

NOVI SAD



*Novi Sad - a city chosen to be the **European Capital of Culture in 2021***

Novi Sad is the administrative, economic, cultural, scientific and touristic centre of the Autonomous Province of Vojvodina and the second largest city in Serbia.

According to the last census conducted in 2002, the city's population was 299,294 (156,328 of them adults). The majority of the urban population are mainly Serbs, and the statistics show that the numbers are on the rise: Serbian population (75.50 %), Hungarian population (5.24%), Yugoslavian population (3.17%), Slovakian population (2.41%), Montenegro population (1.68%), etc. According to the latest estimates, the city's population in 2010 exceeded 370,000.

Novi Sad has its own flag and the coat of arms.



The city celebrates its Day on 1 February, which commemorates the event of 1748 when it received its first charter of a free royal town. The charter was issued and signed by Empress Maria Theresia, who granted Novi Sad a high degree of autonomy within the Habsburg Empire.

The city also commemorates the following dates:

- Its foundation in 1694
- 23 October 1944, Liberation Day in the WWII
- 9 November 1918, the day when Serbian Army under the command of Petar Bojović liberated Novi Sad in the WWI
- 25 November 1918, the day when National Assembly of Serbs, Bunjevci and other South Slavs in Bačka, Banat and Syrmia ruled on joining Serbia.

16 November, Saint's Feast Day of Novi Sad (Slava) is the Renewal of the Temple of the Holy Great Martyr George