



Topography of Serbia

« Serbia's terrain ranges from rich, fertile plains of the northern Vojvodina region, limestone ranges and basins in the east, and in the southeast ancient mountains and hills. The north is dominated by the Danube River. A tributary, the Morava River flows through the more mountainous southern regions.

In central parts of Serbia, the terrain consists chiefly of hills, low and medium-high mountains, interspersed with numerous rivers and creeks. The main communication and development line stretches southeast of Belgrade, towards Niš and Skopje (in Republic of Macedonia), along the valley of Great and South Morava river. Most major cities are located on or around that line, as well as the main railroad and highway. On the East of it, the terrain quickly rises to limestone ranges of Stara Planina and Serbian Carpathians, relatively sparsely populated. On the West, height of mountains slowly rises towards southwest, but they do not form real ridges. The highest mountains of that area are Zlatibor and Kopaonik.

Mountains cover the largest parts of the country. [citation needed] Four mountain systems meet in Serbia: Dinaric Alps in the west cover the greatest territory, and stretch from northwest to southeast. Carpathian Mountains and Balkan Mountains stretch in north-south direction in the eastern Serbia, west of the Morava valley. Ancient mountains along the South Morava belong to Rilo-Rhodope Mountain system.

The most significant mountains in Serbia are: Kopaonik Stara Planina Golija Tara Zlatibor

The highest peak in Serbia is Midžor on Stara Planina near the border with Bulgaria (2,169 m-7,116 ft). »

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Meditation at the top of the mount Midžor (2169m)

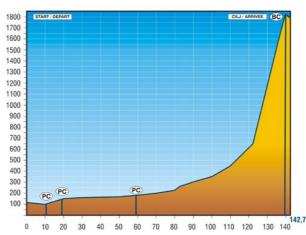


Tour de Serbie (Трка кроз Србију)

57th édition : 55 without a break since 1963, after a double aborted attempt in 1939-40. The race is ranked UCI Europe Tour 2.2 and its winner list has been « communist » since 2007. A Japanese alone (Fukushima in 2004), a regular client of this kind of races (the Bulgarian Gabrovski in 2006) and some « old fellows » (Schumacher in 2012, Rasmussen 2è in 2011). No Rebellin on the podium, maybe in 2018.

Kopaonik is occasionaly visited, for instance in 2005, when the finish line of the 2nd stage was in the resort.

225	Majdevo		1,8	79,2	63,5	12,11	12,01
285	Celije brana		2,4	81,6	61,1	12,15	12,05
300	Zlatari		6,9	88,5	54,2	12,27	12,15
300	TURN RIGHT - Ravni		4,0	92,5	50,2	12,34	12,22
310	Razbojna	28	0,5	93,0	49,7	12,35	12,22
320	Dupci		3,0	96,0	46,7	12,39	12,27
345	Lepenac		4,0	100	42,7	12,46	12,33
385	Trsanovci	-	5,1	105,1	37,6	12,54	12,41
420	Brus tabla		1,9	107,0	35,7	12,58	12,44
500	Grasevci		6,0	113,0	29,7	13,08	12,53
630	Vlajkovci, motel "PROMAJA"		5,0	118,0	24,7	13,16	13,01
1020	Brzece TURN RIGHT		8,5	126,5	16,2	13,30	13,14
1540	Asfaltna baza	28	6,5	133,0	9,7	13,41	13,23
1780	Srebrenac		5,0	138,0	4,7	13,49	13,31
1830	MS - "JARAM"	MS	1,0	139,0	3,7	13,50	13,33
1745	PD "KOPAONIK"	-	3,0	142,0	1,7	13,56	13,37
1765	FINISH - Hotel "Jugobanka"	FINISH	0,7	142,7	0	13.57	13,38





Rainy KOM in « Jaram »

Kopaonik - Portrait

The first 14 km (375m - 2,7% average), from Brus, are the perfect warm up. A narrow green valley, shielded from any traffic, at least in 2010.



Brus at 3-4%

The real climb starts in Radmanovo : 3km at 5-6% + a flat part at 3% as far as the crossroads in Drenjak. We are at km18, at 1000m, the warm up is almost over, it's time to open hostilities.



After Drenjak, we find a still easy slope at 4,5%, before the unavoidable door at the entrance of the National Park.



Out of Drenjak

Entrance to the Park

We enter the Park and the hardest part, 6km-480m with some sections at 10%. It's obviously the most difficult of the whole climb. It leads above the 1500m high line at km25.



The steepest part is also the most winding :



The last part of the climb is a piece of cake. He who can do more can do less. The landscape has changed : more open with pastures mixed with the forest. The top is not so far.



6% in km 28 and 29



Heavy rain near the top



Resort under construction, in 2010



Viewpoint from the top

Technical data – East side from Brus



Distance : 30,6km Elevation gain : 1377m % average : 4,5% Km % 3,8 0 2,1 3,5 0,4 / 1,9 2,1 2,7 2,9 3,4 4,5 3,0 4,3 2,7 5,8 / 6,8 5,3 2,9 4,5 7,4 9,3 7,0 9,0 8,5 6,9 / 5,3 1,7 6,1 6,8 4,4 + 27m