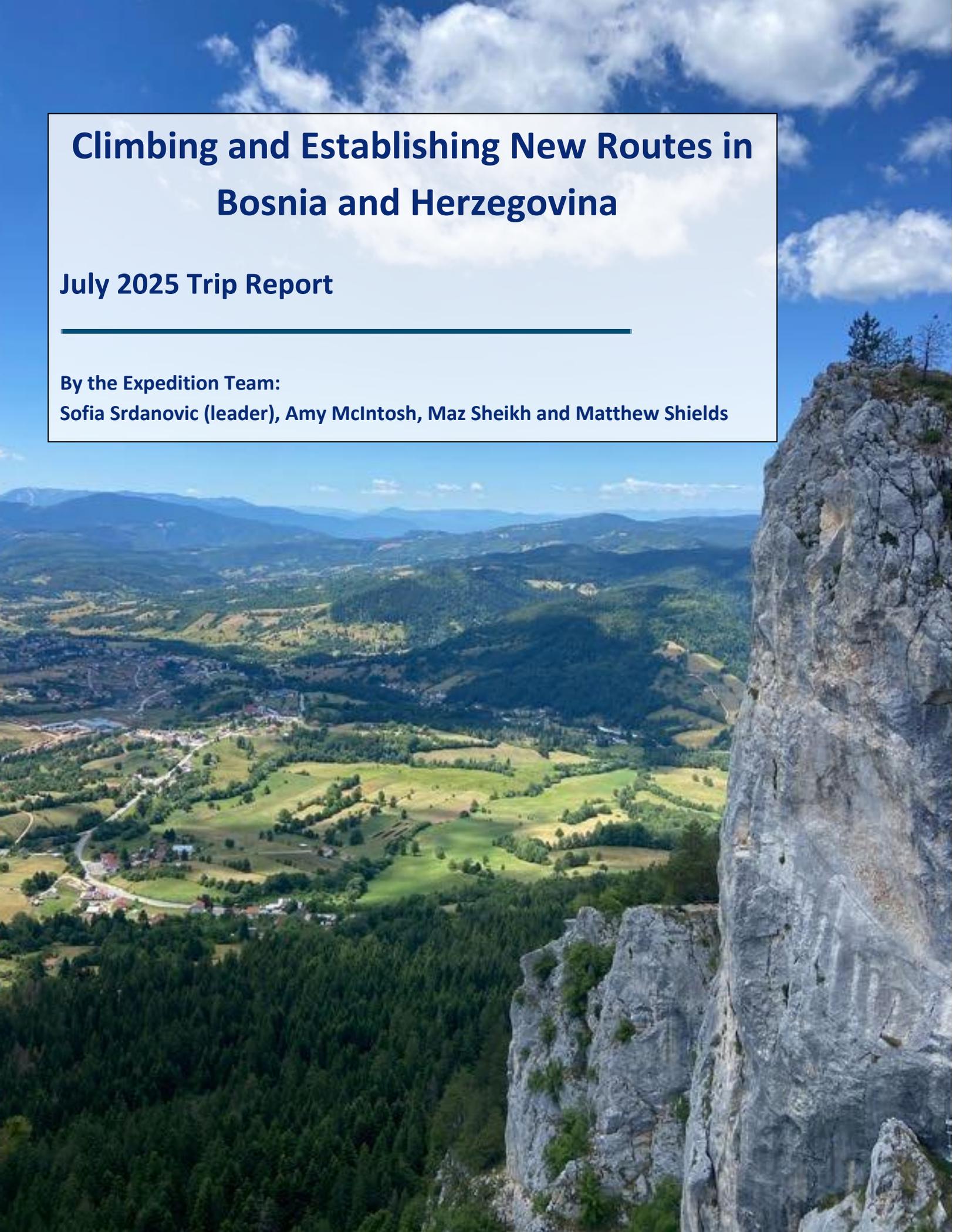


Climbing and Establishing New Routes in Bosnia and Herzegovina

July 2025 Trip Report

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“Maybe I was born to be Bosnian”

Matthew on eating krompirača (potato pie) with ajvar and pickled chillis, whilst watching 80s VW Golfs drive past.

Summary

In July 2025, we set out to explore the mountainous region of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Romanija. Rock climbing is a sport that is very much on the rise in the Balkans, however, it is still greatly underdeveloped. From the moment we arrived in the country, it was impossible to miss the potential for first-class climbing areas. We set out to support local community in the development of a crag by cleaning and climbing newly established lines, documenting the routes on online resources such as UKC and 27 Crag, and assisting in path maintenance.

We were absolutely blown away by the beauty and the magnificence of the cliffs at Crvene Stijene. Under the expert guidance of a local guide and route developer, Igor Milosev, we learnt all about the ethics of developing sport routes. We then pushed the limits of our individual climbing skills by performing first ascents and projecting the newly established climbs. For most of us, it was the first time that we'd experienced what it truly means to project a climb; to come back day after day honing every move until it felt like a dance. Finally, we explored, cleaned and documented potential new lines.

This report documents our journey, from planning of the expedition, to sorting out the logistics, our day-to-day activities and the documentation of the climbs.

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Overview

Objectives

Route Development

The scope for route development in the UK is limited, as only sea cliffs and quarries can be developed. In contrast, in regions of the world where climbing is just coming into its own, the potential is endless. Here, a limiting factor is manpower, knowledge and the cost of equipment. We wanted to shadow a local route developer, Igor, as he developed routes in Crvene Stijene, learning more about the history, technique and ethics.



First Ascents

We weren't interested in chasing first ascents just for the sake of claiming them. What drew us in was the unique challenge: instead of relying on guidebooks or others' experiences, we were stepping onto climbs that might not even be possible. There's a particular satisfaction in knowing that every move you make is the first to ever be made on that stretch of rock.

Projecting

Returning to a climb day after day to try something at the very edge of our limits was not something that we, apart from Amy, had ever had the pleasure of doing. It was a test of endurance and mental strength to keep getting back on a route, working on it until each move was dialed.

Documentation

If we want to increase accessibility and visibility of a climbing area, people naturally need to know about it. We decided that we would do this by keeping a detailed logbook of our climbs, so that upon our return we could share our knowledge on online crag maps.

The Team



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Sport 5c

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Sport 6b

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Golfs

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(trad), Alpine – ~VS, Boulder – fSport – 6c; Trad –
HVS; Multipitch – Trad S, Sport 6b; Alpine – ~VS;
Boulder – f6a+

(soon-to-be) ICMC Committee member 2025-26
Outdoor First Aid Certificate (SCQF level 6)



