



..... **When one thinks of Belgrade**, the first thing that pops to mind is war.

Walking by bombed out buildings, the city still shows scars of the NATO bombing. But that is part of the appeal. Gritty to the core, Serbia is the Balkan soul. One goes to Belgrade to go off the beaten path. One stays for the people. Belgrade is an amalgamation of New York and. Quick to love, help and voice their opinions, Serbs are passionate as they get. With a pet fortress, ancient architecture, Belgrade is a beauty behind a veil of dust. Thriving nightlife, the friendliest people and outstanding food, Belgrade is Europe's newest hotspot.

Hostels, Beograd's hostels are different than their Western counterparts. Less corporate (say goodbye to your spring break Rome), and more backpackerish. In the better ones, you are greeted as family and plied with free rakia. They have a unique feel not to be duplicated in other regions. Considering the oldest hostel in Belgrade was founded in 2004, the hostel scene has matured rapidly. Stay at the below mentioned hostels and good times are guaranteed.

**Three Black Catz Cika Ljubina 7/49 +381 2629 826 reservatontbc@gmail.com
www.hostel.co.rs (currently down)**

Old man Mladen opened the first hostel in Beograd alllllllll the way back in 2004. Three Black Catz is the most centrally located hostel in the entire city. Known for impromptu turbo folk dance parties, come for the free rakia and stay for the people. At this hostel, the owner actually live there. Everyone who comes in is automatically family. However, there are no cats...False advertising??

**In Old Shoes Hostel, Brankova 18, 381 11 218 36 50 inoldshoes@yahoo.com
www.inoldshoes.com**

Funky, homey and radiating class. In Old Shoes just feels right. A home away from. old (but not stinky) shoes decorate the place with large peaceful balcony overlooking a picturesque, old world courtyard. Tiny (10 beds), with the largset rooms being two huuuuuge 4 bed dorms. Stay here for some R and R in the heart of Belgrade.

**New Inn Hostel, Prizrenska 1, +381 11 36 1234 1, info@thenewinnbelgrade.com
www.thenewinnbelgrade.com**

New New New. You're going to have to climbs Belgrade's hills anyway. So why not stay at The New Inn? Conveniently located up the hill directly from the bus station, across the street from Terazije Square, and 5 minutes from Kneza Mihailova. you could do far worse than Beograd's poshest hostel. Cool staff, flat screens, Wifi, free internet, smoking balcony, and coffee. Make The New Inn your base of operations when coming to Beograd.

**Star Hostel- Cara Urosa 37B, +381.11.2184.104, hostel_star@yahoo.com
<http://www.star-hostel.com>**

Strategically located on Silicon Alley, Star Hostel has the premier location for the fanciest nightlife in all of Beograd. With mafiosos and their physically superior girlfriends partying just outside your door, Star Hostel is not to be missed. Two buildings less than five minutes away from each other...flat screen TV...this is Belgrade's party hostel.

**Chillton Hostel- Katanićeva 7 +381 11 344 18 26, info@chilltonhostel.com
<http://www.chilltonhostel.com>**

The name Chillton is not misleading at all. Truly a very chill place. Your college dorm common room/basement turned into an attic. Lots of wood, ancient stove (decorative, don't worry) and lottts of posters/wifi, etc.... Vracar's very own home away from home. Located literally right next to St. Sava's, the largest orthodox cathedral in the world. Bonus, has been under construction since 1938 and still isn't finished yet!

Local location (behind Slavija Square) and local attitude (friendly/well run).

Manga Hostel- Resavska 7 +381 11 3243 877 fun@mangahostel.com <http://www.mangahostel.com/>

The most aesthetically pleasing hostel in the city. Modern and new. Greeted by a fleur-de-lis, Manga feels more New Orleans than Japanese. Hidden behind an alley, don't be deterred by the journey, you are in the right place and the reward is great. Large chill out room for socialization and recuperation. This place screams relaxation. Less than a year old, Manga feels more mature. Great coffee too. Strategically located between SKC and St. Mark's.

