



Stari Most and the Neretva from the Koski Mehmed-Pasha minaret · Photo: Ramirez · CC BY-SA 4.0

FIRSTHAND FAMILY FIELD GUIDE · BASED ON OUR 2018 TRIP

Mostar from Dubrovnik

The perfect Bosnia & Herzegovina day trip through Počitelj and Blagaj

TIME	STYLE	AUTHOR
1 very full day	Self-drive · history + culture	SSEASCAPES

Mostar was not a single-landmark dash. Our confirmed 2018 route moved from the coast and Neretva Delta to Počitelj, Blagaj and finally Mostar, where the bridge, bazaar, minaret view and coffee all belong to the same story.

The bridge is the icon. The road is the story.

ROUTE AT A GLANCE

Dubrovnik → Neum coast → Neretva Delta → Počitelj → Blagaj → Mostar → Dubrovnik

The confirmed 2018 route

Current navigation may prefer the Pelješac Bridge; this sequence preserves the coastal and Neum route from our blog record.

- 01 Neum + Neretva Delta
Drive the coast to Neum and through the picturesque river delta.
- 02 Počitelj
Pause in the hillside fortress town before Mostar.

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- 03 Blagaj Tekke
Visit the old monastery beneath the cliff beside the Buna River.
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- 04 Stari Most
Cross slowly, use the raised treads on the slippery stone and seek several river-level and elevated viewpoints.
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- 05 Old Town + Kujundžiluk
Wander both banks, the old bazaar and the small cobbled lanes.
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- 06 Mosque + Crooked Bridge
Climb the Koski Mehmed-Pasha minaret when current access allows, then walk to Kriva Ćuprija.
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- 07 War memory
Our record includes the War Photo Exhibition in Helebija Tower plus the sniper tower, Tito's Palace and damaged buildings outside the core. Observe legally and respectfully.
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Bosnian coffee + confirmed food notes

These names and details come from the user-confirmed blog document; current menus and operations may differ.

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- 01 Café de Alma
Traditional Bosnian coffee made from freshly ground beans, served in a traditional pot with something sweet, with an explanation of the method.
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- 02 Šadrvan
Our blog records lunch here: dolma and kebabs in an outdoor Old Town setting.
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- 03 Tima-Irma
Recorded as an inexpensive Old Town choice for local food.
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- 04 Restoran Lagero
Our favorite among the riverside cafés for the bridge view, dinner or a drink.
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- 05 Bjeli Bar Terasa
A recorded coffee-and-view option alongside the bridge photo spots.
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War-photo context

Do not silently relocate the 2018 exhibition. Helebija Tower is the historical location in our record. A separately operated current War Photo Museum is now listed on Rade Bitange near the bridge.

Verified September 2026

Operational details change. Recheck each official source just before travel.

- 01 Border lesson
Some crossings are for local-border traffic or can receive temporary international status. Verify the exact crossing for your passport, rental car and date; do not follow a navigation shortcut blindly.

- 02 Variable delays
Official road services warn that border wait times change frequently and seasonal queues can grow. Use a generous flexible buffer in both directions.

- 03 EES
Croatia applies the Entry/Exit System at its external Schengen border for covered non-EU travelers. Follow signed lanes and allow time for biometric registration when applicable.

- 04 Mostar access
The city-backed Mostar Pass includes Koski Mehmed-Pasha Mosque and other attractions. Compare the pass with individual entry and verify same-day opening.

OFFICIAL PLANNING LINKS

[Mostar city tourism](#)

[Mostar Pass attractions](#)

[Current War Photo Museum](#)

[BiH border status](#)

[Croatian road + border information](#)

[Croatian EES notice](#)

Firsthand route, sight and food notes come from the confirmed 2018 Mostar blog document. Border, EES, pass and museum information was verified in September 2026. Recheck crossing eligibility, traffic, hours and access before travel. No private traveler or booking details are included.