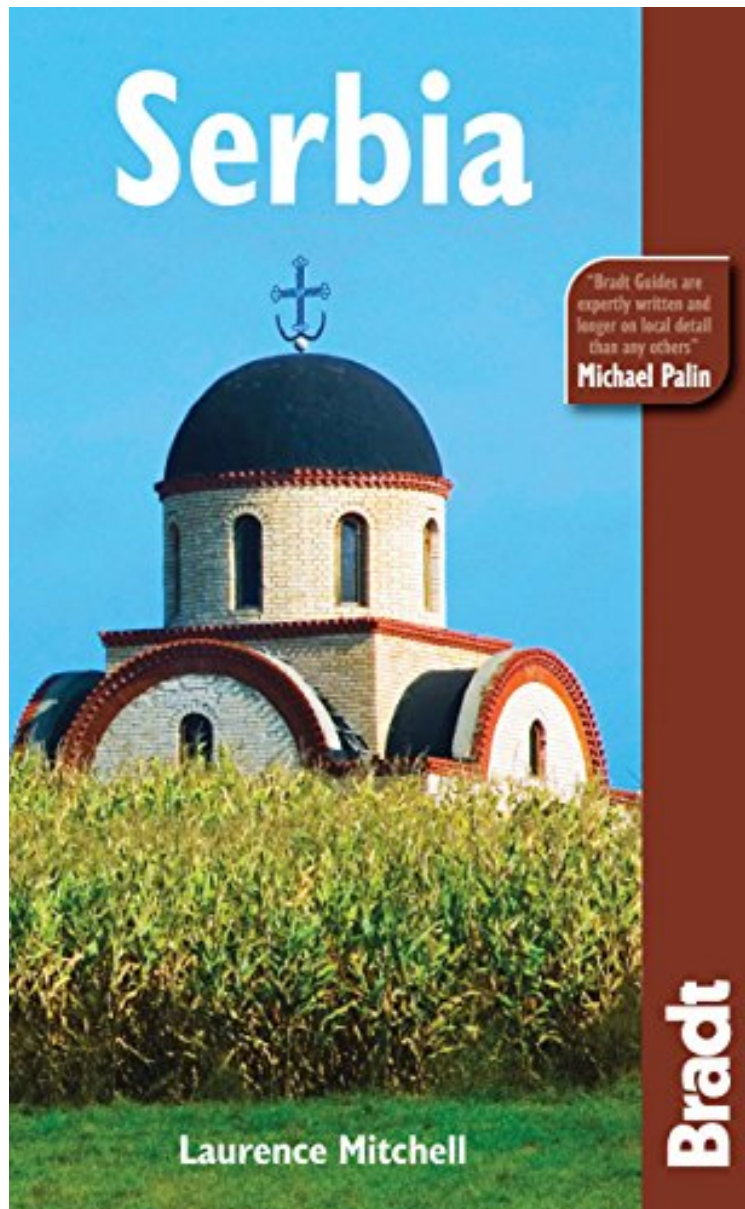


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Laurence Mitchell : Serbia, 3rd (Bradt Travel Guide Serbia) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Serbia, 3rd (Bradt Travel Guide Serbia):

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. What a guidebook should beBy AMHThis guide to Serbia is everything that a guidebook should be. Physically, it is compact enough to fit easily inside a backpack or shoulder bag

