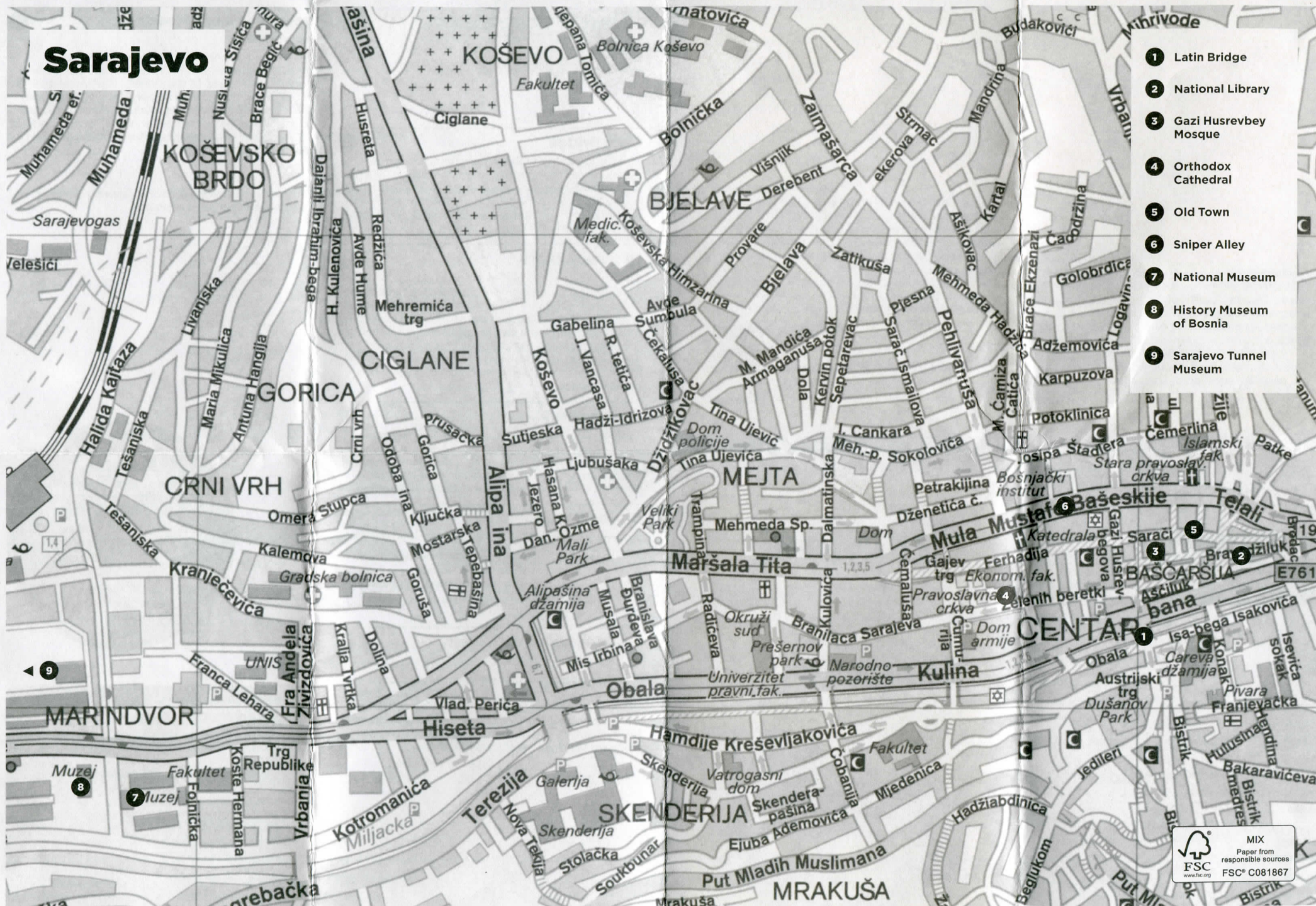


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Quick Talk Bosnian

The official language of Bosnia is Bosnian.
The following are a few words to help you out.

