

Montenegro Essentials

Budva – Kotor Bay – Lovcen NP – Skadar Lake

4 nights / 5 days tour



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.

Day 1 Arriving to Montenegro

Upon arrival at the airport of your choice, an enjoyable ride with staggering viewpoints waits for you. Accompanied by your guide, you will get the first glimpse at this Mediterranean country during a scenic ride to your hotel. The intervening landscapes of old times' architecture and contemporary lifestyle will introduce you to the diversity of this small, yet imposing country.
Overnight: Budva or Boka Bay



Day 2 Traditional Wine Tasting – Virpazar - NP Skadar Lake with Boat Ride – Besac Fortress

Breakfast. For the first full day here, we have prepared an experience to remember during which you will have the opportunity to taste some of the finest wines of Montenegro and enjoy the picturesque nature of Skadar Lake National Park. First, we will visit a family-owned winery in the heart of the Montenegrin signature wine region of Crmnica. This adventure will be rounded off by enjoying a wine tasting and comparing different types of wine aged in large barrels, and benefitting from the expertise and knowledge of the resident winemaker. The fishing village of Virpazar is a departure point for a boat ride on Skadar Lake. As you glide through the mirroring water, the numerous lake's attractions reveal extraordinary birds, the water lilies in full bloom, and wild, secluded beaches. Skadar Lake has an area ranging from 370 to 530 square kilometers, depending on the water level, and it is the biggest lake in the Balkans. An opportunity to reflect on the day behind will be given to you at the recently reconstructed 15th-century fortress. The stunning ambiance of Besac Fortress is the

place where you can learn more about the history of this region and have a tasty lunch break. Here, your wine journey continues, as you can also enjoy a selection of wines produced in this region with a unique microclimate.

On our way back to the hotel, we will make a short stop above the charming St. Stefan islet, where you will have the opportunity to take the best photo of your stay in Montenegro. **Overnight: Budva or Boka Bay.**



Day 3 NP Lovćen Mountain: Gastronomy, History & Culture

After breakfast, we are going up to the Lovćen massif area. Right there, high above and behind those hills, Montenegrin history begins and ends in the very same place. First stop for the day is the Old Royal Town of Cetinje, in which you will learn about the Petrović Njegoš dynasty and the history of our country.

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 steep journey well worth the effort. At the very top, you will be rewarded with a spectacular viewpoint from the world's highest mausoleum.



Afterward, we continue to Njeguši, the village known as the birthplace 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.



Finally, the stunning view of the Boka Bay will leave you in awe, while driving down the old, Austro Hungarian 25-serpentine-road. At first very rough and steep, but they actually symbolize a love tribute to the former Queen of Montenegro – Queen Milena, as they form the first letter of her name – "M".

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 - a small, traditional restaurants owned by local families, a true essence of Montenegrin's warm hospitality and friendship. **Overnight: Budva or Boka Bay.**

Day 4

The Bay of Kotor: Perast – Boat Ride to The Our Lady of the Rocks Isle – UNESCO'S City of Kotor – Oysters or Wine Tasting

Breakfast. This day is devoted to the Bay of Kotor with its unique scenery. The 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 for its mystifying story and valuable artifacts 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 though the capital of Europe's southernmost bay 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. For the end of this day, you are welcome to choose an optional excursion:

Optional 1: A visit to the family-owned and operated shellfish farm. Here you will learn about oyster production and sample some fresh catches amid the charming atmosphere of Boka Bay.

Optional 2: Try one of the most famous wines from Boka Bay, enjoy a wine tasting with a stunning view over Herceg Novi. **Overnight: Budva or Boka Bay.**



Day 5

Departure day

Breakfast and hotel check-out. As most of our clients decide to extend their trip within their own organisation, transfer to the airport at the end of the tour is not included in the overall price. Any guests who would like **Balkan&more** to organise a departure transfer on their behalf are welcome to contact us. End of services.

Wishing for MORE TIME IN MONTENEGRO? If you would like to spend a few more days in the Capital of Montenegrin tourism or in the charming Boka Bay, you can book additional nights with us, at the same hotel, for a surcharge of €50 reg.s / €80 high.s (Standard package) or €70 reg.s / €115 high.s (Superior package). Prices are per person, per night, in a double room.

GUARANTEED DEPARTURES SEASON 2023.

MAR	25 th			
APR	1 st	8 th	15 th	29 th
MAY	13 th	20 th		
JUN	3rd	17th		
JUL	1st	15th		
AUG	19th			
SEP	2nd	9 th	16 th	23 rd
OCT	Sep 30 th	14 th		
*High season dates				

STANDARD PACKAGE (per person, in double room):

Regular season

High season

€819

€1.069

SUPERIOR PACKAGE (per person, in double room):

Regular season

High season

€1.079

€1.419

SUPPLEMENTS, REDUCTIONS // STANDARD PACKAGE

Regular season

High season

1/1 Room Supplement (on basic price)

€200 reg.s

€350 high.s

1/3 Room Reduction (per person, on basic price)

- €20 reg.s

- €40 high.s

SUPPLEMENTS, REDUCTIONS // SUPERIOR PACKAGE

Regular season

High season

1/1 Room Supplement (on basic price)

€340 reg.s

€560 high.s

1/3 Room Reduction (per person, on basic price)

- €20 reg.s

- €30 high.s

CHILD POLICY, y/o // Valid both for Standard and Superior Package:

0 to 2

FOC

2 to 6 in existing bed

50% discount

2 to 12 in extra bed

1/3 Room Reduction Policy

12+ in extra bed

1/3 Room Reduction Policy

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

- ❖ Airport arrival transfer
- ❖ All sightseeing tours and transfers that are included in the itinerary
- ❖ Entrance tickets to the NP Skadar Lake, NP Lovcen, Njegos Mausoleum, Our Lady of The Rocks, Kotor Old Town
- ❖ Wine tasting in a family-run winery near Skadar Lake
- ❖ Boat ride at Skadar Lake National Park
- ❖ Traditional food tasting in Njegusi village
- ❖ Boat trip from Perast to the island of Our Lady of the Rocks
- ❖ 1 bottle of water (0.5l) daily for each passenger
- ❖ Professional tour guidance throughout the tour
- ❖ VAT, accommodation taxes and city taxes
- ❖ Tour logistics and organisation by a licensed incoming agency

Standard package // Accommodation:

- ❖ 4 BB in Budva or Boka Bay in Hotel Pine 4* / Hotel Moskva 4* / Hotel Bracera 4* or similar

Superior package // Accommodation:

- ❖ 4 BB in Budva or Boka Bay in Hotel La Roche 5* / Hotel Avala 5* / Hotel Budva 4* or similar

Notices:

- ❖ Tips and portage 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: 1
- ❖ 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 are issued by Boccato DMC d.o.o.