

# BOSNIAN PODRINJE CANTON



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### Geographical position

Bosnian Podrinje Canton is located in the south-eastern central part of the country, in the region of Upper Drina. The Cantonal seat and the cultural and geographic centre of the Canton is Goražde, populated by 30,000 people, situated on the banks of the River Drina in South East Bosnia. The town lies at the foot of the eastern slope of mountain Jahorina at a height of 345m above sea level.

**Area:** 504.6km<sup>2</sup>



### Population

By the data provided by Agency for Statistics 32,675 people are living in Bosnian Podrinje Canton, with 29,859 living in Goražde, and only 2,816 people living in the surrounding municipalities. Data per three consecutive years show small but constant decrease in number of inhabitants of this Canton.



### Climate

Goražde, and Bosnian Podrinje Canton in general, is characterized by mild continental climate with short winters and long warm summers.



## Accommodation



Most of the tourist facilities in the Bosnian Podrinje Canton are located in the proximity of River Drina. Hotel Behar is the only hotel in the Canton. It is rated with three stars and it is renowned as one of the most luxurious and most beautiful hotels in the Upper Valley of Drina River located in Goražde. The crew of the feature film SNOW by Aida Begić used this hotel as their base during the shoot. In Pale-Prača Municipality tourists may visit tourist village Bijele Vode with its motel and mountain-style bungalows. In Goražde and it's surroundings it is possible to find different kinds of accommodation including bungalows next to the Drina River, smaller hotels and private accommodation for very affordable prices.

## Getting there



### By air

As Sarajevo is pretty close to Goražde it is possible to travel to Sarajevo airport and than choose the other way of transportation from Sarajevo.

### By road

Travelling by car is easiest way to come to Bosnian Podrinje Canton as Goražde is well connected to other bigger cities in Bosnia and Herzegovina and can easily be reached from Sarajevo (via Rogatica and Ustiprača) in only hour and a half. However, it must not be forgotten that there is no highway and roads can be pretty difficult to travel by.

Centroprevoz Goražde ([www.centroprevoz.ba](http://www.centroprevoz.ba)) is handling the most of the bus lines in Bosnian Podrinje Canton. Most of the bus connections go through the Sarajevo but go on everyday bases, few times a day, to different towns in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia and Serbia.



**Films shot here:**  
**SNOW** (2008), Aida Begić; **BELVEDERE** (2010), Ahmed Imamović.



Tourism Association of Bosnian Podrinje Canton:  
[www.turizam-bpk.ba](http://www.turizam-bpk.ba)



## Goražde

This town of elongated shape along the Ustiprača-Foča road was part of the old Serbian State up to 1376, when it was attached to the Bosnian State under the reign of King Tvrtko. From 1465 till 1878 Goražde was part of the Turkish Empire and in the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries it was inhabited by Muslim and Orthodox communities. During the 1992-1995 war in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Goražde was one of the six Bosniak enclaves, surrounded and besieged by the Serbian Army, and then made into a United Nations Safe Area in which the United Nations was supposed to protect the civilian population from attacks. Despite this, Goražde was heavily attacked in April of 1994. After air strikes against Serb tanks and outposts and a NATO ultimatum, Serbian forces agreed to withdraw their artillery and armored vehicles 20km from the town, but damage was already done. War scars can still be seen around the town, despite the efforts of the community to rebuild.



Film: "Belvedere"



## Drina



The Drina is a 346km long river and natural border between Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia. It is the longest tributary of the Sava River and the longest karst river in the Dinaric Alps which belongs to the Danube river watershed. Its name is derived from the Latin name of the river (Latin: Drinus) which in turn is derived from Greek (Ancient Greek: Dreinos).

## Prača



Prača is a left tributary of River Drina. Its source is in Pale at an altitude of 1540m. It flows into the Drina in Ustiprača. In Ustiprača there is an old narrow-gauge railway bridge.



## Romane Bridge on Kožetina



Bridge on Kožetina is a single-arch stone bridge in the municipality of Foča-Ustikolina built on the steep terrain and based directly on the coastal cliffs above the stream. The arch bridge is semi-circular and made of roughly treated, or rather the right pieces of limestone. It is still well-preserved in its original form.



## Alija Izetbegović Bridge



Bridge at the center of Goražde over the Drina has notorious past. During World War II Chetnik brigades would bring civilians for the slaughter on the bridge and during the last war it was so dangerous to cross that Army of RBiH decided to build the Bridge Under the



Belvedere

Bridge which enabled people to cross the river unnoticed. The bridge is in a reconstruction phase at the moment. The construction under

## Ruins and Abandoned Industrial plants



Before the 1992–1995 war Goražde had highly developed industry. Unfortunately, indus-

try suffered great destruction during the war, too, and number of abandoned indus-

trial plants can be found in Goražde and surrounding area.