Green Studio-Karađorđeva 69 / 42 +381 11 26336 26 greenstudiohostel@gmail.com <http://www.greenstudiohostel.com>

Green Green Green is the theme here. Light green walls, dark green table, green chair covers...almost like a child's play pen, or a nursery school...a nursery school with free rakia and beer. 2 minute walk from the train station, but in the right direction. You can't go wrong. Friendly staff. Be prepared to walk up some stairs. Free laundry!!!!!!!!!!!!

Happy Hostel Kralja Milutina 28, 381 11 3619 414 hostelhappy@gmail.com <http://belgrade-happy-hostel.blogspot.com/> /www.happy-hostel.com

Happy happy happy. Brightly colored pastels, purple rugs, yellow bean bags, airy and sunny. 10 minute walk from the train station up the hill and towards Trg Slavia. Friendly staff. 22 bed hostel. Traveling for a while and smell like a Turk? FREE LAUNDRY!!!!!!

ArkaBarka Hostel, Bulevar Nikole Tesle bb - Park "Usce" arkabarkahostel@gmail.com +381 (0)64 925 35 07 www.arkabarka.net/

Imagine a floating party boat. Imagine an outstanding café with great views of the city and War Island. Now throw a hostel on the premises and you have ArkaBarka. Why even venture the center when you have everything you need here? A unique experience and only a 10 minute bus ride from the center and 5 minutes from Zemun. Only open in the spring/summer.

... others- **Hostel Senjak Belgrade**

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Restaurants/Cafes/Coffee Shops etc. . . . Caffeine and nicotine...the life blood of all Serbs. If a Serb isn't drinking coffee, he's about to. Caffeine culture in Serbia revolves around Kafanas, café/restaurants/coffee shops/bars. In the spring and summer, they all make a break for whatever sidewalk space is open and cover them in chairs. Truly a pleasurable experience. As for national cuisine, heavy, heart and flavorful. Cevap, sausages in bread and pleskavica, pork hamburgers! Lastly, a trip to Belgrade is not complete without sarma, meat and rice in a sour cabbage wrap. I'm getting hungry writing this... Bon Appétit!

Bife Ventil**[Kapetan Misina 14](#)****[+381.011.218.8443](#)****bifeventil@gmail.com****Facebook page** still wrote nothing on this place.. sorry.. *but it is cool...***Sta Je Tu Je****Cara Dusana 18****+381 011.2910.629**

Ignore the waiters dressed in silly traditional Serbian attire verbally pushing bread plates towards you. However, do take his advice when it comes to meat. Grilled pork that drips off the bone. The menu changes daily to reflect the availability of quality food. Never have I had meat like this. With three outside tables right off of Silicon Alley, spend an afternoon or an evening gorging.

Rostili Mikan**Marshala Beruzova 14****+381 2184.543****restoran-mikan.co.yu****(webiste currently down, look for changeover to RS name)**

Warning, the entire menu is in Cyrillic and the staff doesn't speak English. However, the only word you need to know is "pljeskavica." At this legendary stand, the line is usually 10 deep. But it's worth the wait. About 10 times the side offerings as other stands, such as green salad and fresh Unibus, a sort of hot cheese sauce. Don't be deterred by the funny writing and just remember pljeskavica (pee-esk-av-is-aa).

Nera**Gospodska 18, Zemun****www.nera.rs , +381.011.26.16.636 , nera@eunet.yu**

During the ye olde days of yore, Belgrade was an Ottoman border city south of the Sava and Danube. North of the rivers were Hapsburg land, Zemun. Now, it consists of Novi Beograd and Zemun. Architecturally distinct, Zemun has it's own feel. Among the places that makes it so special is Nera. This food distributor's restaurant consists of the some finest Serbian food in Zemun. Overflowing Pljeskavica (sp), cevap and more. For an intimate atmosphere, eat in. To save a couple of Euros, take out!!

