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DVERI

CATEGORIES: Casual Dining, Eating

Make a Call: +38733537020

Visit Website: <http://dveri.co.ba/?lang=en>

Get Directions: Prote Bakovića, Sarajevo 71000, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Prote Bakovica 12

Daily from 8am to 11pm

Nice little restaurant recommended by my friend [Giovana Ruaro](#).

ZLATNA RIBICA

CATEGORIES: Cocktail Bars, Drinking

Make a Call: +38733836348

Get Directions: Kaptol 5, Sarajevo 71000, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Kaptol 5

Daily from 8am to 3am

Zlatna Ribica means goldfish and this tiny speakeasy feels like a fishbowl, a very special fishbowl indeed. Somebody with a very creative mind and a penchant for collecting trinkets has taken time to create a cozy drinking den, goldfish included. Even the toilet is curated. There is generally one cool girl manning the cashier and the bar, so be patient. The easier your order, the quicker it gets to you like beer, glass of wine or a g&t. When I was in town it was cold so the mulled wine was divine. A great place to pass by after dinner or for happy hour.

KIBE MAHALA

CATEGORIES: Eating, Nice Restaurants

Make a Call: +38733441936

Visit Website: <http://kibemahala.ba/>

Get Directions: Vrbanjuša, Sarajevo 71000, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Vrbanjuša 164 | Contemporary Bosnian

Daily, except Sundays, from 10am to 11pm

Kibe Mahala is perhaps the best restaurant in Bosnia. With superb views over Sarajevo, the beautiful house is a shop, an art gallery, a fine restaurant and a hotel, with three large rooms. The menu has a good mix of dishes with produce from all over Bosnia. Fresh trout, tomatoes, vegetables and the most delicious spit roast lamb. The side dishes are all very tasty. The Palenta (sour cream with fresh sheep cheese) and the Čušpajz (spinach with milk, rice, butter, garlic and salt) are worth the trip.

There is an excellent selection of regional wines, from Bosnia, Slovenia, Macedonia and Serbia to make your meal even more special. Before asking for the check, do not forget to order a Humadžik (date shaped pastry drenched in sweet syrup). Even though they are open for lunch and dinner I would recommend you eat there in the evening. Book a table for a few minutes before sunset. As Kibe Mahala is perched on a hill, it is strongly advised to go there by taxi. Most local cab drivers know where the place is.

SARAJEVO WALKING TOURS

CATEGORIES: Guides & Books, Insider Info

Visit Website: <http://sarajevowalkingtours.com/index.php>

Get Directions: Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

One of the nicest experiences I had in Sarajevo was the free walking tour led by Neno. There is just so much interesting information all over the place, from the foundations of the city, to the start of WWI, to the Siege of Sarajevo and the rebuilding of the new nation that a tour with a well informed local guide is priceless. Neno, Merima and Davor will guide you around the historic areas of the city for free. The tour lasts around 2 hours but you hardly feel it. The meeting point is at Susan Sontag Square. To book it you just need to send them an email. The address is walkingsarajevo@gmail.com.

PIRPA

CATEGORIES: Eating, Street Food & Trucks

Make a Call: +38733208183

Visit Website: <https://www.facebook.com/PIRPA-274074412720269/>

Get Directions: Čobanija 2, Sarajevo 71000, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Čobanija 2

Open 24 hours a day

This may be one of the simplest tips you will find here. The place is a hole in the wall where you walk in, order your kebab, grab your drink and leave. Maybe I was starving when I got there and remember enjoying every inch of my kebab as the most precious delicacy in the world. Have a go and let me know if it was all a dream or if the kebab is actually really good. ([Klonopin](#))

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TREBEVIĆ

CATEGORIES: Out of Town

Get Directions: Trebević, Bosnia and Herzegovina

A short taxi ride from the center of Sarajevo takes you to Trebević, its closest mountain. Along the winding road you not only see green fields, barns and cattle but also great panoramas of Sarajevo.