Igor Milosev

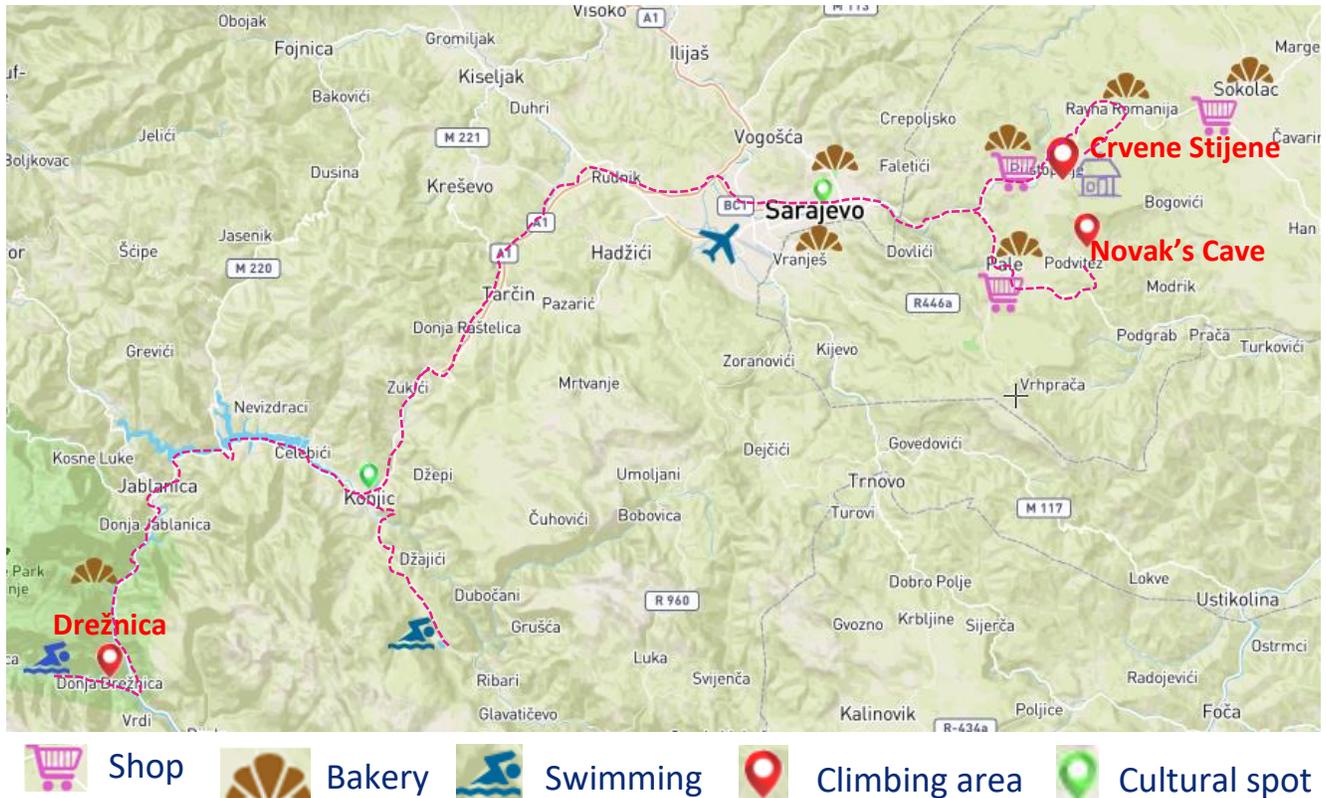
Local guide, route developer, legend



Vuk Kovačević

Forester, coffee fan, speed demon

Location and Map



We generally stayed mostly around Ravna Romanija as there was just so much to explore in the local area. This allowed us to keep the cost of travelling down and to minimize our carbon footprint.

Aside from the climbing that we did in Romanija, at Crvene Stijene and in the Southern Highlands by Novak's Cave, we also made a number of road trips to explore more of the country of Bosnia and Herzegovina. We went to Sarajevo to learn more about the history and culture, going to museums and walking around the Old Town. We also went to Konjic and the beautiful glacial lake, Boračko Jezero, which lies at the foot of the Prenj mountains. We travelled further into Herzegovina when we went to climb in Drežnica, one of the earliest sport climbing crags in the country. While we were there, we swam in the spectacular emerald water of the Drežanka river.

Itinerary

Day 1 (05/08/25)

Flight lands in Sarajevo at 22:30, due to a detour to Belgrade because of a thunderstorm. Headed straight to the Airbnb in Sarajevo.

Day 2 (06/08/2025)

Picked up the car from the airport and drove to the mountain hut. Met Miloslav and explored the top section of the crag.

Day 3 (07/08/2025)

Started to familiarise ourselves with the crag.

Matthew and Amy climbed *Patuljak (5a)*, *Marry Poppins (6a)*, *Hajdučki (6b)* and *Via Paklenica (pitch 1, 6b)*.

Sofia and Maz climbed *Div (5a)*. Maz top roped *Marry Poppins (6a)* and *Hajdučki (6b)*.

Day 4 (08/08/2025)

Quick morning climb before the rain came in.

Matthew and Amy climbed *Via Paklenica (3-pitch, 6b, 6b, 5c)*.

Sofia and Maz climbed *Boka (5a)* and *Glasišnac (5a)*.

Cultural afternoon in Sarajevo at the Museum of Crimes Against Humanity and Genocide.

Day 5 (09/08/2025)

Storm day.

Read a lot of books.

Watched in awe as a man unloaded a logging truck.

Painted rocks to play Ludo (Maz won).

Restless Amy and Matthew went for an evening walk/run around the crag and got soaked.

Day 6 (10/08/2025)

Met Igor and Vuk. Igor guided us on the via ferrata and gave a history of the crag and climbing in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Path maintenance. Everyone tried climbing the new climb *Može Može* and Amy claimed the first ascent

Day 7 (11/08/2025)

Amy tried the new project climb on top rope.

Matthew climbed *Može Može* and *Gromovnik (6b)*.

Sofia and Maz tried *Gromovnik*.

Day 8 (12/08/2025)

Maz and Matthew climbed *Zvono (100m 5c, 6a, 5b, 5b sport multipitch)*

Sofia climbed *Gromovnik (6b)*.

Day 9 (13/08/2025)

Trip to the lake, Boračko Jezero. Dinner in Konjic.

Day 10 (14/08/2025)

Hiked with Vuk to Velike Stijene via Novak's Cave.

Maz, Sofia, Matthew and Amy all climbed the easy side of the tooth (*Zapadni brid, 50m 4+*) and then abseiled down from the top.

Matthew climbed the harder side of the tooth (*Summertime, 50m, 6a*).

Day 11 (15/08/2025)

Headed down to Drežnica in Herzegovina and had a lovely swim in the river in between climbing. Stopped into Burek King on the way home.

Matthew bonded with the locals around a campfire at the hut into the wee hours of the morning, despite the language barrier.

Day 12 (16/08/2025)

Continued to work on our projects. Explored potential new routes with varying levels of success.

Day 13 (17/08/2025)

Continued to work on our projects. More exploring of new routes and cleaning them of loose rock.

Day 14 (18/08/2025)

Matthew left in the early morning. Amy, Maz and Sofia climbed. Igor arrived in the evening and had dinner with us.

Day 15 (19/08/2025)

Final day, with Igor as the photographer. Amy tried the new route one last time. Sofia and Amy climbed Sensei (*6a, 2 pitch, 80 m*). Amy and Maz flew home from Sarajevo. Sofia travelled down to Mostar to visit family by train.

The Expedition

The journey to Sarajevo

We arrived late into Sarajevo (our flight took a brief diversion to Belgrade to refuel and wait out a storm over Sarajevo). Unfortunately by the time we got through the airport it was too late to pick up our hire car, and the airport was about to close for the night. We found a nice taxi driver who saved us from being picked up by an illegal taxi, teaching us the important lesson of making sure taxis are registered! Once we dropped out stuff at the flat, we wandered down to Sarajevo's old bazaar, Baščaršija, and sampled our first potato pie thanks to the glorious late-night bakery "Edin" and then off to bed.



The next morning, we explored a bit more of Sarajevo's old town (and a few more bakeries) before getting our car and heading off into the mountains. We met the hut owner Miroslav who invited us for a drink and gave us a lovely introduction to the area. He is a member of the mountain rescue group that operates in the area and made us aware of any potential dangers. We then for a went for a brief hike up to explore the top side of the crag and bask in the views. Our bets for the closest to total pie consumption was also settled. We were all super tired and went to bed early in anticipation of climbing the next day!



