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Welcome  
to Belgrade,  
Serbia!

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## Venue information

Please note that the UR Balkans Conference will be held in two different venues. See below for how to get to both venues.

### Monday, September 17

#### City Hall

Dragoslava Jovanovića 2  
Belgrade, Serbia.

### Tuesday, September 18 and Wednesday, September 19

#### Yugoslav Film Archive Museum

Uzun Mirkova 1  
Belgrade, Serbia.

## Hotel information

Participants are advised to stay at the **Mama Shelter Belgrade** hotel.

Address: Kneza Mihaila 54A, Belgrade, Serbia  
Phone: +381 11 33 33 000

<https://www.mamashelter.com/en/belgrade>

Please note that the hotel is located on 4<sup>th</sup> floor of Rajiceva Shopping Center and it is also at the end of main pedestrian street Knez Mihailova. Taxi can leave you in Uzun Mirkova or Pariska street and then there is pedestrian part two minutes towards hotel Mama Shelter.

We would also recommend the following hotels:

- **Marriot Belgrade City Center:** <https://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/begcy-courtyard-belgrade-city-center/>
- **Belgrade Art Hotel:** <http://belgradearthotel.com/>
- **Envoy:** <https://www.envoy-hotel.com/>
- **Majestic:** <http://www.majestic.rs/>
- **Palace:** <http://www.palacehotel.co.rs/en/>



All suggested hotels are in city center, near the main pedestrian street Knez Mihailova, Mama Shelter and Yugoslav Film Archive Museum

## Things to know about Belgrade

- Getting around in Belgrade is reasonably straightforward. Driving takes place on the right. Public transportation includes tram, trolley and bus lines. Parking may be an issue, especially in downtown Belgrade, but taxis could be easily found.
- We recommend you prepare cash to pay for transportation costs and other small bills. There are plenty of ATMs in Belgrade city and the airport where you can withdraw money 24 hours. In shopping malls and restaurants, you can use credit cards.

### See below for information on specific topics

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## Getting into Belgrade

Visitors flying to Belgrade arrive through Belgrade Nikola Tesla Airport.

### From Belgrade Nikola Tesla Airport to City Center

Belgrade Nikola Tesla Airport is located 18 kilometers away from the city center. Major airlines that fly to Belgrade include Air Serbia, Aeroflot, Qatar Airways, Turkish, Lufthansa, Austrian, Alitalia and Swiss International. Depending upon where your final destination is, there are several available options:

#### Public transport:

- **A1 Mini bus (Airport - Slavija Square):** Ticket price is 300 RSD if purchased in the bus, and approximate travel time is 30 - 40 minutes.
- **PTC Belgrade Line 72 (Airport - Zeleni Venac Square):** Ticket price is 89 RSD if purchased in kiosk and 150 RSD if bought in bus. Approximate travel time is 40 - 60 minutes. The bus runs every half hour from the bus station near the Terminal 1 departure level.

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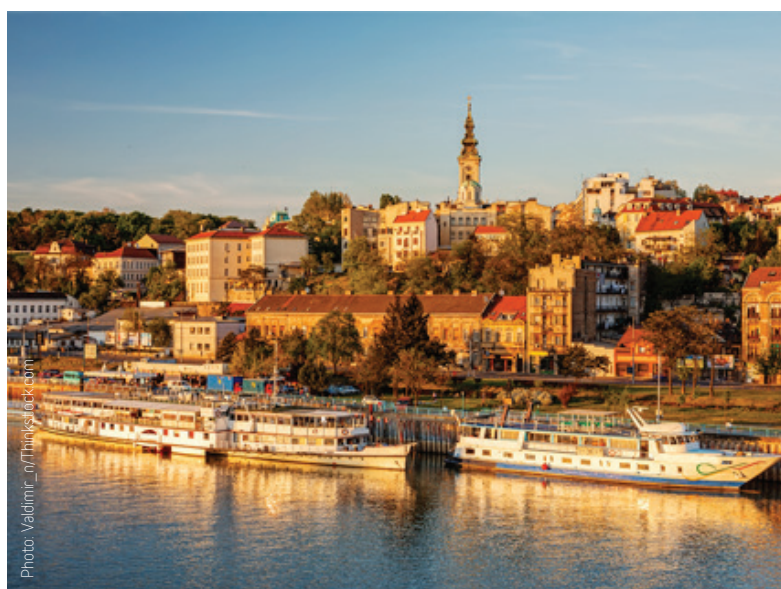
#### Private transport:

- **Taxi:** You can go to the Taxi Info desk near the baggage claim area of the airport building and tell the staff your destination. There you can pay a fixed price for your destination and with that receipt, you can go to a taxi that is available. There are six zones- city center is in second zone and you will receive ticket and receipt on 1800 dinars-local currency.

