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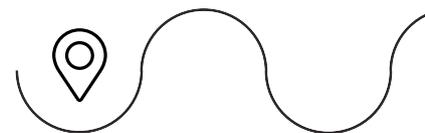
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**Sarajevo, Bosnia & Herzegovina
13 September 2023**



Venue



Green Park by Symphony

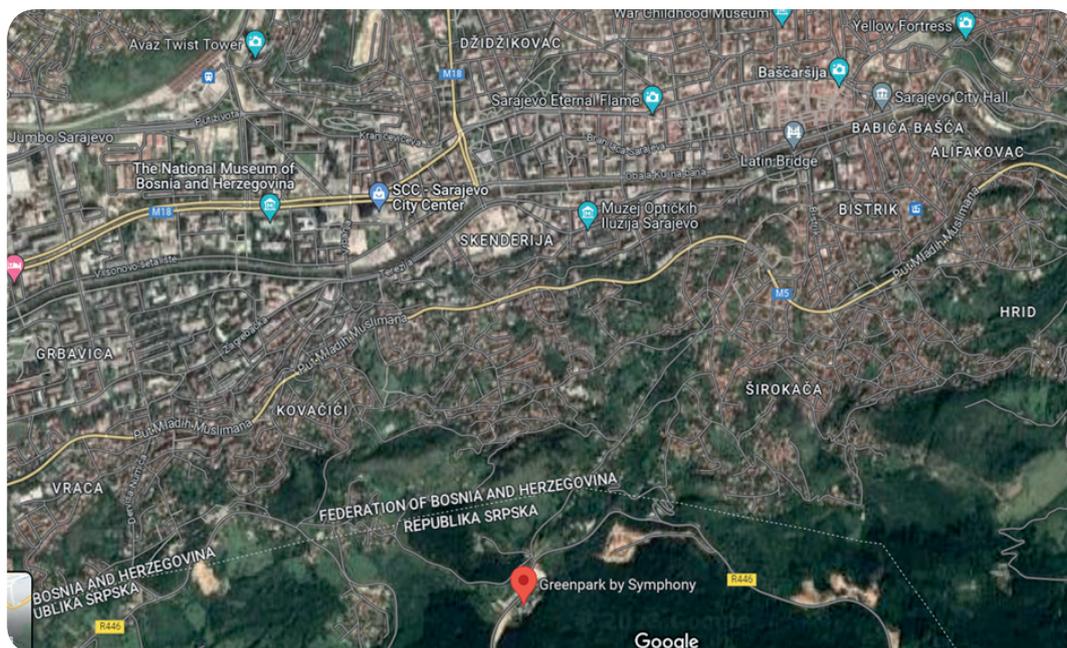
<http://greenpark.space/>

Address: Zlatna dolina 1, Mt. Trebević

Located in the heart of the Olympic Mountain Trebević, conveniently, just ten minutes away from the city center, GREENPARK SPACE is an instant symbol of Sarajevo and Mt. Trebević. This novel conferencing location has already become the favorite location resonating greatly with the local community.



Map link to the location: <https://goo.gl/maps/Qzo2VApPHwemnyJDA>

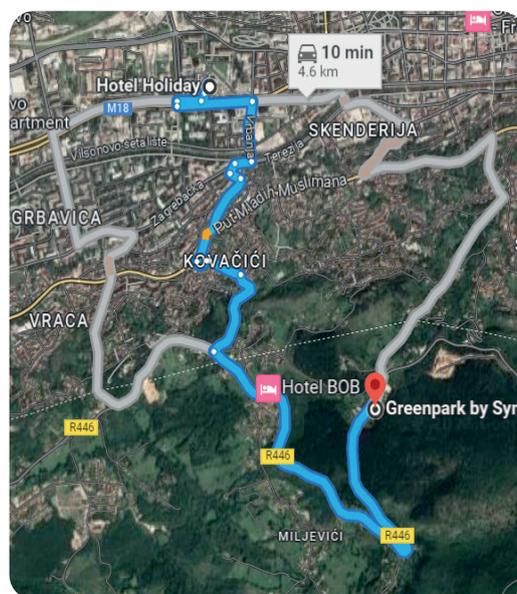


Direction to the venue



Car

The venue can be easily reached by car (10 minutes, 4.6 km from Hotel Holiday). The illustration of the distance and three roads that lead to the destination is presented on the map below, with the Hotel Holiday being selected as the starting point.