Person	Predicted pie count
Matthew	40
Amy	43
Sofia	65
Maz	50

Familiarisation with Crvene Stijene

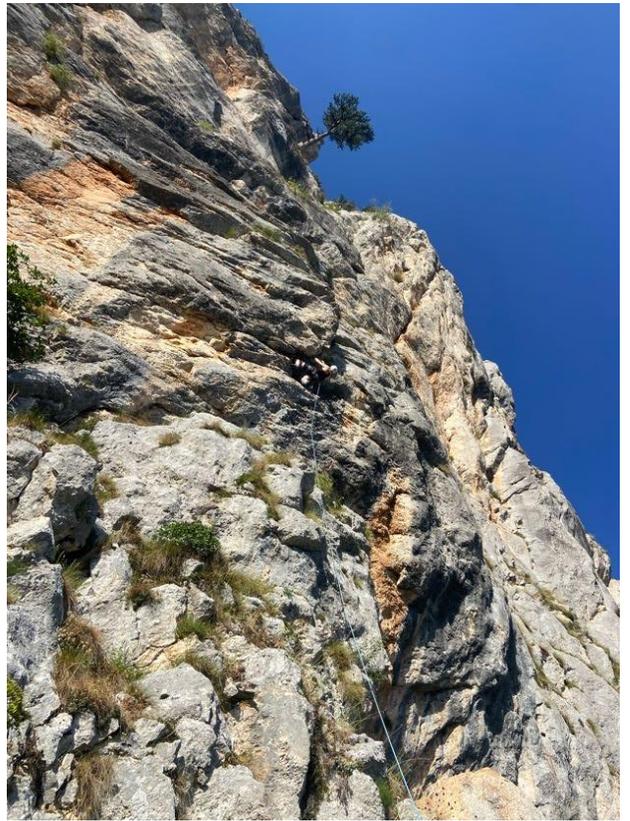
The next day we set off to explore the crag (aka climbing as many routes as possible). The only hiccup came from a navigational error whereby we accidentally took the path to the via Ferrata, turning a 10-minute approach on a well-maintained path into an hour of scrambling through the forest and up scree slopes – not a mistake to be made twice and inspiring us to write some very clear directions when adding the crag to websites. Later, Igor told us that when they'd first made the path, Miroslav found a WWI helmet buried in the forest!



It was all worth it when we got to the cliff. Igor's bolting was fantastic and almost every climb was brilliant – fun moves on good rock following cool natural features. We really liked his generous bolting style: no need for clipsticks to reach crazy 4 m high first clips like in the UK! We mostly stuck to the single pitch climbs in the sectors *Sokolina* and *Borovina*. Matthew and Amy also did the first pitch of the 6b multipitch *Via Paklenica* in preparation doing the full thing the next day.



That evening, we sampled some traditional Bosnian delicacies in the local restaurant. We were surprised that they actually had a very reasonable vegan selection (a whole 2 dishes!) which Maz was very pleased about. Matthew on the other hand was delighted by the meat platter which he shared with Sofia.



The first of the rain

The weather forecast told us it would start raining around midday the following day, so we woke up early to maximise crag time before the storm. Amy and Matthew made the bold decision to climb *Via Paklenica* (100m 6b, 6b, 5c sport multipitch). Having each attempted the first pitch the day before, they were confident they would be able to get it done before the weather turned.

Meanwhile, Maz and Sofia took a chill approach and explored some of the single pitch climbs in the 'Borovina' sector. Halfway through their second route, Sofia felt the first drops of rain through the forest. She and Maz quickly packed up and rushed back to the hut. Attempts to reach Amy and Matthew over the radio failed (the others had forgotten to switch theirs on) leaving them worried that the pair might be caught on the wall in the storm. To their great relief, they arrived at the hut to find Amy and Matthew already back, having completed *Via Paklenica* in an impressive 1 hour and 52 minutes! Their timing couldn't have been better, the thunder started just as they topped out.



Learning about the history of Sarajevo

With the rest of the day a write-off for climbing due to the storm, we took the opportunity to return to Sarajevo and visit the Museum of Crimes Against Humanity and Genocide. It had been easy to get lost in the beauty of the mountain and forest. But for all of us, especially those without personal ties to the region like Amy, Maz and Matthew, it felt important to remember where we were and the recent history that shaped this place

On our second day, when we saw the city in the daylight for the first time, we had noticed the bullet holes still marking many buildings in Sarajevo. We knew vaguely that a war had happened, but little more. The museum changed that, with the personal stories, pictures and survivor testimonies offering an honest and sobering look into the horrors of the genocide. We left in silence, overwhelmed, with a new shared sense that this place, in all its pain and resilience, must be remembered as much as it is admired.

Afterwards we wandered around the Old Town, where we had been a few days prior. Our experience in the museum really changed the way we saw it – what we had previously seen as mostly a very touristy area became more of an illustration of the vast swathes of history that this city has seen. We felt grateful that not all traces of Ottoman history had been destroyed.



Rainy day downtime

The storm raged on through the next day, forcing us into a much-needed rest day at the hut. There was very little internet connection at the hut, and no wifi, so it was a good opportunity to disconnect. We filled our day with reading, fingerboard training on Amy's portable hangboard, a game of Ludo (which Maz won) using hand-painted stones, and staring out of the window, mesmerised by a man skillfully unloading a logging truck with a mechanical claw. In the evening, Sofia made a traditional vegetarian meal of *satarasč*, filled with seasonal vegetables and a lot of vegeta (Balkan super seasoning)!



Meeting Igor and Vuk

We met Igor the next day, who would be teaching us about route development, along with Vuk, a forester and fellow member of the local mountaineering club. Igor is a mountain guide, and responsible for most of the development in the whole region of Romanija. He took us on the via ferrata (built by Igor himself) and gave us a history of the crag. The ferrata gave us an amazing view of the entire 'Sokolina' sector and Igor also pointed out new sections he was thinking of developing. Over the next weeks we saw scores of people come from all over Bosnia just for the via ferrata. The creation of the via ferrata was funded as part of a project to increase tourism to this region by developing outdoor activities, and was funded by both national and international agencies, including the European Union.



Route development and path maintenance

Back on the ground, Igor led us to an unclimbed section of rock between ‘Sokolina’ and ‘Borovina’. He explained his process for developing new routes—setting a top rope anchor and static line, cleaning loose rock on descent (after clearing the base of people), then ascending to plan bolt placements. He spoke about factoring in climbers of different heights when positioning clips for safety and durability. While he cleaned the first new route, we created a path to the sector with hand saws (with some help from forester Vuk on how to tackle the bigger trees). Before this, we had never appreciated how much time and effort goes into maintaining paths. Vuk gave us lots of insight into the way that forestry works in the region and taught us how to read the markings on trees to help us navigate the dense forests.

It was fascinating to learn about sport climbing and route development from Igor. He is predominantly a trad and winter climber and so has strong ethics. He explained to us how to choose lines with respect to other climbs and the features around. It was very interesting to see the differences in practices here compared to the UK. We are fortunate in the UK that there are many places where trad can be done in an accessible manner. In the Balkans, where it is mostly multi-pitch on limestone, the routes are far more difficult to protect, lending well to development of sport routes.



Climbing the first new line: *Može Može (6b/+)*

We all tried the new climb, with Amy claiming the first ascent and grading it 6b. We named it *Može Može*, after a funny moment in Sarajevo when a waiter asked Amy how the food was. Proud of her newly learned Bosnian, she enthusiastically replied “Može može!”—thinking it meant “Good!” In reality, it meant something closer to “It’ll do” which, awkwardly, was more accurate. The mix-up caused some embarrassment with the staff but gave us a good laugh. Matthew made the second ascent, proudly calling it “the first male ascent”, and argued it felt more like a 6b+. For Maz and Sofia, it became the perfect project that they worked on intermittently over the rest of the trip, both successfully completing the climb on the second to last day.



