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City breaks **Top 10 winter city breaks in Europe**

Winter is the time for exploring snowy European cities that are full of cosy cafes – such as Zagreb, Ljubljana and Tromsø – especially when they're served by budget airlines with low-season fares

Sarajevo, Bosnia



Bazaar in Sarajevo's old town. Photograph: Izzet Keribar/Getty Images



In this cruel world, Sarajevo is a reminder that bad things can turn out better. This once magnificent bastion of integration and multicultural splendour has risen from the ashes of the 1992-96 siege and is now a flourishing metropolis and fascinating destination. Narrow alleyways in Baščaršija, the old town, are packed with good cafes and decent well-priced accommodation. Hostels such as [Balkan Han](#), [The Doctor's House](#) and [Franz Ferdinand](#) have dorm beds from €11, doubles from €32.

Highlights are the restored town hall, a masterpiece of fin de siècle Moorish fantasy, plus Svrzo's House, a dignified museum recalling the atmosphere of 18th-century Sarajevo. More up-to-date, and no less evocative, is the Tunnel Museum, a section of the passageway that kept the city alive during the dark days of the war. For dinner, [Cakum-pakum](#) is something of a legend for its homeliness and well-priced stuffed pancakes. As befits a Winter Olympics location, there's skiing and snowboarding in Bjelašnica, 20 miles to the south-west. Jahorina to the south-east is good for off-piste action.

• [Eurowings](#) flies from Stansted and Heathrow from £140 return