



Guide



Belgrade Pride 2023

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About Belgrade Pride 2023




Belgrade Pride is an annual event *organised by LGBTI+ and human rights organisations*, as well as individuals, in order to increase the visibility of the LGBTI+ community in Serbia. Belgrade Pride aims to combat prejudices and stereotypes and fight for the full equality of the LGBTI+ community in the country and the region.

Belgrade Pride Week 2023 is taking place **during September 4 – 10** and will consist of a series of cultural, artistic, and educational events, including a theatre festival, exhibitions, panel discussions, debates, entertainment programs, community talks, and, of course, the Pride March with the following concert (see the detailed program below).

This year, Belgrade Pride is taking place under the slogan “***We’re Not Even Close***” (“Nismo ni blizu”), reflecting the LGBTI+ movement's struggle for equality, dignity, and love. It highlights the fact that despite significant progress achieved in the last two decades, the LGBTI+ community in Serbia **still faces increasing violence and discrimination:**

- **We're not even close**, because violence against LGBTI+ citizens in Serbia is still widespread.
- **We're not even close**, because same-sex unions are still not legally recognized and regulated.
- **We're not even close**, because our healthcare and laws still systematically discriminate against transgender individuals.
- **We're not even close**, because we're not free to hold our partner's hand in public.
- **We're not even close**, because the government still takes away our constitutionally guaranteed right to peaceful gathering.
- **We're not even close**, because none of Belgrade Pride's demands have been met.



Through activities **during Pride Week**, special attention is directed towards the issues and problems faced by transgender, intersex, and gender variant individuals, who, without the adopted Law on Gender Identity and Rights of Intersex People, are still subjected to lengthy and arduous processes, hormonal therapy, and forced sterilisation, just to obtain personal documents that correspond to their gender. Intersex children are still operated on due to the legal requirement to assign them a sex.

Further in the guide, you can find the full programme of Belgrade Pride 2023.

Save the dates; we are looking forward to seeing you in Belgrade!

Our Demands

The demands of the LGBTI+ community in Serbia have not changed since 2017. These demands include:

- Adoption of the Law on Same-Sex Unions.
- Adoption of the Law on Gender Identity and The Rights of Intersex Persons, and an improvement in services available to trans people.
- Fast and adequate reaction from state authorities, as well as public condemnation by government representatives, of hate speech and hate-motivated crimes against the LGBTI+ community.
- Adoption of local action plans for the LGBTI+ community.
- An apology to all Serbian citizens who have been prosecuted or in any way discriminated against prior to 1994 due to their sexual orientation or gender identity.
- Education for youth about sexual orientation and gender identity.
- Free and easily accessible pre-exposure and post-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP and PEP).

Pride Week Programme



Monday, September 4th

12:00 - 13:00	Opening of Pride Week 2023	Kalemegdan , Square by the "Victor" Monument
13:00 – 18:00	The Chain of Identity, Workshop 1: Safe and confidential environment (Move on Youth)	Human Rights House Central Hall
14:00 – 18:00	Wiki Loves Pride: Wikipedia editing workshop (Wikimedia Serbia)	Human Rights House (small room)
17:00	Community talks: Law on Same-sex Unions: How long do we have to wait? (Association "Da se zna!")	KC Grad
17:00 – 18:30	Pride Queer Studies - Marko Marjanović, Medical Aspects of Differences of Sex Development (DSD) (Center for Queer Studies)	Institute for Philosophy and Social Theory
19:00	Pride Deli Monday + CyberQueer Security Checkup Cocktail (SHARE fund)	KC Grad
19:00 - 23:00	Opening of the Multimedia Exhibition: Arkadija LGBTI+ Archive (Rainbow Ignite)	Space "Miljenko Dereta"
20:30	Opening of the exhibition: Perreo Periphery: Feminist Exploration of Reggaeton (Sasha Krasinskaya, Estefanía Henríquez Cubillos, Lena Paffrath and Tane/Tanja Laketić)	Endzio Hab
21:00	Theatre Play: (Mis)fit	Bitef Theater

