



# VERTIGO ACADEMY INTERNATIONAL

Joint meeting

<sup>nd</sup>  
**2VIRTM** Vestibular Implant and Related  
Technologies Meeting

March 09-12, 2023 • Hyatt Regency Belgrade, Serbia

Announcement



[www.vai2023.org](http://www.vai2023.org)

## INVITATION



Vertigo Academy International is a Scientific Organization of International Vestibular Society. Its Academic Program and learning objectives offer substantial opportunities to the fellows interested with the topic.

Following 4 successive previous meetings in Turkey, Russia, India and Belarus, the V. Vertigo Academy International Meeting is planned to take place in Belgrade. Due to the Covid Pandemics that is still threatening the whole World, we had to postpone the meeting twice in order to offer you a physical meeting in healthy conditions.

The scientific impact of the meeting will be significant as very prominent scientists on the topic are involved in the faculty. The Scientific Program of this meeting will compete with the previous VAI Meetings to offer an exceptional experience.

Instructional courses will be organized in a day in advance to offer the participants meeting the leaders of the vestibular science.

With this opportunity we are incredibly happy by hosting the second Virtual Implant and Related Technologies Meeting during the same days.

The life span is getting longer, the incidence of balance problems is reaching 50% in elderly, and Vestibular implants will be an important treatment modality for severely balanced disabled. This meeting will be an important landmark for further development of Vestibular implant technology.

There will also occasion to submit personal presentations, that will also have the opportunity of competing for a prize.

We are looking forward welcoming you in Belgrade.

Prof. Dr. O. Nuri Özgirgin

President

International Vestibular Society





## ORGANIZING INSTITUTION

International Vestibular Society



<http://www.intvest.org/>



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#### Organizing Secretary



Tuncay Özçelik (Turkey)

### V. VAI MEETING INFORMATION

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I. Vertigo Academy International  
16-17 November 2013 Antalya, Turkey



II. Vertigo Academy International  
22-23 May 2015 Moscow, Russia



III. Vertigo Academy International  
02-04 March 2017 Mumbai, India



IV. Vertigo Academy International  
25-28 April 2019 Minsk, Belarus



# 2<sup>nd</sup> VIRT<sup>TM</sup> Vestibular Implant and Related Technologies Meeting

## 2<sup>nd</sup> VIRT<sup>TM</sup> ORGANIZING COMMITTEE



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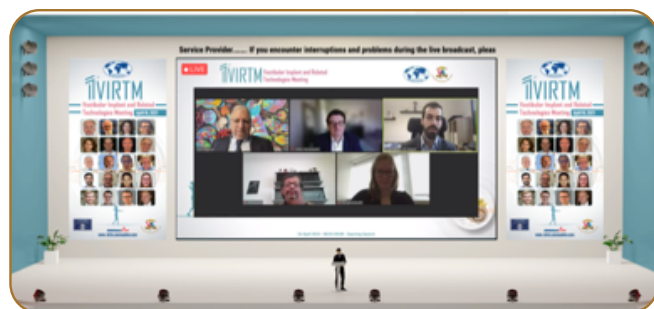


Angel Ramos Macias



Raymond van de Berg

## 1<sup>st</sup> VIRT<sup>TM</sup> April 16, 2021



## GENERAL INFORMATION

**Meeting Dates:** March 09-12, 2023.

**Official Website:** Please bookmark this website: [www.vai2023.org](http://www.vai2023.org)

Primary importance will be given to the website, on every stage of preparation and operation of the meeting, including the scientific program, registration and accommodation.

**Official Language:** Official language of the meeting and of correspondence is English.

**Certificate of Attendance:** Certificate of attendance will be available at the Meeting Registration and Information Desk.

### Important Dates:

Deadline for Online Abstract Submission	<b>December 25, 2022</b>
Notification of Abstract Acceptance	<b>January 22, 2023</b>
Deadline for Early Meeting Registration	<b>January 27, 2023</b>
Deadline for Cancellation of Hotel Booking	<b>February 03, 2023</b>
Deadline for Cancellation of Meeting Registration	<b>February 03, 2023</b>

**Sponsorship and Exhibition:** An area for exhibition booths will be provided for the industry and publishers. For exhibition and industry related inquiries, please contact Serenas Tourism at [info@vai2023.org](mailto:info@vai2023.org)

## CORRESPONDENCE

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## CME ACCREDITATION



An application will make to the EACCME for CME accreditation of this event. The EACCME is an institution of the European Union of Medical Specialists (UEMS), <https://www.uems.eu/>

## SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM SCHEDULE

DAY 1 (March 09, 2023)				
	Main Hall	Workshop Room I	Workshop Room II	
13:30-14:30	Instructional Course 1	Instructional Course 2	Instructional Course 3	
15:00-16:00	Instructional Course 4	Instructional Course 5	Instructional Course 6	
16:00-16:30	Coffee Break			
16:30-17:30	Instructional Course 7	Instructional Course 8	Instructional Course 9	
18:30-20:00	Opening Lecture and Ceremony			
DAY 2 (March 10, 2023)				
	Main Hall	2nd VIRTM Hall	Workshop Room I	Workshop Room II
08:00-08:45	Instructional Course 10	Invited Lecture	Instructional Course 11	Instructional Course 12
09:00-09:30	Plenary Lecture 1	Plenary Session		
09:30-10:45	Plenary Panel 1	Plenary Panel		
10:45-11:15	Coffee Break			
11:15-12:30	Round Table 1	Round Table	Keynote Lecture 1-5	Debate Session 1
12:30-13:30	Lunch / IVS International Executive Committee Meeting			
13:30-14:45	Plenary Panel 2			
14:45-15:15	Coffee Break			
15:15-16:30	Round Table 2	Round Table	Keynote Lecture 6-10	Debate Session 2
16:45-17:45	Free Papers 1-6		Free Papers 7-12	IVS General Assembly
DAY 3 (March 11, 2023)				
	Main Hall	Workshop Room I	Workshop Room II	
08:00-08:45	Instructional Course 13	Instructional Course 14	Instructional Course 15	
09:00-09:30	Plenary Lecture 2			
09:30-10:45	Plenary Panel 3			
10:45-11:15	Coffee Break			
11:15-12:30	Round Table 3	Round Table 4	Debate Session 3	
12:30-13:30	Lunch / IVS International Executive Committee Meeting			
13:30-14:45	Plenary Panel 4			
14:45-15:15	Coffee Break			
15:15-16:30	Round Table 5	Keynote Lecture 11-15	Debate Session 4	
16:45-17:45	Free Papers 13-18	Free Papers 19-24	Free Papers 25-30	



## PROSPECTIVE FACULTY LIST

Ada, Mehmet - Turkey	Gurkov, Robert - Germany	Perez, Forus Angelica - Spain
Ardıç, Fazıl Necdet - Turkey	Guseva, Aleksandra - Russia	Perez, Nicolas - Spain
Bajin, Demir - Turkey	Güneri, Enis Alpin - Turkey	Perez, Ronen - Israel
Baki, Fatthi - Egypt	Hadjivasiliou, Marios - UK	Phillips, John - UK
Bance, Manohar - UK	Hakansson, Bo - Sweden	Ponomarev, Vladimir - Belarus
Barbara, Maurizio - Italy	Hamid, Ossama - Egypt	Pyykkö, Ilmari - Finland
Barin, Kamran - USA	Horii, Arata - Japan	Ramos, Angel - Spain
Bassim, Marc - Lebanon	Ikezono, Tetsuo - Japan	Ramos, de Miguel Ángel - Spain
Battelino, Saba - Slovenia	Jenkins, Herman - USA	Reddy, N Vishnu Swaroop - India
Bhandari, Anita - India	Kameswaran, Mohan - India	Ricci, Giampietro - Italy
Binetti, Ana Carolina - Argentina	Kaplan, Daniel - Israel	Rubinstein, Jay - USA
Biswas, Anirban - India	Kiroglu, Mete - Turkey	Rutka, John - Canada
Cabellos, Ricardo - Mexico	Kim, Ji-Soo - South Korea	Saeed, Shakeel - UK
Caçes, François - France	Kingma, Herman - The Netherlands	Saliba, Issam - Canada
Carmona, Sergio - Argentina	Kirazli, Tayfun - Turkey	Satar, Bülent - Turkey
Celebisoy, Nese - Turkey	Kirtane, Milind V - India	Savundra, Peter - UK
Celik, Onur - Turkey	Koc, Ahmet - Turkey	Sennaroglu, Levent - Turkey
Cha, Yoon-Hee - USA	Korkut, Nazim - Turkey	Shupak, Avi - Israel
Chandrashekhar, Meshram - India	Kothari, Sudhir - India	Situkho, Maksym - Ukraine
Chibane, Imane - USA	Koyuncu, Mehmet - Turkey	Strupp, Michael - Germany
Christy, Jennifer - USA	Kumar, Ram - UK	Stuydts, Morgana - Belgium
Cisneros, Juan Carlos - Mexico	Lacour, Michel - France	Thomasen, Per-Caye - Denmark
Curthoys, Ian S. - Australia	Lee, Ambrose - Canada	Trabalzini, Franco - Italy
Dasgupta, Soumit - UK	Lilenko, Sergei - Russia	Vacher, Sylvette Wiener - France
De Brito, Rubens - Brazil	Lopez, Escamez Antonio - Spain	van de Berg, Raymond - The Netherlands
Deepak, Arjundas - India	Lyapin, Aleksandr - Russia	Vanspauven, Robby - Belgium
Della Volpe, Antonio - Italy	Magnan, Jacques - France	Vijayendra, H - India
Deveze, Arnaud - France	Magnusson, Mans - Sweden	Viktor, Voronov - Russia
Donnelly, Neil - UK	Mandala, Marco - Italy	Yalcin, Sinasi - Turkey
E. Mostafa, Badr - Egypt	Manrique, Manuel - Spain	Yilmaz, Orhan - Turkey
Espanol, Carlos Cenjor - Spain	Milkov, Mario - Bulgaria	Yigit, Ozgur - Turkey
Faralli, Mario - Italy	Morera, Constantino - Spain	Zamergrad, Maxim - Russia
Gadre, Arun - USA	Narayanan, Prepageran - Malaysia	Zarowski, Andrzej - Belgium
Golyk, Volodymyr - Ukraine	Nuti, Daniel - Italy	Zaytoun, George - Lebanon
Gorur, Kemal - Turkey	Ozcelik, Tuncay - Turkey	Zaytseva, Olga - Russia
Guerra, Gloria - Spain	Ozgirgin, O. Nuri - Turkey	Zee, David - USA
Guinand, Nils - Switzerland	Ozluoglu, Levent N.- Turkey	





