

Podgorica Destination Guide for Conference Participants

Justice in the Balkans: Equality for Sexual Minorities

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DAAD Alumni Club Montenegro

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Important Notice

You must arrange and pay for your own transport, accommodation and meals costs. You are also responsible for your own travel, health or other insurance that you need.

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1. Hotels Offering Conference Discounts

Aparthotel Premier ****	
Address	Boulevard Sv. Petra Cetinjskog 145, 81000 Podgorica, Montenegro
Phone Number	+382-20-406-520
Fax Number	+382-20-406-559
Web Site	http://aparthotelpremier.montenegro.com
Period	October 23–26, 2009
Room Type	Apartment or studio
Price	€110 / night / single or €140 double / breakfast included. Mention “DAAD Alumni Conference” when you make your reservation to get this special conference price.
Notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You may reserve this price until Saturday, October 10, 2009. Cancellation policy: cancel more than 48 hours before your arrival and you will not be charged.

Best Western Premier Hotel Montenegro ****	
Address	Boulevard Sv. Petra Cetinjskog 145, 81000 Podgorica, Montenegro
Contact Person	Sales Department
Phone Number	+382-20-406-520
Fax Number	+382-20-406-559
Web Site	http://book.bestwestern.com/bestwestern/productInfo.do?iata=&promoCode=&corpID=&propertyCode=89802
Period	October 23–26, 2009
Room Type	Single – Standard or Deluxe
Price	€140 / night / single / breakfast included. Mention “DAAD Alumni Conference” when you make your reservation to get this special conference price.
Notes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> You may reserve this price until Saturday, October 10, 2009. Cancellation policy: cancel more than 48 hours before your arrival and you will not be charged.

Hotel Podgorica ****	
Address	Svetog Petra Cetinjskog 1, 81000 Podgorica, Montenegro
Contact Person	Milica Vuković, Sales Manager
Phone Number	+382-20-402-510
Fax Number	+382-20-402-570
Email Address	hotelpodgorica@t-com.me
Web Site	http://www.hotelpodgorica.co.me/
Period	October 23–26, 2009
Room Type	All
Price	20% discount off all room rates (see in attachment) not including residence tax and insurance. Mention “DAAD Alumni Conference” when you make your reservation to get this special conference price. Visit the web site to see the price list.
Notes	Cancellation Policy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Individual reservations: No fee if you cancel more than 24 hours before arrival. Group reservations: No fee if you cancel more than 5 days before arrival.

Hotel Kerber ***	
Address	Novaka Miloševa 6, 81000 Podgorica, Montenegro
Contact Person	Sales Department
Phone Number	+382-20-405-405
Fax Number	+382-20-405-406
Email Address	hotelkerber@cg.yu
Web Site	http://www.hotelkerber.cg.yu
Period	October 23–26, 2009
Room and Prices	Prices include breakfast and taxes. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single room for 1 person: €56. • Double room for 1 person: €67. Double room for 2 people: €115. • Queen room for 1 person: €79. Queen room for 2 people: €110. • Lux room for 1 person: €89. Lux room for 2 people: €120.

2. Other hotels and accommodation in Podgorica

The price of the accommodation varies, and is from €20 for a room in a motel on the outskirts of the city, up to over €100 in the premium hotels in the city centre.

To find the hotels on a map, please visit this web site:

http://www.worldmapfinder.com/Map_OpenStreetMap.php?ID=/En/Europe/Serbia_And_Montenegro/Podgorica

Budget Hotels

On every main intercity road on the outskirts of the city there are motels. They are the cheapest accommodation in the city. Each one has an illuminated and clearly visible "Motel" sign. Expect prices from €20 - €25 and up.