Restoran Park**Pariska 20, +381.011.262.1636**

Hands down my favorite restaurant in the city. State subsidized means full meals for just over 2 euro. Like a sit down version of a Czech jidelna, with waiters in suits and views of the Kalemegdan. Do not skip Park. Sarma (the Serbian national cuisine), goulash, beans and more. Spend an afternoon gorging at Park. I'm getting hungry writing this.

Downtown-**Cika Ljubina 7 downtown.rs. +381 11 26 21 614**

More Italian than Serbian, this slick kafana stands out for substance behind style. Light snacks as well as killer cappuccinos. Wifi and beautiful patrons... Right off of Kneza Milosa and slightly less crowded. Go in the warm weather for the Serbian experience.

Cici- Djure Jaksica 11 +381 063 13-11-000

Hands down the best Cevap in the city. 5 mini (the word is relative) sausages in gigantic somun bread (similar to a pita). Cooked over a charcoal grill, its worth the wait. Want some spice? Try the BanjaLucki cevap with grilled peppers. One is enough to feed an entire family. Make sure to eat in unless you want a mess all over your face.

The Federal Association of Globe Trotters- Bulevar Despota Stefana 7/-1 www.aur.org.rs (website currently down) +381 11 3242 303

This coffee shop/bar (kafana) in the basement of an old townhouse is misleading. One expects to walk into a building's laundry room, not be greeted by one of the most aesthetically pleasing places in Belgrade. Open since 1999, the FAGT is more of a greenhouse than a kafana. Themed as the four corners of the globe, this place is not to be missed. Good place for a round, a coffee or even a game of chess.

? whats it called...?- Kneza Petra 6 +381 011 2635 421 The oldest restaurant in the city. Run continuously since 1823, sit in the wooden stools and stop in for a traditional Serbian meal then go into hibernation. Located in a former luxurious former horse stable, one can truly feel the Ottoman influence. Just don't call the locals Turks! Try the goulash.

Greenet- 2 Nusiceva st <http://www.greenet.co.yu> office@greenet.co.yu +381 011/3238-474

Smoky chain of local coffee shops with personality. Why is the Costa Coffee next door empty and Greenet full? YOU CAN SMOKE IN GREENET!!!! Serbian Starbucks? I think not. No Serbian day is complete without smoking an entire pack of cigarettes! Smoky, class, and airy. Greenet epitomize the electricity that permeates Belgrade. This place is a truly a scene out of the movie Coffee and Cigarettes.

Russian Tsar- Oblicev Venac 29 www.ruskicar.net +381 11 2635 873

Truly a place of beauty. Belgrade's answer the Prague's Municipal House. The Russian tsar radiates class and elegance. Crystal chandeliers, outdoor seating, and walls covered in portraits of historical Rusks. What could be better. This kafana/restaurant is ideally situated at the head of Kneza Mihlova and is a must see. Stop by for the amazing breakfast and feel like a prince.

Vespa Bar Topličin venac 6 381 11 2637 811-

Subterranean kafana that radiates class. Discovering a place by accident is always interesting. Especially when completely unexpected. Only detectable by a small signs and faint sounds of traditional Balkan music, one is greeted by a live folk band playing to a rapt crowd. Vespa Bar dares to surprise. Small, cosy and classy, meet a local beauty and impress her with your taste by taking her here.

Mad Mex Palmoticeva 10 +381 (0)61/15-90/445

Decent Mexican takeaway does exist in this country. Outstanding burritos and chimichangas. The owner claims to have studied the recipe of America's most delicious burrito chain, Chipotle. The beans are fantastic. A good choice by any standards. Outstanding for Balkan Mexican.

nightlife listings! Belgrade, Berlin and Moscow... What do these cities have in common? Not just that they were former communist capitals, but are home to the best nightlife in Europe. Belgrade's nightlife is special and unique in that it is home to so many hidden venues that you will feel like a detective for successfully finding them. The local dark haired beauties look like they are out James Bond flicks and everyone is friendly as hell. In warm weather, nightlife revolves around 2, kilometer long strip of party barges along the Danube and the Sava. Truly a unique experience. Whatever you are looking for, Belgrade will provide (aside from an instantuos cure for a rakia hangover). Just don't be surprised when you return home at 8AM the

following day.