## TOPICS

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- Acute Vestibulopathy
- Assessment of the Vestibular Function
- Autoimmune Inner Ear Disease
- Biomechanics of the Semicircular Canals and Otolith Organs
- Central Vestibular Pathologies
- Clinical Utility and Interpretation of the vHIT
- Cochlear implants and its impact on vestibular system
- Endolymphatic Sac and Meniere's Disease
- Fear of height
- Genetics and Vestibular Diseases
- Labyrinthitis: an Update
- Mal De Débarquement
- Meniere's Disease and Comorbidities
- Minor's Syndrome/Superior Semicircular Canal Dehiscence
- Molecular Biology in Vestibular Disorders
- Motion Sickness
- Otolithic system
- Pediatric Vertigo
- Positional Vertigo
- Postural Control and the Vestibulospinal System
- Psychological Aspects of Vestibular Disorders
- Radiologic Evaluation of Vestibular Disease
- The Vestibulo-autonomic System and Interactions
- Vestibular Compensation
- Vestibular Disorders Following Otologic and Neurotologic Surgery
- Vestibular Disorders Related with Headache Syndromes
- Vestibular Implants
- Vestibular Laboratory: How it should be
- Vestibular Neuritis: an Update
- Vestibular Paroxysmia
- Vestibular Problems of the Elders
- Vestibular Rehabilitation
- Vestibular Toxicity in Daily Medical Practice (medicines, alcohol, drugs, etc.)
- Virtual Reality
- Visual Vertigo and Motion Sickness



## ONLINE ABSTRACT SUBMISSION INFORMATION

For online abstract submission, please visit the “BGS” Abstract Submission System section in the official web page of the Meeting.

### Abstract Submission System for Oral and Posters

- Detailed information is provided in the system. If assistance needed, please send an e-mail to [info@vai2023.org](mailto:info@vai2023.org)
- Please carefully read the instructions before submitting your abstract through the online submission module “BGS” system.
- Once you sign up, you can also continue working on abstract until you finally decide to submit before the deadline.
- This is an automated system that will allow you to put the information online for the authors, affiliations, abstract text (if required with special characters etc.) and keywords in a series of different windows.
- You can track the whole submission and evaluation procedure either within the system or by e-mail notification.
- In case of submitting more than one abstract you can use the same login and password for each abstract via online submission module.

### Instructions for Online Poster and Oral Presentations

- All Abstracts should be submitted in English only.
- Abstracts submitted by e-mail, fax or post will NOT be accepted.
- The abstracts have to be structured as follows: Aim, Material Method, Results, Discussion, Conclusion.
- The abstracts for oral and poster presentations should be submitted until **December 25, 2022**. This date will NOT be postponed.
- All submitted abstracts will be reviewed by the Scientific Committee. The abstracts scheduled for oral presentations will be announced on **January 22, 2023**. The rest will be displayed as posters.
- 30 oral presentations will be displayed.
- Among the 25 oral presentations. The Scientific Committee will select the first five to be presented in Prize session.
- These finalists will present their studies to the Jury during the prize session and the winner will be awarded with “IVS Prize Certificate” and 1.000 US Dollars.
- A certificate will be delivered to all finalist presentations.

