



# Mount Igman (1210m)

18.24439° 43.77388°



Veliko Polje at the bottom of Mount Igman

## Topography of Bosnia-Herzegovina

Bosnia-Herzegovina is basically a mountain country. It is crossed diagonally by the Dinaric Alps. Its highest point is Bosanski Maglić (2386m), at the border with Montenegro.



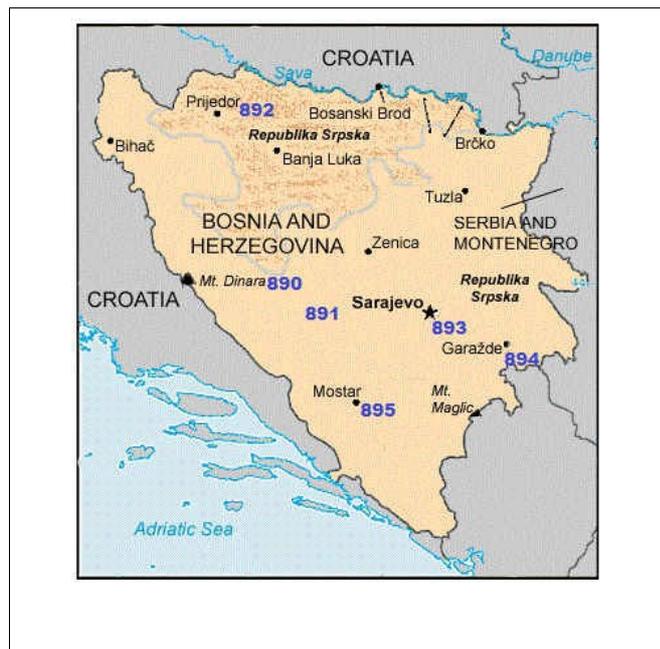
In the centre we find summits like Vlašić (1933m), Čvrsnica (2228m) and Prenj (2155m). More to the east ranges like Trebević (1627m), Jahorina (1913m), Bjelašnica (2067m) and Treskavica (2088m).

The north is flatter : the Sava River Basin (Posavina), along the Croatian border.

Source : [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Geography\\_of\\_Bosnia\\_and\\_Herzegovina](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Geography_of_Bosnia_and_Herzegovina)

### The 6 BIG in B.-H.

- 890 Kupreška Vrata 1384m
- 891 Makljen 1122m
- 892 Mrakovica 804m
- 893 Jahorina 1563m
- 894 Metaljka 1532m
- 895 Cemerno 1293m

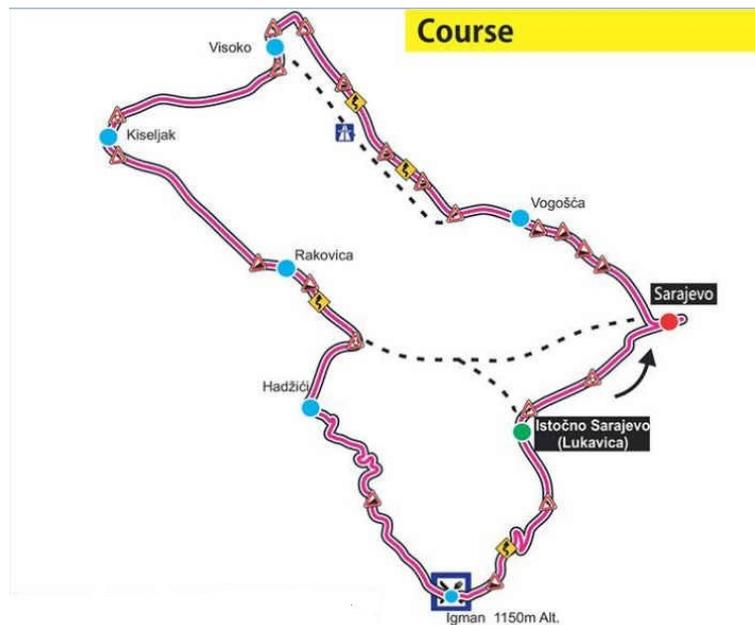


## GP of Sarajevo

In 2014 and 2015, the Société du Tour de France organized a Grand Prix to commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the beginning of the World War I, that was launched after the assassination of Archduke Ferdinand and his wife in Sarajevo on 28 June 1914. This day was also the start of the 12th Tour de France. More explanations from the French embassy (in French only) :

<https://ba.ambafrance.org/Pourquoi-le-Tour-de-France-a>

The loop around Sarajevo included one major climb, not so far from Jahorina (BIG893).



## Mont Igman – Portrait

In the recent history, Mount Igman was twice in the spotlight. It was a very strategic place in the Bosnian War. The Serbs bombed Sarajevo, that lies in a deep and narrow valley, from its hillside. Twenty years later the scars were still to be seen along the road. Less painful : in 1984, Igman was one of the places that received the competitions of the Winter Olympic Games, organized in Sarajevo (cross-country skiing, biathlon and ski jumping). It also hosted a part of the Olympic Village. The alpine ski women's races took place in Jahorina.

