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# Travel Guide

## Tivat

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## Quick view

### Tivat – a brief overview

The Bay of Kotor (Boka Kotorska) cuts into inland Montenegro like a fjord and is just under 30 kilometers in length. In this bay, well sheltered by the Luštica peninsula, is the town of Tivat. It has a population of nearly 10,000 and is also home to one of Montenegro's two airports (the other is in the capital city, Podgorica). Tivat's most famous feature, however, is the Porto Montenegro – one of the most luxurious marinas on the Mediterranean Sea. The picturesque historic centers of the neighboring towns of Budva and Kotor bear witness to Venetian influences.

Visitors to this region enjoy the contrast between the Adriatic Sea and the steep, mountainous slopes of the Orjen mountains to the west and Mount Lovćen to the east. This makes the Bay of Kotor a popular destination for swimming and sailing holidays, as well as for visitors who enjoy trekking and hiking.



## Montenegro

### General knowledge

#### Country overview

Montenegro is a republic in the southeast of Europe, in the Dinaric Alps. One side of the country has a landscape characterized by the Adriatic coast. On the other side, one encounters highland terrain with a moderate, continental climate. In the mountainous regions, the winter is relatively long and very snowy.

This means that, overall, the country offers an extremely varied range of options for travelers and holidaymakers. The capital city, Podgorica, is also the country's largest city.

#### Geography

Montenegro is on the Balkan Peninsula, and the southwest of the country has around 80 kilometers of coastline on the Adriatic Sea. To the north, it borders Croatia (along a narrow strip of coastline) and Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Montenegro also borders Serbia to the east, Kosovo to the southeast, and Albania to the south.

#### General knowledge

##### Key facts

Population: 643,000 (2017 estimate)

Capital: Podgorica

##### Language

The national language is Montenegrin. Serbian, Bosnian, Albanian and Croatian are also spoken.

##### Currency

1 euro = 100 cents.

Currency abbreviations: €, EUR (ISO code). Bank notes are available in denominations of 5, 10, 20, 50, 100, 200 and 500 euros. 1 and 2 euro coins are available, as well as coins in denominations of 1, 2, 5, 10, 20 and 50 cents.

Comment: Although Montenegro is not a member of the European Union, the country uses the euro.

#### Electricity

Mains voltage: 230 V; frequency: 50 Hz; power sockets: type F.

### Public Holidays

Listed below are the public holidays for the period January 2020 to December 2021.

Comment:

Not all public holidays are observed throughout the whole country. There may also be additional religious and regional holidays.

#### 2020

New Year: 1 and 2 January 2020  
Christmas Eve (Orthodox): 6 January 2020  
Christmas Day (Orthodox): 7 and 8 January 2020  
New Year (Orthodox): 14 January 2020  
Good Friday (Catholic, regional): 10 April 2020  
Easter (Catholic, regional): 12 and 13 April 2020  
Good Friday (Orthodox): 17 April 2020  
Easter (Orthodox): 19 and 20 April 2020  
Labor Day: 1 and 2 May 2020  
Victory Day: 9 May 2020  
Independence Day (date of the 2006 referendum): 21 and 22 May 2020  
Eid al-Fitr (end of the Ramadan fast): 23 and 24 May 2020  
Statehood Day (national holiday): 13 and 14 July 2020  
Eid al-Adha (Islamic "Festival of Sacrifice," regional): 30 July –3 August 2020  
Yom Kippur (regional): 27 and 28 September 2020  
All Saints' Day (regional): 1 November 2020  
Christmas Eve (Catholic, regional): 24 December 2020  
Christmas Day (Catholic, regional): 25 and 26 December 2020

#### 2021

New Year: 1 and 2 January, 2021  
Christmas Eve (Orthodox): 6 January 2021  
Christmas Day (Orthodox): 7 and 8 January 2021  
New Year (Orthodox): 14 January 2021  
Good Friday (Catholic, regional): 2 April, 2021  
Easter (Catholic, regional): 4 and 5 April, 2021  
Good Friday (Orthodox): 30 April 2021  
Easter (Orthodox): 2 and 3 May 2021  
Labor Day: 1 and 2 May 2021  
Victory Day: 9 May 2021  
Independence Day (date of the 2006 referendum): 21 and 22 May 2021  
Eid al-Fitr (end of the Ramadan fast): 13 – 15 May 2021  
Statehood Day (national holiday): 13 and 14 July 2021  
Eid al-Adha (Islamic "Festival of Sacrifice," regional): 20 – 22 July 2021  
Yom Kippur (regional): 16 and 17 September 2021  
All Saints' Day (regional): 1 November 2021  
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All information subject to change.