When walking around the city you will be surprised by the amount of hills and mountains all around. Later, when you hear stories of the Siege of Sarajevo, you start wondering how awful it must have been to have tanks and armies surrounding the city from all sides. Therefore a trip to Trebević puts things in perspective.

It was also here that many of the skiing and bobsled competitions during the Sarajevo Winter Olympics of 1984 were held. Try to reach the top of the hill where the ruins of the bobsled track hold a vivid example of both a golden era in the city's history and a dark one, because lots of tanks were stationed there.

There is a nice article on the subject at Vice. Just click [here](#) to read.

For a nice coffee or a meal, head to the [Pino Nature Hotel](#), that looks like an Alpine retreat.

ARS AEFI MUSEUM OF CONTEMPORARY ART

CATEGORIES: Arts & Culture, Museums

Make a Call: +38733216927

Visit Website: <http://www.arsaevi.org/>

Get Directions: Most Ars Aevi, Sarajevo 71000, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Terezija bb

The Ars Aevi Museum is a huge concrete block near the river bank. The place feels very socialist and is quite interesting. There are rotating exhibitions, so just have a peek when passing by.

DEKANTER

CATEGORIES: Drinking, Wine Bars

Make a Call: +38733263815

Get Directions: Radićeva 4, Sarajevo 71000, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Radićeva 4

The small square in front of Dekanter is very lively in the evenings and Dekanter's wine list is very good. Sample some local wines or make a wine flight over former Yugoslavia, with labels from Bosnia, Serbia, Macedonia, Slovenia and Croatia. Just remember that smoking is almost mandatory in Sarajevo so the place can get rather stuffy with cigarette smoke at times.

PIVNICA HS

CATEGORIES: Casual Dining, Drinking, Eating

Make a Call: +38733239740

Visit Website: <http://pivnicahs.com/>

Get Directions: Franjevačka, Sarajevo 71000, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Franjevačka 15 | Beer Hall

Daily from 10am to 1am

This historical and protected building houses Sarajevo's biggest brewery. There is a small museum, the brewery itself and a large beer hall that serves beer and food all day long. The hall is quite dark, rather atmospheric and better visited in the evenings, when there are crowds and music. I ended up there during the afternoon and service was quite abrupt. The food was not remarkable either. I promised to return when the place was livelier but ended up not having the time.

SUPERFOOD

CATEGORIES: Delicious Bistros, Eating

Make a Call: +38733977797

Visit Website: <https://www.facebook.com/SuperfoodStrEatArt/>

Get Directions: Husrefa Redžića 14, Sarajevo 71000, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Husrefa Redžića 14 | International

Monday to Saturday from 8am to 11pm

Superfood is a neighborhood restaurant with good food and open during the whole day. From breakfast to late night drinks, there is always a good vibe around. Their burgers are famous, with very juicy beef patties.

MALA KUHINJA

CATEGORIES: Casual Dining, Eating

Make a Call: +38761144741

Visit Website: <https://malakuhinja.ba/>

Get Directions: Tina Ujevića, Sarajevo 71000, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Tina Ujevića 13 | Asian Fusion

Daily from 10am to 10pm

Mala kuhinja is one of those restaurants you have to book in advance. Very popular with locals as well as informed tourists, the chefs here prepare good interpretations of Asian dishes in a very easygoing atmosphere.

VINOTEKA

CATEGORIES: Casual Dining, Eating

Make a Call: +38733214996

Visit Website: <http://www.vinoteka.ba/en/index.html>

Get Directions: Skenderija 12, Sarajevo 71000, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Skenderija 12 | International

Monday to Saturday from 11am to 11pm

Sunday from 10am to 10pm

Vinoteka offers not only great wines, with many regional labels, but excellent international cuisine. Fish is brought daily from Neum, Bosnia's small harbour in the Adriatic. On warm days, reserve a table in their garden. On cold evenings, ask for one on the second floor, where the roof tiles create a nice atmosphere.

