



Kragujevac

A Milwaukee Sister City



Serbia's Heartland

- Similar to Milwaukee, Kragujevac is located in the center of its homeland, Serbia.
- Located 100 km south of Belgrade on the banks of the Lepenica river, Kragujevac is known for its many vineyards.
- Kragujevac is a city of breathtaking natural beauty and rich history.





Geography and Demographics

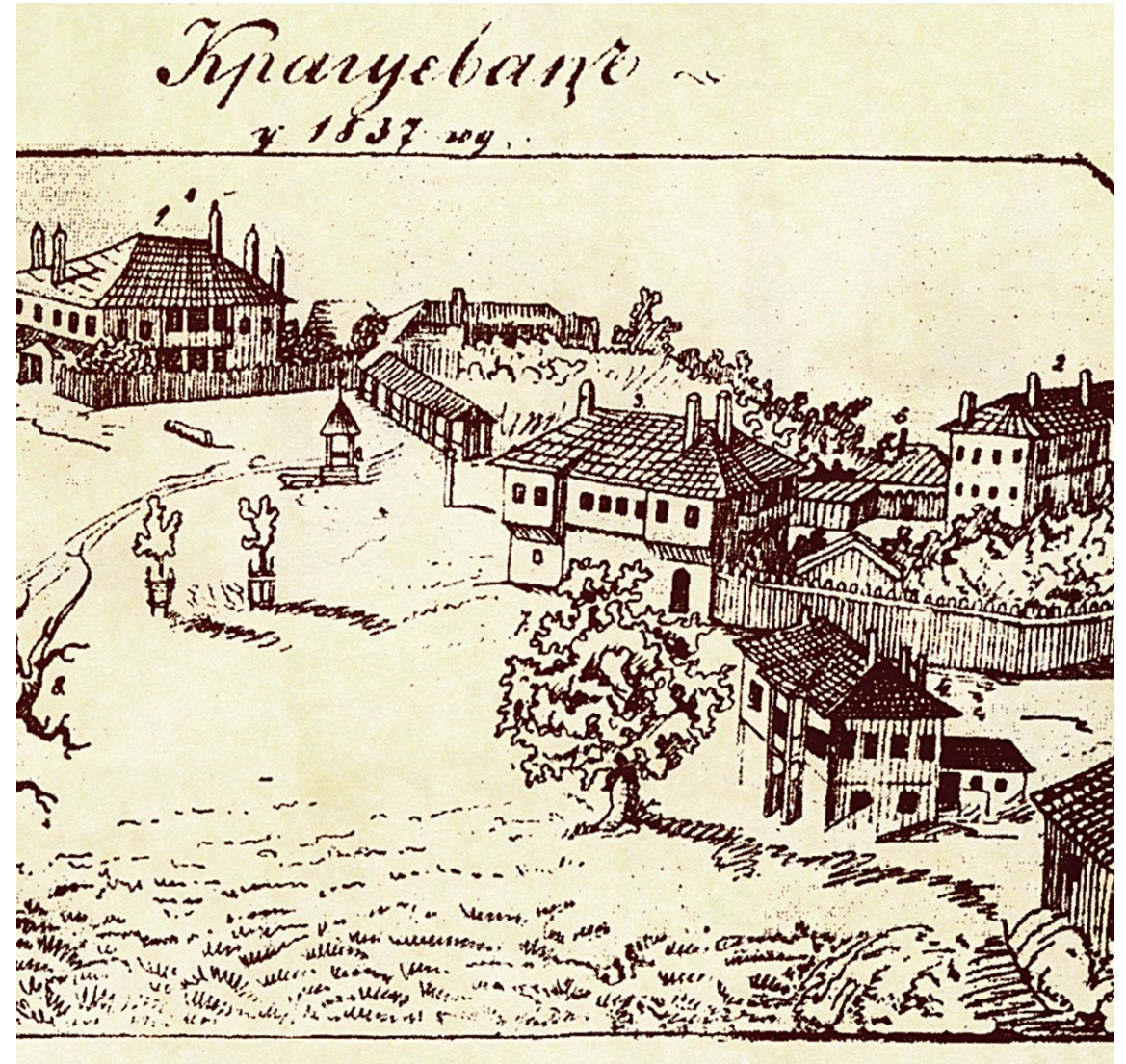
- According to the 2022 census, City of Kragujevac has 171,628 inhabitants. (4th largest city)
- The city covers an area of 835 square kilometres (322 sq mi), surrounded by the slopes of the Rudnik, Crni Vrh, and Gledić mountains.
- Kragujevac is the traditional centre of Šumadija, a region characterized by its rolling hills and fertile orchards.

Kragujevac is a modern city that embraces its past.