### All accepted abstracts presenters must be register to the congress.

For the meeting registration, please visit the online registration and accommodation system section in the meeting official web page. If not, their presentation will be not allowed in the meeting scientific program and not printed in the Program and Abstract Book.

### Poster Presentation Guidelines

The posters will be 70 cm (width) and 90 cm (height) and will be mounted vertically. (Double-sided tape will be available for mounting the Posters)

Graphics and digital photos should be at least 100-150 dpi in their final.

## VAI PRIZE SESSION

The best study will be elected among the prize submissions (made by the authors below 40 years old.) \*will be awarded with “**IVS Prize**” 5 finalists will be selected among the prize submissions.

These finalists will present their studies to the Jury during the prize session and the winner will be awarded with “**IVS Prize Certificate**” and **1.000 US Dollars**.

The Abstracts for oral and poster presentations should be submitted until **September 04, 2022**. This date will NOT be postponed.

\* Prize candidates must declare their age is below 40 (the presenter).



## REGISTRATION AND ACCOMMODATION

For online registration and accommodation, please visit the "OPS" Online Payment System section in the official web page of the Meeting.

## REGISTRATION

Congress Registration Fees	Early Registration Fee Before <b>January 27, 2023</b>	Late Registration Fee Starting <b>January 27, 2023</b>
	<i>* Payments by bank transfer possible</i>  <b>until January 27, 2023.</b>	<i>* Payments by bank transfer <u>NOT Possible</u></i>  <b>after January 27, 2023</b>
	<b>500 €</b>	<b>550 €</b>

\* The rates are in Euro (€) and included VAT.

### The registration fee includes;

- \* Participation to all scientific sessions,
- \* Printed materials (Bag, program and abstract book, name badge, mini program),
- \* Certificate of attendance,
- \* Lunch and beverage on March 09-10-11, 2023 days,
- \* Afternoon coffee breaks with cookies on **March 09, 2023** and morning and afternoon coffee breaks with cookies on **March 10-11, 2023** days,
- \* Opening ceremony dinner with beverages on **March 09, 2023**.

### Confirmation, Cancellations and Refunds:

- Payments can be conducted either by bank transfer or credit card.
- All cancellations must be made by sending an e-mail to [vertigo@serenas.com.tr](mailto:vertigo@serenas.com.tr)
- If received by **February 03, 2023** the payment will be refunded in full. As a matter of fact, while there would be full refund, there often are handling fee charged for processing the refund. Handling Fee: 50 € for per person (VAT is included) for each cancellation.
- If received between **February 04, 2023** and **February 10, 2023**, 50% of the fee will be refunded.
- If received later than **February 21, 2023**, there will be no refund.
- All rates are subject to amendments without prior notice.
- Name change will be accepted up to 72 hours prior to the Meeting
  - \* Handling Fee: 50 € for per person (VAT is included.)
- Cancellation received after these dates is not a subject to any refund
- All refunds, if any, will be processed after the Meeting.





## ACCOMMODATION PACKAGE FEES

HOTEL NAME	3 nights' Accommodation and Services Package Fee / per room (*) Check-in: March 09, 2023 Check-out: March 12, 2023		Additional nights' accommodation fee per night / per room (Full Board Basis)	
Hyatt Regency Belgrade Hotel 5*	Single Room (1pax)	Double Room in Per Person (2 pax)	Single Room (1pax)	Double Room (2 pax)
	665 €	455 €	260 €	385 €

\* The room rates are in Euro (€) and included VAT.

### The Package Hyatt Regency Accommodation Fee Includes:

- \* 3 nights' accommodation at the standard room and per person,
- \* Open Buffet Breakfast each morning at the Hyatt Regency Hotel Restaurant,
- \* Dinner and beverage on **March 10, 2023** and **March 11, 2023** nights,
- \* Service charge and VAT are included to the accommodation fees.
- \* No refunds will be made for no – shows.

**Important Note:** Roundtrip transfer Nicola Tesla Airport-Hyatt Regency Hotel-Nicola Tesla Airport can be provided for participants who received the accommodation service from Serenas Group (Official Agent) together with above accommodation fees.

### Confirmation, Cancellations and Refunds:

- The full payment is required in order to confirm your hotel reservation.
- Payments can be conducted either by bank transfer or credit card.
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### Method of Payment for Registration and Accommodation

**Credit Card:** Payments shall be made in Euro (€).

No other currencies shall be accepted.

