

BRITISH EMBASSY BELGRADE



INFORMATION FOR BRITISH NATIONALS VISITING EXIT FESTIVAL NOVI SAD, SERBIA 9 - 12 JULY 2015

DO'S AND DON'TS IN SERBIA

- TRAVEL INSURANCE:** Do make sure you are fully covered for unexpected losses or expenses such as missing flights, particularly if you are travelling on 'discount tickets'. Do specify Serbia in your insurance cover. Do check the travel advice for Serbia in www.fco.gov.uk before you leave UK.
- MEDICAL INSURANCE:** Do make sure you are fully covered for medical treatment and medical evacuation. Serbia has a reciprocal emergency health arrangement with the UK. European health insurance is **not** valid in Serbia.
- PASSPORTS:** Do keep a separate record of your passport details, preferably a photocopy of the details pages with next of kin contact details also. Do report a lost/stolen passport immediately to the local police. Police reports are needed to obtain a new passport. The British Embassy in Belgrade **only** issue Emergency Travel Documents. See Passport Fee.
- FUNDS:** Dinars are the normal currency for everyday transactions in Serbia. **Don't** attempt to change money on the street. You should only change money through official exchange offices (Menjačnica) or banks. Do declare all foreign currency above 10.000 Euro's on entry into the country. Customs officers hold declaration forms. Do use the Western Union money transfer or Moneygram, or any other, in case of loss of funds. Be prepared to pay for some types of consular assistance, e.g. issuing Emergency passports.
- BELONGINGS/VALUABLES:** Do leave passports/valuables in a safe place. Beware of bag and mobile phone snatchers especially in the camp sites, on the beach, public transport, restaurants, cafés and at the festival. **Don't** leave them in your car if you are driving. Do ensure you know whom to contact to obtain emergency credit cards and replacement cheques if they are stolen. Do report the loss of valuables to the local police and **do obtain a report.**
- DRUGS:** **Don't** get involved in any way with drugs. Penalties can be severe, heavy fines or imprisonment. **Don't** carry anything through customs for anyone else.

- VISAS/TEMPORARY RESIDENCE:** Visas are not required for visits to Serbia for stays up to 90 days. Do enter the country at official border crossings. Carry identification at all times. Do register with the police within 24 hours of arriving, if not staying in a hotel or at the EXIT village campsite.

WHAT THE EMBASSY CAN DO:

- Issue an Emergency Travel Document;
- Provide information about transferring funds from the UK;
- Provide a list of local lawyers;
- Do all we properly can to contact you within 24 hours of being told that you have been detained;
- In an emergency, contact family and friends for you, if you want.

WHAT THE EMBASSY CANNOT DO:

- Get you out of prison or interfere in criminal or civil court proceedings;
- Give you legal advice;
- Investigate a crime;
- Get you better treatment in hospital or prison than is given to local people;
- Pay any bills or give you money;
- Make travel arrangements for you or find accommodation;

PASSPORT FEE:

Emergency Travel Document, £95, currently = 16.700 RSD

Documents for a replacement lost/stolen passport:

- Passport application form (available at the Embassy)
- Two passport size photographs
- Evidence of travel plans e.g. e-ticket reservation
- Local police report of lost/stolen passport
- Proof of identity e.g. copy of passport, driving licence.

Note: You should keep a copy of the police report of the lost/stolen passport to show the border police on exiting Serbia.

Embassy details: **British Embassy (Consular Section)**
Resavska 46, 11000 Belgrade, Serbia
Telno: +381 11 306 0900
Email: Belgrade.consular@fco.gov.uk
Website: www.gov.uk/government/world/serbia

Embassy working hours from 08:00 - 16:30 Monday to Thursday, 0800 - 1300 Fridays

British citizens in urgent need of consular assistance out of office hours should call 00381 11 306 0900

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