

# Serbia

## Medical Summary

*The health risk information presented here is summarized from Shoreland Travax<sup>®</sup>, a decision-support tool used by health care providers to perform a detailed health risk analysis based on specific locations, individual travel styles, and traveler risk behaviors. Travax provides practitioners current, independently researched malaria risk and prevention recommendations in a map-based format that goes beyond the annual WHO and CDC statements included here. Not included here are current reports from Travax of disease outbreaks or environmental events that may pose elevated risks to travelers' health and safety. The Providers section of this site offers a directory of health care providers who utilize Shoreland Travax for travel health counseling. Learn more about the detailed reports and maps available from these practitioners (includes links to samples).*

## General Information

Serbia is a developing nation classified as upper middle income. Located in southeastern Europe (south of Hungary and north of Kosovo), the climate is classified as humid temperate (no dry season).

## Immunizations

Depending on your itinerary, your personal risk factors, and the length of your visit, your health care provider may offer you vaccination against hepatitis A, hepatitis B, influenza, measles, mumps, rubella, rabies, or tick-borne encephalitis. Routine immunizations, such as those that prevent tetanus/diphtheria or "childhood" diseases, should be reviewed and updated as needed.

## Malaria

The following is current information as reported by the World Health Organization (WHO) and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC):

### *WHO—International Travel and Health (current online update, Country List)*

No statement given.

### *CDC—Health Information for International Travel (current online edition)*

Areas with malaria: None.

Drug resistance: Not applicable.

## Other Concerns

### Travelers' Diarrhea

Moderate risk exists throughout the country, with minimal risk in deluxe accommodations. Food and beverage precautions may reduce the likelihood of illness.

Travelers should carry loperamide for self-treatment of diarrhea and, if risk is moderate to high, an antibiotic to add if diarrhea is severe. Consult a knowledgeable health care provider regarding which antibiotic is appropriate for you and most effective for your destination.

### Insect- and Arthropod-Borne Diseases

Lyme disease, West Nile virus may pose a risk. Personal protective measures are important.

### Other Disease and Health Risks

Additional concerns include air pollution, Crimean-Congo hemorrhagic fever, hantavirus.

## Consular Advice

*The material below includes information from the U.S. Department of State (DOS), U.K. Foreign & Commonwealth Office (FCO), Global Affairs Canada (GAC), and Australia's Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), as well as from additional open-source material. Standard safety precautions that apply to all international travel can be found in the Library article Safety and Security.*

## Terrorism Risk

Risk of attack by transnational terrorist groups exists throughout Europe. Targets may include domestic and international organizations and businesses, public places and events, including those frequented by tourists, and transportation systems.

## Crime

Low risk of violent crime (assault and murder) exists throughout the country, mainly near nightclubs and bars.

Moderate risk of petty crime exists throughout the country, especially in areas frequented by tourists, on public transportation, and in airports.

## Civil Unrest

Protests and demonstrations frequently occur throughout the country (especially in Belgrade and other cities) and are generally peaceful, but have the potential to turn violent without warning. Bystanders are at risk of harm from violence or from the response by authorities. Disruption to transportation, free movement, or the ability to carry out daily activities may occur.

## Unsafe Areas

A dangerous security environment may exist in areas bordering Kosovo.

## Transportation Safety

Risk of traffic-related injury or death exists. The road-traffic death rate is 7 to 12 per 100,000 population. The rate is less than 10 in most high-income countries.

Traffic flows on the right-hand side of the road. Travelers (including drivers and pedestrians) accustomed to traffic moving on the opposite side should be vigilant when navigating traffic.

Public buses and rail services do not meet international safety standards (due to unsafe vehicles and poor maintenance).

Many taxis are unsafe. Use taxis from official ranks or dispatched via smart phone app or radio from a reputable company and ascertain the license or identification number of the dispatched vehicle.

## Airline Safety

U.S. Federal Aviation Administration has determined that the civil aviation authority of this country oversees its air carriers in accordance with minimum international safety standards.

## Natural Disasters

Winter storms and severe rain storms frequently occur. Floods may occur.

Forest fires occur during the dry season, especially in southern areas.

Seismic activity frequently occurs.

## Consular Information

Selected Embassies or Consulates in Serbia

- | United States: [+381] 11-706-4000; [rs.usembassy.gov](http://rs.usembassy.gov)
- | Canada: [+381] 11-306-3000; [serbia.gc.ca](http://serbia.gc.ca)
- | United Kingdom: [+381] 11-306-0900; [www.gov.uk/world/organisations/british-embassy-belgrade](http://www.gov.uk/world/organisations/british-embassy-belgrade)
- | Australia: [+381] 11-330-3400; [www.serbia.embassy.gov.au](http://www.serbia.embassy.gov.au)

Serbia's Embassies or Consulates in Selected Countries

- | In the U.S.: [serbiaembusa.org](http://serbiaembusa.org)
- | In Canada: [ottawa.mfa.gov.rs](http://ottawa.mfa.gov.rs)
- | In the U.K.: [www.london.mfa.gov.rs](http://www.london.mfa.gov.rs)
- | In Australia: [canberra.mfa.gov.rs](http://canberra.mfa.gov.rs)

## Visa/HIV Testing

HIV testing is not required to obtain a tourist, work, or residence visa.

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