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Karaoke, live music, good tunes. Yes, churches regularly get converted into night clubs in Belgrade. I have no good explanation for as to why. Dark, moody, and fun fun fun.

Optimist

29 Novembra Street # 22

Beograd's finest old world beer maker. Stop settling for Jelen (Deer) pivo and get a glass of yummy German style lager or none-too-heavy black beer that rivals Kozel in deliciousness. There is a reason Optimist is always full and the bar next to it is constantly empty.

Mama- , Cumicevo Sokace BB, No Address, No Phone, Sure as hell no website. ..

Hidden behind five narrow corners in a basement of a downtown shopping mall. You will never find this place without the help of a local. This might be THE most underground places in all of Belgrade. Where everyone goes after all of the other clubs close... Amazing music, an artsy crowd and no window, you'll hate yourself the next day as you leave and the sun is already out....

Akademija-Rajiceva 10 www.akademija.net

THE MOST STORIED CLUB IN THE CITY. NO TRIP TO BEOGRAD IS COMPLETE W/O A TRIP HERE. Originally founded in 1961, Akademija nurtured Yugoslavia's underground scene and it shows the signs of age physically. However, that shouldn't stop you from going there. Two clubs in one, everyone in this town and their mom has gone through their Akademija faze.

Magic Garden- Makedonska 5 +381 06 11 993 175

Hidden in yet another outdoor shopping mall is Magic Garden. Greeted by a mustachioed Mona Lisa and a tropical garden, the inside is antiequy and classy. Ancient telephones, art on the wall and great beer. A good place for a date, or a rowdy night out, it all depends on the night.

Bridge Pub- Jug Bogdanova 7

A sketchy looking pub next to Zeleni Vanac, this scary looking storefront is home to one of the coolest beer gardens all of Beograd. Cheap beer, rocking tunes and a view of a park. Check your fear at the door and be rewarded.

Casa Garca- Kraljevića Marka 19 tel: +381 11 3285 085

Yes, Belgrade has a real Latin-American themed bar. And no, it's not hokey and fake. Featuring live music, Casa Garcia is where all 30 native Spanish speakers hang out! An older and classier crowd, watch all of the best salsa dancing in the city. Bring you're A-game or you'll be hanging by the bar all night. Bonus! They have tortillas!

Freestyler/Povetarac/Sound- Triplet nightclub boats on the Sava.

<http://www.belgradesound.com/>

063/807-1853

Brodarska bb

<http://www.povetarac.com/>

Brodarska bb

Sprav Freestyler**Brodarska bb****+381 63 300 839****www.splavfree.rs****freestyler.cile@gmail.com**

In the summer, Belgrade's nightlife scene revolves around, anchored floating party barges. No trip to Belgrade is complete without dancing into the early morning on one of these rusted out hulks. With 1 KM of party barges on the Duvan (Danube) and 1.5 KM of party barges on the Sava, why choose these from the other 80,0000? For the diversity, Povetarac is a rock club while Sound and Freestyler are your prototypical electronic music clubs. Why not. The novelty is floating while you dance!

Francuska Sobarica/Bulter- Francuska 12 <http://www.myspace.com/francuskasobarica>

+381 061/123-57-98 These twin clubs located in an alley are where the intelligentsia come to play... Another basement club in Beograd? One can only identify these hidden gems by the crowds of spilling out front and the loud music radiating from the street. With different ambience and décor... you'll be definitely feel that at least one of these places is home.

