

Facts about Serbia

With more than 2000 hours of sunshine and about 260 clear and slightly cloudy days every year, Serbia is among the sunnier countries of Europe.

Danube is the longest river that flows through European Union; through Serbia it flows for 588 kilometers; at its widest it is 6.5 kilometers, at its deepest it is 95 meters.

Danube's Djerdap Gorge (Iron Gate) is the largest and longest gorge in Europe; it will hopefully find its place on the UNESCO List of Natural Heritage.

Drina Gorge, 700-1000 meters deep, is the third in the world by that characteristic.

Obedska bara (Obedska Pond) - a swamp, is a special reserve of nature with 500 sorts of plants, 220 sorts of birds, 16 sorts of fish and more than 50 sorts of mammals; it entered the UNESCO List of World Most Important Wetland Areas.

Golija Mountain is a natural park declared by MAB-UNESCO as a bio-sphere reserve named Golija-Studenica.

Deliblat Sands is a unique geo-morphological, ecological and geographical phenomenon, also called European Sahara; it is included in the IBA most significant areas for birds

With more than 1000 springs of various mineral and **thermal waters**, Serbia is one of the richest countries in Europe.

Vucje water powered electric plant was built in 1903 and is on the list of 66 world technical heritage sites.

Belgrade is the only capital in Europe that lies at the confluence of two great rivers, the Danube and the Sava River, and is also one of the oldest cities in Europe, inhabited for already 7000 years; at present 2 million people live in it.

Belgrade was declared (by the EU and by the Financial Times) to be the **City of the Future** of South-East Europe.

Lepenski vir archaeological site represents the first advanced culture of the Stone Age and the first urban pre-historic settlement in Europe (6.500 BC).

Pre-historic archeological sites "Plocnik" and "Rudna glava" are considered to be European cradle of mining and metallurgy (5000-5500 BC).

Not counting Italy, **Serbia is the place where most of the Roman emperors were born** - 18 in total, Constantine the Great and Justinian I among them.



Justiniana Prima (Empress city)