Taxi

The venue is conveniently accessible via local taxi services, with numerous taxi companies operating in Sarajevo at competitive prices in comparison to other European countries. Most companies have a starting fare of 2.5 KM and charge 1.5 KM per kilometer traveled. It is worth noting that using the taxi stand at the International Airport Sarajevo may result in higher fares compared to directly calling for a taxi pick-up. To reach the venue, please use following keywords: "Trebević", "Symphony", "Green Park Space".

Selected providers could be reached at:

- Sarajevo Taxi: +387 33 1515 / +387 61 151515 / +387 33 660666
- Yellow Taxi: +387 33 66 35 55
- Red Taxi: +387 33 76 06 00
- Samir & Emir Taxi: +387 33 1516
- Holand Taxi: +387 080 020234

Unfortunately, there is no direct public transport to the venue.

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Destination



Sarajevo is the capital of Bosnia and Herzegovina, and with a population of about 400.000, it is the largest city in the country, and its cultural, economic, and political center. The city is well known for its rich historical heritage, as well as for the Winter Olympics in 1984. The average land elevation of the city is 500 m above sea level. If you would like to learn more about Sarajevo, please check out the information available on these websites:

- <https://www.sarajevo-tourism.com>
- <https://www.tourismbih.com/>
- <https://sarajevo.travel/en>
- <https://www.sarajevo.ba/en/>
- www.navigator.ba/#/categories

Getting there



Sarajevo is easily accessible by air, bus, or train from any major European destination.



By plane – The airport is 12 km (20 minutes) away from the city center and has direct flights to many European capitals and thus indirect flights to everywhere else. There are no shuttle buses or public transport lines available from the airport to the city. Taxis will take you to town for around 20 KM (10 EUR) and the major hotels and some of the smaller ones offer airport pick-ups and drop-offs at various rates. Further information at Sarajevo International Airport website <http://www.sarajevo-airport.ba>.



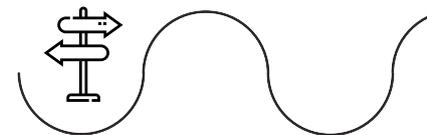
By bus – For more information about International Timetable from Sarajevo Bus Station visit www.centrotrans.com.



By car – Although the roads in Bosnia and Herzegovina are not the greatest of all, more and more kilometers of highway open every year and it gets easier to navigate through the country by car. Visit Via Michelin for your travel plans with the car, to get an update on the most convenient routes for you.



Getting around



City Transport – Should you decide on public transport, you may opt for tram (currently under construction), trolleybus, bus and minibus lines, which you can take to reach all major locations in Sarajevo. Tickets are required for any form of public transportation and they can be purchased at kiosks (for 1.60 KM) or from the driver (for 1.80 KM). You must have your tickets “punched” upon entering the vehicle.

Taxi – As outlined above, taxis in Sarajevo are among the cheapest in Europe and a few taxi companies in the city operate 24 hours a day. All legitimate taxis are required to have a “TAXI” sign on top and license plates with “TA” on them. Taxi fares can only be paid in cash in local currency only, and additional charges apply for baggage.

Accommodation



There are plenty of options for accommodation in Sarajevo, and private apartments and rooms offered via Airbnb or Booking are of high quality and very popular in the city.

We can recommend the following hotels:

Hotel Holiday

Located in the centre of Sarajevo, Hotel Holiday is a well-known hotel set just a 25-minute walk away from the famous Baščaršija district. Renovated in 2017, it offers an on-site restaurant, as well as a spa centre with saunas, pool, massage rooms, fitness centre, and beauty and hair salons. Free WiFi is provided throughout the property.