## Travel etiquette

### How to fit in

#### Social Conventions

Montenegro is a country of ethnic and religious diversity. As well as Montenegrins, the country is also home to Serbs, Bosnians, Albanians and Romani people, among others. Most people who live in the country are Serbian-Orthodox, and one quarter of the population is Muslim. Although this variety is what makes Montenegro so diverse, it also causes tensions. There are ongoing disagreements concerning language, national identity and religion, and the situation is complex. It is therefore best to avoid these topics of conversation when talking to locals.

#### Churches and mosques

All visitors should respect the traditions and customs of the various communities within the population. This includes ensuring that clothing is not too casual when visiting churches and monasteries. When visiting a mosque, visitors should do as Muslims do and remove their shoes.

#### In public

Topless bathing is not permitted on public beaches, but there are nudist beaches, which are marked as such.

#### Smoking

There is a ban on smoking in bars and restaurants, which also applies to other public places.



## Health

### Health

#### Food & Drink

The risk of developing intestinal infections exists throughout the country. Visitors should be careful about hygiene with respect to food and drinking water. Although the tap water is generally safe for drinking, visitors are advised to drink bottled water – especially at the beginning of their stay while they adapt. When buying bottled water, ensure that the original packaging has not been opened. There are no health concerns relating to products such as meat, poultry, seafood, fruit and vegetables. Nevertheless, it is advisable to peel fruit and vegetables and eat only cooked meat. Unpasteurized milk should be boiled. As a precaution, dairy products made from unpasteurized milk should be avoided.

#### Other Risks

In some parts of the country, from March/April through October/November, there is a risk of contracting tick-borne encephalitis (TBE). This risk can be minimized by wearing clothing that covers the skin and by using insect repellent. If you are bitten by a tick and have concerns, seek medical attention. Visitors who want to play it extra-safe should consult a doctor specializing in travel/tropical medicine before traveling to the country.

Travelers should be up to date with standard vaccinations before they leave home. This includes vaccinations for tetanus, diphtheria, whooping cough, polio, measles, mumps, rubella, pneumococci, influenza and herpes zoster (shingles). Cases of hepatitis A and hepatitis B occur in Montenegro. A vaccination to protect against hepatitis A is generally advisable. For longer visits or visits involving close contact with the local population, or with children and young people, the hepatitis B vaccine is recommended.

In many parts of Montenegro, there are poisonous snakes. Caution and sturdy shoes are essential when hiking in inland areas with rocky landscapes and long grass.

HIV/AIDS is a global problem that also affects Montenegro and is a serious danger to those who put themselves at risk of infection. Unprotected sexual contact, unclean syringes or cannulae, and blood transfusions can pose a significant risk.

Rabies is found in Montenegro. Carriers include dogs, cats, forest animals and bats. Backpackers, children, those at risk for vocational reasons and those staying in Montenegro for longer periods are advised to be vaccinated. Victims of animal bites should seek medical help as soon as possible.

There is an elevated risk of contracting intestinal infections, Lyme disease and kala-azar (black fever). There are no vaccines available for these infections.



## Phone calls & Internet

### Phone calls & Internet

**Country code:** +382

#### Mobile telephony

Although the currency used in Montenegro is the euro, the country is not a member of the European Union. This means that using a European cell phone to make calls may incur high roaming charges. More information about this is available from the relevant cellular service providers. It is cheaper to use a Montenegrin pre-paid card. These can be purchased from various vendors, such as gas stations and convenience stores. Local network providers include Telenor (telenor.me) and mtel (mte.me).