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Tuesday, September 5th

11:00 - 12:30	<i>RYCO@BG Pride Coffee Talk:</i> Queer for Peace - Are We Close?	KROKODIL Centar
12:00 - 17:00	C4 - THIS HAS SOMETHING TO DO WITH US, <i>Poetry Workshop</i> (Poetic and musical association C4)	Heartefact House
13:00 – 18:00	<i>The Chain of Identity, Workshop 2:</i> Different concepts of identity and discovering our own identities (Move on Youth)	Human Rights House
14:00 - 17:00	<i>Pride Matinée</i> DJ MONSTRUOZAN	KC Grad
17:00 – 18:30	Pride Queer Studies: Nada Sekulić, The Third Sex in Pre-Hispanic Cultures of the Americas (Center for Queer Studies)	Institute for Philosophy and Social Theory
17:00 – 18:30	<i>Discussion:</i> Why do we need the Law on Same-Sex Unions and how do we get to it? (YUCOM)	KC Grad
18:00 – 19:30	<i>Discussion:</i> Rainbow families in Serbia (LABRIS)	Endzio hab
18:30	<i>Opening of the Multimedia Exhibition:</i> Breaking the Binary (Ezo, Teserakta, Destruktura, Jaria Haram, Srna)	Center for Cultural Decontamination
19:00	<i>Transmasquerade Ball Party</i> (DJ Nicklandss)	KC Grad
21:00	Theater Play: <i>The Sworn Virgin</i>	Dorcol Platz

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Wednesday, September 6th

10:00 – 14:00	Conference “Working Together” (Grupa Izadi)	Impact Hub
13:00 – 18:00	The Chain of Identity, Workshop 3: Reflection (Move on Youth)	Human Rights House
14:00 - 17:00	Pride Matinée DJ MicyVid x Ivv.Lmtd	KC Grad
17:00 – 18:30	Pride Queer Studies: Sonja Sajzor, The Transformative Power of Trans Liberation - Common Goals of Progressive Movements (Center for Queer Studies)	Institute for Philosophy and Social Theory
17:00 – 18:30	Community talks: Work it, queens! LGBT+ persons in the work environment (Association "Da se zna!")	KC Grad
17:30	Dyke Kayak: A guided kayaking for women who love women (LABRIS)	New Belgrade
19:00	Opening of the Exhibition: Portraits of queer Russians and Ukrainians in Serbia (Sandr M)	Cultural Center of Belgrade
21:00	Queer Villains: Drag Show + Party	KC Grad
21:00	Theater Play: Before We Begin	Heartefact House

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Thursday, September 7th

10:00 - 17:00	Human Rights Conference (<i>Civil Rights Defenders</i>) (Registration and agenda available on our website)	Cultural Center of Belgrade
12:00 – 20:00	Make your own banner for Pride	Pride Info Centre
14:00 - 17:00	Pride Matinée DJ Bleach	KC Grad
17:00 – 18:30	Panel discussion: Why do we need trans-inclusive feminism and LGBTI activism? (<i>Trans Network Balkan</i>)	UK Parobrod
17:00 – 18:30	Community talks: Queer Women - Challenges Today (<i>Association "Da se zna!"</i>)	KC Grad
18:00 – 19:30	Panel discussion: Using UN human rights mechanisms to protect the rights of the LGBTI+ community in Serbia (<i>BCHR</i>)	Human Rights House
19:00 - 20:30	Panel discussion: Women in sports (<i>LABRIS</i>)	Endzio Hab
19:00 - 21:30	C4 -THIS HAS SOMETHING TO DO WITH US, Poetry Workshop (<i>Poetic and musical association C4</i>)	KC Grad
20:00 - 00:00	WLW Party (<i>LABRIS</i>)	Kafe bar 16
21:00	Theatre Play: Our Son	Heartefact House
22:00	Lady Gaga vs Madonna: Drag Show + Party	KC Grad

Pride Week Programme



Friday, September 8th

10:00 - 16:00	Pride Forum (Civil Rights Defenders) (Registration and agenda available on our website)	Cultural center of Belgrade
12:00 – 17:00	Make your own Pride banner	Pride Info Center
14:00 - 17:00	Pride Matinée DJ Yugo Dete x king.of.the.clouds	KC Grad
14:00 - 18:00	Women make Pride banners (LABRIS)	Endzio Hab
16:00 – 17:30	Panel discussion: Safe spaces for LGBTI+ asylum seekers and refugees (CRPC)	Human Rights House
17:00 – 18:30	Pride Queer Studies: Dragana Pejović, Current Models of Legal Regulation of Prostitution: Nordic Model vs. New Zealand Model (Center for Queer Studies)	Institute of Philosophy and Social Theory
17:00 - 18:30	Community talks: Hate Crime Article - 10 Years of (non) use (Association "Da se zna!")	KC Grad
17:00 – 18:30	Discussion: Gender non-binary as a process (Collective "Talas-TIRV")	Pride Info Center
20:00	Belgrade Pride Drag Show 2023	Club Drugstore
21:00	Heartefact's Surprise for New Beginnings	Heartefact House

