

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA - PRODUCER'S BRIEFING FOR FIRST CONTACT

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Introduction: Austria-Hungary controlled Bosnia and Herzegovina from 1878 to 1918, when it joined the new Kingdom of Serbs, Croats, and Slovenes. In 1945, Bosnia and Herzegovina became part of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, until declaring its independence in 1992. Three years of interethnic war ended in 1995. The country became an official candidate for EU membership in 2022.

Cultural Practices: Elders are respected and are generally considered extremely important members of the family. Bosnians value hospitality, respect, and politeness. It is rude to shout in public. Building personal relationships is important, and punctuality is appreciated, though interactions can be somewhat relaxed in informal settings.

Tipping Guidelines: It is common to leave a 10-15% tip for good restaurant service. Bartenders and wait staff do not include a tip on the bill. Taxi drivers will often round their fare up, but a few extra Markas will go a long way. A tip of 50 cents (USD) a night is appropriate for hotel maid staff.

Climate: Bosnia and Herzegovina has a continental climate with hot summers and cold winters in inland regions, while the southern parts near the Adriatic Sea experience a Mediterranean climate with milder winters.

Religion: Muslim 50.7%, Orthodox 30.7%, Roman Catholic 15.2%, other 3.4%

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General Facts:

Regional Division	Southeastern Europe
Capital	Sarajevo
Airport Code / Airport Name	SJJ / Sarajevo International Airport
Country Code 2 digits / 3 digits	BA / BIH
Population	3,798,671
Language (Major Languages)	Bosnian, Serbian, Croatian

Travel Facts:

Telephone Code / Code Dial	387
Local Emergency Phone	112
International Driving Permit	Recommended
Road Driving Side	Right
Time Zone / Time Difference	UTC +01:00
Currency Code / Exchange Rate \$-> BAM	Bosnian Convertible Mark (BAM) / 1\$: 1.84 BAM
Electricity / Voltage / Plug Type(s)	230 V / 50 Hz / C, F
Passport / Visa Requirements	Yes / 90 days in 180 days
Working Permits for US Citizens	Necessary

Filming incentives:

Film Commission National	30% cash rebate
Film Commission Federal	No
VFX Grant	No

Working conditions:

Working hours per day	11 + break
Working hours per week	55
Working days per week	5
Overtime	+50%
Breaks	60 min after 5 th hour
Turnaround	12 hours
Fringes / self-employed	self-employed
Unions	common but not mandatory

Filming infrastructure:

Crews	internationally experienced, English speaking
Equipment	essential equipment available
Studios in the following cities	Bankja Luka
Themed backlot sets include	-
Specials	-

Landscape & Architecture: Metro, Historic towns, Landscape, Ottoman Structure, medieval Fortresses, Metropolitan, scenic Rivers, Lakes, Mountains. Architectural styles range from medieval and Ottoman influences to Austro-Hungarian and modern buildings.