#### Internet

Free Internet access via Wi-Fi is possible in many busy tourist spots. When using public Wi-Fi networks, it is a wise precaution to ensure the encryption of all passwords, credit card details and banking TANs entered. Use of a VPN app or security software to check the safety of a hotspot is recommended.



## Top 10 sights

### Top Ten Sights in Tivat

#### Porto Montenegro

This small fishing village used to be an important naval base. Despite its stunning location, however, it attracted little interest as a tourist destination. This changed in 2006, when a private investor turned the run-down shipyard into the most luxurious marina on the Adriatic Sea – rivaled only by the marinas of Monte Carlo and Saint-Tropez. Visitors can marvel at the yachts of the super-rich and enjoy the classy boutiques and restaurants that accompany flagship tourism development projects like this one.

Adriatic Marinas  
Obala bb  
Tivat  
Montenegro

[www.portomontenegro.com/en/](http://www.portomontenegro.com/en/)

## Naval Heritage Collection Museum

This museum is devoted to the maritime history of the Adriatic Sea. The collection houses around 300 exhibits dating from 1900 and later. There are also special themed exhibitions. The main attraction is the huge P821 submarine, which was built in 1968 for use by the former Yugoslav Navy. Visitors can look around inside it.

Porto Montenegro/Blaza Jovanovia	Opening hours
Tivat	Monday to Friday: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
Montenegro	Saturdays: 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

## Buća-Luković Museum & Gallery

This cultural center for the town of Tivat consists of a museum, a gallery and an events venue. It is housed in a mansion that is around 500 years old. With the help of numerous historical artifacts, the museum depicts the development of farming and fishing on the Adriatic coast. The gallery exhibits are predominantly works of modern art. The center's events calendar, which features a varied and ambitious program, is worth a look.

Centar za kulturu Tivat	<a href="http://www.czkativat.me/">www.czkativat.me/</a>
Luke Tomanovića 4	
Tivat	
Montenegro	
Tel: +382-32/67 45 87	

## Gospa od Škrpjela

Perast is mainly famous for the two small islands just off its shores: Gospa od Škrpjela (Our Lady of the Rocks) and Sveti Đorđe (St. George). These tiny islands are each crowned with a picturesque sacred building. Visitors to Gospa od Škrpjela can look around the fifteenth century chapel. The other island is not accessible to visitors. The islands have been listed as UNESCO World Heritage Sites since 1979.

Perast	<a href="http://www.kotorskabiskupija.me/">www.kotorskabiskupija.me/</a>
Montenegro	

## Old Town of Kotor

The foundations of the town date back to the ninth century, and the town walls enclosing the historic center are still standing today. In 1979, many of the town's buildings were destroyed by an earthquake, but they have since been completely rebuilt. Visitors enjoy the atmosphere in the square by the clock tower and in Kotor's shaded alleyways. Those who venture the climb up the Sveti Ivan (St John's) fortress are rewarded by a fantastic view. From the top of the fortress, which is 260 meters above sea level, they can see the bay hemmed in by steep mountainsides.

Stari Grad
Kotor
Montenegro

## Museum of the Town of Budva

When traveling along the coastal road from Tivat to Budva (around 25 kilometers), the small island of Sveti Nikola soon becomes visible just off the coast. It is a spectacular view. Budva is one of the oldest towns on the Adriatic coast, and the architecture, which dates back to the era of Venetian rule, is especially picturesque. Visitors can learn more about the town's history at this museum of archaeology and ethnography – one of Montenegro's finest.

Stari Grad	Opening hours
Petrovića 11	Tuesday to Friday: 8:00 am – 9:00 pm
Budva	Saturdays and Sundays: 3:00 pm –
Montenegro	9:00 pm

## Sveti Stefan

The small island of Sveti Stefan, originally inhabited by fishermen, can be accessed via a narrow causeway. In 1956, work began to transform the former fishing village into a holiday destination. During the remodeling process, the character of the island and the exteriors of the buildings were maintained. In 2013, the luxury agent Aman became the sole booking agent for accommodation on the island, and day visitors are now charged an entrance fee.

