



Backpacking Europe: 5 Unpopular, Cheap and Fascinating Cities

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Europe's full of hidden gems and we know that's exactly what backpackers are most interested in. Below we list 5 towns that aren't as popular as the largest European metropolises, but equally interesting for backpacking. They're definitely worth visiting – for a variety of reasons. Not as crowded as the widely known tourist destinations, affordable and captivating, these cities deserve being included in a backpacker's bucket list.

Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina

Cultural diversity, wonderful architecture, unique atmosphere – that's Sarajevo. The capital of Bosnia-Herzegovina can't really be compared with any other city in Europe. It's hard to find this specific vibe elsewhere.

Mosques stand next to churches and make it impossible for the religious diversity to go unnoticed. Sarajevo is known as a meeting point for Islam, Catholicism, Orthodoxy and Judaism. The differences, along with many other factors, for years were a cause of tragic conflicts. Sarajevo is a city that suffered immensely, but it recently renewed and opened. Although still often associated with the Yugoslav Wars, Sarajevo is now a safe place. The locals are incredibly welcoming. The old town is simply breath-taking with its mysterious cobbled streets, beautiful buildings and oriental stores. There's lots of cafés where you can have a cup of Turkish coffee, admire traditional carpets and sit in old-style chairs. There are also lovely restaurants and great hostels. As for the prices, everything's affordable. A coffee costs around 0,5-1Euro a nice meal can be bought for 3-5 Euros, a bed in a hostel dorm costs usually about 10 Euros (we use Euros to make it simpler, but Bosnia-Herzegovina has its own currency, just as most of the countries included in the list; only Estonia used the Euro).



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