The lower section offered two variations: one that followed a flake on the left before moving onto the face, and a more technical crux lower down requiring a left-hand side pull onto the face. We decided to call this eliminate version *Jeremy’s Hard Way* and dedicated it to Jeremy Willson, whose family had kindly funded us through the Jeremy Willson Charitable Trust. Sofia believed *Jeremy’s Hard Way* deserved at least a 6b+,



while the easier variation was closer to 6b. Maz, with limited outdoor experience in this grade range, felt they couldn’t confidently assign a grade but it was definitely the hardest climb both Maz and Sofia had ever done.

The second new line: Amy's unfinished project

Igor also had his eyes on a line next to *Može Može*, which was clearly going to be much harder – a challenge for Amy! Having scoped out the route by rappelling down it, he found a seriously cool feature in the rock, where 4 pockets were perfectly arranged to fit 4 fingers! Aside from this, the rest of the climb was quite blank. Igor was really excited to see what Amy thought.



Amy first tried the route on top rope and, with a lot of patience from Sofia belaying, managed to fumble her way up using every ounce of flexibility to her advantage! A heel-hand match turned out to be a gamechanger for the first hard crux, but a lead attempt showed the climb was far from over with a physical section directly after followed by another bouldery crux just before the chains. So began the battle between Amy and project 7a.



Ticking off more climbs at Crvene Stijene

Maz and Matthew tackled *Zvono* (100m 5c, 6a, 5b, 5b sport multipitch) the following day while Amy practiced her rope skills, capturing some great photos as she rappelled from a tree anchor across the crag. The rock was surprisingly sharp, and by the end, Maz and Matthew looked like they'd been mauled by a swarm of stray kittens. In the afternoon, Amy continued working on her new project and Sofia sent *Gromovnik* (6b), which Matthew had climbed the day before and Maz also managed a few days later.



Rest day at Boračko Jezero and Konjic

Having both worked and climbed hard for a few days in a row, it was time for the next rest day. We decided to go for a drive further south to explore some of the other parts of Bosnia. Boračko Jezero is a well-known lake, and classic summertime destination for many inhabitants of BiH who can't make the long trek to the only coastal town in the country, Neum. It was a lot hotter away from the mountains of Romanija, and we really appreciated the opportunity to swim.

Konjic also proved to be a beautiful town, with the stunning old bridge perfectly framing the bright blue Neretva river. We had a lovely time walking around on our hunt for vegan-friendly food, whilst reading more about the history of the area and reconstructions after various wars.

When we arrived back at the hut, a group of local men were sat around a campfire singing songs along to a traditional accordion. Matthew joined in the festivities until the wee hours of the morning, vibing and eating meat stew along with beers that just kept coming!



Southern Romanija: Velike Stijene

The next morning, we met Vuk in Pale, the nearby town where he grew up. He led us on a steep two-hour hike to Velike Stijene, the oldest climbing crag in Romanija. Along the way, we stopped at Novak's Cave where Vuk somehow pulled a nanopresso and stove from his bag and brewed us coffee on a wooden table he had built many years before—just what everyone needed after the tough hike.

After reaching the crag, we set up near the large tooth-shaped formation, *Zub*, we'd heard about, which featured a 50m 4+ route going up one side (*Zapadni brid*). Sofia led the climb first, followed by Maz who seconded. Amy and Matthew simul-climbed the route and joined them at the top, where we all took a moment to enjoy the view before sorting the ropes for the abseil—an operation that ended up taking longer than expected.

After everyone had abseiled off the tooth, Matthew decided to climb the harder side *Summertime*—a historically aid-climbed route that Igor told us was roughly a grade 6a when free climbed. Matthew climbed it *mostly* free, resorting to a bit of aid on the crux (purely to demonstrate his aid climbing skills, of course, and definitely not because it was it too hard).



Melting in Drežnica

The next day brought more rain to Romanija, so we headed south to a crag called Drežnica. Believing that we would be accustomed to high temperatures after the recent spell of hot weather in London, we thought we'd be fine in Herzegovina. We were shocked at how intense mid-30°C temperatures would feel after being spoiled by Romanija's pleasant low 20s. Maz and Matthew managed *Fifi (5a)*, staying alert for snakes by shouting into cracks and giving them a solid smack before committing any hands which definitely added a layer of excitement (thankfully, no snakes appeared). Meanwhile, Amy, wilting in the heat, took refuge in the shade.



We decided to cool off in a nearby river, Drežanka, and wait for temps to get a bit cooler before we went back to the crag to get some actual climbing done. Amy climbed *Tunnel of Love (7a)* and *Trnoviti čošak (5)* (which Sofia top-roped). Matthew climbed *Za Edina (6a)* (which Maz top-roped) and *Žuta opasnost (6b)*. It was an absolutely stunning crag, but definitely not for the summer!



Discovering new lines

During the final days of the trip, we stayed close to home, sticking to Crvene Stijene. Alongside continuing to work on single-pitch sport routes, we began scouting potential new lines. We started from the ground, scrambling through the terrain to reach sections of unclimbed rock. After identifying a few promising areas with solid rock and good potential, we hiked around to set up tree anchors and ropes. Rappelling down, Matthew inspected the rock more closely, cleaning loose sections and assessing the quality of the climbing. This first attempt was unsuccessful, and we concluded that the rock was too loose, even if extensive cleaning was performed.



On his exploration, Matthew had identified something interesting about 10 m to the right. The next day he set off to investigate further and was super excited about what he saw. Over the next few days both Amy and Maz assisted in exploring this line and cleaning the unstable rock towards the top. We documented the line with notes and photos to pass on to Igor for future development into sport routes.



The final climbs

Amy had been projecting the harder climb for a number of sessions, and by the final day she absolutely had the sequence dialed. It was magical to watch her dance her way up to wall; each move so precise and delicate. Sadly, the final crux, just one clip away from the chains, was one crux too many and she didn't manage to climb the route clean on this trip. It was safe to say Amy gave her all to attempt to get the 7a project. With nearly 8 bleeding fingertips,



tape and stubbornness helped her to keep on trying. Even though she wasn't successful in climbing the route clean, it was an incredible experience to witness the development. From untouched rock to the first attempts and the feeling that it was

impossibly hard, then slowly finding one sequence after another and finally almost being able to free climb the route. She eagerly awaits others trying it out to see what beta they find and what grade they think it is!



Sofia had been begging Amy since the beginning to climb *Sensei* (2 pitch, 6a, 5c), and by the final day she had lost hope. Luckily, Igor was very insistent that this was one of the very best climbs at Crvene Stijene. It was a good thing that we waited for

him, as Igor ended up taking some absolutely brilliant photos from the via ferrata path. This was a phenomenal crack/off width climb, something that you would very rarely see as a sport climb so it was a fantastic opportunity.



The Logbook

The climbs at Crvene Stijene are at present only found in the guidebook, and so we wanted to upload them to an online resource to increase visibility. We have created a UKC page for the crag and are in the process of setting up one on 27 Crag, which is frequently used in BiH. We plan on using our logbook comments to come up with descriptions and star suggestions for each of the climbs. ¹

The screenshot shows the UKC website interface for the Crvene Stijene crag. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'UKC' logo, 'MONTANE' logo, and 'DEFINING LIGHT' text. Below that, a search bar and navigation links like 'News', 'Articles', 'Gear', 'Directory', 'Photos', 'Videos', 'Logbooks', 'Forums', and 'Login' are visible. The main heading is 'Crvene Stijene' with sub-headers for 'Overview', 'Topos', 'Map', 'Guidebooks', 'Stats', 'Photos', 'Videos', 'Weather', 'Comments', and 'Latest Ascents'. A large image of the crag is shown with a 'View Stats' button. To the right, the 'Crag features' section describes the limestone face, its location in a pine forest, and mentions that it is well bolted and has markers. It also notes that the crag is well shaded and remains viable in summer, and that there is a mountain hut nearby with a via ferrata.