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Saturday, **September 9th**

16:00 - 19:00	Pride March 2023	Park Manjez
19:00 – 00:00	Pride Concert 2023	Park Manjez
23:00 – 05:00	Thank U nEXt: Pride Afterparty	Barutana

Sunday, **September 10th**

13:00 – 16:00	After Pride Brunch	KC Grad
20:00 – 00:00	Taylor Swift Night: Pride Edition	KC Grad

Pride Week Programme

Legend, Locations

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|---|---|
|   Pride Info Center
Kralja Milana 20 |   UK Parobrod
Kapetan-Mišina 6a |
|  Endzio Hab
Dobračina 4 |   Institute of Philosophy
Kraljice Natalije 45 |
|   KC Grad
Braće Krsmanović 4 |  Park Manjez
Kralja Milana 50 |
|   Human Rights House
Kneza Miloša 4 |   Space Miljenko Dereta
Dobračina 55 |
|  Heartefact House
Bulevar despota Stefana 7 |  Club Drugstore
Bulevar despota Stefana 115 |
|   Dorcol Platz
Dobračina 59 |  Barutana Belgrade
Lower Town, Kalemegdan |
|   Impact Hub
Makedonska 21 |   Kafe bar 16
Cetinjska 15a |
|  Bitef Theatre
Skver Mire Trailović 1 |   Cultural Center of Belgrade
Knez Mihailova Street 6 |
|  KROKODIL Centar
Karadjordjeva 43 | |
|   Center for Cultural Decontamination
Birčaninova 21 | |

Pride March

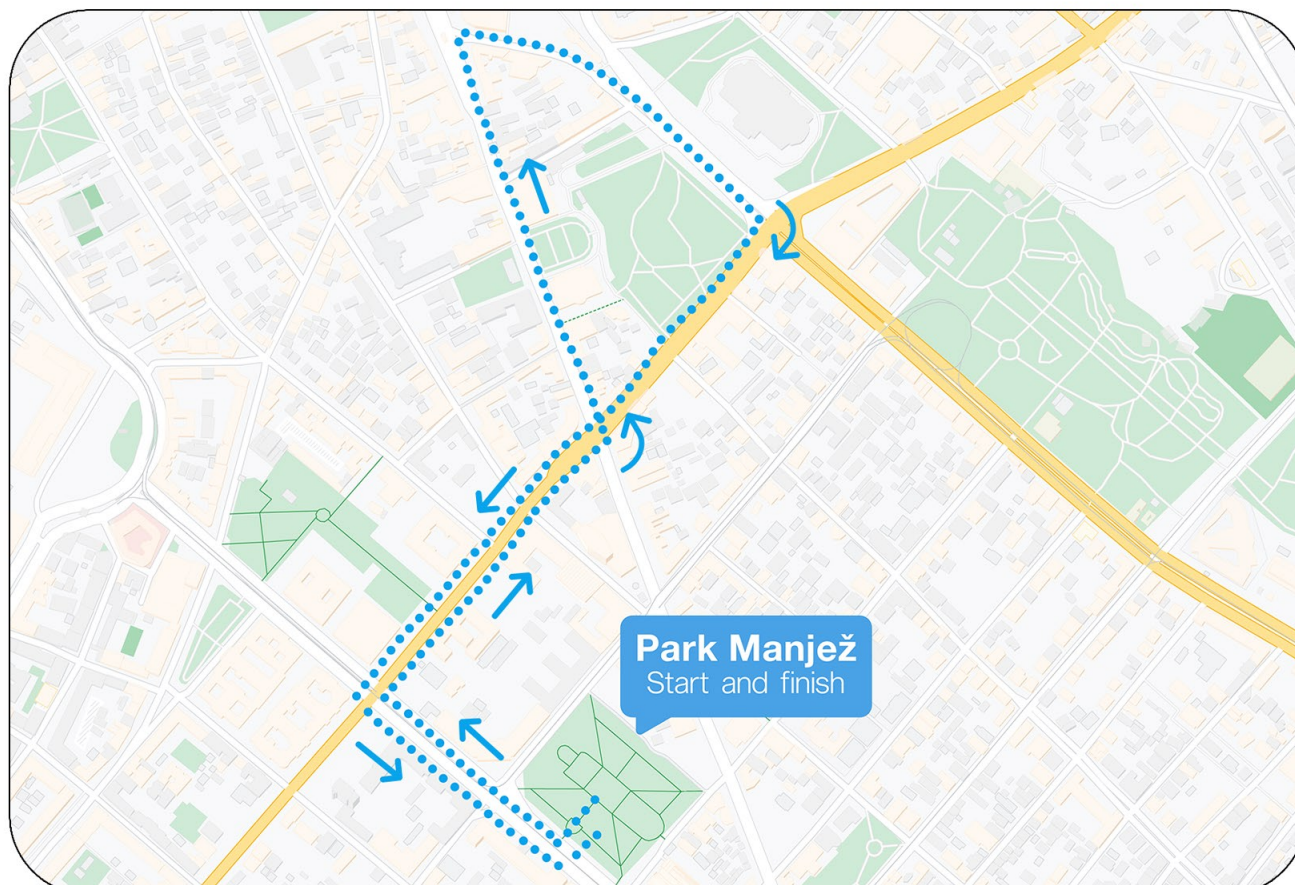
This year's Pride March will take place on 9 September.