Payments can be made with credit cards (master card or visa) or through bank transfer.

AMEX and Diners credit cards are not accepted for on line and on-site registration.

**Bank Transfer:** Participants who pay their balance with a bank transfer are required to send the bank receipt copies to SERENAS Tourism via Fax: +90 312 441 45 62 or e-mail: [vertigo@serenas.com.tr](mailto:vertigo@serenas.com.tr)

### Information of Bank Transfer

ACCOUNT NAME	SERENAS ULUSLAR ARASI TURİZM KONGRE ORGANİZASYON A.Ş
BANK NAME	GARANTİ BANKASI
BANK SWIFT CODU	TGBATRISXXX
BANK EFT CODU	62
BRANCH	ANKARA TİCARİ ŞUBESİ
BRANCH CODE	170
BRANCH ADDRESS	Güvenevler Mahallesi Cinnah Caddesi No:2 Çankaya, Ankara/TURKEY
EURO	9076908
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## LOCATION

### Meeting Venue (Headquarter Hotel)



#### Hyatt Regency Belgrade

PO Box 067 Milentija Popovica 5, 11070, Belgrade,

URL: [belgrade.regency.hyatt.com](http://belgrade.regency.hyatt.com)



**Hyatt Regency Belgrade** is located in the heart of the main business, culture and entertainment district of New Belgrade.

The hotel is within walking distance of the Sava Center congress hall, and Stark Arena - the largest event and sports hall in the city. The hotel has good connections to Belgrade Nikola Tesla Airport. The distance between the Hotel and the Nikola Tesla Airport is 11,3 km.



## VISITOR INFORMATION

**Languages of Serbia:** The official language is Serbian, while visitors from abroad can use English to communicate.

**Currency:** Dinar (RSD)

**Weather:** The average minimum temperature (usually the minimum temperature is noted during the night) in Belgrade in March is 7.0°C (44.6°F). The amount of rain in March is normal with an average of 59mm (2.3in). The average maximum temperature lies around 17.0°C (62.6°F). You will see the sun sometimes in this month, it has 178 hours of sun. Our visitors traveling to Belgrade should plan on bringing a totally waterproof rain jacket since it will be raining some days. Plan on layering your clothes. Some days or part of the day it will be nice and warm and some moments it can be a bit chilly.

**Electricity:** In Serbia the power plugs and sockets are of type F. The standard voltage is 230 V and the standard frequency is 50 Hz.

**Emergency Numbers:** Police : 92 Fire Brigade : 93 Ambulance : 94

**City Public Transport:** Belgrade city public transport company is GSP "Beograd" but there are also bus services run by private companies, on around 130 routes.

Single tickets can be purchased both at public transport vehicles (from the driver), at kiosks with a ticket sales sing or at GSP points-of-sale. Remember that tickets bought at kiosks are cheaper than those bought in vehicles and Tickets for night services (00-04) are more expensive. Night transport routes differ from the routes of daytime services and combine several routes which serve particular parts of town and suburban areas. For further information contact Belgrade City Transport Company

[www.gsp.co.rs](http://www.gsp.co.rs)

Moreover there are express minibus services which are a little less cheap, but also more comfortable and faster since they do not stop at every bus stop.

**Taxis in Belgrade:** Taxis in Belgrade are cheap and safe, ideal for tourists. Just remember to check if the taxi driver starts the taximeter correctly. Taxi in Belgrade have not a compulsory color but they have to carry a blue city taxi sign on the roof as well as the designation of their taxi company.

## Getting to Belgrade By Plane

Belgrade Nikola Tesla International Airport ([www.beg.aero](http://www.beg.aero)) is the second busiest airport in Europe. Located 12km away from Belgrade city in the Surčin Municipality, Serbia, the airport opened in 1962. Previously known as Belgrade International Airport, it was renamed in the honor of Nikola Tesla, a Serbian scientist, in 2006.

Nikola Tesla Airport is connected via regular routes to nearly 40 destinations worldwide.