Climbs at this crag

Search climbs, buttresses, or descriptions Filter 2 Column Layout

Sokolina - Sport routes New Sector - Sport routes Borovina - Sport routes Vidikovac - Sport routes

Name	Grade	Stars	Type	Logs	...
Crvene Stijene					
Sokolina - Sport routes					
Partizanski	6b+			0	i
Sretna godišnjica	6c+			0	i
Sensei	6a			0	i

¹ https://www.ukclimbing.com/logbook/crags/crvene_stijene-33248/

Sokolina (in guidebook)

Sensei; 6a, 5c (6a)

Amy: 3* A fantastic crack which can be climbed as a whole-body workout via a chimney or a technical layback. Easier climbing up the second pitch to belay off a tree anchor. One of the best climbs at the crag.

Sofia: A wild journey up a wide crack. Either ascend the long first pitch via strenuous laybacks or squirm your way up the offwidth (or a mix of both!). The second pitch requires more care due to some loose rock.

Via Paklenica; 6b, 6b, 5c (6b)

Amy: 3* Pitch 1: scramble up towards the well protected roof crux then continue up a good crack system

Pitch 2: fantastic climbing following the obvious crack feature with heavy use of underclings and smearing

Pitch 3: follow the crack then move left into the gully and continue to a good tree anchor

Matthew:

First pitch: Very distinct steep bouldery crux above a slight ledge - careful belaying here but not too bad. Relatively sustained from here to the belay ledge, very fun!

Second pitch is glorious, strong laybacking with good smears, super consistent the whole pitch, 3*

Last pitch, first half very fun, easier continuation of pitch 2 style with some very good jams possible, second half more of an adventure of picking your way up the somewhat grassy top section, belay off a tree? Fun!

Zvono; 5c, 6a, 5b (6a)

Maz: Straightforward first pitch with fun, easy climbing. Could not find the anchor between the first and second pitch (which is a grassy ledge with a tree). The crack crux sequence in the second pitch is powerful and relies on good hand jams in sharp rock (bring crack gloves!). There is a crucial chock stone in the crack that is a bit sketchy (judge for yourself but avoiding it makes the crux a LOT harder). There is a missed opportunity for an anchor between the last 2 pitches on a huge grassy ledge, instead

the anchor is higher up making the last pitch very short. Last 2 pitches also have lots of loose rock to be careful of.

Borovina (in guidebook)

Gromovnik (6b)

Matthew: more like hard 6a/6a+. Very well bolted right through, powerful climbing through the overhang with good holds throughout, definitely worth climbing

Maz: 2* Easier than the grade. The lower section is short and powerful with good holds along the crack. Take care with loose rock on the left wall. The well-bolted crux over the bulge is followed by a good rest on a ledge and easier stemming to the top.

Sofia: Powerful moves over questionable looking but stable rocks on good holds gains a more technical upper section. Low in the grade.

Kozara (5a+)

Sofia: Steep midsection on big holds. Take care not to shower your belayer when nearing the top!

Glasinac (5a)

Matthew: start section seems way harder than 5a, fine for the rest?

Maz: A very awkward start. Lots of great side pulls along the cracks and nice bridging moves. Lots of loose rock at the top.

Boka (5a)

Sofia: 2* A fun little climb, one of the best at the grade here.

Vidikovac (in guidebook)

Patuljak (5a)

Amy: Climb to the ledge then follow the stable rock left.

Matthew: Scrambly start, slightly disconnected climbing, decent

Div (5a)

Matthew: Bit loose especially low down – do some maintenance!! Good climbing up the arete, maybe 5b? Fun!

Maz: 1* Very fun climb which flows well around the arête, finishing nicely on a face. Avoid loose rocks on the arête near the top

Sofia: Push your way past the tree before emerging onto the arête. Take care here as some of the rock is loose. Move onto the main face for the final airy moves on good rock.

Marry Poppins (6a)

Amy: Smear up the corner then proceed up the off-width crack

Matthew: Strong, engaging layback smearing on slippery feet, bit of an offwidth available high up, fun!

Maz: Very burly lay backing with slippery smears

Hajdučki (6b)

Amy: 1* Delicate slab climbing up the face requiring a lot of trust in the smeary feet. A final hard undercling section leads to easier climbing.

Matthew: Also super smeary, more technical than 6a, needs some grass removing at the mantle, very fun!!!

Leptiric (4)

Amy: Follow the blocky rock up left. Take care as looks loose. Would not recommend.

Flafy (4)

Amy: Move up the large, cracked face, taking care of potential loose rock. Not recommended.

New sector

Može može (6b?) (Jeremy's Hard Way (6b+?))

Amy: 2*An excellent climb on solid rock, featuring both technical sequences and powerful moves. Start using the block to gain access to the face then use the first crack system to a good side pull before moving up the next crack to the anchor.

Matthew: Awkward start to gain face, technical moves throughout with some quite different beta at the top depending on span & finger size, really good!! Firmly 6b+

Maz: 3* Use the boulder on the left to stem and reach the left side pull flake on the face before a hard move up to the large flake above then follow the flake up before moving to the right hand side pulls at the top. A beautiful climb.

Sofia: 3* Wonderful technical climbing on great rock. Start bridging to the left and move onto the main face using the flake. A sequence of delicate moves grants access to the left hand crack. At the top, either find the secret jug or the series of pockets on the right to layback to the anchor.

Unnamed project (7a?)

Amy: 3*A superb climb. Climb up the right-hand block then pull onto the face via good jugs and sidepulls. Using crimps and two finger pockets, climb up to a good rest then continue left of the bolts through some fun bouldery sequences before finishing on a good crack on the right-hand side. A potentially easier line is available sticking very far right of the bolts.

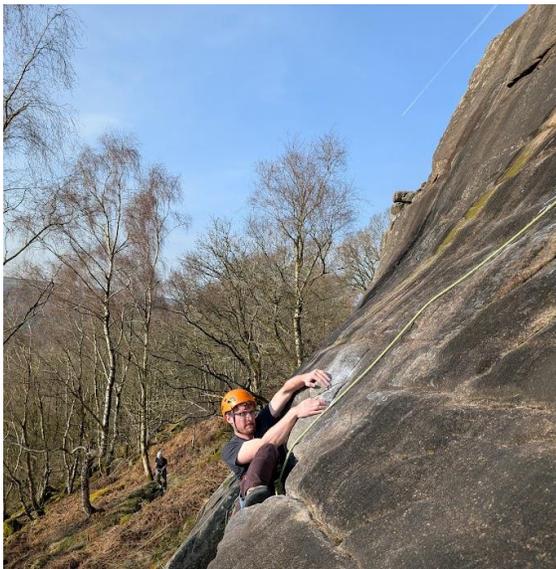
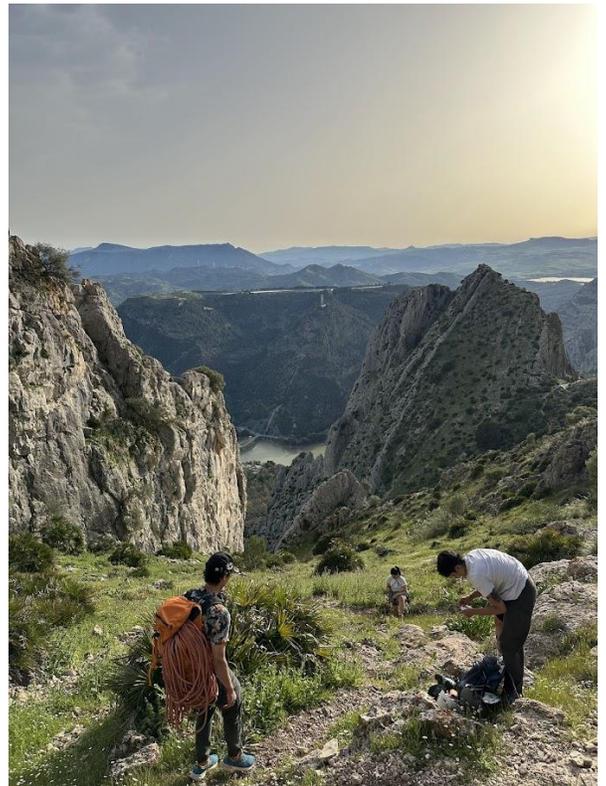
Matthew: Shredded my shoes and gave up tired and in pain