You can also call various Taxi Associations as +38119801, +38119803, +38119804, +38119806, +38119807 and ask them to pick you up on location

- **Renting a car:** All major car rental agencies such as Sixt, Avis, Budget, etc. are located at the international arrivals area at Terminal 2. Price varies according to the time of booking and car type.

## Moving around in Belgrade



The most convenient way to move in Belgrade is taking a taxi. You may also consider the public transport, which includes bus, tram and trolleybus.

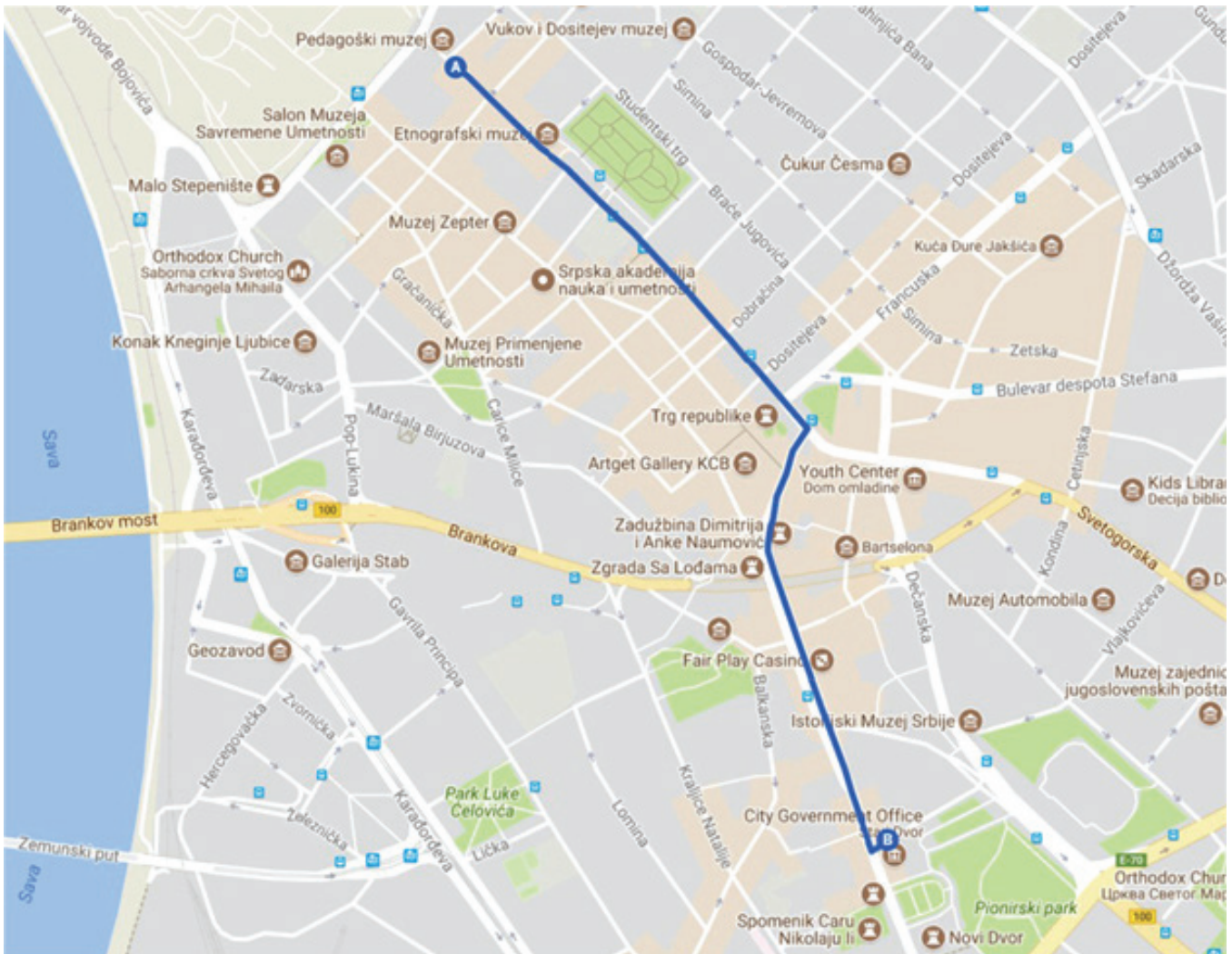
- **Taxi:** Taxis are the fastest and the prices are lower compared to many other European cities. You will recognize taxi cars in Belgrade by their "Taxi" signs or by their license plates which start with "BG" and end with "TX". If you are taking a taxi on the street, please ask the driver for price before you get in.
- **Public Transport:** Purchase the BusPlus ticket from any kiosk in order to use public transport. Daily smart cards are available for purchase at newsstands, and are valid for 1, 3 or 5 days. The bus station close to the Yugoslav Film Archive Museum is Studentski Trg.

