Belgrade (Beograd) is the capital of Serbia. It is situated in South-Eastern Europe, on the Balkan Peninsula, at the confluence of the Sava and Danube rivers. It is one of the oldest cities in Europe and has since ancient times been an important focal point for traffic, an intersection of the roads of Eastern and Western Europe.

Belgrade is the capital of Serbian culture, education, science and economy. As a result of its tumultuous history, Belgrade has for centuries been home to many nationalities, with Serbs of the Orthodox Christian religion making up the majority of the population (90%).

The official language is Serbian, while visitors from abroad can use English to communicate.

The official tender in Serbia is dinar, abbreviated RSD. Money may be exchanged in all banks and post offices, as well as in authorized exchange offices. Dinar is issued in denominations of 10/20/50/100/200/500/1000/5000. Cash may be taken from ATMs installed in all major malls, bank branch offices and in public places 365 days in a year, 24 hours a day. Cell phone e-cards and Internet cards may also be purchased in some of these places.

Belgrade has a special administrative status within Serbia and it is one of five statistical regions of Serbia. Its metropolitan territory is divided into 17 municipalities, each with its own local council. It covers 3.6% of Serbia’s territory, and 22.5% of the country’s population lives in the city. The city has been awarded many titles, including the nomination for European Capital of Culture 2020.

Belgrade has a population of 1,344,844 within the city centre and 1,659,440 in the entire City of Belgrade area. Belgrade is the financial centre of Serbia, and is home to the country’s National Bank. Currently, over 600,000 people are employed in 130,000 economic operators, 22,600 enterprises and 50,000 shops.

New Belgrade is the main business district in the country and South East Europe. It is the fastest business development district with hotels, congress halls (such as the Sava Centar), class A and class B office buildings, sporting facilities such as the Belgrade Arena, shopping malls such as the ones in Ušće and Delta City, business parks such as Airport City Belgrade. The Belgrade Stock Exchange is also located in New Belgrade. Currently, over 1.2 million square meters of land is under construction in New Belgrade and the estimated value of construction in the next two and half years is over 1.5 billion Euros.

The city of Belgrade’s 2012 GDP at purchasing power parity PPP is estimated at $30.8 Billion USD, which is $18,481 per capita in terms of purchasing power parity.

Belgrade and Serbia are located in the Central European time zone region – GMT +1 and/or GMT +2 as of the last week in the third month until the Saturday prior to the last week of the tenth month.

As in most cities of Continental Europe, the electricity voltage in Belgrade is 220V. Electrical outlets are standard European.

Tap water in Belgrade is safe to drink.

Parking in Belgrade is organized according to zones. Parking in the first zone, marked by the colour red, is allowed for a period of one hour. Parking in the second zone, marked by the colour yellow, is allowed for a period of two hours. Parking in the third zone, marked by the colour green, is allowed for a period of three hours. Parking may be paid at the machine on the spot at a number of parking spaces. Parking may also be paid by cell phone: type an SMS with the number of the car license plate and send it to 9111 for parking in the first zone; 9112 for parking in the second zone or to 9113 for parking in the third zone. Parking may also be paid by means of a parking ticket which may be purchased in most kiosks – fill in the parking ticket and place it in a visible spot in your car windshield.

The «Nikola Tesla» airport in Surčin is located 18 km from the centre of Belgrade.

Public transportation (GSP) – 72 bus line from the airport to the city centre. Ticket price: 80 din. Trip duration: 40 min. There is a taxi stop at the airport. The price of taxi transportation from the airport to the city centre is approximately 1,000 dinars (10 Euros).

Useful links:
http://www.tob.rs
http://www.beograd.rs
http://www.aboutbelgrade.com