

# WILD BEAUTIES OF MONTENEGRO

Hiking – Rafting – Canyoning

6 days Adventure



#### Season

March - November



#### Arrival

Podgorica



#### Accomm.

4\*/5\* hotels



#### Group Size

Small Group



#### Activity Level

Relaxed



#### Departure

Podgorica



#### Meals

5 Meals Included



1 UNESCO Site



## Highlights

**Walk through the true oasis of nature in one of the oldest European rainforests at Biogradska Gora NP**

**Savour the beauty of Durmitor mountain, peek into rural Montenegro or, simply, enjoy the Jeep safari ride**

**Explore the unbelievable and the last conquered canyon in Europe – Nevidio**

**Feel the power of nature on your rafting adventure on the Tara River**



### 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 **Podgorica** a few days prior to the tour departure, you can book additional nights with us, at the same hotel.

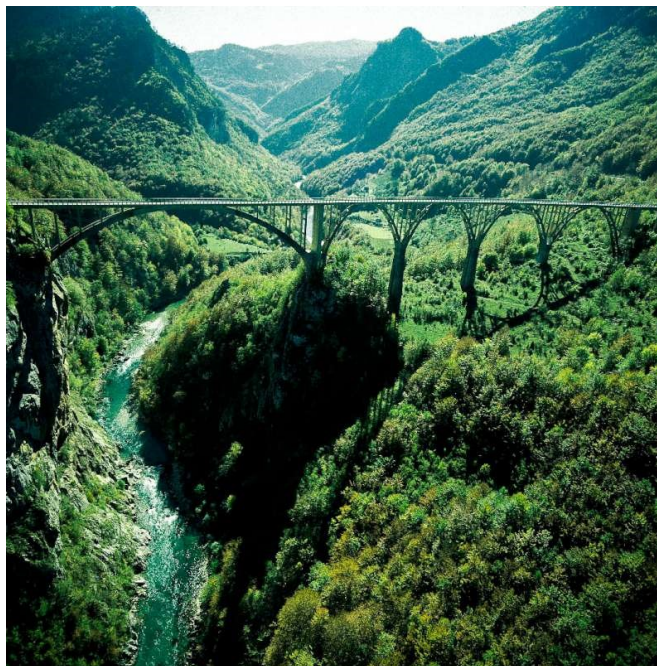
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## Day 1 Arrive Montenegro

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: Podgorica.**



## Day 2 Morača Monastery – NP Biogradska Gora hiking – Đurđevića Tara Bridge – NP Durmitor



6,8 km



2:15 h



200 m

This day requires full attention from the very beginning. It will take you through the grandiose canyon of Morača River - the second largest one in Montenegro, with steep slopes and the depth of 1.000 metres in some areas. Amazing mountains, crystal clear green river, and "the porch of nature" above the road will certainly make you silent while trying to absorb as much of this stunning nature creation. As this is not enough, in the heart of the canyon there is the medieval Morača Monastery, dating all the way back to the 13th century. Listening to the great stories about its history, admiring the architectural style and decoration is the perfect way to spend a break before the active part of the day. Hiking takes place at the National Park Biogradska Gora. Biogradsko Lake, in the very heart of the national park is surrounded by one of the oldest and most protected areas in the world: a rainforest with trees over 400 years old and tall over 40 metres, part of abundant flora with 2.000 species in total. An incredible variety of animals also call National Park Biogradska Gora a home: deers, fawns, leaps, wolves, wild boars, foxes, rabbits as well as over 200 distinct bird species, including the magnificent imperial eagle. Over 350 different insect species also inhabit this



national park, adding colourfulness and life to an already beautiful setting.