HOTEL EUROPE

CATEGORIES: Hotels, Very Comfortable

Make a Call: +38733580400

Visit Website: <http://www.hoteleurope.ba/index.html>

Get Directions: Vladislava Skarića 5, Sarajevo 71000, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Vladislava Skarića 5

Hotel Europe, built in 1882, has witnessed a lot of Sarajevo's history. One of the city's most comfortable hotels, it leans more towards Vienna than Istanbul. This is where heads of state usually stay when visiting Bosnia and Herzegovina and you will not be disappointed with the service nor the hotel's facilities.

For a traditional coffee and pastries, head to the Viennese Café and Mozart's Pâtisserie, with their mirrored walls and crystal chandeliers.

HOTEL COLORS INN

CATEGORIES: Great Location, Hotels

Make a Call: +38733276600

Visit Website: <http://hotelcolorsinnsarajevo.com/eng/index.html>

Get Directions: Koševo 8, Sarajevo 71000, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Koševo 8

When I was in Sarajevo I stayed at the Colors Inn and liked it a lot. Its location is excellent because it is in between old and new Sarajevo. The rooms are comfortable, the wifi fast and the breakfast buffet very complete. The fresh orange juice is a highlight. At the hotel's entrance there is a huge pharmacy selling healthy food and drinks. From the reception it takes 5 minutes to reach the river. Good price x quality ratio.

SEVDAH KUCA

CATEGORIES: Coffee & Sweets

Make a Call: +38733239943

Visit Website: <https://www.facebook.com/Art-Kuca-Sevdaha-53939534405/>

Get Directions: Halači 5, Sarajevo 71000, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Halači 5 | Traditional café

Daily from 10am to 6pm

This traditional café, part of an art center, is a great place to unwind for a while and let your impressions of Sarajevo sink in. Order the Bosnian coffee and the delicious dessert made of apple, walnuts and whipped cream, the tufahija.

BAŠČARŠIJA

CATEGORIES: City Areas, Neighborhoods

Get Directions: Baščaršija, Sarajevo 71000, Bosnia and Herzegovina

The traditional neighborhood of Baščaršija could easily be in Turkey as it was founded by the Ottomans and have been kept untouched ever since. The cobblestone streets wind through mosques, bazaars, kebab shops and cafés. The atmosphere is great, with the daily call to prayer and minarets giving it a special feel. All of a sudden, a few blocks down the road, you are back in the Balkans. Enjoy your walk, peek into the side streets, have a coffee and let the atmosphere sink in. This is why you came to Sarajevo for. ☐☐

ĆEVABDŽINICA MRKVA

CATEGORIES: Casual Dining, Eating

Make a Call: +38733222225

Visit Website: <http://www.mrkva.ba/bs>

Get Directions: Bravadžiluk 13, Sarajevo 71000, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Bravadžiluk 13

Daily from 8:30am to 10pm

All around town, and specially in the old neighborhood of [Baščaršija](#), there are plenty of cevab (kebab) shops. Mrkva is a chain, with 5 outlets around Sarajevo, one of them along the pedestrian thoroughfare of Bravadžiluk. You sit down and you order your cevab with either 5, 10 or 15 little pieces of juicy kebab on the pita bread with chopped onions on the side. Have some feta cheese as well. They do not serve alcohol, but some other places do. It is a very casual place, for a quick bite during your sightseeing walk. After your meal you go to a sweet shop for some bahlava, the Turkish-like pastries.

BUYBOOK

CATEGORIES: Books & Magazines, Shopping

Make a Call: +38733550495

Visit Website: <http://www.buybook.ba/>

Get Directions: Radićeva 4, Sarajevo 71000, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Radićeva 4

Monday to Saturday from 8am to 10pm

Booklovers beware! Bosnian book covers by publisher Buybook are very attractive you will wish you read in Bosnian. The bookshop is a treasure trove of local and international authors in several languages. There are many books in English. It is one of those places you can feel the owners love books so it is contagious. (<https://midnightmusic.com/>) ☐☐ There is a tiny café attached to the bookshop.

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