The gathering of participants will start at 16:00 at Manjež Park (Pride Park). Information about entry points and entry protocols will be announced in the coming days. Pride Park will offer a range of activities for participants, including food and beverage stands, branded merchandise, flags, banners, makeup, and other.

The Pride March will begin at 17:00 and will follow the route below:
Nemanjina str. – Kneza Miloša str. – Kralja Milana str. – Nikola Pašić sq. – National Assembly – Kneza Miloša str. – Nemanjina str. – Manjež Park.

TIP: Join us on Friday, 8 September at Pride Info Centre between 12:00 – 17:00 to make you own banner for the Pride March!

You can also make banners with LABRIS in a WLW workshop at Endzio Hab between 14:00 - 18:00 on Friday, 8 September.



Pride Concert

Following the march, the *Pride concert will kick off at Pride Park (Manjež Park) and will run from 19:00 to 00:00*. All the amenities and facilities arranged in the park before the march will remain accessible during the concert. It is also possible to attend the concert without participating in the march.

Take a look at this year's line-up!

Concert:

Džipsii, Filarri, Filip Baloš, Lazar Ćirković, tam, Bejbi Motorola

Drag performances:

Bad Reputation, Hydra GGH, The Haus of Plastics

DJ sets & Vogue:

Lea Davogić, Stefan Greczei & Milica MAITAI, Dance Association "GROOVE"



Safety




As organisers of Belgrade Pride, we always prioritise safety and well-being of participants, and for this reason, every year we implement a set of security measures.

Facts that can make us (and you) feel safe are:

- We closely cooperate with local police. It has always been present through the history of Belgrade Prides and is competent to ensure safety of participants. Before and during attending Pride events, please, follow the police advice and trust their judgement on security.
- Besides police, we are also engaging private security company, which will be supporting us during the main Pride events.
- Every year, including this, Belgrade Pride has checkpoints which you need to pass in order to join the Pride Parade and Pride Concerts. This is a proven way to avoid incidents during the largest events that we host.
- Our large team of volunteers will always be present at Pride events, in case you need any assistance, support or don't feel safe for any reason.

Nonetheless, we strongly recommend exercising caution and refraining from engaging in provocative or potentially dangerous situations:

- Avoid walking alone at night, and if possible, consider approaching others (especially if there are Pride participants) who are also leaving the venue. Stick to well-lit, main roads when you walk around, avoiding clear of unfamiliar shortcuts. Avoid holding hands, kissing, or displaying affection in public spaces or on the streets, unless you are at a Pride event.