Yes Ja	Exit Izlaz	Three Tri
No Ne	Entrance Ulazak	Four Četiri
Hello Dobar dan	Men Ljudi	Five Pet
Goodbye Zdravo	Women Žene	Six Šest
Please Molim	How much? Koliko je ovo?	Seven Sedam
Thank you Hvala	Do you speak English? Da li govorite Engleski?	Eight Osam
Open/Closed Otkriti/ Zatvorena	One Jedan	Nine Devet
Toilets Toalet	Two Dva/Dvije	Ten Deset

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Money
The currency of Bosnia & Herzegovina is the 'Convertible Mark'. (BAM) It is divided into 100 fenings.

Eating & Drinking
Sarajevo has countless shops selling burek (meat pie, sold in layers by weight or by piece), cevapi and pizza stores. Pita is a filo type pasty pie generally offered in several varieties - meat (meso), and spinach (zeljanica), 'pumpkin' (tikvica), and spicy potato (krompirusa). It is usually served and consumed with a traditional yogurt sauce which resembles sour cream.

Safety
There are still many minefields in the Sarajevo area and its surrounding suburbs. Never go into damaged buildings and always stick to paved surfaces avoiding grassy hills that surround the city. Areas that are not cleared are marked by yellow tape or signs, but still not all minefields have been identified due to the lack of resources and the lack of international help. Paved roads are always safe. Crime against foreigners is very rare and the city is safe to visit.

Things to do in Sarajevo

Latin Bridge

This bridge bears a plaque commemorating the assassination of Archduke of the Austrian Hungarian empire Franz Ferdinand, the event that sparked the beginning of World War I. On the Bridge itself was a memorial to the assassin Gavrilo Princip, but this was removed during the 1992-1995 War.

National Library

Built in 1896 as the Town Hall, this imposing structure book-ends (no pun intended) the Eastern end of the old town. A grumpy homeowner whose dwelling originally stood in the spot demanded his house be rebuilt brick-by-brick on the opposite side of the River, where it still stands today and is known as 'Spite House'. The Library was extensively damaged in the Bosnian War and remodelling has been fairly constant since.

Sniper Alley

"Sniper Alley" was the informal name given to the Ulica Zmaja od Bosne, the main boulevard in the city, which during the Bosnian War was lined with Serbian sniper posts. Signs warning locals reading "Pazi - Snajper!" ("Watch out, sniper!") became common.

National Museum

Approx 5 BAM

This museum traces Sarajevo's development from pre-historical times through the Roman, Ottoman, Austro-Hungarian and modern times.

Open: Tues to Fri 10am - 3pm, Sun 10am - 2pm,
closed Monday & Saturday

History Museum of Bosnia

Approx 4 BAM

The moving display on the siege of Sarajevo is a must-see - if you are able to cope with the pictures of the maimed citizens after the shelling of markets. And you will be heartbroken by the pictures drawn by children. In a modern building across the road from the Holiday Inn in "Sniper Alley".

Open: Tues to Fri 9am - 4pm, Sat & Sun 9am - 1pm,
closed Monday

Sarajevo Tunnel Museum

Approx 5 BAM

This museum shows the tunnel which was used to ferry supplies into the besieged city during the conflict and is next to the airport. The tunnel itself is in the garden of a house so don't be worried if you think you're headed into suburbia! Alternatively, the tourist office in the city center offers Tunnel tours for €12 or 24KM, with transportation to and from the city centre included.

Open: daily 9am - 6pm

Remember! Entrance fees and opening times in Europe can change at any time.

Topdeck Top Tip:
Keep an eye out for the 'Sarajevo roses' dotted around the city centre - these thought-provoking pieces of street art were created by using red resin to fill in the explosion craters of fatal mortar shells, thousands of which were launched at the city during the 'siege of Sarajevo'.

Getting around Sarajevo

The centre of Sarajevo is served by a spinal tram network which makes an anti-clockwise loop around the central district (the first in the Austro-Hungarian Empire, opened in the mid-1870s) and a number of trolley-bus and bus lines which fan out into the suburbs. Tickets should be purchased in advance from kiosks labeled tisak on the street or from the driver, where they cost slightly more (around 1.80KM). Tickets should be validated upon boarding the vehicle and are valid for a one way trip only. Changing tram or bus means validating a new ticket.