Here you can find all the prices and validity periods of BusPlus cards: [busplus.rs/lt/pocetna](https://busplus.rs/lt/pocetna)

# Getting to City Hall

## ...from Mama Shelter Belgrade

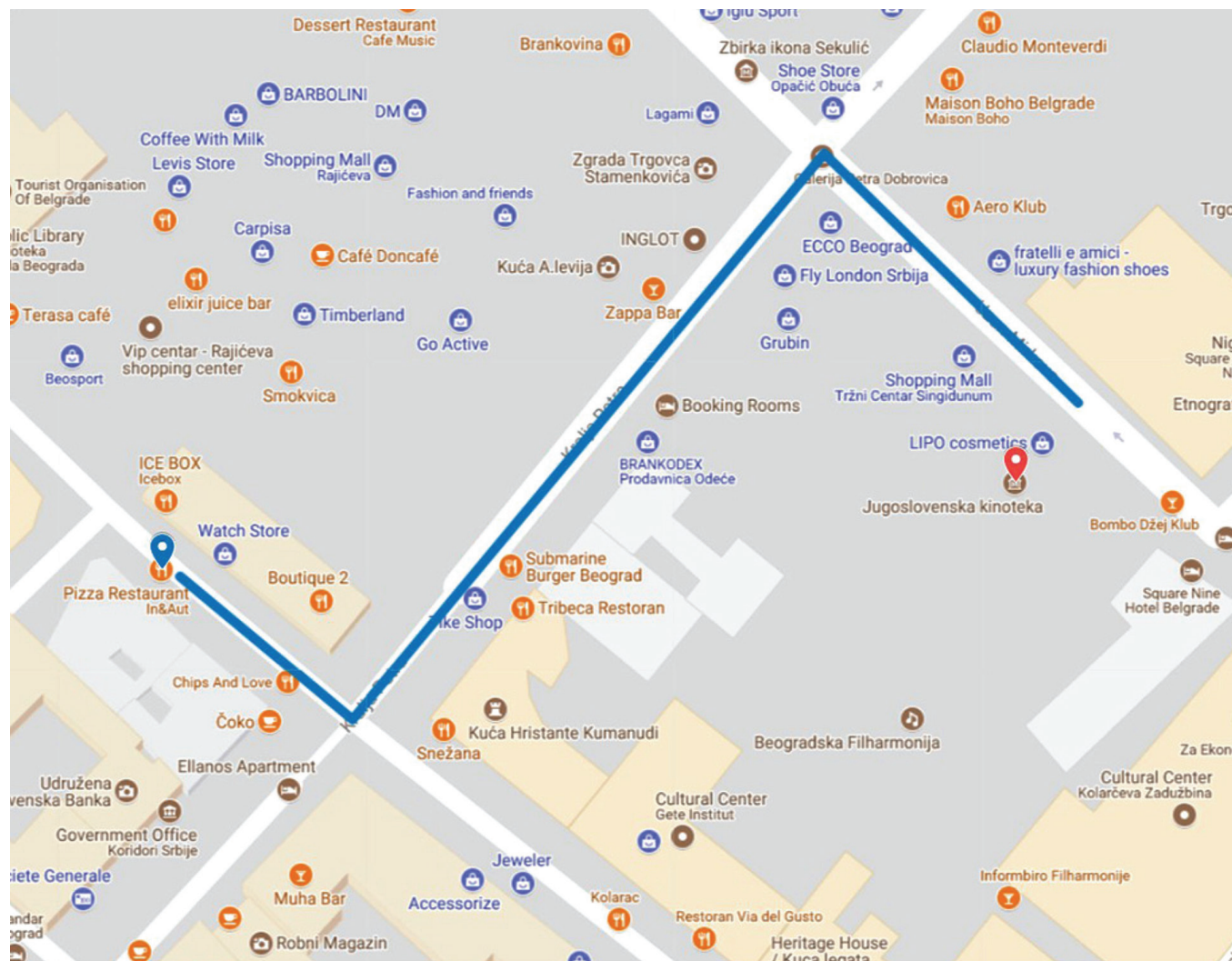
Walking is recommended as the hotel is a 15-minute walk from the City Hall.