This jaw-dropping stroll through a true wilderness will probably make you hungry so it's time to enjoy a picnic lunch with the most authentic traditional specialties from the North of Montenegro – great way to end the hike! A ride to Žabljak, a famous village in the Durmitor Mountain, is all but not monotonous as it goes along vivid and colorful panoramic roads with a special point - a unique canyon view from Đurđevića Tara Bridge! All about this bridge is going to leave you speechless: the height, the surroundings, the story about the people and the way it was made. **Overnight: Žabljak.**

**OPTIONAL: ZIP line.** The true adrenalin lovers won't be disappointed. Feel the thrill while flying over the deepest canyon in Europe, Tara River Canyon. Shoot over one-kilometer-long zip line at speed up to 100 km/h. Experience the adrenalin rush and try to enjoy the spectacular view of the lush greenery of the surrounding nature and crystal turquoise water.



### Day 3

#### UNESCO's NP Durmitor: Durmitor's Wild beauty®



Welcome to the nature lovers' paradise! Located in the north-west of Montenegro, UNESCO's protected National Park Durmitor is adorned with 48 peaks, more than 2.000 meters high, 18 glacial lakes above on 1.400 meters altitude called "Mountain Eyes" and five spectacular canyons, best presented with the deepest canyon in Europe - the Tara River Canyon. Throughout the whole area of the National Park, the great height range and variety of habitats have enabled the flourishing flora and fauna, creating an extraordinary wealth of nature. The park is home to 1.325 species of flora, including one of the last virgin black pine forests in Europe. Some of the incredible animals that can be found on this mountain are the brown bear, wild cat and chamois. Whether you are exploring Durmitor through hiking or sightseeing from a vehicle, you will have the exceptional opportunity to discover authentic mountain villages whose inhabitants live similarly as their ancestors did hundreds of years ago. Away from the modern influences of today's world, you will be transported back in time to traditional houses, old customs, simple every day activities and healthy

nutrition. This gourmet-hiking adventure is an ideal opportunity to chat with the locals (who mainly keep sheep), try the homemade, authentic food and to get to know the resilient mentality of people who have spent their entire life surviving in nature.

The journey is about to get very exciting! You will hike around the biggest and most beautiful lake on Durmitor, the Black Lake, surrounded by the magnificent scenery and its giant peak Meded ("Bear"), above the lake. The Black Lake is divided into two lakes named the Great and the Small Lake, connected by a small strait of water which dries up in the summer. The lake is filled by numerous mountain streams, and it truly represents the "Wild beauty" of Montenegro at its best. For those who want more than this easy-level hike, we prepared more: Zminje Lake with captivating view over the surrounding cliffs and the dazzling Barno Lake resembling a pop-up postcard.

**Overnight: Žabljak.**

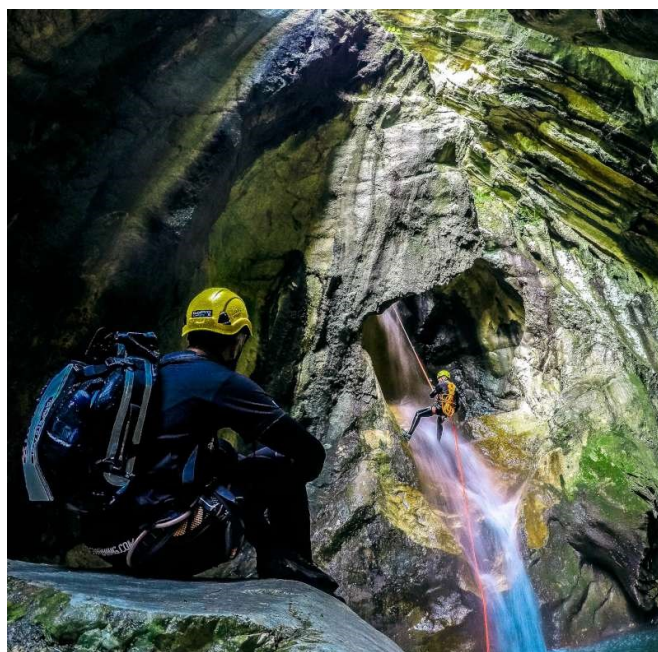
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#### UNESCO's NP Durmitor: Leisure day or Optional experiences