Logistics

Pre-trip preparations

Since everyone was proficient at single-pitch sport climbing, preparations focused on helping all members reach the following milestones: gaining confidence in multi-pitch sport climbing, in particular building belay stations, building trad anchors, abseiling, and developing rope rescue skills.

We began by covering concepts such as equalizing the system, angles and potential points of failure in a sport-climbing setting before moving onto trad anchors, which would be required for a top-down approach to inspect the rock for potential new lines. During a sport climbing trip to El Chorro, Maz and Sofia undertook their first sport multi-pitch climb, taking on the ambitious 12-pitch 5c Blue Line. It was safe to say, by the end of the 8-hour climb in 26°C heat, both were very confident in building a sport-climbing anchors and just a tiny bit thirsty!



To practice building anchors with natural protection for the top-down inspection of lines, we proceeded to go on various trad climbing trips to remain familiar with gear placement and anchor building. Highlights include Matthew's first HVS lead!

Finally, just before we headed off for Bosnia, we all attended a 1-day rope rescue course with Peak mountaineering, led by Paul Lewis. In the glorious and rarely seen Peak District sun, Paul covered several essential skills he thought necessary for our trip. This included ascending and descending ropes, escaping the system, lowering someone past a knot, abseiling past a knot and hauling an injured/compromised climber up. We all left feeling a lot more confident in handling unforeseen circumstances. In addition to the rope rescue course, Maz and Matthew also undertook training to become ITC Level 3 Outdoor First Aid qualified. From previous expeditions, Sofia and Amy were already ITC Level 3 (SCQF Level 6) Outdoor First Aid qualified.



Funding

Below is the total funding that was secured by the team of four. Marwan originally sourced the Old Centralians Trust funding but unfortunately could not attend the expedition. Matthew took his place, and the funding was passed forward.

Source	Amount (£)
Imperial College Exploration Board	1600
Old Centralians Trust	1000
Lord Mayor's 800th Anniversary Awards Trust	300
Jeremy Willson Charitable Trust	250
The Young Explorers' Trust	300
Total	3450

General

The majority of spending prior to flying out was spent on the first aid courses and the rope rescue course. Additional expenses including meals out and the purchase of new equipment have not been included in the finances below and were made with our own funds. We were also caught out by the fees for taking out cash at ATMs, which was a blanket fee of 15 BAM per withdrawal.

Description	Cost (£)
First aid course excess (x2)	232
Rope rescue course	420
Guide support in BiH	550
Total	1202

We had initially planned to buy equipment, allocating £1610 for this. However, we underestimated how expensive hold bags would be, and so we had to cut costs. We were very fortunate that we could borrow the majority of the gear that we didn't own personally from Imperial College Mountaineering Club. In addition, Igor very generously lent us his gear, which included static ropes and ascenders.

Travel

We flew to Bosnia from London Luton, arriving into Sarajevo where we picked up a hire car on 06/07. We took a taxi to our Airbnb as it was very late at night, and then the next morning our Airbnb host drove us to the airport so we could hire our car. In our initial proposal stage, we assessed the feasibility of driving from the UK to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions, but due to the short timeframe of our expedition, we deemed this impractical. We hired a single vehicle which we used to get from the mountain hut to shops, the airport and crags/locations which were not local. Generally, we opted to stay at our local crag, Crvene Stijene, as this did not require us to drive.

Description	Cost (£)
Flights	340
Baggage	555
Fuel	121.78
Toll road charges	4.95
Parking	15.90
Car rental	338.71
Additional driver	72.12
Car insurance	33.33
Trains (to training courses)	103.82
Taxi	21.51
Total	1607.12

We mistakenly believed that the flights would be much cheaper, unfortunately the hold luggage set us back significantly - £400 more than expected. We had budgeted £1260 for travel. Luckily, car hire and petrol proved cheaper than we had planned for, but regardless, we overspent on travel.

Accommodation

The first night that we arrived we decided to stay in Sarajevo in an Airbnb, to avoid having to drive down roads of unknown quality through the mountains in the dark. Aside from this, we stayed in the mountain hut at Crvene Stijene.

Description	Cost (£)
Airbnb in Sarajevo	50.45
Mountain hut	450.00

Total	500.45
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We had budgeted £448 for accommodation, as we did not anticipate the first night in the Airbnb in Sarajevo.

Food

We generally opted for home-cooked food to reduce our costs. In addition, we made the most of the plentiful and very cheap bakeries that were found everywhere and bought many pies for our lunches. There were some additional trips to local restaurants which have not been recorded as expenses.

Description	Cost (£)
Food shops	754.66

We had initially expected that the total spent on food would be around £560. Vegan food was more expensive than we anticipated, as we made the mistake of not stocking up in Sarajevo and instead relying on more expensive local shops.

Finance summary

	Amount (£)
Income	3450
Spending	4064.23
Total	-614.23

Medical Arrangements

Category	Contents
Equipment	Gloves, SAM splint, survival bag, triangular bandage, tweezers, tick tweezers, scissors, superglue, climbing tape, crepe bandages, self-adhesive bandages, rope knife
Medications	Suncream, rehydration salts, paracetamol, ibuprofen, aspirin, antihistamines, DEET-free bug-spray, antiseptic cream, Imodium, personal medication (e.g. EpiPen)

Wound care	Plasters, low-adhesive dressings, antiseptic wipes, eye dressings, saline solution, medical tape, wound closure strips
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Each person carried personal first aid kits, and between all of us we had everything required to deal with minor situations. We found the occasional tick but fortunately no one was bitten (apart from Sofia during a training trip to the Peak District...).

Insurance

We had all previously purchased insurance for our trip at Easter. We were all covered by Austrian Alpine Club, and expedition funds were not used for this.

Environmental impact

Travel

As expected, the majority of our carbon emissions came from the return flights from London to Sarajevo. To minimize further emissions, we opted to mostly climb/ investigate routes within walking distance at our local crag, alongside shopping locally to reduce car travel.

Activity	CO ₂ emissions/ tonnes ²
Return flights x4	1.63
Trains in UK	0.02
Driving in BiH	0.32
Driving in UK	0.05
Total	2.02

As previously discussed, environmentally friendly alternative options to flying were unfortunately not feasible with our timeframe. We recognize the cost of air travel on the environment and took deliberate steps to minimize any additional impact. A car was required to travel to the rope rescue course, as public transport into the peak district was limited. Amy was fortunate enough to borrow a family car from Peterborough and the 200-mile return trip drive in a Mazda 2 was calculated to be 0.05 via an online calculator. Due to alternative plans, Maz and Matthew took the train back to London. Overall, there was minimal contribution to the carbon emissions from this UK adventure.