so that it can be referred to easily during travel. The front cover contains essential information, such as what visual symbols mean both on signs and on maps and tourists brochures. It gives a basic "hello / goodbye / thank you" vocabulary and the phone numbers of emergency services in Serbia. The vocabulary help is continued at the end of the book, where appendix 1 gives a fairly comprehensive vocabulary useful for asking basic questions, shopping, and ordering in a restaurant. Highlighted with a gray background, there is also a sectioned-off vocabulary list of words used in an emergency: police, ambulance, Call a doctor, I am lost, etc. Appendix 1 also gives the Cyrillic alphabet, its nearest equivalent in the English alphabet, and how to pronounce the letters. The book also includes an index (very useful), a bibliography, addresses and phone numbers for Serbian embassies in several countries, and a list of relevant internet links. A beautiful, two-page topographical map of Serbia appears at the beginning of the book, with the relevant page numbers listed at the side for each region. The map also shows the major transportation routes throughout Serbia, which has been helpful to me in planning my own trip. Further maps of each region are included in each of the chapters, as well as street maps of the major cities. The general information section is practical, helpful and accurate. In addition, Mitchell has done an excellent job of presenting the incredibly complex history and cultures of Serbia in such a short space. I feel that it is impossible to fully appreciate a place without understanding the history that formed it. The guide itself is divided into geographical regions. Each section has a gray "tab" which can be seen on the side of the book, so opening to the desired chapter is easy. Information is given about accommodations, transportation, where and what to eat, festivals, what to see, how to make phone calls, what is unique to the area, what to watch out for, etc. The section on Belgrade also includes the addresses and phone numbers of several foreign embassies. There are 8 pages of colored photographs in the middle of the book. I will be "field testing" this guidebook in a couple of months, but I do not see how Laurence Mitchell's Bradt guidebook to Serbia could be any better than it already is.

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Pretty good
By Jeremy D. Wallace
I spent five days in Belgrade, and this was the only guide I could find.
Pros: Had some very good information for hotels and museums
Cons: The section on Belgrade is only a fraction of the book
None of the maps are easy to find quickly
It's a little bulky, especially if you only want information for one city
Some information I thought should be in a guide was absent (i.e. tipping after a meal)
Overall, it served my purposes and may be the only guide for Belgrade/Serbia until more people start travelling there. Personally, I prefer Frommer's Day to Day city guides, but there wasn't one for Belgrade.

4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. A native's guide
By N. Velickovic
I am Serbian but have lived in the states for most of my life. When my husband and I took a trip this past fall, we decided to tour the country side for a week and escape the obligation of seeing relatives and friends. Best decision we ever made... particularly since it got us out of Belgrade, my home, but, a city I don't think I would ever recommend to travelers... at least not until many, MANY things change. This book helped us, including me, a native, find the gems many Serbs haven't explored. A few such gems included Mokra Gora, Djerdap, and any number of monasteries, many of which have recently been repaired to their original grandeur! However, not only was this book an amazing way to help make our trip easy navigation to the hidden treasures of Serbia, it was also invaluable to fill in the (many) holes in my knowledge of Serbian history. By the end of the trip, my husband, a pure-bred American, was quizzing me on things such as "the significance of Manasija Monastery..." :-)
In other words, I recommend this book to tourists as well as Serbian natives who wish to explore more deeply parts of their home!

Perhaps the greatest attraction of all, considering the long years of isolation, is the welcome the visitor can expect to receive, writes Serbia author Laurence Mitchell. This guide helps visitors explore one of southeast Europe's most exciting destinations with unrivalled information on all aspects of the country's vibrant cultural life. In this unique guide, Laurence Mitchell leads travellers to rural monasteries, tranquil national parks and hip nightclubs. Here traditional folk customs, swinging summer festivals and cost eateries are all ingredients in the country's cultural melting pot. This fully revised third edition provides fresh information, which will appeal to business visitors, adventure travellers and those with art, history and wildlife interests. As a prime destination for winter sports, mountain resorts as well as a range of health spas in spectacular settings are covered. Raise a glass of *belo vino* and toast Serbia's reawakening. New to tourism, but determined to show the world all its attributes: delicious food, beautiful countryside, friendly people, low prices, good music including the acclaimed EXIT festival, safe travel and excellent city nightlife. The scars of war have faded and visitors can certainly expect a warm welcome. A good introduction to the country. The Telegraph Quite simply fantastic, almost faultless
Each page filled me with the desire to see the country and meet the people
Again, all I can say is congratulations on the guide. A reader comment

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