### Carriers:

- Aeroflot - [www.aeroflot.org](http://www.aeroflot.org)
- Aerosvit - [www.aerosvit.com](http://www.aerosvit.com)
- Air France - [www.airfrance.rs](http://www.airfrance.rs)
- Alitalia - [www.alitalia.com](http://www.alitalia.com)
- Austrian Airlines - [www.aua.com](http://www.aua.com)
- Aviogenex - [www.aviogenex.com](http://www.aviogenex.com)
- British Airways - [www.british-airways.com](http://www.british-airways.com)
- Czech Airlines - [www.csa.cz](http://www.csa.cz)
- Emirates - [www.emirates.com](http://www.emirates.com)
- Lufthansa - [www.lufthansa.com](http://www.lufthansa.com)
- Malev - [www.malev.com](http://www.malev.com)
- Montenegro Airlines - [www.montenegroairlines.com](http://www.montenegroairlines.com)
- Olympic Airlines - [www.olympicairlines.com](http://www.olympicairlines.com)
- Qantas Airways - [www.qantas.com.au](http://www.qantas.com.au)
- Qatar Airways - [www.qatarairways.com](http://www.qatarairways.com)
- Swiss International - [www.swissair.com](http://www.swissair.com)
- Tunisair - [www.tunisair.com](http://www.tunisair.com)
- Turkish Airlines - [www.thy.com](http://www.thy.com)





#### Low cost carriers:

- Air Berlin - [www.airberlin.com](http://www.airberlin.com)
- Cimber Air - [www.cimber.dk](http://www.cimber.dk)
- Germanwings - [www.germanwings.com](http://www.germanwings.com)
- Norwegian Air Shuttle - [www.norwegian.no](http://www.norwegian.no)
- Wind Jet - [w2.volawindjet.it](http://w2.volawindjet.it)
- Wizz Air - [www.wizzair.com](http://www.wizzair.com)

#### By Train

Belgrade Central Railway Station is centrally located and offers a well-developed network of railways that connects Serbia's capital with all the main cities of Europe, by daily, as well as overnight trains.

Remember to check if you can get commercial discounts such as: Inter Rail, Euro Domino, Rail plus, Balkan Flexipass, Easy Travel Card, Euro 26, City Star and the Unified Balkans Tariff.

Serbian Railways [www.zeleznicesrbije.com](http://www.zeleznicesrbije.com)

#### By Coach

Belgrade is well served by coaches and they are the cheapest mean of transportation within the city and all towns in Serbia. Belgrade is connected by bus to almost every European. Regular bus lines connect Belgrade with all parts of Serbia meanwhile international bus lines operate to all Belgrade's surrounding areas and most European countries. The two major coach stations are located one next the other, in the city center, near the Central Railway Station. Tickets can be purchased at the main bus station (Glavna autobuska stanica). Belgrade Bus Station [www.bas.rs](http://www.bas.rs)

#### By Car

If you prefer driving yourself to and around the city during your vacation in Belgrade you can drive your own car or rent one. Foreign drivers in Serbia to have a valid international driving license and an international insurance, which can also be bought at the border.

The two main international roads going through Belgrade are the E-70 and the E-75. They are in relatively good conditions but you will have to pay on several pay tolls to Belgrade. Meanwhile local roads may lack of sufficient road signs so it is better to bring always a detailed map with you. Speed limits are in accordance with international standards (e.g. on a highway the maximum speed is 120km/hour) and the alcohol limit is 0.5 ml.

#### Distance from Belgrade to the main European cities:

- Amsterdam 1760 km
- Athens 1090 km
- Vienna 621 km
- Berlin 1489 km
- Budapest 383 km
- Istanbul 928 km
- Copenhagen 2018 km
- London 2073 km
- Munich 1020 km
- Moscow 2211 km
- Oslo 2577 km
- Prague 901 km
- Rome 1280 km
- Stockholm 2622 km

#### By Boat

Belgrade is par excellence the city of rivers: the Danube and the Sava. It is an important waterway connecting Western and Central European to the countries of south-eastern and eastern Europe. Beograd Harbor on the Danube is an essential travel and transport hub in Central Europe, at the intersection of two pan-European transport corridors.

The number of tourists arriving to Belgrade by boat is constantly increasing, as well as the number Danube cruises to Belgrade. Usually sailing is possible from March 1 to December 25.

Beograd Harbor - [www.port-bgd.co.rs](http://www.port-bgd.co.rs)

#### Useful links:

- [www.dunav-info.org](http://www.dunav-info.org)
- [www.danube-river.org](http://www.danube-river.org)



