

THE MINI MONTENEGRO

Hiking – Cruising – Food Experience

5 days Adventure



Season

March - November



Arrival

Podgorica



Accomm.

4*/5* hotels



Group Size

Small Group



Activity Level

Relaxed



Departure

Podgorica



Meals

4 Meals Included



2 UNESCO Sites



Highlights

Feel the charisma of Kotor's Old Town – one of Europe's "must-see" destinations

Be amazed by the mix of the crystal clear Adriatic and the lush scenery of the Boka

Make the best shot from the very top of Lovćen NP

Embrace the serenity of Skadar Lake National Park



Introduction:

If you are curious and looking for a remarkable journey filled with true wilderness, lovely people and life-changing adventures, Montenegro is just the right place for you! Each step, flavour or experience will surely thrill you, help you recharge and make your trip unforgettable. This country of diverse UNESCO sites, glorious mountain peaks, crystal blue water and rich spiritual heritage will present you the joy, both of simple mountain life as well as the modern, luxurious spirit of the coast.

If you are arriving in **Budva** a few days prior to the tour departure, you can book additional nights with us, at the same hotel.

Arrival transfer from the listed airport is included. Private transfers from non-listed airports **are available on request**.

Please check the options with your local expert.

Day 1 Arrive Montenegro

Upon arrival to the airport of your choice, enjoyable ride with staggering viewpoints waits for you. With the company of your guide, head to Budva. This touristic capital of the country will be your best introduction to Montenegro. You will get all the information about this amazing place that is a perfect mix of the old times' peace and strong beats of contemporary lifestyle.

Overnight: Budva or Kotor Bay.



Day 2 The Bay of Kotor: Perast town – Boat ride to the Our Lady of the Rocks isle – UNESCO'S City of Kotor – Olive oil tasting



2,5 km



2:30 h



230 m

This day is devoted to the Bay of Kotor with its unique scenery. First stop is at the town of Perast, a little settlement baroque in style, where a relaxing boat ride to the picturesque island of Our Lady of the Rocks starts. This artificial islet is home to a church known by mystifying story and valuable artefacts like paintings by local artist, votive silver tablets and a hair-made tapestry. After short boat tour, marvellous Kotor kept in the mediaeval wall-frame is welcoming us. A walking tour shows multicultural richness through churches of Saint Nicholas and Saint Luka, the Cathedral of Saint Tryphon and all the glory of this UNESCO site. Use your free time to continue wandering around the stone paved town, or enjoy offer of fish restaurant at one of romantic squares. The break is perfect preparation for more than 1.500-step-hike which reaches the Fortress of St. John, point with mind-blowing panorama of Kotor Bay which for sure will become part of lifelong memories. For the end of this day, one more thing is left - a visit to the Morić Olive Farm, family-owned and operated estate, settled in Luštica Bay. It brings you an exquisite opportunity to feel the spirit and explore the rich heritage of the authentic household, taste the organic extra virgin olive oil of premium quality and simply enjoy the ambience of one of Montenegro's most famed olive growing areas. **Overnight: Budva or Kotor Bay.**



Day 3 NP Lovćen Mountain: Gastronomy, History & Adventure



The Lovćen massif area is considered to be one of the most important places in Montenegrin culture and history. Just getting there is a unique adventure: the stunning view of the Boka Bay will leave you in awe, while driving up the old, Austro-Hungarian 25-serpentine-road. First stop for the day is Njeguši, the village known as the birth place of the royal dynasty Petrović and a 'guardian' of the authentic architecture and cuisine in the region. Njeguški sir and pršut (cheese and prosciutto of Njeguši), a real treat for true foodies, are both genuine contributions to Montenegrin cuisine, produced only in this area, following the traditional recipe for smoking and curing meat.