Sveti Stefan	<a href="http://www.aman.com/resorts/aman-sveti-stefan">www.aman.com/resorts/aman-sveti-stefan</a>
Montenegro	

## Adria Cruising

Montenegro's coastline is around 300 kilometers long, and it has numerous marinas. Visitors can hire yachts at almost all of them – or they can book skippers if they don't have the necessary sailing experience! The choice of trips available is very broad, ranging from day trips to cruises lasting several days. Either way, the experience is unforgettable, because seeing the coastline from the water is even more breathtaking than the views when driving along the coastal roads.

Porto Montenegro	<a href="http://www.yachtingadria.com/tivat.html">www.yachtingadria.com/tivat.html</a>
Tivat	
Montenegro	

## Blue Grotto

The Luštica peninsula, which is across the bay from Tivat, is well worth a visit for its lovely beaches and the picturesque Fort Arza. The main attraction here is the Blue Grotto, which can only be accessed by boat. The sunlight draws out shades of blue on the surface of the water and on the walls of the cave. Swimming and diving are permitted. One option is to hire a kayak in Žanjic – or join one of the tours of the caves, which depart regularly from Žanjic in small motor boats.

Plava špilja, Žanjic
Luštica
Montenegro

## National Park Lovćen

The road from Cetinje up to this national park winds its way up steep slopes, and it is worth stopping along the way to take in the wonderful views. At some of the viewpoints, it is possible to see far across the Bay of Kotor, the islands that shield it, and a considerable distance inland. Once visitors have reached the top, the

main attraction is the mausoleum of the Montenegrin poet and prince, Petar Petrović Njegoš (1813–1851). The restaurant at the summit is a good place to recuperate after the ascent and the many viewing points.

Cetinje  
Montenegro

[www.montenegro.travel/en/objects/national-pa...](http://www.montenegro.travel/en/objects/national-pa...)



## Shopping

### Shopping in Tivat

#### Key Areas

In the Porto Montenegro area, shoppers will find small, high-end boutique fashion stores selling well-known international brands. The area surrounding the marina also has numerous small shops that sell sailing equipment and apparel. Shoppers who are interested in handmade items should take a trip to Kotor's historic old town.

#### Markets

Farmers' markets can be found at regular intervals in Tivat and the surrounding area. These markets predominantly sell regional produce, including fruit, flowers, honey, ham and wine. The market in Kotor is a very picturesque affair set against the backdrop of the old town walls.

#### Shopping Centers

Montenegrins do the majority of their day-to-day shopping in small, owner-managed stores. The Kamelija shopping center on Mata Petrovića in Kotor ([kamelija.me](http://kamelija.me)) is the only shopping mall in the Bay of Kotor.



## Restaurants

### Restaurants in Tivat

The Bay of Kotor is an inlet that reaches far inland and has many branches. It boasts lovely waterside promenades, which means that lots of the cafés, bars and restaurants in Tivat and the surrounding area have sea views. The culinary variety is huge, ranging from elegant, gourmet restaurant cuisine to rustic country food served in a relaxed environment.

#### Montenegrino

The Montenegrino, which is part of the four-star Montenegrino Hotel, is the finest restaurant in town. It serves Montenegrin and Eastern European specialties. The traditional Montenegrin soups come highly recommended, as does the seafood. There are also dishes for vegetarians to enjoy.

21 Novembra 9  
85320 Tivat  
Montenegro

Category: Luxurious

#### Hotel Admiral

This restaurant is housed in an eighteenth century Baroque mansion, which is on Perast's waterside promenade. From the patio, there is a stunning view of the Bay of Kotor. The restaurant serves excellent Mediterranean and European cuisine and is a particularly good choice for a romantic evening for two.

Obala Marka Martinovića 82  
Perast  
Montenegro

Category: Moderate

### Bastion

As might be guessed from the name, this restaurant is located near a bastion in the wall surrounding Kotor's historic old town. It is best known for its fish dishes and its regional specialties.

Stari grad 517  
Kotor  
Montenegro

Category: Moderate

### Marzamin

This is the hotel restaurant at Hotel Palma. The menu offers fish soup, mussel risotto, seabass and sea bream. In short, a wide selection of premium quality seafood is served at remarkably reasonable prices.

