

Christmas in Belgrade



Christmas period in Serbia

- The festive season starts earlier, so those visiting in December will not miss out on that Christmas feeling.



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Traditions

- They have a game called “Santa race” which is an annual event normally held towards the end of December, during which around 3,000 people dress up as Santa or Mrs. Claus, and run through the capital for charity. Santa is known as Deda Mraz in Serbia, which translates into Grandpa Frost.



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- **Badnjak:** A tradition that is central to Serbian Christmas; the badnjak is a piece of wood taken from an oak tree that is burned in homes on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day as well. Nowadays, people can enjoy a public lighting of the badnjak – the largest in Belgrade can be found by the St. Sava Temple.



The End

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