

LIVING IN NOVI PAZAR

From the bus station you can walk or take a taxi. Taxi is not very expensive. It is around EUR 0.80 to the city centre (avoid offers from unregistered taxi) to your place of residence. We recommend having a buddy waiting for you there.

ACCOMMODATION

Private accommodation: Private accommodation is an affordable and convenient solution. The price for a single room apartment is between 100 and 160 EUR per month (depends on the location and amenities) excluding utilities. Rent for bigger apartments range between 150-250 EUR. Utilities include heating, electricity, garbage disposal etc. and range from 50 to 100 EUR per month depending on real costs or number of residents. The International Office can give advice but does not offer or provide private accommodation. The State University of Novi Pazar Buddy Network can be of assistance with finding accommodation. From previous experience exchange students find accommodation relatively quickly.

Hotels and hostels: We recommend using hotel or hostel for the first few days if you do not have apartment reserved. There are several of them near the city center and one near the University Campus. Prices range from 8-20 EUR per night but for longer or group stays discounts can be negotiated. Students can stay in a hostel before finding private accommodation or when friend are visiting. Useful websites:

<http://tonp.rs/?lang=en>

<http://hoteltadznd.com/>

<http://www.hotelvrbak.com/>

<http://www.hotelatlas.rs/>

LIVING EXPENSES

A studio flat costs between 100-150 EUR/month. Additional expenses for utilities (heating, water, garbage disposal etc.), telephone, electricity, cable TV, are around 30-60 EUR and depend on the city area and size of the apartment. Food in supermarkets costs about the same as in most EU countries. Local grocery stores have higher prices and are therefore not recommended for bigger shopping. Bigger supermarket chains (such as Maxi, Aman, Idea,) offer considerably lower prices and special promotions. There are numerous restaurants and cafés where you can eat for around 3-5 EUR or less. Most places will also offer vegetarian menu and you can eat different fish specialties, but in general food in Serbia is dominated by meat. In average you will need around 300-400 EUR to cover your basic living expenses (rent, food and living).

Most supermarkets, accept credit and debit cards (Visa, Visa Electron, Master, Maestro, Diners), which is not always the case in the shops and restaurants in Novi Pazar. Please check the acceptability of the cards at a specific place before making any purchase.

CLIMATE

Novi Pazar has a four-season moderate continental climate. Autumn is longer than spring, with long sunny and warm periods. Winter is not severe, with an average of 22 days of sub-zero temperature. January is the coldest month, with an average temperature of -2°C. Spring is usually short and rainy, while summer arrives abruptly. The average annual temperature is 10.4°C. In a year, the average rainfall is 900 mm.

SHOPS

There are many shops in the pedestrian area of the city center. There are also several smaller and bigger shopping malls with most of the familiar labels. Prices vary from shop to shop and depend on the label, but clothes and shoes can sometimes be more expensive in Serbia than in EU countries.

TRANSPORTATION IN NOVI PAZAR

Most of important places are walking distance.

TAXI – For those who are in a hurry there are several TAXI companies in Novi Pazar. Please always use official taxi companies (like “Mega”, “Maxi”, “Kes”). Price is per kilometer but one ride in city should not be more than couple hundred of Dinars. Non-regulated taxi drivers may approach you (at the bus station) but their price will be significantly higher. We advise caution.

EXPLORING THE CITY AND SURROUNDINGS

Novi Pazar is an easygoing city. Find out more at: [Novi Pazar on Wikipedia](#). You can walk to most places but if you are in a hurry you can use public transportation, taxi or bike. You can explore numerous cafes and clubs in the city center, walk (or hike) along the Raška or rest in one of the city parks. The night life is very diverse. There are places to go out in the centre of Novi Pazar, mainly bars or cafés until midnight. After that there are still some bars and night clubs open. Drinks cost about 120-140 dinars in average (which is around 1-1,2 EUR).

SAFETY

Novi Pazar is considered to be a safe city with relatively low crime rate. Students should exercise common sense with regards to their behavior and actions. Any lost or stolen property should immediately be reported to the proper authorities. Please take care of your passports. If you are living in a rented apartment avoid making noise after 22h.

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Emergency telephone numbers: Police 192 ; Fire Department 193 ; Ambulance 194

International dialing code for Serbia is +381, but for making calls abroad from Serbia dial 00.

USEFUL WEBSITES

The official website of Novi Pazar: <http://www.novipazar.rs/lat/>

Tourist Organization of Novi Pazar: <http://tonp.rs/>

National Tourism Organization of Serbia: <http://www.serbia.travel/home.779.html>

Novi Pazar greeters <http://novipazar.greeters.info/>

<http://serbia.superodmor.rs/novi-pazar>