# Getting to Yugoslav Film Archive Museum

## ...from Mama Shelter Belgrade

Walking is recommended as the hotel is a 5-minute walk from the main conference venue.



## Practical Information

### Safety and Scams

- Serbia is generally a very safe place to visit, but common-sense precautions are necessary. Pickpocketing, house burglaries and vehicle thefts happen occasionally. Do not leave any articles of value inside your parked vehicle.
- Do not carry jewelry or shiny accessories when you go on the streets. Keep an eye on your wallet at all times, especially in crowded tourist attractions.
- Carry an official ID with you.
- Identify evacuation routes in all the visited venues, especially at your hotel.
- Ask for a receipt of every purchase.

### Local Laws and Customs

- Illegal drug use in Serbia carries stiff penalties and usually a lengthy prison sentence.
- It is recommended to not discuss wars in recent Serbian history or politics.

### Tipping

Although it is not considered a strict social obligation, it is recommended to leave a little tip when you leave a restaurant. Tips are also accepted in bars and taxi cabs usually by rounding up the amount paid.

### Water

Tapped water is safe to drink in Belgrade.

### Currency

The official currency in Serbia is dinar, abbreviated RSD. Money can be exchanged in all banks and post offices, as well as in authorized exchange offices, which you can find all around the city. The current exchange rate may be checked on the website of the [National Bank of Serbia](#). Exchange rate as of July 17th 2018 is:

1 EUR = 118.05 RSD

1 USD = 100.73 RSD

### Important telephone numbers

Police: 192

Fire-fighters: 193

Ambulance: 194

AMSS road assistance: 1987

*Key Contacts - Belgrade office event team*

MIROSS Travel Agency

Katarina Stojmanovski +38163/361785

Miloš Dimitrijević +38163/1017265

### International calls

Incoming: + 381 + number

Outgoing: + country code + area code + number

### Sample price guide

Small bottle of water: 90.00 RSD (0.90 USD)

Fast food burger: 200.00 RSD (2.00 USD)

Espresso coffee: 120.00 RSD (1.20 USD)

### Local information

Time: UTC+ 2 hours (summer)

Sunrise: 06:19 (Mid-September)

Sunset: 18:45 (Mid-September)

### Weather

Expected weather in Belgrade in September 2018 is averagely warm and averagely dry. The mean minimum air temperature in September will be around 0.2°C above the multiannual average. In Belgrade and its wide vicinity, the mean September minimum temperature is forecast to be 13.7 °C. The mean maximum air temperature in September will be around 0.4 °C below the multiannual average. In Belgrade and its wide vicinity, the mean September maximum temperature will be 23.3 °C. The mean precipitation sums in September will be around 1 mm above the multiannual average. In Belgrade and its wide vicinity, the mean September precipitation sums will be around 52 mm.

### Language

Serbian is the official language of Serbia.

### Electricity

230 Volt, 50 Hz

Plug type: F

### Working hours

**Usual business hours:** 08:00 am - 16:00 pm  
(Closed Saturdays and Sundays)

**Banks:** 09:00 am - 16:00 pm  
(Closed Saturdays and Sundays)

**Shops:** 07:00/07:30/08:00 am - 22:00 pm for large supermarkets (Monday to Sunday)

24 hours for many fast food outlets and convenience stores in urban areas

### World Bank office address

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### Info about Belgrade

<http://www.tob.rs/en>

<https://www.facebook.com/visit.belgrade>

<http://www.beograd.rs/cms/view.php?id=201004>

### Eat in Belgrade (Yummy!)

[https://www.restoranibeograd.com/en/?gclid=EAIaIQobChMIIm-ba1cij3AIVBOcbCh2nfwY9EAAiAiAAEgIRMfd\\_BwE](https://www.restoranibeograd.com/en/?gclid=EAIaIQobChMIIm-ba1cij3AIVBOcbCh2nfwY9EAAiAiAAEgIRMfd_BwE)



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