Mr. Stefan Braun- Nemanjina 4 <http://www.mrstefanbraun.rs/> + 381 (0) 65 556 64 56

..... The most happening place in Belgrade. 9th floor of a commercial office building. Look your most glamorous and be prepared to part with some Dinars. Lost en route? Open your ears because you can hear this place from blocks away. Be thankful your office doesn't have a Mr. Stefan Braun in the building when you are working late. It is not unknown for the friendly bartenders to offer elaborate free shots to weary travelers. Must enjoy walking metal detectors and being eyeballed by war veteran bouncers. Bonus! There is a decent view of the NATO bomb sites from the windows!

Club Havana Pariska 1a <http://clubhavana.rs/> +381 011/2625-681, +381 063/407-070

Formerly Underground... one of the most famous clubs in Beograd has gone Spanish themed? Why? Nobody knows or cares.... Literally inside the Kalemegdan (the ancient fortress compound), walking into Club Havana feels like walking onto a movie set. With dancing inside a carved out cave and seating on the fortress ramparts, Club Havana is akin to Havana's Doce Apostles, Club Havana. At its best in the summer. Check your coat or get pushed down the stairs by grizzled war veteran bouncers!

Kuglas <http://www.kuglas.ikstrim.net/> +381 (0)11 324 0324

Rocker bar, where the bikers play. Barely marked, one walks in without knowing what to expect. Your first reaction is "great fucking bar." The Mississippi of the Balkans.... Kuglas is known for unexpected harmonica face-offs. Great blues/tribute/local/rock bands. Must be there on Thursdays for the best blues in Beograd.

KST- Bul. Kralja Aleksandra 73 <http://kst.etf.bg.ac.yu/> +381 011/3218-391

need to let off some steam? Walk down the stairs. Literally. Come to KST, a unique club in the basement of the Belgrade University's Architecture/Civil Engineering Faculty. Known for Belgrade's nastiest bathrooms... don't be deterred by the awful smell... dance on by them and onto the floor for a full night of trance. Beer under a Euro. Themes change nightly.

Blue Moon- Zmaj Jovina 4 +391 -011 2621 612

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Belgrade/Blue-Moon-Music-Club/45042450543?sid=c25b424fe070f84d49d7972a285c1e2a&ref=s>

Subterranean dance bar just off of Kneza Mihalova. Never have I seen a more naturally happy and beautiful crowd. Smiles all around. Amazing cover bands playing with emotion, thriving off of the crowd's enthusiasm... Jump up and down with the locals. Ne Rozumis Sjrbi? Ne problem! Bored of dancing? Play fooseball!

Cool Beograd shops, Shopping is strange in Belgrade. Outside of the EU, yet 20% more expensive. Import monopolists reign supreme. However, the average Serb would prefer to spend their money on looking good rather than eating. It works though. Mall culture is new here so everyone likes to hang out there and shop. Similar to a Kevin Smith film... Not an ideal place to pick up cool and unique things unless you consider Zara and Nike to be hidden gems. There are some special stores, but they are few and far between.

Skatula- Svetog Save 8 +381 064 970 9760

Local indie rock design shop. More Brit than Brooklyn, but that's okay. Cool bags and dresses for the ladies and T shirts for dooods. Special because an independent store can thrive amidst the prevalent mall culture of Belgrade. Go and spend some dinars!

Belgrade Culture Center Knez Mihailova 6 <http://kcb.org.rs> + 381 (0)11 2621 469

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T shirts, books, music video games/café/theatre. The name says it all. and more. Cooool place that is truly an embodiment of all the things that are right with this country. Lectures, live music, BCG is difficult to define. It is difficult to leave without purchasing Something...

B-92 Shop- Makedonska 22 <http://shop.b92.net/> +381 011/3541-937

Oohhhh! A local radio station's shop. What's so special about this? Well, it's not just a local radio station, it's the voice of the Serbian youth culture. Playing an integral part in bringing down Slobodan Milosevic, B-92 has a special place in the hearts all of non-ultra-nationalist Serbs. Supplying a large collection of books, comics and music, buy their T-shirts! Located in the Belgrade Youth Culture Center

That's all folks!!