Šetalište Kapetana Iva Vizina 8  
Tivat  
Montenegro

Category: Moderate

### Konoba Bacchus

In this region, the word Konoba (which means "tavern") refers to a small, rustic restaurant that serves simple, traditional cuisine at a fair price. The Bacchus, which is a short distance from the waterside promenade, is also popular with locals. The house specialty is squid stuffed with crab.

Palih Boraca  
Tivat,  
Montenegro

Category: Budget



### Nightlife Nightlife in Tivat

In the Bay of Kotor area, most of the nightlife happens on the streets and beach promenades. The same applies in Tivat, where the majority of the bars and cafés are to the west of the main street (Jadranska magistrala). Moreover, there is no clear distinction between bars and cafés, because almost anywhere you go, you can eat, drink, chat and watch the world go by. By contrast, there are not many establishments that are purely nightclubs or discos.

### The Black Sheep

A fun gastropub in the town center of Tivat. The well-sheltered terrace is a good place to enjoy beer on tap and unique, creative cocktails.

Ribarski put  
Tivat  
Montenegro

## The Clubhouse

With its sea view and hippie vibes, the Clubhouse is a relaxed place to spend the evening. It is slightly south of Porto Montenegro and is popular with young people. DJs play here on weekends.

Setaliste kroz Porto Montenegro  
Tivat  
Montenegro

## Platinum

At this luxury club in the luxury marina of Porto Montenegro, partygoers can enjoy house and pop music while looking out over the yachts of the rich and famous.

Obala B.B., Porto Montenegro  
Tivat  
Montenegro

## Diskoteka Maximus

This club in Kotor's historic old town is one of the region's few "real" discos. From 11 pm, partygoers (predominantly young people) gather to enjoy techno, Balkan pop and international pop. The events schedule often includes concerts.

Stari Grad,  
Trg od Oruzja 232  
Kotor  
Montenegro

## Pržun

This pub restaurant is located on a picturesque street in the old part of Kotor. The menu lists a selection of Mediterranean and international dishes. Pržun attracts a mostly young crowd that comes together at the tables out front to eat or enjoy a cocktail.

Stari grad 343  
Kotor  
Montenegro



## Calendar of events Calendar of events

### Mimosa Festival

When returning to Montenegro from their travels, sailors used to bring back exotic plants, including mimosas. Thanks to the mild coastal climate in and around Herceg Novi, these early-blooming plants start flowering in January – a lovely reason to celebrate! At the Mimosa Festival, garlands of mimosa flowers can be seen everywhere, and there are cultural and sporting events, carnival parades and masked balls.

#### January/February 2020

Location: Herceg Novi, various locations

## Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday commemorates Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. To mark this day, Orthodox Christians make wreaths out of palm branches, ring bells and walk through the town in processions.

**April 5, 2020**

Location: Tivat, Church of St. Sava

## International Summer Carnival

In Herceg Novi and Kotor, the summer carnival has a long tradition. The event was held in Tivat for the first time in 2018. The program includes a parade, a samba show and performances from Montenegrin bands.

**June, 2020**

Location: Herceg Novi, Kotor and Tivat

## Regatta Cup Fašinada

"Fašinada" was originally a procession of fishing boats, which were rowed over to the small island that is home to the Gospa od Škrpjela church. Although this traditional procession of fishing vessels still takes place, the Fašinada Regatta is now also held at the same time. The regatta is a sailing race between Perast and Tivat's Porto Montenegro. Both events are extremely popular with visitors to the region.

**July 11, 2020**

Location: Perast

## Cultural Summer

This festival is held every August and is one of the town's biggest events. The program includes classical music concerts, which are held in the Villa Buća Luković – an impressive summer residence dating back to the fourteenth century.

**August 2020**

Location: Tivat, Villa Buća Luković and other locations

## Sea Dance Festival

This festival takes place on a beach near Budva and has been held every summer since 2013. It quickly became a favorite for fans of house, dance and electro music.

**September - October, 2020**

Location: Buljarica Beach, Budva



## Hotels Hotels in Tivat

As an up-and-coming holiday destination, the Bay of Kotor has numerous options for accommodation. The majority of the establishments are small, owner-managed hotels, and the mid-range segment still has the most potential for growth. There is a great deal more choice when it comes to basic and high-end accommodation.

