

## *Language*

The official language of Serbia is Serbian, a South Slavic language. Serbian language is almost identical to languages spoken in Croatia, Bosnia and Montenegro, and is very similar to Macedonian and Bulgarian.

Serbian alphabet has 30 letters and it's phonetic: one letter per sound. That makes it easy to learn to read and write. Serbian grammar is entirely different matter –Serbian language has seven word cases.

Another rare feature of Serbian language is the presence of two alphabets: Cyrillic (shown in light blue) and Latin (shown in navy). The two alphabets are almost equivalent; the only difference is in the glyphs used. While Cyrillic alphabet is in official use, in everyday life you will see both alphabets being used all the time, in newspapers, street signs, etc.

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Here are a few basic phrases:

English	Serbian	Pronunciation
Yes	Da	dah
No	Ne	neh
Please	Molim	moleem
Thank you	Hvala Vam	hvahlah vahm
Thank you very much	Hvala lepo	hvahlah lehpo
Good morning	Dobro jutro	dobro yootro
Good afternoon	Dobar dan	dobahr dahn
Good night	Laku noć	dah
Hello	Zdravo	zdrahvo
Good bye	Do viđenja	doveejehñah
Bye	Zbogom	zbohgom
What is your name?	Kako se zovete?	kahko seh zoveteh
My name is...	Zovem se...	zovehm seh...
How are you? (formal)	Kako ste?	kahko steh
How are you? (informal)	Kako si?	kahko sih
Fine thanks, and you?	Dobro hvala, a vi/ti?	dobro hvahla, ah vee/tee
I understand	Razumem	rahzoomehm
I don't understand	Ne razumem	neh rahzoomehm
Do you speak english?	Govorite li engleski	govoreeteh lee ehngleskee