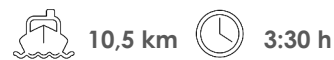


Tasting the most famous specialties of the region makes us ready for one more breath-taking peak. The National Park Lovćen encompasses the central and the highest part of the Lovćen massif, covering an area of 6.400 hectares. On top of one of the mountain's two imposing peaks, lies a magnificent mausoleum – the tomb of Montenegro's greatest person in history: Petar II Petrović Njegoš. It takes 461 steps to climb to reach but it is a great adventure. The journey is well worth the effort – you will be rewarded with a spectacular viewpoint from the world's highest mausoleum. The trip continues to the Lipa Cave, one of the largest caves in Montenegro, for a great underground adventure. One-hour exploration discovers the cave's beautiful and wild system of 2.5 kilometres long trails and halls, splendid cave ornaments and gives chance to find out some fun facts about the cave and its surrounding. Back on the sunny surface is pleasing and on the way back to the hotel, a short photo-break right above the islet of St. Stefan, an emerald of Montenegro, is reward

for invested energy on this day. Once a shelter for the locals during attack of pirates and Turks, today it is luxurious hotel with private access for exclusive guests: even Novak Đoković chose it as the venue of his own wedding.

Use free evening and try out some of the finest Montenegrin wines, made from the authentic red grape variety Vranac, as well as some organic honey, figs, and a homemade spirit called rakija. It is highly recommended to enjoy these delicacies at the konoba, small, traditional restaurants owned by local families and are the true essence of Montenegrin's warm hospitality and friendship. **Overnight: Budva or Kotor Bay.**

Day 4 River of Crnojević – Poseljani village - NP Skadar Lake with boat ride



It is time to say goodbye to the coast and head to the heartland of Montenegro. Your day starts by passing the River of Crnojević, a small settlement dating back to the 15th century, which to this day counts only 200 inhabitants. With its strategic positioning and river flowing directly into the Skadar Lake, this settlement was the largest Montenegrin harbour and leading merchant bazaar in the 19th century.

The journey goes through the vivid, old caravan road featuring several lake viewpoints and an incredible opportunity for stunning panoramic photos. A special part of your day will be the visit of the village Poseljani with its movielike houses, mills, and small stone bridges dating back to the 18th century, all authentic scenes and examples of the architecture of this region.

Fishing village of Virpazar is a departure point for boat ride on Skadar Lake. As you glide through the mirroring water, the numerous lake's attractions reveal: the extraordinary birds, the water lilies in full bloom, and wild, secluded beaches. Skadar Lake has an area ranging from 370 to 530 square kilometres, depending on the water level and it is the biggest lake of the Balkans. The river Bojana creates a connection between Skadar Lake and the Adriatic Sea through a large mountain massive that separates the two. This day, dedicated to the rural and natural area, ends at the Montenegrin capital, Podgorica. **Overnight: Podgorica.**

Day 5 Departure day

Departure from Podgorica or any non-listed airport.

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General inclusions // Valid both for Standard and Premium Package:

- Airport arrival and departure transfers
- All sightseeing tours and transfers that are included in the itinerary, except those marked as „optional tours“
- **Experiences:** Boka Bay Olive Oil tasting, Njeguši Village food tasting, Skadar Lake boat ride
- **Entrance tickets:** Boat trip from Perast to the island of Our Lady of the Rocks, Kotor Old town and St. John Fortress, Lovćen NP, Lovćen Mausoleum, Lipa Cave, Skadar Lake NP
- Professional tour guidance throughout the tour
- VAT, accommodation taxes and city taxes
- Tour logistics and organization by a licensed local agency

Standard package // Accommodation:

- 3 BB in Budva in Hotel Moskva 4* / Hotel Bracera 4* / Hotel Adria 4* or similar
- 1 BB in Podgorica in Hotel Ramada by Windham 4* / Hotel New Star 4* or similar

Premium package // Accommodation:

- 3 BB in Boka Bay in hotel Casa del Mare Amfora 4* / Casa del Mare Mediterraneo 5* / The Chedi Luštica Bay 5* or similar
- 1 BB in Podgorica in Hotel Hilton 5* / Hotel Cue (ex CentreVille) 4* superior or similar

Notices:

- Tips and portering services are not included in price
- Final choice of the hotels depends on current availability. The tour organiser reserves the right to change the hotel due to availability reasons but guarantees the same category, service quality and similar location of the accommodation unit
- Minimum number of passengers needed for guaranteed tour departure: 2
- The tour organiser reserves the right to change the itinerary of the tour due to unexpected slow-moving traffic at international borders. These changes will not affect the basic itinerary
- It is the responsibility of the passengers to get acquainted with visa requirements of all the countries they are travelling to or will be in transit
- General Travel Conditions issued by Tour Operator d.o.o. and reconciled with YUTA standards are valid for this programme