We had previously estimated only 150 km would be travelled via car in BiH. This was a huge underestimation and the final milage was calculated based on the average price of fuel and mpg of the hire car. The average petrol price in BiH is £1.03 per liter, and £101.78 was spent on fuel. The Renault Clio hire car has an average of 47.9 mpg which gives 1,042 miles or 1,677 km travelled.³ Travelling to Drežnica and Boračko Jezero, 260 km and 180 km respectively, were unplanned additional miles. It was fair to say, it was an ambitious plan to travel less than 150 km!

² Calculated via <https://www.carbonfootprint.com/calculator.aspx>

³ <https://www.parkers.co.uk/renault/clioreview/mpg-running-costs/>

Climbing impacts

During climbing and hiking, we followed the principles of “leave no trace”. We were fortunate that the mountain hut was only 10 minutes’ walk away from the crag, so it was very easy to avoid unnecessary disposal of human waste or introduction of soaps into the environment. Apart from the day that we got lost on the way to the crag, we exclusively used existing tracks through the forest. There were plentiful farm animals which we tried our best not to disturb, whether that be on the roads on paths. We did not light any fires in the forest, especially given the season and the risk of wildfires.



Development impacts

In the interest of safety, both for ourselves and others, it was important to clean existing and new routes. We did this by removing only as much as was necessary in terms of plants and dirt and did not use any hard wire brushes for cleaning that could alter the rock. Any loose rock was removed using hammers and natural features were used as much as possible such as the crack systems in *Može Može*. We assisted in path maintenance by moving large rocks and under the supervision of a local forester, chopping down small saplings that were detrimental to safety. Under the guidance of Igor and in line with the BiH sport guidebook, no existing routes were altered, no holds were chipped or glued on, and the new routes were not marked with paint.

Bird nesting and access requirements

We did not encounter any bird nesting restrictions at Crvene Stijene or Drežnica. However, we did see some falcons (later learning that kestrels are a type of falcon!) at Crvene Stijene in the sector of the crag containing the more difficult multipitch sport routes. In fact, the via ferrata is actually named *Sokolov Put* after the falcons that are often seen flying around. A fantastic advantage of having falcons at the climbing crag was that there were no snakes in the vicinity. This is excellent as snakes are well known to reside in cracks, something we know from finding them in underclings when climbing in Croatia.

In the Romanija Mountains near Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, the breeding season for falcons typically begins with courtship displays in late winter or early spring, followed by egg laying in March or April. Incubation lasts about 29-32 days, with chicks hatching from late April to early May and fledging after roughly 35-42 days, which usually occurs from late May to mid-June. Juvenile falcons remain dependent on their parents for several weeks after fledging and tend to disperse between July and September, making the main breeding season in this region span from late February or early March through June, with peak nesting activity in spring.⁴ Even though we were outside of the breeding season, we decided to err on the side of caution and avoid the areas which we saw the falcons.

⁴ https://gmlrc.org/news/?item=peregrine_falcon

Pie tracker

Final pie count: 41.5. Winners: draw between Amy (43) and Matthew (40).



Conclusions

We had a truly fantastic time in BiH. We couldn't believe how lucky we were with the weather, which apart from a few rainy days was extremely pleasant. We had anticipated needing to head back to the hut during the midday heat, but the forest proved wonderfully shaded. This allowed us to make the most of the time we had for exploring, route development and climbing. We learnt so much from Igor and Vuk. The process of cleaning the line to ensure it was safe for climbers and belayers was very extensive, and path development was much more involved than we expected. We were very grateful to Miroslav and co who had curated the paths. We will never take them for granted again, especially given our adventure the first day where we'd trekked up a scree slope for hours!

The BiH rock climbing guidebook was extremely helpful for getting our bearings at the crag, but in comparison to other guidebooks we have used, it had no details for specific climbs – being a guidebook for the entire country. We hope that by keeping a detailed logbook, the information that we can provide on the climbs will be able to assist future climbers. We are in the process of uploading all of these to UKC and 27 Crag.

Igor and Amy have plans to do some hard trad climbing in the future. The rest of us definitely aren't ready for that but we want to train and go back to try the climbs that were too hard for us this time round. Not to mention, the harder line is still unclimbed – and open for a first ascent!



Acknowledgments

We are indebted to the kind people of BiH that we met during our time in Romanija. Igor taught us so much about route development and the local area – things we never would have been able to do by ourselves. He introduced us to Vuk, who was invaluable in guiding us through the forests to crags which can't be found in guidebooks, sharing his coffee and knowledge and taking fantastic photos. Everyone at the mountain hut was incredible, especially Miroslav who was so friendly and helpful. We had a fantastic experience and have made friends for life in such a welcoming country. We cannot wait to go back!

We are extremely grateful to all the funding bodies whose support enabled us to carry out our proposed expedition. We would like to thank the Old Centralians' Trust, Jeremy Willson Charitable Trust, The Lord Mayor's 800th Anniversary Awards Trust and the Young Explorers Trust.

Finally, we thank Lorraine Craig and Phil Power for all of their help through the planning process, and the Imperial College Expedition Board for their support and funding that allowed us to undertake such a brilliant expedition.

Appendix

Equipment list

General (individual)

T-shirts	Sun hat	Rucksack	Water bottle
Head torch	Approach shoes	Duffel bag	Pocket knife
Sunglasses	Swim clothes	Wallet	Insect repellent
Towel	Toiletries	First aid kit	Fleece
Trousers/shorts	Clothes	Trainers	Chargers

Climbing

Bothy bag	Survival bag	Harness (individual)
Helmets (ind)	Climbing ropes (2x single, 2x half ropes)	Semi-static ropes (2x)
Climbing shoes (ind)	Guidebook	Quickdraws (80x)
Walkie talkies (ind)	Trad rack	Clip sticks
Rope protectors (3x)	Accessory cord	Slings
Chalk (ind)	ATC belay devices (ind)	Gri-gri
Maillons	Ascenders	Carabiners
Climbing tape		

Risk assessment

General

Consideration	Mitigation strategy
Weather conditions	<p>We will monitor weather forecasts closely and prepare for the expected hot conditions (see 'Weather' section) by bringing high-SPF sunscreen, breathable clothing, UV-protective sunglasses, wide-brimmed hats, and sufficient water and electrolytes. We will avoid the midday sun and primarily be active in the mornings and evenings.</p> <p>Additionally, while storms are less likely during this season and in the areas that we'll be visiting, they remain</p>

	<p>a possibility. To stay prepared, we will carry waterproof layers and identify safe shelters along our route in case of sudden weather changes.</p>
<p>Landmines</p>	<p>Landmine contamination in BiH remains a significant consequence of the Bosnian War, which occurred from 1992 to 1995.</p> <p>We will coordinate with the local community, who are familiar with high-density landmine areas, to ensure we avoid these locations. Additionally, we will consult updated maps from relevant agencies, such as the Bosnia and Herzegovina Mine Action Centre (BHMIC), which monitor and mark hazardous regions.</p> <p>In potentially affected areas, we will stay strictly on well-established paths, as straying into unknown terrain can increase the risk of encountering unexploded landmines. We will also carry GPS devices pre-loaded with safe routes and, where possible, seek guidance from experienced local guides who are knowledgeable about safe climbing and hiking routes.</p>
<p>Local wildlife</p>	<p>In the areas we plan to climb, most wildlife poses little risk. Our primary safety concern is snakes. The horned viper (poskok) is very common. We will make loud noises whilst walking through long grass, and if we see them, we will not approach. In the event of a bite, follow emergency protocol (see 'Accident and evacuation plan').</p> <p>In addition, brown bears are sometimes seen in the mountains. However, they typically pose no threat if we follow proper precautions. We will store food securely, away from our sleeping area, to avoid attracting bears. In the event of an encounter, we will take care not to startle the bear, staying calm, speaking loudly, appearing larger,</p>