Address: Zmaja od Bosne 4, 71000 Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Website: <https://www.hoteleuropegroup.ba/en/holiday>

Price: a special rate has been negotiated exclusively for POLICY ANSWERS. To take advantage of this discounted price, please follow this link: https://secure.phobs.net/booking.php?company_id=8e1cf59494b5033cfa20b-dac94efe763&partners_access=BALKANS2023

Hotel Art

Hotel Art is located in Sarajevo near the old town Bascarsija. It is a 15-minute drive from the airport, offering transport as well as free Wi-Fi internet access. The modernly built Hotel Art is surrounded by buildings from the time of the Ottoman and the Austro-Hungarian Empires, with a unique blend of European and Oriental heritage.

Address: Vladislava **Škarića** 5, 71000 Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Website: <https://www.hoteleuropegroup.ba/en/europe>

Price (June 2023): 97 EUR/night

Hotel Europe

The 5-star Hotel Europe, with over 130 years of tradition, is centrally situated in Sarajevo. It offers free WiFi, free swimming pool and gym access as well as a 24-hour reception.

Address: Vladislava **Škarića** 5, 71000 Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Website: <https://www.hoteleuropegroup.ba/en/europe>

Price (June 2023): 110 EUR/night

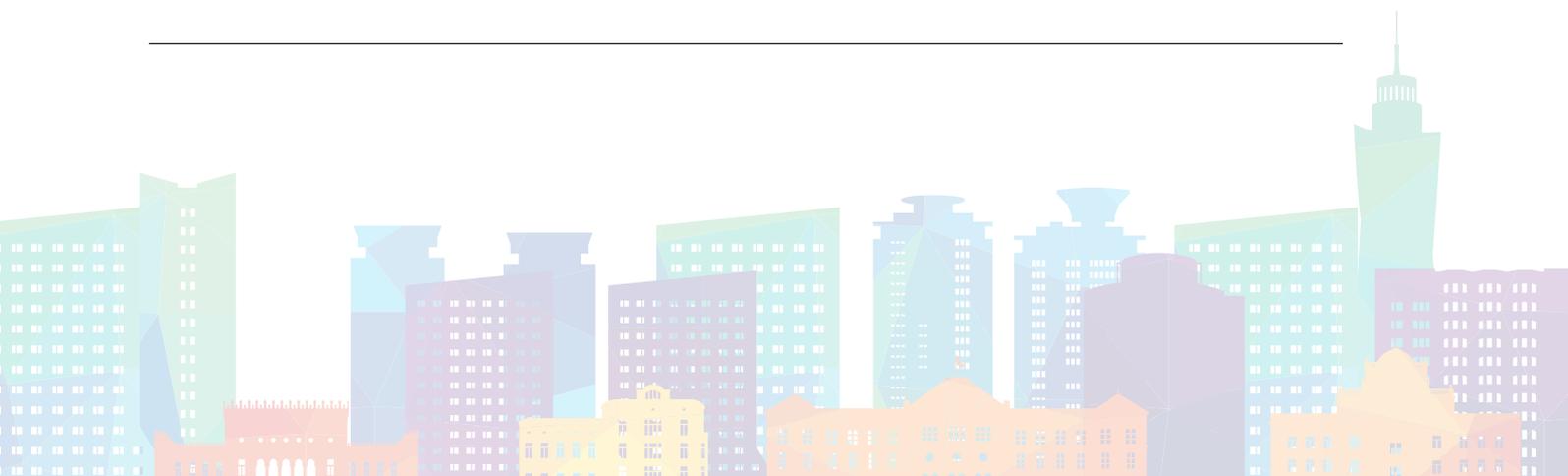
Hotel Sana

Set in the Old Town district in Sarajevo, 100 metres from Bascarsija Street, Hotel Sana boasts a terrace and views of the city. Guests can enjoy the on-site bar. Hotel Sana features free WiFi throughout the property.

Address: Mula Mustafe Bašeskije 53, 71000 Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Website: <https://seed.ba/hotel-sana>

Price (June 2023): 70 EUR/night





Good to know

Visa and entry rules

Please consult this page to check whether you have everything needed to enter Bosnia and Herzegovina: https://www.mvp.gov.ba/konzularne_informacije/vize/Default.aspx.

