## HOW TO GET TO NOVI PAZAR

### 1. YOU CAN TAKE A FLIGHT TO BELGRADE AIRPORT

Belgrade Airport is 18 kilometers away from the Belgrade city centre (<u>Airport-Belgrade</u>) and 275 kilometers from Novi Pazar.

### TAXI TRANSFER from Belgrade

Various travel agencies from Novi Pazar offer transfer from and to Belgrade airport in vans or cars. Price can vary from 3000 RSD to 5000 RSD depending if it is calculated per person or per vehicle.

#### BUS TRANSFER from Belgrade airport to the Central Belgrade Bus station

Tickets are available in the bus. Buses leave regularly in front of the Airport building. Taxi service is also available and prices are regulated (ask at the information desk at arrival).

#### 1. Minibus line A1

Ticket price: *250 RSD* Travel time: 30 min. Route: Airport - Novi Beograd - <u>Central Railway Station</u> (exit here) - Slavija Frequency: 05.00 - 21.00 h

#### 2. Local bus (GSP) line number 72

Ticket price: 120 RSD (**Note** : Belgrade uses an e-ticket service "BusPlus". Prepaid tickets are cheaper than those sold by the driver) Travel time: 45 min. Route: www.gsp.co.rs – exit Zeleni venac market (last station)

# FROM BELGRADE TO NOVI PAZAR

Novi Pazar is some 275km south of Belgrade and it is well connected with the capital. Rail and Bus Stations are located in vicinity of each other.

**Take a bus** from the main bus station. Buses go very often, but it is recommended to take the ones which take the faster (highway) road.

**Travel time**: around 5 hours, depending on the route taken and traffic. **Ticket price**: EUR 10 <u>http://www.bas.rs/redvoznje.aspx?lng=sc</u>

## SHORT INFO - Novi Pazar

Novi Pazar is located in southwest Serbia, in Raška District. It lies in the valley of the rivers Jošanica, Raška, Deževska and Ljudska, on the plateau Pešterska visoravan, 280 km away from Belgrade. It is surrounded by the mountains Golija and Rogozna. **The name of the town dates back to the 15th century.** 

The founder of the town is the **Turkish Isa-Beg Ishaković**, who built it near the medieval fort Trgovište, also known as Ras. The spa-towns Novopazarska banja and Rajčinovića banja are situated in the direct vicinity of Novi Pazar.

This area is known for its **numerous historic-cultural monuments**, the most important of which are: Petrova crkva, Đurđevi stupovi (endowment of Stefan Nemanja) from the 12th century, Sopoćani Monastery from the 13th century, Town-fortress with an observatory tower from the 15th century and Amir-Aga Han (roadside inn)....



Arap mosque foto: Sasa-Maricic

The Hasan Celebi mosque is one of the oldest mosques in Novi Pazar. It was first mentioned in 1528, but there are no reliable data about its founder. According to a legend, Hasan Celebi was an Arab. Among other mosques, there are the Hadži-Hurem (Bor) mosque and Lejlek (Havale Ahmed-bey or Ahmed-bey Silhadar) mosque.

The oldest building in Novi Pazar is the **Metropolitanate (Mitropolija)**, which is a remarkable example of traditional architecture of the late 18th century. **The Church of St. Nicholas** in Novi Pazar is recognizable by the large iconostasis.