Leisure Day. Create your own plan for the day. Use the opportunity to gather some energy for the adventures to follow, or book one of the Optional experiences:

**OPTIONAL 1: Nevidio Canyoning.** The unique beauty of Durmitor National Park has been fascinating the worldwide travellers for years. Now, you have the chance to come and explore the last conquered canyon in Europe, with its waterfalls and a gallery of impressive sculptures carved out by the pure power of the Komarnica River. This fun and challenging canyon is a great fit for adventurous beginners, as you need no previous climbing experience to enjoy this 3km long canyoning tour. After spending a couple of hours exploring this beautiful gorge, you will see stunning sunlight marking the end of the tour, as you climb out



of the canyon. You have started your day with a great adventure, and now you can enjoy a well-deserved meal to gain back the energy.

**OPTIONAL 2: Durmitor Ring Photo Tour.** This incredible adventurous ride will show you the mind-boggling landscapes of Durmitor Mountain. The 85 kilometres long circular ride over Tara and Piva River plateau, will take you throughout the diversity of this national park: astonishing sceneries of deep canyons, crystal clear mountain streams, high peaks, green pastures and virgin forests. Get to know the locals and the way they live in this quite rough surroundings. In the authentic ambience, taste the domestic products and take some to go, since they are not easy to be found elsewhere. See the old and current slopes of the ski resort, get on top of the hills of the canyons where the views will sweep you of the feet, go through the high mountain passages and try to absorb the peace of the unspoiled nature as much as you can. This great journey is a unique opportunity to meet different parts of the mountain and it does not require any physical activity. True excitement for every adventurer is to savour the beauty of the national park, experience the life of the local people and, simply, enjoy the ride. **Overnight: Žabljak.**

## Day 5

### UNESCO'S Tara River Canyon with rafting - Ostrog Monastery



12 km



1:30 h

You have certainly heard that Tara River goes by the name "Tear of Europe" due to its purity. You can drink water from its stream anywhere you catch it, in every part of its flow. Tara River Canyon is 1.300 m deep, which makes it the greatest canyon in Europe and the second deepest in the world, right after Colorado River in USA. Since 1977, the canyon is under the protection of UNESCO, and it is in the category of 25 the most important world natural heritages. Experience a rafting adventure full of joy, excitement and exhilaration on a river in emerald green and turquoise colour variations surrounded by flourishing and vibrant nature. Extremely skilled and trained guides will be there for you as a part of your team, every step of the way for the 12 km ride that stretches from Montenegro to Bosnia and Herzegovina.



As a contrast to this unbelievable adventure, the peaceful part of the day will take you to Ostrog Monastery, situated in a cliff face, 900 metres above the Zeta River valley. The entire ambience is breath taking and filled with serenity. The Monastery is dedicated to Saint Vasilije of Ostrog, and is a worldwide known pilgrimage site for Orthodox Christians. The ride along the fertile valley of Zeta River will bring you to the Montenegrin capital Podgorica.

**Overnight: Podgorica.**

## Day 6

### 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:** Tara river rafting
- **Entrance tickets:** Biogradska Gora NP, Durmitor 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:

- 2 BB in Podgorica in Hotel Ramada by Windham 4\* / Hotel New Star 4\* or similar
- 3 BB on Žabljak (Durmitor NP) in Hotel Zlatni Bor 3\* / Holiday Home Villas Calimero or similar

### Premium package // Accommodation:

- 2 BB in Podgorica in Hotel Hilton 5\* / Hotel Cue (ex CentreVille) 4\* superior or similar
- 3 BB on Žabljak (Durmitor NP) in Ethno Village Zminica / Hotel Soa 4\* or similar

## Notices:

- Tips and portorage 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