We highlight that for the citizens of Kosovo* there is a Rulebook on visa procedures even for the tourism entries. In case you need help with visa issues, please contact the local organizer, the University of Sarajevo (contact person: prof. dr Maja Arslanagić-Kalajdžić, maja.arslanagic@efsa.unsa.ba).

Time zone

Sarajevo is located in Central European Summer Time - CEST (GMT + 01:00).

Currency

The official B&H currency is Kovertibilna Marka - KM (BAM): 1 € = 1,95 KM (approx. 1:2 ratio). You can exchange your money at any bank, post office or exchange office. You can not pay with Euro in the shops, restaurants or cafes.

- Coins: 5, 10, 20 and 50 pfennigs; 1, 2 and 5 KM
- Banknotes: 10, 20, 50, 100 and 200 KM

Credit cards

ATMs are widely dispersed in Sarajevo, while many places accept credit cards. It is possible to pay with credit cards in most shopping centers and nearly all better restaurants. However, this is not the case in most cafés, clubs and shops that sell handicrafts and souvenirs in the old part of town. Credit cards are also not accepted when paying for parking services, public

transport tickets, or special events.

Banks and post offices

Banks typically work from 8:00 to 18:00 on weekdays and from 9:00 to 13:00h on Saturdays. The main post office is open from 7:00 to 20:00, Monday to Saturday.

Water

We are proud to say that Sarajevo (and Bosnia and Herzegovina) is rich with the cleanest water in the world. It is safe to drink tap water.

Telephone

Dial code for Bosnia and Herzegovina: 00387 or +387.

Sarajevo city code: 033

East Sarajevo city code: 057

Emergency phone numbers:

122: Police

123: Firefighters

124: Ambulance

Other important phone numbers:

Airport 033 289 100

Bus Station 033 213 100

East Sarajevo Bus Station 057 317 377

Railway Station – Information 033 655 330

Road Assistance Service 1282 / 1288

Mountain Rescue Service 062 654 456 or 061 299 443

Koševo Hospital 033 297 000

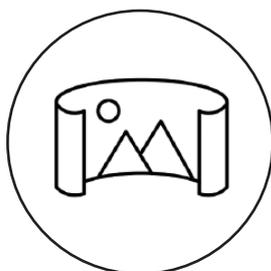
Rideshare

There are no rideshare companies like Uber or Bolt in Sarajevo.

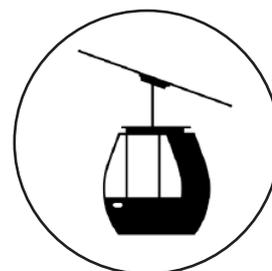
What to do in Sarajevo



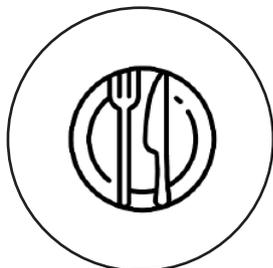
Visit the old town and get lost in the many small streets filled with shops and smells of local sweets.



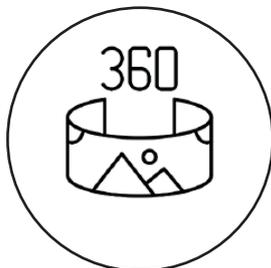
Visit Yellow forress and enjoy the panoramic view of Sarajevo. We recommend early morning and during the sunset.



Climb up the Mt. Trebević by the Cable Car. Enjoy the trip from 550 to 1.627m of elevation in just 11 minutes.



Try the local cuisine: Ćevapi or pie (potato, spinachm meat, cheese). Once you try it, you will be spoiled.



Climb up the Hotel Hecco terrace and enjoy the 360° of the panoramic view of Sarajevo.



Visit out musums: National Museum of Austria-Hungary, Historical museum, Olympic Museum and many more - and learn about our history.

Please note: Although you can reach the Mt. Trebević via Cable Car, the cable care station is far away from the Green Park location.



About Policy Answers

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For further info:

www.westernbalkans-infohub.eu