Source : [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1984\\_Winter\\_Olympics](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1984_Winter_Olympics)



Sarajevo from artillerymen's sight



Ruins 20 ans later



Hotel 1984. Was biathlon so dangerous?

## The olympic site



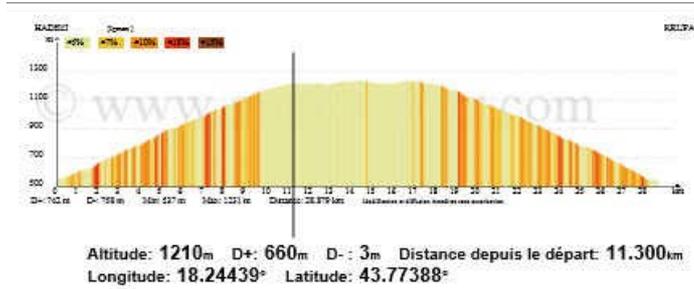
Igman above Veliko Polje



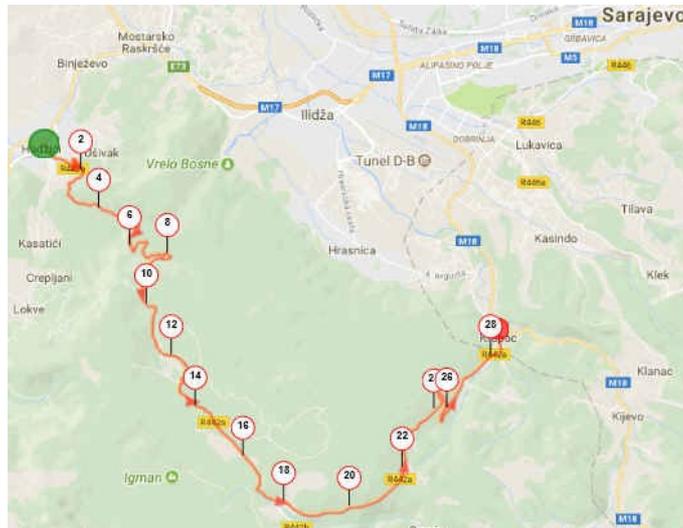
Malo Polje at the foot of the ski jumping hills

## The road

The road climbs on the hillside of Mount Igman and goes along it without reaching the top. According to Openrunner, the maximum altitude is 1231m, while the Mount is at 1502m. The picture on the front page shows the difference. Both sides are symmetrical. Both tops are separated by a long flat section (5,6km).



The race climbed the NW side, from Hadžići.  
Distance : 11,3km – Elevation gain : 657m (1210-553m)  
Km % : 4,4 6,5 6,5 5,6 8,1 / 6,1 5,3 7,3 5,6 6,0 / 3,7 +6m



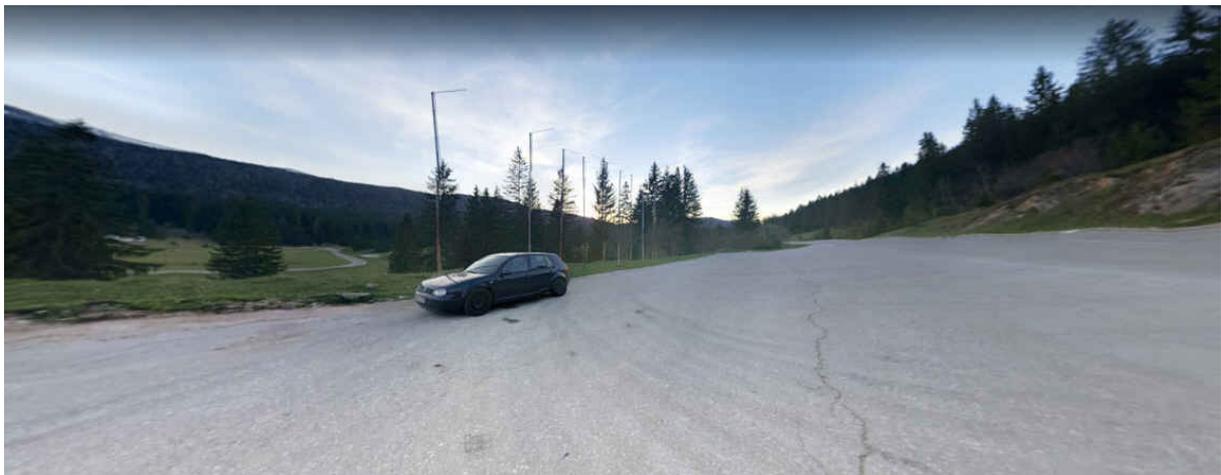
The other side (NE) starts in Krupac. It is 12km long for 693m (1230-537m).  
Km % : 5,1 7,6 7,9 5,6 6,7 / 6,6 6,5 6,2 5,2 5,6 / 3,9 2,4.



Straight line in the km5 – NW side



NE side near the top



Flat part between the two tops



Bird's eye view from Mount Igman