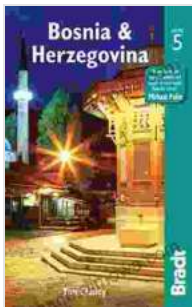


# Bosnia and Herzegovina: The Underrated Gem of the Balkans

Nestled in the heart of the Balkans, Bosnia and Herzegovina is a country of stunning natural beauty, rich history, and vibrant culture. From the iconic Old Bridge of Mostar to the bustling streets of Sarajevo, from the serene Kravica Waterfalls to the mystical Blagaj Tekke, Bosnia and Herzegovina offers a wealth of experiences for the discerning traveler.

This comprehensive travel guide from Bradt will help you discover the hidden treasures of Bosnia and Herzegovina. With detailed descriptions of the country's top attractions, insider tips on where to eat and stay, and practical advice on getting around, this guide is your essential companion for an unforgettable journey through this fascinating country.



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## Natural Beauty

Bosnia and Herzegovina is a land of breathtaking natural beauty. The country is home to three national parks - Sutjeska National Park, Kozara

National Park, and Una National Park - which offer a variety of stunning landscapes, from towering mountains and pristine lakes to lush forests and cascading waterfalls.

The Kravica Waterfalls are one of the most popular tourist attractions in Bosnia and Herzegovina. These stunning waterfalls are located in the village of Studenci, just a short drive from the city of Mostar. The waterfalls are formed by the Trebižat River as it plunges over a series of limestone cliffs. The result is a series of beautiful cascades that are surrounded by lush vegetation. Visitors can swim in the pools at the base of the waterfalls or simply relax and enjoy the scenery.

The Blagaj Tekke is another must-see natural attraction in Bosnia and Herzegovina. This beautiful monastery is located in the village of Blagaj, just a short drive from the city of Mostar. The monastery is built into a cliff face, and it is surrounded by lush vegetation and a serene lake. Visitors can take a boat ride to the monastery or simply relax and enjoy the scenery.

## **Rich History**

Bosnia and Herzegovina has a rich and complex history. The country has been ruled by a variety of empires over the centuries, including the Roman Empire, the Ottoman Empire, and the Austro-Hungarian Empire. This has resulted in a unique blend of cultures and traditions that can be seen throughout the country.

One of the most important historical sites in Bosnia and Herzegovina is the Old Bridge of Mostar. This iconic bridge was built by the Ottomans in the 16th century, and it is one of the most recognizable landmarks in the

country. The bridge was destroyed during the Bosnian War in 1993, but it was rebuilt in 2004. Today, the Old Bridge is a symbol of peace and reconciliation in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Another important historical site in Bosnia and Herzegovina is the city of Sarajevo. Sarajevo has been the capital of Bosnia and Herzegovina for centuries, and it is a city of great historical and cultural significance. The city is home to a number of important historical sites, including the Gazi Husrev-beg Mosque, the Sarajevo Cathedral, and the Sarajevo Synagogue. Sarajevo is also a city of great cultural diversity, and it is home to a number of different ethnic groups and religions.

## **Vibrant Culture**

Bosnia and Herzegovina has a vibrant and diverse culture. The country is home to a number of different ethnic groups, including Bosniaks, Serbs, and Croats. This has resulted in a unique blend of cultures and traditions that can be seen throughout the country.

One of the most important aspects of Bosnian culture is music. Bosnia and Herzegovina is home to a number of different musical traditions, including sevdah, a traditional folk music style. Sevdah is often performed by small ensembles of string instruments, and it is characterized by its melancholic melodies and lyrics. Sevdah is a popular music style throughout Bosnia and Herzegovina, and it is often performed at weddings and other special occasions.

Another important aspect of Bosnian culture is food. Bosnian cuisine is a blend of Turkish, Slavic, and Mediterranean influences. Some of the most popular dishes include ćevapi, a grilled meat dish, and burek, a flaky pastry

filled with meat, cheese, or spinach. Bosnian cuisine is also known for its delicious breads, such as somun, a round flatbread, and pogaca, a flaky pastry often filled with cheese or meat.

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## **Practical Information**

**\* \*\*Visa:\*\*** Citizens of most countries do not need a visa to enter Bosnia and Herzegovina for stays of up to 90 days. **\* \*\*Currency:\*\*** The official currency of Bosnia and Herzegovina is the convertible mark (BAM). \*

**\*\*Language:\*\*** The official languages of Bosnia and Herzegovina are Bosnian, Serbian, and Croatian. **\* \*\*Getting around:\*\*** The best way to get around Bosnia and Herzegovina is by car. The country has a good network of roads, and it is easy to rent a car at the airport or in major cities. \*

**\*\*Accommodation:\*\*** There is a wide range of accommodation options available in Bosnia and Herzegovina, from budget-friendly hostels to luxury hotels.

**\* \*\*Food:\*\*** Bosnian cuisine is a delicious blend of Turkish, Slavic, and Mediterranean influences. Some of the most popular dishes include ćevapi, a grilled meat dish, and burek, a flaky pastry filled with meat,

cheese, or spinach. **\* \*\*Safety:\*\*** Bosnia and Herzegovina is a safe country to travel to. However, it is always important to be aware of your surroundings and to take precautions against petty crime.

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