

## The Balkans



My definition of the Balkans is the former Yugoslavia — at least those parts of it that had been under Ottoman rule, Bulgaria, Turkey and that part of Romania that had not been part of the Habsburg Empire. Things just looked different in the Balkans: dustier, poorer, and I loved the Ottoman-flavored houses that gathered along crooked lanes. The photo on the left was taken in a trumpet repair shop in Sofia in 1990.



On the left, middle, a Turkish girl who had been born in Germany is seeing Turkey for the first time (1987). Below, boys playing in the courtyard of the Majestic Hotel in Belgrade (1987).

