

# WEST HERZEGOVINA CANTON



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### Geographical position

West Herzegovina Canton is located in south west of Bosnia and Herzegovina and surrounded by Čvrsnica mountain to the north, Croatia to the west and south, and the Herzegovina Neretva Canton to the east. The canton has three rivers: Lištica, Trebižat and Ričina; part of National Park Blidinje is part of it and its highest peak is Pločno on the Čvrsnica mountain is 2,228m high. Široki Brijeg is the center of the Canton.

**Area:** 1,363km<sup>2</sup>



### Population

By the preliminary date provided by 2013 census, 94,898 people are living in West Herzegovina Canton.



### Climate

West Herzegovina Canton has sub-mediterranean mountain climate influenced by sea from one and the mountains from the other side.

In Široki Brijeg the average temperature is 13.6°C with an average of 23.5°C in July (the warmest month) and 4.0°C in January (the coldest month).



Tourism Association of West Herzegovina Canton:  
[www.visithercegovina.com](http://www.visithercegovina.com)



Old Watermill in Široki Brijeg

## Accommodation



If staying in West Herzegovina Canton the best option is to stay in Široki Brijeg. There are two hotels in the town (including 4-star Hotel Park), motel and bed&breakfast. There is also a hotel per town in Ljubuški, Posušje and Grude.

## Getting there



### By air

If you are traveling by plane, the quickest way is to fly to Croatia, to towns of Dubrovnik or Split which are hour and a half and 2 hours away respectfully. It is also possible to fly to Sarajevo, but the ride from Sarajevo is over 2 hours.

There is also a possibility of organizing charter flights to Mostar airport, which is less than an hour ride from Široki Brijeg.

### By road

West Herzegovina, with it's nice weather and scenic routs, is ideal for road travel.

Modern bus station has been opened in Široki Brijeg in May, 2016. There are busses driving on everyday basis to different locations in Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina and on the weekly basis (or on several days per week) to Croatia, Austria and Germany.



### Films shot here: EAGLES

**FLY EARLY** (1966), Soja Jovanović; **LOVE AND RAGE** (1978), Bakir Tanović; **DONKEY** (2009), Antonio Nuić; **CIRKUS COLUMBIA** (2010), Danis Tanović; **ON THE MILKY ROAD** (2016), Emir Kusturica; **DEAD FISH FLOATH ON THEIR BACKS** (2016), Kristijan Milić.



"Eagles Fly Early"

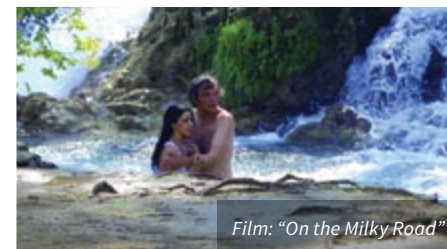


"Donkey"

## Široki Brijeg



Široki Brijeg, the administrative center of West Herzegovina Canton, has been inhabited since pre-historic times. It is located on the river Lištica, tributary of Neretva, and was also called Lištica for some time. Borak, source of river Lištica, iz one of the most popular picnic locations in Široki Brijeg. Široki Brijeg is home of Mediterranean Film Festival, focusing on documentary films.



Film: "On the Milky Road"





### Franciscan Monastery of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Salih-beg Bakamović gave a land for the building of the monastery as a gift to his loyal servants in late 19<sup>th</sup> century. The building of the first church was completed in 1860. In 1905 this church was demolished and in its place a new church in the

late Romanesque style was built following the design by Matteo Lorenzi. Today, the Monastery is used as a school center and in its garden the World War II shelter built for the protection of the priests stands as a reminder of their tragic fate.



### The Old Watermills

There are proofs of existence of watermills on the river spring Borak dating back from 12<sup>th</sup> century. These beautiful stone buildings that were used for producing flour for hundreds of years, became touristic attractions in latest years providing the much needed insight into the traditional way of living in Herzegovina.

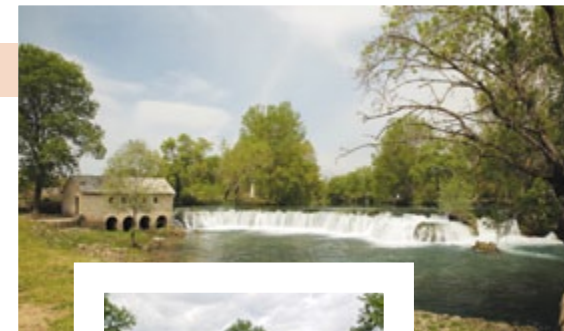


Borak



### Ljubuški

Ljubuški is a town populated by 29,521 people. It was mentioned for the first time in 1444. The name of the town originates from an ancient Slavic name Libuša – the name of the first wife of Herzeg Stjepan, the ruler of Herzegovina.





### Kravice Waterfall

Kravice Waterfall is located in village Studenci, close to Ljubuški. The waterfall is attractive both for tourists and locals as it is used for swimming as well as sightseeing. It is 120m wide and 28m high and is part of picturesque river Trebižat.



### Herceg Ethno Village



Herceg Ethno Village gives witness to a bygone time captured in the rugged land of Herzegovina. It is a hotel and resort complex spread over five acres of land with more



than 50 stone objects, including recreated and restored authentic Herzegovinian houses with an aim of preserving their ethnographic, historical and architectural value.



### Posušje



Posušje, located 610m above sea level, has been known as a dry area throughout the history. Its name is derived from the word suša

(drought) pointing to its water-supply problems. This problem was solved by building an artificial lake in Tribistovo in 1989.