Hotel Evropa ***	
Address	Orahovačka 16, 20000 Podgorica, Montenegro (near the train station)
Phone Number	+382-20-623-444
Email Address	shole@cg.yu
Web Site	http://www.hotelevropa.cg.yu/
Price	€40 – €55 per night

Mid-Range Hotels

Hotel Crna Gora ****	
Address	Bulevar Svetog Petra Cetinjskog 2, 81000 Podgorica, Montenegro
Phone Number	+382-20-443-443
Fax Number	+382-20-634-294
Email Address	repcija@hotelcg.com
Web Site	http://www.hotelcg.com
Price	€59 to €190 per night

Hotel Garni Bojatours ****	
Address	Kralja Nikole 10, 81000 Podgorica, Montenegro
Web Site	http://www.montenegrohotels.org/eng/hotel.php?hid=14
Price	€80 to €115 per night, including breakfast

3. Flight and Travel Arrangements

The nearest airport is the Podgorica International Airport. The airport code is TGD. Visit this web site to view a list of airlines that serve Podgorica:

<http://www.montenegroairports.com/eng/index.php?menu=2&menu1=4>.

Travel Agent

If you need any assistance to book your flight to Podgorica, contact Toronto Travel, specialists in travel to the Balkans. You will receive an electronic ticket, and you can pay using your credit card.

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4. Podgorica City Guide

Welcome to Podgorica, the capital of Montenegro!

In the last decade, Podgorica has experienced significant revitalization. It was heavily bombed during World War II, and, during the communist period, many apartment blocks were built. Today, new buildings and structures are being built that are bringing a new feeling to the city. While you are here for this conference, we hope you get the chance to explore our city and experience its streets, neighbourhoods, shops and cafés.

Language

The language spoken in Podgorica is Montenegrin. Most young people speak English. Some signs use the latin alphabet, while other, especially street signs, use the Cyrillic alphabet. Feel free to ask someone for help if you need it – the people are known to be friendly and hospitable.

Currency

The currency in Montenegro is the euro.

Podgorica Airport

Podgorica Airport (TGD) is situated 12 km (7.5 miles) south of Podgorica. You can take a combi bus or a taxi to city centre. A taxi usually costs under €10, but ask the taxi driver before you get in the car.

Getting Around

Podgorica is a medium-sized city of about 160,000 people. If you are staying in the city centre, you will not need a car – everything is readily accessible by foot. Public transportation consists of buses, that are not very frequent, and maps of the lines could be hard to locate. Tickets cost between €0.50 and €1 per single ride, and can be purchased on board, usually directly from the driver.

If you are going outside of the city centre, the best option is to take a taxi. There are over 20 taxi companies, that usually operate new, air-conditioned European sedans. Taxi stands are virtually everywhere in the city, but you can also call for one to come and pick you up. The fare is between €0.50 and €0.80 per kilometre, and usually no start fare is charged. Fares may have changed since this article was written, so ask the driver before you get in the car. Considering the size of Podgorica - no drive within the city should cost more than €3 or €4.

Taxi telephone numbers

- 19700 – ALO Taxi
- 19702 – Royal Taxi
- 19703 – Boom Taxi
- 19704 – PG Taxi
- 19705 – Pink Taxi
- 19706 – DeLuxe Taxi
- 19709 – Orange Taxi
- 19711 – City Taxi
- 19712 – Exclusive Taxi
- 19714 – Red Line Taxi
- 19723 – Peugeot Taxi
- 19800 – Bel Taxi
- 19708 – Elite Taxi

Sights

- Millennium Bridge. Opened in 2005, this cable-stayed bridge spans the Morača river, linking the old and new sections of the city. Because of its stunning design, it has become a symbol of Podgorica.
- Old Turkish, town called "Stara Varoš" ("old town"), with its mosques and old clock tower, and narrow, winding streets.
- King Nikola's Castle and the surrounding park houses a museum.
- St. George's Church, built in the 10th century, on the slopes of the Gorica hill (the hill after which Podgorica is named.)
- Skaline (the stairs) on the outfall of the Ribnica river to the Morača river, with its old Turkish bridge spanning the Ribnica, and the ruins of old Nemanja's town.
- Hercegovačka pedestrian street in the city centre.
- Newly built Hristovog vaskrsenja orthodox temple.
- Monument to King Nikola in the park across the street from the Montenegro's parliament.
- Trg Republike is the central square of the city, next to Hercegovačka street. It is very lively at the end of the day, when people finish work. There are lots of cheap restaurants near the square.

Restaurants

Almost all fine restaurants in Podgorica are located either in the traditional city centre, the new business district around the Roman Square, or along the Sv. Petra Cetinjskog boulevard that connects the two.

