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Geographical position



Trebinje lies in the Trebišnjica river valley, at the foot of Leotar, in southeastern Herzegovina, some 30km from Dubrovnik (Croatia). The city's old town quarter dates to the 18th-century Ottoman period, and Trebišnjica flows through it.

Area: 3,926.5km²

Population



By the 2013 census 25,589 people are living in the town and 68,434 in the whole Region.

Climate



Trebinje is characterized by Mediterranean climate with hot summers (260 sunny days) and short warm winters. The average annual temperature in the city is 16.6°C, average January temperature is 8.3°C, while average July and August temperature is 26.5°C. Humidity and cloudiness are relatively low. It is interesting that Trebinje has warmer autumn than spring.

Tourism Association of Trebinje:
www.trebinjeturizam.com



Accommodation



There are different options for finding accommodation in Trebinje. Beside 13 hotels and motels and 2 hostels, it is pretty easy to find private accommodation. Eco Camp Ušće, located on the main road from Trebinje to Nikšić (Montenegro), 12km from the city, provides space for tent camping and ten wooden cottages where guests can stay.

Getting there



By air

Although there is no airport close to Trebinje in Bosnia and Herzegovina, there is one in Croatia, Čilipi (Dubrovnik), only 40km away and one in Tivat (Montenegro) only 55km from Trebinje.

By road

The best way to explore this region is by car. Narrow roads with lots of twists and turns are pretty scenic, but can be deceiving so drivers should be careful.

There are buses connecting Trebinje to other parts of Bosnia and Herzegovina and to Serbia and Montenegro on the daily basis, but connections to other parts of Herzegovina are almost non-existent and there is no bus line to Dubrovnik.



Films shot here: ZDUHAČ MEANS ADVENTURE (2011), Milorad Milinković; **CIRCLES** (2013), Srđan Golubović; **ON THE MILKY ROAD** (2016), Emir Kusturica.



"Circles"



"Zduhač Means Adventure"

Orthodox Church of St. Transfiguration



The Orthodox Church of St. Transfiguration has been built between 1888 and 1908. The Church, located in the center of Trebinje, is surrounded by neatly kept lawns and gardens. Interior of the Church is ornamented with paintings of the orthodox church saints and many personalities from the past including Nikola Tesla.



Hercegovačka Gračanica

Hercegovačka Gračanica (Gračanica of Herzegovina) was built in 2000 on hill of Crkvina as an endowment of Branko and Radmila Tupanjac. It got its name because it is a replica of Monastery Gračanica in Kosovo. Today it houses the remains of the famous poet from Trebinje Jovan Dučić.





Tvrdoš Monastery

Tvrdoš Monastery, located 4.5km away from Trebinje on the road to Mostar, has been built on the foundations of an old church. It was probably built in 4th cen-



ture by the order of Tsar Konstantin, but it was destroyed and reconstructed several times. At the beginning of the 16th century the monastery was painted by icon

painter Vicko Lovrov and monk Marko Stefanov. The Monastery is famous for *Tvrdoš wine* that has been produced here since 15th century.



The Osman-paša's Mosque



Osman paša's Mosque, located in the Old Town near the main (west) gate and town's walls was built in 1726 by orders of Osman-paša Resulbegović. As builders came from Dubrovnik elements of Mediterranean architecture in it are visible. It is believed to



be the most spacious mosque in Herzegovina. It was demol-

ished during the last war and restored in 2005.



Church of St. Vasilije Tvrdoški and Ostroški

St. Vasilije Tvrdoški and Ostroški, a Serbian Orthodox bishop and saint venerated in the Eastern Orthodox Church, was born in the village Mrkonjići, on the east side of Popovo Polje, in 1610. The Monastery of Ostrog, where he is buried is now one of the major pilgrimage

sites in the Balkans. The Church of St. Vasilije Tvrdoški and Ostroški has been built on the foundations of his native house on the right side of the road from Trebinje. At the left side of the road, there is St. Nikolaj's temple in which St. Vasilije has been baptized.



Old Town Trebinje

What is currently known as the Old Town Trebinje was centre of trade and craft in the town that emerged on the coast of the Trebišnjica River at the beginning of 18th century. In the Old Town, on the foundations

of Roman, medieval and Turkish town, an Austrian military camp was built at the end of the 19th century. Today it houses the museum of Herzegovina.





Emperor's Mosque

This small square-shaped mosque located in the Old Town, near the banks of Trebišnjica, is the oldest mosque in Trebinje. It was built in 1719 as an endowment of the Ottoman Sultan Ahmed III. The Mosque



was built of cut stone, as well as its 12m high octagonal minaret. It was demolished during the 1992-1995 war and restored and reopened in 2014.



The Arslanagića Bridge

The Arslanagića Bridge was built by Mehmed-paša Sokolović in 1574. It has been moved from its original location, near the medieval town Mičevac, in 1966 because it was endangered by building of the dam on Trebišnjica River. Since 1993, the bridge has also been called the Perovića Bridge.



The Church of St. Barbara with the Cemetery and Stećci (tombstones)

The Church of St. Barbara was rebuilt in 1883 on the site of an older temple, first mentioned in documents from 1664. From the writings, position of the church, and the fact that it was built in the middle of a medieval cemetery, it can be concluded that the building can easily be older than the 17th century. A necropolis of tombstones (*stećci*) probably dates from the early 15th century.



Trebišnjica



Trebišnjica is one of the longest sinking rivers in the world with a total length of 187km above and under the ground. It's source is at 398m above sea level and it flows into river Ombla before it flows into the sea near Dubrovnik.

