Pronunciation Guide

Except where noted below, there are no dipthongs in Serbo-Croatian, Macedonian, or Bulgarian—each vowel has only one sound. Consonants are pronounced softer and dentalized, with the tongue against the teeth.

a = ah as in f**a**ther

e = eh as in p**e**n

i = ee as in rav**i**ne

o = o as in r**o**pe

u = oo as in tr**u**e

aj = ie as in l**ie**

ej = ay as in s**ay**

oj = oy as in b**oy**

c = ts as in hi**ts**

č = ch as in **ch**air

ć = almost like c but softer, dentalized

š = sh as in **sh**arp

ž = zh as in Dr. **Zh**ivago

đ = dj as in ju**dg**e

g = hard as in **g**o

j = y as in **y**es

lj = ly as in mi**ll**ion

nj = ny as in mi**ni**on

r = short trill