- Maša restaurant, Bulevar Sv. Petra Cetinjskog 31, +382-20-224-460. Renowned for its fresh seafood.
- Carine Centar, Slobode 43, +382-20-402-400. The Carine Center features both a fine dining restaurant and the pizzeria.
- Carine Moskovska, Moskovska 43, +382-20-402-400. The Carine Moskovska features both the national cuisine restaurant, and the pizzeria.
- Salvador Dali, Džordža Vašingtona 87, +382-69-234-567. Newly open chic restaurant, a favourite among local celebrities.
- Plantaže restaurant, Mareza bb (Mareza resort, a few kilometers west of Podgorica), +382-20-268-722. A great place to eat.
- Hong Kong, Stanka Dragojevića 14, +382 (0) 20 667 300. The only Chinese food restaurant in Podgorica.
- Il Giardino, Rimski Trg 28, +382 (0) 69 313 313. Renowned for the Italian cuisine.

Pizzerias

There are dozens of pizzerias in the city, and most of the cafes serve pizza, pancakes, etc.

- Alpe Bar, Bulevar Sv. Petra Cetinjskog 88, +382-20-202-025. A pizzeria and a cafe, one of the city's landmarks.
- Alpe Bar, Stanka Dragojevića 14, +382-20-665-771.

Fast food

There are no international fast food chains such as McDonalds, Burger King or KFC present in Podgorica. The most popular fast food in Podgorica is the Balkan Hamburger (pleskavica). Food grilled on the barbecue (roštilj) is also very popular and is available everywhere. The best known and most visited are "Voda u kršu", "Gurman", "Calimero", "Kruna".

Cafes and Bars

A favourite activity of Podgorica's residents is to sit in a cafe on a summer day and drink espresso. There are dozens of cafes in pedestrian Njegoševa street in city center, and many more scattered around. Most of the new and trendy cafes are located in the Vectra district in the new part of the city.

Modern design and relaxed atmosphere of the cafes coupled with Podgorica's art of making espresso will make an interesting experience. Some of the well known cafés are the "Alpe Bar", "Buddha Bar", "Carine", "Greenwich", "Grand Café", "Café, Café", "Switch Café", the "Soul II Soul" and many more. Espresso costs from €0.50 to €1.50. Coke and other soft drinks and juices will cost from €1.00 up to €2.50.

Clubs

There are a number of clubs and bars to visit in Podgorica. In the summer, there are many open-air bars and clubs. However, by law, open air bars must turn the music off at 01.00 AM, when the crowds move to the clubs located mostly in the basements in the city centre. Clubs are most crowded from 11PM until 2AM on the Friday and Saturday nights, but some of them are full throughout the week.

- Switch Café, Stanka Dragojevic (centre). 08.00 - 02.00. A club in the city centre, just five minutes walk from the main Republic Square, near the Millenium Bridge. It plays mostly foreign pop/electronic/rock music, and there are interesting music programs almost every night. Drink prices are not too expensive (beer: €1.10, wine: €1.50)
- Tantra. A club around a 15-minute walk (or short taxi ride) from the centre. It plays dance music and is generally busy through the week. Drink prices are not too expensive and there is a good atmosphere.
- SKALINE. An open-air bar on the river in Podgorica old town. The best place in Podgorica, day or night.

Getting Out of the City

Podgorica is barely only one hour from the Adriatic coast and beaches, and is close to many other sights of interest.

- Skadar Lake, the largest lake in the Balkans, and a national park - just 20 minutes south of the city.
- Morača river canyon, just north of Podgorica, featuring the 13th century Morača monastery.
- Doclea (Duklja), ruins of the old Roman city that preceded Ribnica, which become Podgorica.
- Meteon (Medun), 13 km (8 miles) northeast of Podgorica, ruins of a fortress erected in the third century BCE.
- Cetinje, 45 minutes by bus, with a bus per hour, is a beautiful city and is the former capital of Montenegro. It is close to Lovčen National Park.

Useful links

- <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Podgorica>
- <http://www.montenegroairports.com/eng/index.php?menu=&menu1=>
- <http://www.podgorica.travel/>
- <http://www.visit-montenegro.com/cities-podgorica.htm>
- <http://www.photo-montenegro.com/index.php>

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