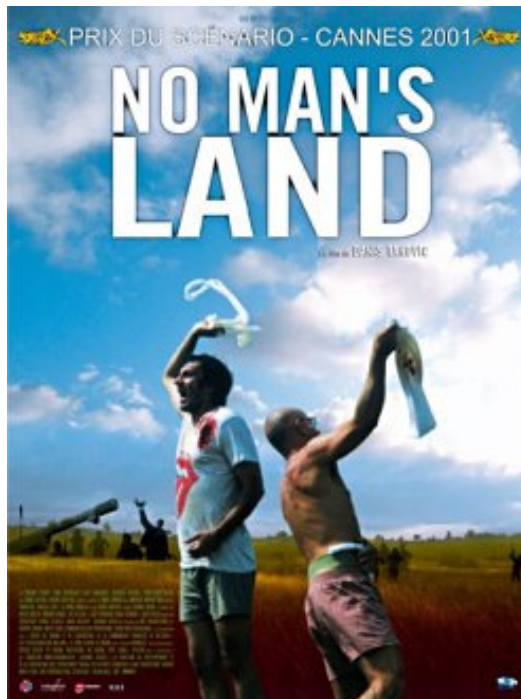
Sarajevo was also the **first city in Europe** and the second city in the world to have a full-time operational **electric tram network**.



Banja Luka hosted the World Rafting Championship in 2009 which gathered around 600 athletes from 55 teams from 35 countries.

Did you know?

**Bosnia and Herzegovina has two Nobel Prize winners:
Ivo Andric, the winner of the Nobel Prize in Literature
and Vladimir Prelog in Chemistry.**



The movie "No Man's Land" directed and written by Danis Tanovic from Bosnia and Herzegovina won the Oscar for the best foreign movie in 2002.

Bosnia and Herzegovina is...



Heart-shaped
land bridging the
East and the
West

- One of the most **diverse** countries in Europe.
- Wonderful **mix** of cultural and natural heritage.
- Well known by its **hospitality** and treating the guests as if they were family - and family we take to heart.
- **A Strong AFS Volunteer Network** with local chapters in two biggest cities.

If you want to...

...meet nice people...

*...meet various cultures
and religions...*

*...have the best time of
your life...*

*...spend a year or
three months in
a beautiful country*
**Connecting
East and West...**

...break prejudices...

*... learn three languages
(Bosnian, Serbian and
Croatian)...*

...enjoy Balkan music...



**...just come to
Bosnia and Herzegovina...**



...where AFS volunteers
are looking forward
to meet you...



...and make sure you are having
great intercultural experience!



AFS in Bosnia and Herzegovina

AFS programs in Bosnia and Herzegovina are run since 2002 by **UG** *Interkulturni susreti u Bosni i Hercegovini* or in English *Intercultural meetings in Bosnia and Herzegovina* in the cooperation with AFS Intercultural Programs, Inc.



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intercultural meetings
in Bosnia and
Herzegovina
2002 - 2012



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