### Regent Porto Montenegro

This luxury hotel, which is reminiscent of a Venetian Renaissance palace, is right next to the marina. It has an outdoor pool, a spa and a wellness center, as well as numerous other amenities and extras.

Obala bb  
Tivat  
Montenegro

Category: Luxurious

### Boutique Hotel La Roche

This luxury hotel leaves nothing to be desired – it has its own beachfront with a bar, an outdoor pool, a terrace with a sea view and its own top-quality restaurant. Plus, it is close to the Porto Montenegro marina, which is Tivat's prime location.

Šetalište Kapetana Iva Vizina 4  
Tivat  
Montenegro

Category: Luxurious

### Hotel Astoria

This hotel is on the Tivat promenade. The rooms are well furnished and offer very good comfort. The hotel restaurant, which has a patio area, serves regional specialties and classic international dishes.

Obala Marsala Tita 15  
Tivat  
Montenegro

Category: Moderate

### Boutique Hotel Hippocampus

This small hotel is in Kotor's picturesque old town. The roof terrace of the hotel's own restaurant offers superb views of the Sveti Ivan fortress. The hotel is very close to shopping destinations and to the points of interest in Kotor.

Stari grad 489  
Kotor  
Montenegro

Category: Moderate

### Apartments Adeona

These waterfront apartments located slightly outside of Tivat are air-conditioned and equipped with kitchenettes. They are perfect for families too.

Obala Đurašević bb  
Tivat  
Montenegro

Category: Budget

### GEO tip Discover Luštica

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### Discover Luštica

The Luštica Peninsula south of Tivat is one of the most tranquil and beautiful landscapes on Kotor Bay, if not in all of Montenegro. Visitors are sure to find the deceleration they seek here. Head for the farthest point on the peninsula, to Rose, Luštica's only port, which dates from ancient times. The road will take you through gently rolling hills, where your encounters along the way will be mostly only with sheep and goats. Beautiful captains' residences abound in the village, and there's a shipwreck in the clear waters off the coast that's a real magnet for hobby divers.

### Mehr auf GEO.de

<https://www.geo.de/reisen/19501-rtkl-perast-montenegro-ein-kleines-stueck-venedig-der-bucht-von-kotor>



### Best of ... ... Montenegro



Bratislav Stefanovic/Alamy

For almost a century, Montenegro belonged to Yugoslavia, and then in 2006, the "land of black mountains" gained its independence. This small Balkan state (smaller than the German state of Schleswig-Holstein) has 625,000 inhabitants – and nearly all of them can quote the famous words Lord Byron wrote back in the 18th century: "At the birth of our planet, the most beautiful encounter between land and sea must have been on the Montenegrin coast. When the pearls of nature were sworn, an abundance of them were strewn all over this area." The pearls of Montenegro include the continent's southernmost fjord, glacial lakes in the north, crystal-clear waters seaming 70 kilometers of beach, glorious peace beside Lake Scutari and an Italian atmosphere in the towns along the coast.

### Cetinje, Montenegro Relief

The Relief of Montenegro located in the courtyard of the Narodni muzej Crne Gore national museum in Cetinje, offers a good overview of this wonderful country. Its scale of 1:10,000 helps us grasp just how high the "black mountains" are and also the sheer size of Lake Scutari. Until 1918, the small town of Cetinje was the capital of the Kingdom of Montenegro, hence the well-preserved royal buildings and many museums gracing the town, while on its doorstep, Lovćen National Park awaits nature lovers. The highest point of the Lovćen Mountains close to the town is the site of the Mausoleum of Njegoš, Montenegro's poet prince. On a fine day, you can see the Italian coast and the Albanian mountains from here.

Narodni muzej Crne Gore  
Novice Cerovića, bb

[www.mnmuseum.org/RLJF\\_e.html](http://www.mnmuseum.org/RLJF_e.html)

81250 Cetinje  
Crna Gora/Montenegro  
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## Bjelasica Mountains

Europe's last primeval forest survives on the slopes of this mountain range in the northeast of the country. Bears and lynxes inhabit the area around the Biogradska Lake, the largest glacial lake in Biogradska Gora national park. Visitors should only ever tour the park with an experienced guide because the weather is unpredictable here. The guides at Eco-tours offer multiday trips during which visitors get to sample the local cuisine, succulent lamb, perhaps, gently stewed in milk or cooked in ash.

