



# Bosnia & Herzegovina

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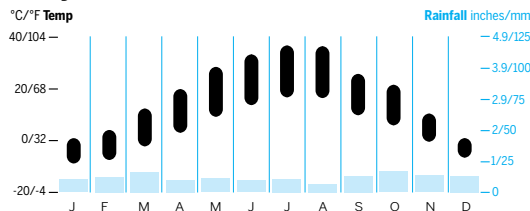
## Why Go?

This craggily beautiful land retains some lingering scars from the heartbreaking civil war in the 1990s. But today visitors will more likely remember Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) for its deep, unassuming human warmth and for the intriguing East-meets-West atmosphere born of fascinatingly blended Ottoman and Austro-Hungarian histories.

Major drawcards are the reincarnated antique centres of Sarajevo and Mostar, where rebuilt historical buildings counterpoint fashionable bars and wi-fi-equipped cafes. Fascinating Sarajevo is an architectural gem, with countless minarets amid the tile-roofed houses that rise steeply up its river flanks. Mostar is world famous for its extraordinary arc of 16th-century stone bridge, photogenically flanked by cute mill-house restaurants. The town is set at the heart of Herzegovina's sun-baked wine country, with waterfalls, a riverside sufi-house and an Ottoman fortress all nearby.

## When to Go

### Sarajevo



**Apr–Jun & Oct**  
Beat the heat, especially when exploring in Herzegovina from Mostar.

**Jul & Aug** Accommodation fills up as the cities sizzle in the summer sun.

**Mid-Jan–mid-Mar** Skiing gets cheaper after the New Year holidays.



## Bosnia & Herzegovina Highlights

**1** Potter around the timeless Turkish- and Austrian-era pedestrian lanes of old **Sarajevo** (p141).

**2** Discover more about the hopes and horrors of the 1990s civil war at the intensely

moving **Tunnel Museum** (p144).

**3** Nose about Mostar's atmospheric Old Town, seeking ever-new angles from which to photograph young men throwing themselves off the

magnificently rebuilt **Stari Most** (Old Bridge; p149).

**4** Make a satisfyingly varied day trip from Mostar to **Kravice Waterfalls** (p152) and other gems of Herzegovina.