	<p>and slowly backing away while facing the bear before promptly leaving the area.</p> <p>Additionally, we will take steps to mitigate the risk of tick bites, which is particularly important in BiH due to the prevalence of tick-borne diseases, including Lyme disease and tick-borne encephalitis. We will wear long clothing, apply insect repellent, and conduct regular tick checks, especially after moving through dense vegetation. Any ticks found will be safely removed immediately to reduce the chance of infection.</p>
Navigation hazards	We will use detailed maps and GPS. We will drive carefully and slowly on narrow dirt roads.
Injury and medical emergencies	<p>We will carry a comprehensive first-aid kit and ensure all climbers are trained in first aid.</p> <p>We will become familiar with local emergency services and mountain rescue protocol (see 'Accident and evacuation plan').</p>
Equipment failure	We will perform regular equipment checks and carry backups where possible.
Access to communication	Although all the areas we plan to visit have reliable phone signal, we will carry radios as a backup.
Group dynamics	Having organised outdoor climbing trips together, we have developed a solid understanding of our teamwork dynamics. To further strengthen our coordination, we will undertake smaller climbing trips before the expedition, focusing on refining our teamwork skills. For the main expedition, we will establish clear roles and responsibilities and prioritise open, consistent communication.

Altitude sickness	We are not planning on going higher than 2000 m during this trip. In the event that we go, we will ascend areas of high altitude gradually, stay hydrated and recognise symptoms early (headache, loss of appetite, nausea, vomiting, tiredness, dizziness, insomnia). We will descend early if necessary.
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Climbing

Severity and likelihood on a scale of 0-5. Max risk factor rating 25.

Hazard	Effects	Controls	Post control measures		
			Severity	Likelihood	Risk (S x L)
Loss of direction	Unplanned exposure	Prepare adequate equipment Frequently check climbing map	3	3	9
Exhaustion / Fatigue / Dehydration / Sickness/ Heat stroke	Core body temperature rising Sickness Death	Bring enough water, food, and an emergency shelter to prepare for unexpected delays or exposure. Bring at least 2 L of water per person and ORS tablets. Avoid midday heat by only being out during the cooler hours.	3	4	12

		<p>Regularly monitor the team for signs of dehydration and act immediately (move the individual into the shade, small volumes of rehydration liquid frequently).</p> <p>Have at least one first aid trained member with a first aid kit present</p>			
Adverse Weather	<p>High temperatures</p> <p>Storms</p>	<p>Ensure each member has surplus water</p> <p>Identify potential areas for shade</p> <p>Frequently check the weather forecast and any potential storms.</p> <p>Complete the work well in advance of any anticipated storms.</p>	2	4	8
Dry vegetation and	Rapid fire spread, habitat destruction,	Routine clearance of any vegetation that has been removed	3	3	9

flammable material	injury, or loss of life	<p>to prevent build-up of dry material</p> <p>No open flames or spark potential items near dry material</p>			
Nearby wildfire	Burns, injuries, Respiratory issues, loss of life	<p>Immediately call emergency services.</p> <p>Follow evacuation plan liaising with guide and hut owner.</p> <p>Identify routes and assembly points, organize an alert system and brief the team at the start of the trip, ensure transport is ready</p> <p>Wildfire updates are regularly given on TV and radio stations. In addition, fire maps can be found on Google Maps. As we will be in a period of drought this will be checked daily. Fortunately,</p>	4	3	12

		we are going to an area with a lower risk of fires (Za sume bez vatre.ba) but regardless we will be vigilant.			
Trips / falls	Sprains, twists, fractured limbs Other injuries	Potential walking on uneven ground while carrying equipment. Likely risk of a sprained ankle. Approaches may involve walking on public footpaths which may be overgrown. Encourage tidiness and organisation so that walkways are clear of trip hazards at all times.	3	2	6
Hit by falling object	Knocked unconscious Broken bones/ other injuries	Always wear a helmet when at the crag. Belay with a Gri-gri on potentially loose rock.	4	3	12

		Ensure all members have good self-rescue skills.			
Free fall from height	Serious injury Death	Verify that team members remain connected to the rope or anchor at all times. Check equipment for faults or defects before climbing. Confirm that all equipment is properly fitted and worn.	4	2	8
Roped fall from height	Shock Sprains, twists, fractures Other injuries	Confirm all members have the skills to handle roped falls when lead climbing and belaying. Ensure equipment correctly fitted and worn	4	2	8
Equipment failure	Un-roped fall from height	Follow team inspection procedure before	4	1	4

		<p>commencing any climbing.</p> <p>Check equipment at the end of each day for any faults.</p>			
<p>Incorrect climbing / belaying technique</p>	<p>Burns on the inside of the hand.</p> <p>Injuries through hand/finger jammed in ATC belay device.</p>	<p>Follow correct rope handling techniques and use gloves if necessary.</p> <p>Ensure all members have good climbing/belaying technique.</p> <p>Use of Gri-gri if concerned with the risk of an ATC belay device.</p>	2	3	6
<p>Poor rock condition</p>	<p>Rock fall.</p> <p>Hit by falling object.</p> <p>Risks of slips.</p>	<p>When climbing a new route, make other aware below of potential rock fall.</p> <p>Monitor the quality of the rock and make safety adjustments if necessary.</p>	3	3	9

Accident and evacuation plan

BiH has numerous branches of the mountain rescue service called Gorska Služba Spašavanja u BiH (GSSuBiH), which is available 24/7. However, it is important to recognise that this does not mean immediate helicopter rescue.

Sarajevo has a number of hospitals and is around a 40-minute drive from Romanija. There are also doctor surgeries and pharmacies in the local towns.

Sofia's family is also in the country so if needed we can seek assistance from them.

Location of incident	Action
En-route from UK to BiH	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Emergency call made to 999 (UK) or 112 (BiH).• Provide first aid.• Contact insurance provider 24h helpline (Snowcard Allianz Assistance +44 (0) 208 603 9693) when able to.
On climbing routes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Emergency call to 112.• Abseil down/climb up as necessary. Escape belay if needed.• Provide first aid.• Contact team using walkie talkies for additional help.• Contact insurance provider 24h helpline (Snowcard Allianz Assistance +44 (0) 208 603 9693) when able to.
In Romanija (hiking, walking from crag)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Emergency call to 112.• Provide first aid.• Contact team using walkie talkies for additional help.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Contact insurance provider 24h helpline (Snowcard Allianz Assistance +44 (0) 208 603 9693) when able to.
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Emergency contacts

In general, the best number to call in an emergency is 112, through which we can be put in contact with Mountain Rescue. However, we will also make note of and always have on hand the following emergency service numbers:

Police: 122

Fire Brigade: 123

General emergency: 112

Ambulance: 124

GSSuBiH (mountain rescue association): +387 63 11 22 33

Mountain Rescue Service of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina: 121

Military Police: 1206

Military Medical Emergency Services: 1207

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Relevant literature

Rock Climbing Guide Bosnia and Herzegovina by Igor Vukic and David Lemmerer (2024)

Miscellaneous

Mountain hut: Planinarski Dom Crvene Stijene Sokolac. Contact Miroslav Divčić ⁵

⁵ <https://www.facebook.com/planinarski.dom.crvene.stijene/>