## VISA INFORMATION

**Visa Regime for Entering to Serbia:** Please click for Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Serbia:

<http://www.mfa.gov.rs/en/consular-affairs/entry-serbia/visa-regime>

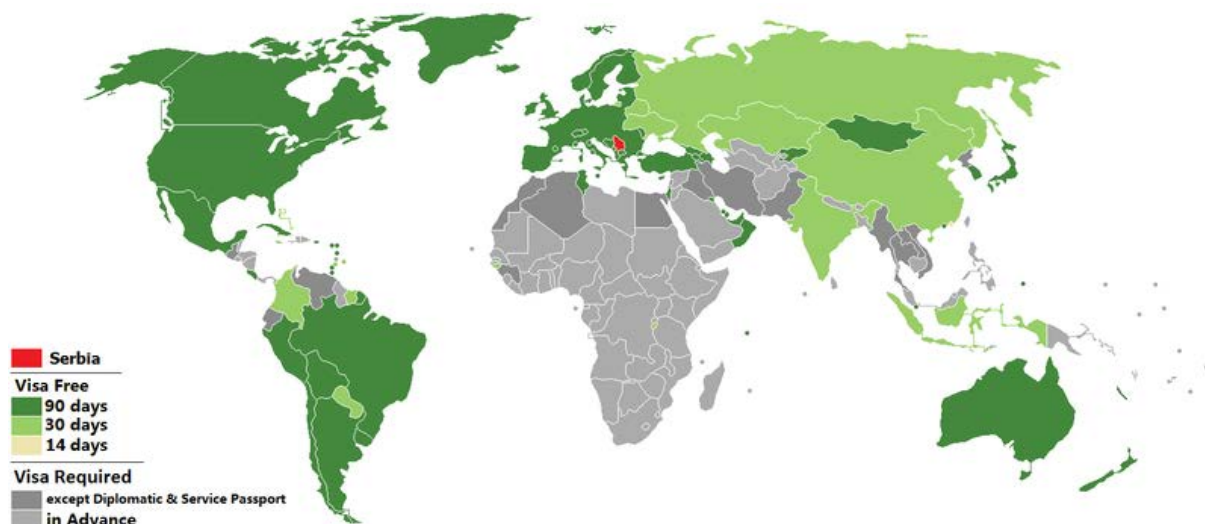
Visitors to Serbia must obtain a Visa from one of the Serbian diplomatic missions unless they come from one of the visa exempt countries.

The Government of Serbia, based on bilateral agreements or unilateral decisions, allows citizens of certain countries and territories to visit Serbia for tourism or business purposes without having to obtain a visa. Citizens of other countries have to obtain a visa from the Embassy or Consulate General of the Republic of Serbia in the country of their principal residence.

Visa policy of Serbia is similar to the visa policy of the Schengen Area. Serbia grants visa-free entry to most Schengen Annex II nationalities, except for Brunei, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Kiribati, Malaysia, Mauritius, Marshall Islands, Micronesia, Nicaragua, Panama, Samoa, Saint Lucia, Solomon Islands, Timor-Leste, Tonga, Taiwan, Tuvalu, Vanuatu and Venezuela. It also grants visa-free entry to several

additional countries. – Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Belarus, Bolivia, Burundi, China, Cuba, Guinea-Bissau, India, Indonesia, Jamaica, Kazakhstan, Kuwait, Kyrgyzstan, Mongolia, Oman, Qatar, Russia, Suriname, Tunisia and Turkey.

### Visa Policy Map of Serbia





### Visa Free Access

Citizens and holders of ordinary passports of the following 96 countries and territories can enter and stay in Serbia without a visa.

#### 90 days within any 180 days

-  All European Union citizens
-  Albania
-  Andorra
-  Antigua and Barbuda
-  Argentina
-  Armenia
-  Australia
-  Azerbaijan
-  Bahrain
-  Bolivia
-  Bosnia and Herzegovina
-  Brazil
-  Canada
-  Chile
-  Costa Rica
-  Cuba
-  Dominica
-  Georgia
-  Grenada
-  Holy See
-  Iceland
-  Israel
-  Japan
-  Kuwait
-  Kyrgyzstan
-  Liechtenstein
-  Macau
-  Mexico
-  Moldova
-  Monaco
-  Mongolia
-  Montenegro
-  New Zealand
-  North Macedonia
-  Norway
-  Oman
-  Palau
-  Peru
-  Qatar
-  Saint Kitts and Nevis
-  San Marino
-  Seychelles
-  Singapore
-  South Korea
-  Switzerland
-  Trinidad and Tobago
-  Tunisia
-  Turkey
-  United Arab Emirates
-  United Kingdom
-  United States
-  Uruguay

#### 30 days

-  Belarus
-  China
-  Kazakhstan
-  Russia
-  Suriname

#### 30 days within 60-day period

-  Ukraine





## 30 days within one-year period

-  **Bahamas**
-  **Colombia**
-  **Indonesia**
-  **Barbados**
-  **Guinea-Bissau**
-  **Paraguay**
-  **Burundi**
-  **India**
-  **Saint Vincent and the Grenadines**

## 14 days

-  **Hong Kong**

## Requirements for tourist / Business visa

Tourist visa entitles its holder only for tourism trip and visit of relatives and/or friends. Tourist visa holders are prohibited to engage in business or work activities in Serbia.