Eco-tours [www.eco-tours.co.me/](http://www.eco-tours.co.me/)  
Dunje Đokić 5  
81210 Kolašin  
Crna Gora/Montenegro  
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## Infinity Pool at the Hotel Regent

This hotel occupying a magnificent building in the middle of a luxury marina looks very like a Venetian palazzo. The hotel has multiple swimming pools for its guests, but the main attraction is the outdoor infinity pool with its unique views of the majestic mountains and the gorgeous blue of the Adriatic Sea. After a luxurious dip in the pool, a meal at the hotel's own Murano restaurant should go down a treat: The menu lists a seasonal selection of wild asparagus, chicory and other local fare.

Hotel Regent Porto Montenegro [www.regenthotels.com/regent-portomontenegro](http://www.regenthotels.com/regent-portomontenegro)  
Obala bb  
Porto Montenegro Village  
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Crna Gora/Montenegro  
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## Cats Museum, Kotor

This fortified town on the Adriatic coast is a UNESCO World Heritage Site with a visible Venetian influence, but it is also famous for its many street cats, which are cherished and protected by the townsfolk. This prompted Piero Pazzi from Italy to set up the Cats Museum a few years back: On a piazzetta not far from the cathedral, this small, but surprisingly entertaining museum pays homage to cats with collections of antique pictures, 19th-century postcards, books, posters, postage stamps, drawings and medallions. And there also are some cats living there, of course.

Trg Gospde od Andjela [www.catsmuseum.org](http://www.catsmuseum.org)  
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85330 Kotor  
Crna Gora/Montenegro  
Tel.: +382 69 628 53  
[info@catsmuseum.org](mailto:info@catsmuseum.org)

## Golden Frog – Lake Scutari for nature lovers

Ivana Marković was born on Lake Scutari and in 2013, at age 12, she founded the family company Golden Frog Boat: The boatmen are her father and uncle, and Ana, her 24-year-old sister, does the morning shift. While other companies noisily ferry crowds of up to 100 people across the lake, Golden Frog Boat tours use traditionally built boats that carry a maximum of 12 people. Mom's snacks, all local fare, are included in the price. All boat trips start from tiny Vir Pazar and can be booked on the website or via Whatsapp.

Tel. +382-69/40 27 76  
goldenfrogboat@gmail.com

skadarlakecruise.com

## Beška Nunnery on Lake Scutari

Lake Scutari is southeastern Europe's largest lake, and the border between Montenegro and Albania runs right through it. The tiny island of Beška is on the Montenegrin side. The center of spiritual life in the Principality of Zeta was located on the island in the 15th century. For more than 300 years, the island lay deserted, but then industrious Orthodox nuns came along and turned it into a Garden of Eden. They planted 180 fruit trees, and the air is fragrant with the mingled scents of sage, mint, rose and laurel. The churches were renovated with the aid of financial donations. Today, the island is inhabited by 15 nuns, who work and pray here all day long. Visitors are welcome to drop by and are offered fresh pomegranate juice, raspberry cake, painted icons and rosaries. On request, the nuns will also pray for guests.

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## Ulcinj for ecologists

This small, predominantly Muslim town with its 12 kilometers of sandy beach is a veritable paradise for wave riders, although horseback riders who love to feel the wind on their face won't be disappointed here. The Ulcinj Salina, one of the largest salt production facilities in the Mediterranean, is an important stopover habitat for European birds, which come here to rest and breed on their way from northern Europe to Africa. The Salina was sold to private investors in 2014, and if the projected golf courses and resort are actually built, it could mean the end of the flamingos and Dalmatian pelicans here. The German-Montenegrin environmental organization Martin Schneider-Jacoby Association is working to save the Ulcinj Salina. Anyone wishing to help is welcome to do so, even if it just means paying a visit to this unique place.

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