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It is impossible to travel through the former Yugoslavia without constant reminders of the region’s recent past. Socialist-era buildings retain their prominent city centre locations in the capitals of all of the successor republics, whilst the countryside remains littered with monuments honouring the achievements of Tito’s victorious Partisan Army. There is also no escaping Yugoslavia’s violent dissolution, with many villages, towns and cities still struggling to come to terms with the physical damage inflicted by war. The following photographic selection attempts to offer a brief insight into those relics of the past which, through their physical presence, continue to have an impact upon the present day. These photographs were taken by the author between 2007 and 2009.

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