General visa requirements: Valid passport (passport must be valid at least 90 days from issue date of visa) Letter of invitation:

- For a private visit – invitation letter certified by the relevant authority of the Republic of Serbia
- For a business visit – invitation letter by a company in Serbia;
- For a tourist trip – a proof of payment for the trip issued by a travel agency (voucher or other type of payment receipt);
- Completed visa application form: (PDF);
- Photo (size 3.5x4.5 cm);
- Return ticket or Itinerary (Copy of Driving License and Insurance if you travel by car);
- Proof of sufficient funds for staying in Serbia;
- Health insurance
- Visa fee.

Visa applications should be submitted to the Embassy or Consulate General of the Republic of Serbia abroad.

For the issuance of a transit visa, you should have an entry visa for the country you are entering after the Republic of Serbia. In case a visa is not required for that country, you will be asked to present other documents explaining the purpose of your visit there.

Diplomatic-consular mission of the Republic of Serbia reserves the right to request additional documentation. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

For more information regarding the issuance of visa, please contact the nearest diplomatic-consular mission of the Republic of Serbia.



## ABOUT SERBIA, BELGRADE

**Serbia**, country in the west-central Balkans. For most of the 20th century, it was a part of Yugoslavia.



The capital of Serbia is **Belgrade** (Beograd), a cosmopolitan city at the confluence of the Danube and Sava rivers; Stari Grad, Belgrade's old town, is dominated by an ancient fortress called the Kalemegdan and includes well-preserved examples of medieval architecture and some of eastern Europe's most-renowned restaurants.



Serbia Map, Encyclopedia Britannica, Inc.



Belgrade is located at the convergence of three historically important routes of travel between Europe and the Balkans: an east-west route along the Danube River valley from Vienna to the Black Sea; another that runs westward along the valley of the Sava River toward Trieste and northern Italy; and a third running southeast along the valleys of the Morava and Vardar rivers to the Aegean Sea. To the north and west of Belgrade lies the Pannonian Basin, which includes the great grain-growing region of Vojvodina.



Danube River, Belgrade, Serbia

Belgrade (Beograd) has a population of around 1.6 million. It is one of the oldest cities in Europe and has since ancient times been an important focal point for traffic, an intersection of the roads of Eastern and Western Europe.

Belgrade is the capital of Serbian culture, education, science and economy. As a result of its tumultuous history, Belgrade has for centuries been home to many nationalities, with Serbs of the Orthodox Christian religion making up the majority of the population (90%). In the inner area of the City of Belgrade there are over 5,500 streets, 16 plazas and 32 squares. The oldest streets that have retained their original routes are: Vase Čarapića, Kralja Petra, Cara Dušana, Jevrejska, Narodnog fronta, Gavrila Principa, and Karađorđeva Streets. The development of the street network started in 1867, after the Turks had departed, when the regulatory plan of Belgrade was adopted, which had been drawn up by engineer Emilijan Josimović. In the territories of the 10 City municipalities, the oldest is the Student Square, and the most famous one is the Republic Square.

Knez Mihailova Street is a pedestrian zone and shopping center - protected by law as one of the oldest and most valuable monumental complexes of the city, with a large number of representative buildings and urban houses built at the end of 1870s.

High above the Sava and Danube confluence, on the rocky ridge which opens the view of Novi Beograd, Zemun and wide plains of Pannonia, there is the Belgrade Fortress with Kalemegdan, the former historical and urban center of Belgrade.

Kalemegdan represents the most beautiful and biggest park in Belgrade, which is also the most important cultural and historical complex. The name Kalemegdan applies only to the spacious plateau surrounding the Fortress, which was turned into a park in the eighties of the XIX century. When the Fortress served as Belgrade's chief military stronghold, the plateau was a place from which the enemy was kept under observation and where preparations were made for combats. Its name derives from the Turkish words kale (fort) and megdan (field) - Kalemegdan.

Kalemegdan now includes the Military Museum, Cvijeta Zuzorić Art Pavilion, City Institute for Protection of Cultural Monuments, Zoo, a children's amusement park, a large number of sports fields, restaurants and so on.

Additional important sights in Belgrade are the National Museum, the National Theatre, the Palace of the Assembly of Serbia, the White Palace, Konak Kneza Miloša, Konak Kneginje Ljubice, Kapetan-Mišino Zdanje, Pobednik monument, etc.

Belgrade is a city of culture. There are many museums, art galleries, churches and other famous buildings and sightseeing points offering interesting and original displays in the Old Town. Diverse neighborhoods will take you through the centuries, green parks will help you relax and provide outdoor activities.







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