

# Serbia\*



# *About our school*

School for design of textile and leather was founded in 1956 in Novi Pazar. It has undergone many changes, and since 2006 it has been officially separated from the technical school. About 560 students attend our school. Our classes are held in two shifts and we have classes about : textile and leather design, graphic design, furniture design, geodesy and architecture.







# *Where is Serbia?*

Serbia is located in the Southeast of the Europe, on the Balkan Peninsula. According to climatic factors Serbia is also included in Mediterranean countries. The land border of Serbia is 2114 km long

The capital and at the same time the largest city in Serbia is Belgrade. It is the center of Serbian culture, science and education. It's represented as the largest city on the territory of the former Yugoslavia.

According to the number of inhabitants Belgrade takes the fourth place in southeast Europe.

# *About Novi Pazar*



Novi Pazar is a multicultural center for young people and it is located in the southwest (Raska District) of Serbia. With a population of approximately 100,410 inhabitants, the city is characterized by the diversity of cultures and different religions. The city of Novi Pazar is well known for its traditions, hospitality and good food.

It is a(n) open area for Muslims and Orthodox Christians, many monuments of both religions, like the Altun-Alem Mosque and the Church of the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul, are found in the region which has a total 30 protected monuments of culture.





Tradition of our country is very various. We have specific ways of decorating our houses. As we create handmade traditional carpets every area on it has its own pattern, also embroidery with whom we decorate our traditional costumes. Pottery was also one of the mostly handmade traditions in the past and nowadays, you can usually find them at the museums.

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Various materials were used for everyday and festive costumes knitted costumes. Besides men, tanes also participated a lot in trade, especially in Novi Pazar, where they were known as ČERČIKE.

Dimije were dresses made of special materials that were intended for festive occasions, which were made of 12 meters of expensive linen, these dimias were especially present at weddings around the 19th and 20th centuries. They were often decorated with gold embroidery and silk shirts were always worn underneath.

We had various types of dimi, where the simple ones were gray in a straight cut without specially sewn legs. In the Kosovo-Metoh region, as well as in Novi Pazar, pachaluki were also a very important part of the dimi, their practical role was to tie the dimi's legs to the ankles.

At the end of the 20th and the beginning of the 21st century, there was a re-traditionalization or the revival of these elements in every society. Because of their practicality, dimis became a very important part of clothing again. An interesting novelty is that men started to dress in tighter dimis because of their practicality and pleasantness, especially in summer periods.



# *Bosniak folk costumes and embroidery*







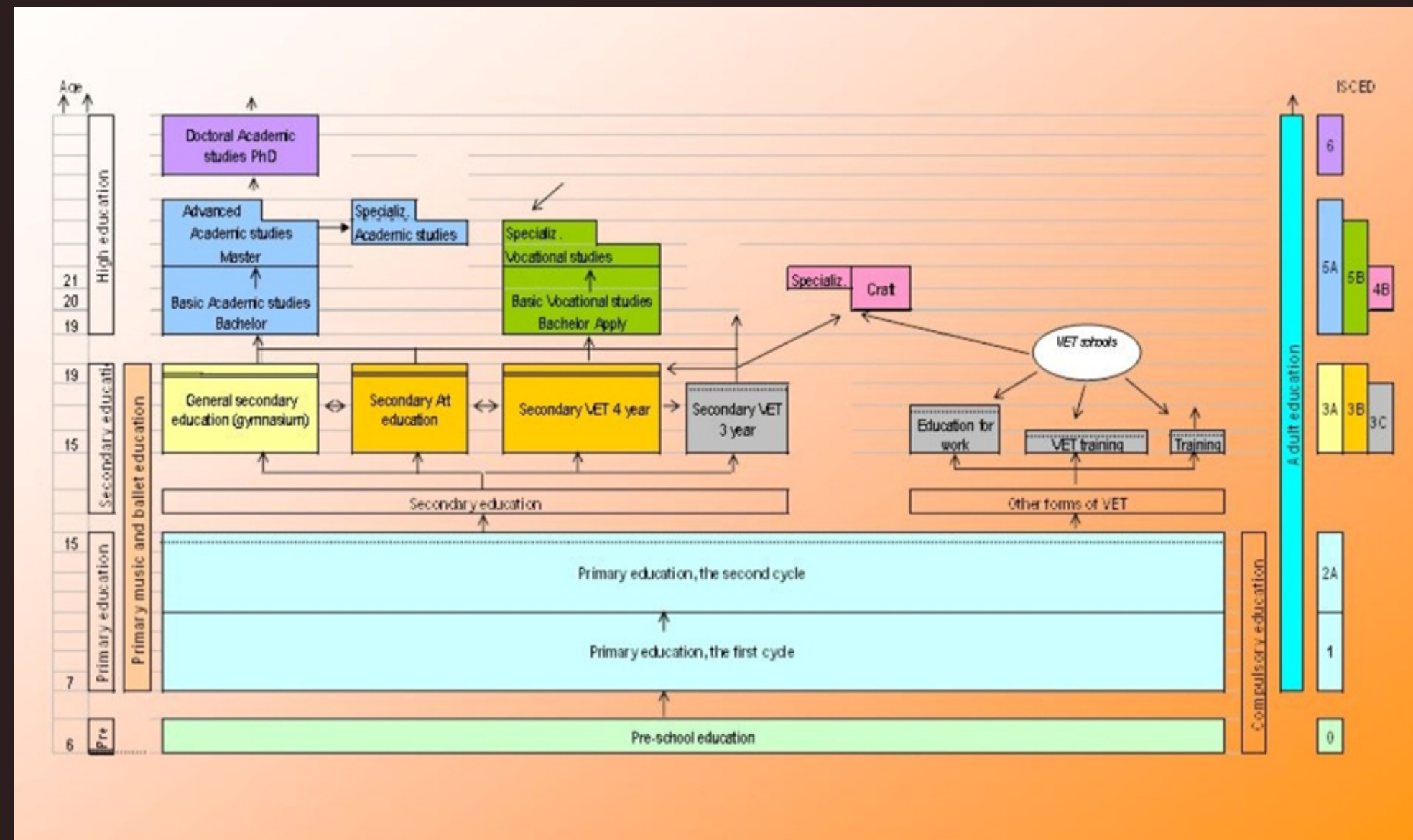
Food in Serbia is diverse and rich, with strong influences from various parts of Europe and the Middle East. National specialities include pljeskavica, cevapi, goulash and roasted meats. Besides that „Ajvar” is one of the most famous Balkan dishes. Food in Serbia also includes a wide variety of vegetables, grains, meats, fish’ and spices such as paprika, oregano etc.

The culinary scene in Serbia is constantly evolving and popular cuisines such as Italian, Mexican and Thai are also available. Overall, food in Serbia represents a strong cultural tradition and a connection between different tastes.



# Educational system

Educational system in Serbia includes preschool, primary, secondary and higher education. The total duration of compulsory education in Serbia is 9 years. Children enter compulsory education at the age of 5½, when they start the pre-school preparatory programme, followed by 8 years of primary education





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