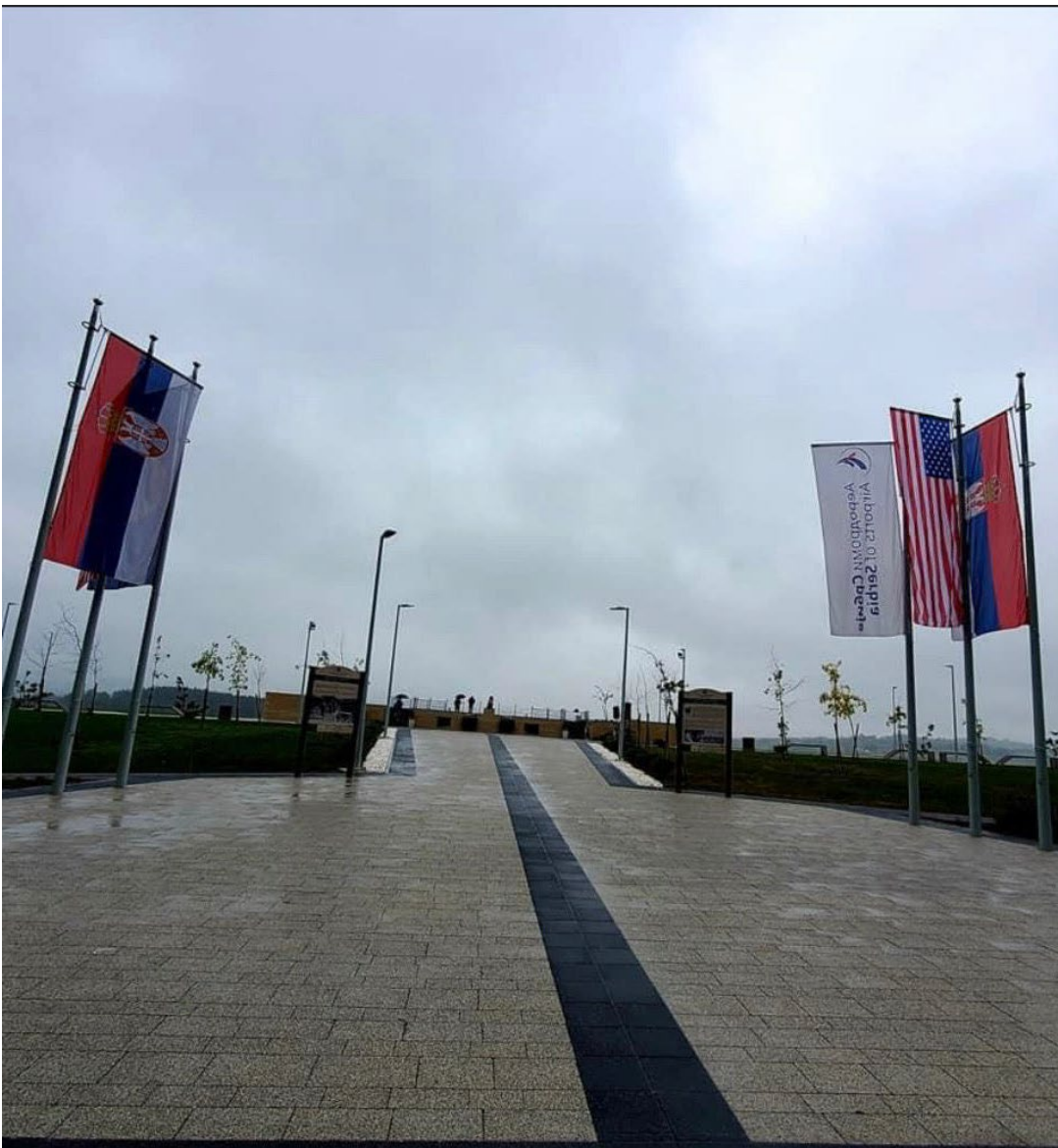
History

- First human settlements in the area date back 40,000 years
- Romans and Illyrians lived here until the arrival of the Slavs
- Ruled by the Ottoman Empire for almost 500 years
- Declared the capital of Serbia May 6, 1818, by Prince Milos Obrenovic
- Adopted the first constitution in the Balkans back in 1838
- Resisted the German Occupation during World War II





Operation Halyard, the Great Escape

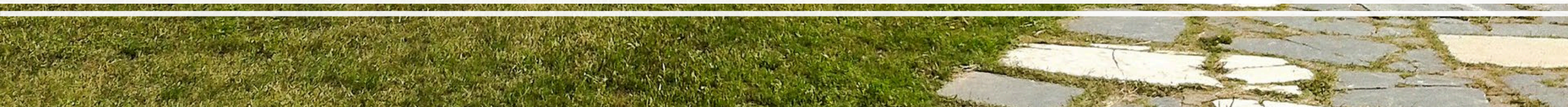




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Trade and Industry

- Industry came to Kragujevac in the 1840s
- Kragujevac has been an important industrial and trading center of Serbia for more than two centuries, known for its automotive and firearms industries.
- Known as an important part of Europe's automobile industry and home of Fiat Automobili Srbija
- Johnson Controls produces car seats and interiors in Kragujevac
- As of September 2017, Kragujevac contains one of 14 free economic zones established in Serbia



Worker assembling a car at the Fiat factory.



Education

- There are 22 primary and 8 secondary schools in Kragujevac.
- The University of Kragujevac opened its doors to students in 1976 and it's the 4th largest university in Serbia.
- Around 16,000 students are currently enrolled at the university. It has around 1,350 employees, out of which 900 are teaching and research staff.
- The University offers international exchanges
- Participates in the Erasmus Mundus Programs

Cultural Exchange

- Milwaukee's large Serbian population has a cultural and religious connection to this city.
- The Serbian Orthodox Church
- Folk dancing (KUD Abrasevic)
- Many museums and libraries
- Nine International Festivals







Questions