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- We recommend you avoid Pride-themed clothing, make-up and accessories while walking around the city, and choose the neutral colours instead. If you do want to wear such during Pride events, bring it with you and change at the venue.
 - If you are bringing banners or a flag for the Pride March, make sure they can be carried discreetly to the starting point. Consider beforehand if you can dispose of the banner after the March rather than carrying it all day.
 - Always trust and follow police advice; they are on duty to ensure our safety and protection.
 - Take an image of a photo page of your passport or ID, and save it on your phone (or carry a photocopy). Additionally, make sure to save the contact number for your country's Embassy in Belgrade for emergency situations.
 - We recommend you to have a valid travel insurance that covers your entire stay in Serbia.

In case of emergency, get in touch with representatives of Belgrade Pride. Report all hate incidents to the police, and also to Belgrade Pride by email (parada@parada.rs)

Emergency phone numbers

- **Police: 192**
- **Fire Department: 193**
- **Ambulance: 194**
- **Belgrade Pride Operational Team: +381 69 699 802**

When in Belgrade



Public transport

Belgrade's public transport system includes a network of buses, trolleys, and trams that run throughout in city and suburbs. It is possible to purchase Public Transportation tickets only SMS via an app BeogradPlus (available for Android and iOS users). After midnight, all rides are free of charge.

Please note that buying a ticket via SMS is possible only with a local SIM-card. Ticket options are the following: 90-minute ticket, daily ticket, and weekly ticket. SMS-numbers and instructions for buying a ticket are available at bus stops.

Taxi

Taxis are a commonly used way of getting around Belgrade. You can order a taxi directly through an app or taxi company website. The following Taxi companies have an app (to order a taxi) and allow card payment:

Lux Taxi: luxtaxi.rs, phone: 19944

Pink Taxi: pinktaxi.info, phone: 19803

Beogradski Taxi: beogradski-taxi.com, phone: 19801

Naxis Taxi: naxis.rs, phone: 19804

As in any other tourist destination, taxi scams happen in Belgrade. It is always best to order a taxi through an app or website. Be sure to choose a taxi with a roof sign with the city's coat of arms and a number, indicating it is a city-regulated taxi. Never take a privately owned taxi (these taxis have a white sign on the roof that DOES NOT show the name of a company).

Ridesharing

CarGo is Serbia's version of ridesharing. Through the CarGo app, you can order a ride from point A to point B. The payment is handled automatically via the app. It is an excellent hassle-free ride. The app displays fare estimates for the trip.

Sightseeing and things to do:

Belgrade city centre is not very big. Everything between Kalemegdan, Knez Mihajlova street, and Skadarska street is best seen on foot. Note that many of Belgrade's museums are closed on Mondays (It is wise to check before visiting on a Monday). Here are our recommendations for discovering the city:

- Kalemegdan (Belgrade Fortress)
- Knez Mihailova street
- Skadarlija (Bohemian quarter)
- Republic Square
- Gardoš (Zemun)
- Museum of Contemporary Art
- National Museum of Serbia
- Museum of Nikola Tesla

Going out



Our choice of top bars in Belgrade:

- Kafe Šupa / Jug Bogdanova 17b
- KC GRAD / Braće Krsmanović 4
- Ljubimac / Cetinjska 15
- Meduza / Gospodar-Jevremova 6
- Silosi / Dunavski kej 46
- Riddle Bar / Skadarska 9
- Blaznavac / Kneginje Ljubice 18
- VeZa (vegan low-waste bar) / Venizelosova 20

Our choice of top restaurants in Belgrade:

- Fine Dining Homa / Žorža Klemansoa 19
- Bistrot Homa / Nevesinjska 11
- Tri / Svetogorska 46
- Mezestoran Dvoriste / Svetogorska 46
- Ambar/ Karađorđeva 2
- Enso/ Mitropolita Petra 8
- Lorenzo & Kakalamba / Cvijićeve 110
- Bela Reka / Tošin bunar 179

Our choice of top nightlife locations in Belgrade:

- Zappa Barka / Ušće bb
- Klub 2044/ Ušće
- XL Bar / Terazije 13
- Drugstore Belgrade / Bulevar despota Stefana 115
- KC GRAD / Braće Krsmanović 4
- Ljubimac / Cetinjska 15
- Mystic / Čumićeve, Lokal 62
- Musk Machine / Ilije Garašanina 26

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