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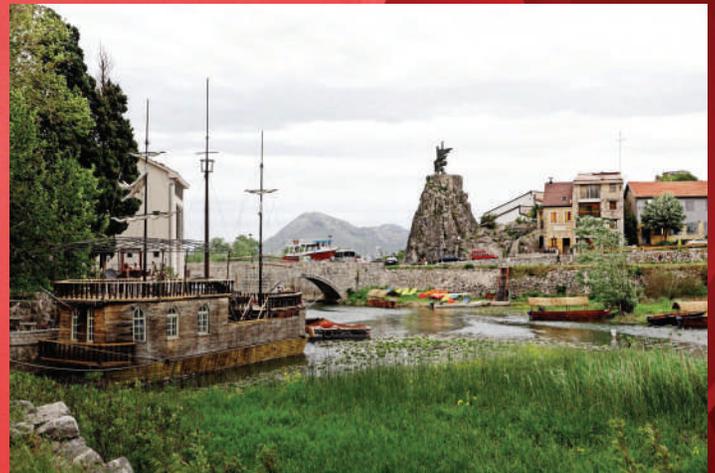


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# Facts about Montenegro

Montenegro belongs to the middle Mediterranean region. It is located in Southeast Europe, on the central part of the Balkan Peninsula and southern coast of the Adriatic Sea. Its landscape combination of mountains, deep valleys, natural ice lakes, sand beaches and attractive islands is breathtaking.

Although it has a territory of only 14,000km<sup>2</sup> and a population of some 630,000, its contribution to World Heritage is impressive. Nowhere else you can find so much natural beauty, mild beaches, clear lakes, fast rivers and gorgeous mountains in such a compact area as in Montenegro. Take long morning walks along the beautiful Adriatic coast, have lunch on the banks of Skadar Lake or enjoy an evening hike in the mountains. Montenegro will not leave you indifferent.



Bordered by the clear sea, covered with white rocks, sunlit by the Mediterranean sun, Montenegro is one of the last European oases to which one can flow from the dynamic tempo of civilization and rest by the soft sound of the waves, the song of crickets and the intoxicating scents of miscellaneous vegetation. However you reach Montenegro, through whichever "door" you enter, you will encounter intact nature and be welcomed by hospitable, proud and friendly people.



Official name	Montenegro
Surface area	13,812 km <sup>2</sup>
Capital	Podgorica
Historical capital	Cetinje
Population	622.159 (2016)
Territorial division	23 municipalities
Official language	Montenegrin
Official currency	Euro (€)
International airports	Podgorica and Tivat
Seaports	Bar, Kotor, Zelenika, Tivat
Climate	Continental-Mediterranean
Time zone	GMT +1



# Coastal Montenegro

Every coastal town of Montenegro has it's story:

**Kotor**, the town of ancient sailors, builders and scientists, a museum-town...

**Budva**, the town of summer theatres and festivals, the location of the most beautiful beaches and night life...

**Ulcinj**, the town where many cultures meet, the most eastern "west" and most western "east"...

The medieval ramparts and towers of the old coastal towns still guard the precious historical treasury, monasteries, churches. And cathedrals of rare beauty and artistic value... It's no wonder that some towns such as Kotor have been included in the list of World Cultural Heritage under the protection of UNESCO.



*"At the birth of our planet, the most beautiful encounter between land and sea must have been on the Montenegrin coast."*

- Lord Byron



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**Herceg Novi** Mimosa, camellia, lots of flowers and greenery, the old city, and countless stairs. This is the "City of the Sun" with many attractions for tourists.

**Perast** This small and unique picturesque place in the Bay of Kotor, with preserved ancient architecture, is located near the famous island - Our Lady of the Rocks.

**Kotor** The most visited Old City of Kotor is one of the Top 5 tourist attractions of Montenegro. Complete miraculous atmosphere, will surely leave you breathless.



**Porto Montenegro** The Sunday Times wrote: "Good buy Monaco. Hello Montenegro" referring primarily to Porto Montenegro. The unique complex in Tivat with marina for ultra luxury yachts.



**Budva** Fully dedicated to tourists and tourism, with a large number of attractions, of which the Old Town of Budva is certainly one of the must visit.

**Sveti Stefan** The most luxurious tourist complex in Montenegro, visited by a large number of celebrities, Sveti Stefan is an icon of Mediterranean tourism.

**Petrovac** This cute little seaside place is ideal for a family holiday. Roman villas, a romantic promenade, wonderful beaches and lot of great cafes and restaurants.





**Bar** Miraculous Old Town Bar, over 2000 years old Olive Tree, beautiful beaches on Adriatic Coast, and on the other side NP Skadar Lake, make this modern city unique tourist destination.

**Ulcinj** A mixture of oriental and western civilizations, Old Town Ulcinj long ago famous pirate nest, make the most southern Montenegrin town one of the top tourist destinations.

**Long Beach** The longest beach on the Adriatic Sea, covered with beautiful tiny healing sand, the ideal place for watersports, wonderful restaurants, Port Milena and Ada Bojana.



# Historic Towns

**Kotor** Frozen in time behind its walls, Kotor may look like a movie set but it's still very much a living town.

**Perast** Baroque buildings line the water's edge in Montenegro's prettiest little town.

**Budva's Old Town** Like a mini-Dubrovnik, Budva's walled Old Town juts out over the blue Adriatic waters.

**Ulcinj's Old Town** Set high on a bluff above the beach, the uneven cobbled lanes within Ulcinj's walls ooze antiquity.

**Herceg Novi's Old Town** It doesn't have all its walls, but the marbled heart of Herceg Novi has plenty of sunny squares.

**Cetinje** The dinky old royal capital is crammed full of 19th-century buildings and interesting churches.

**Stari Bar** Clamber your way through the gorgeous ruins of Bar's original cliffside settlement; there's enough enigmatic rubble left to imagine how it was in its glory days.



# Beaches

Clear waters, mountain backdrops and a sunny summer conspire to bring the Mediterranean fantasy into reality. Rows of umbrellas and recliners blanket the busier beaches, but you can escape the tourist hordes in secluded spots such as Kraljičina Plaža and Drobni Pijesak.



**Kraljičina Plaža** Near Čanj, this pretty stretch of pink sand can only be reached by boat.

**Drobni Pijesak** Green hills and turquoise waters frame this secluded cove, hidden from view below the coastal road.

**Žanjice & Mirišta** These neighbouring beaches gaze out to sea from their remote perch near the end of the Luštica Peninsula.

**Lučice** Lined with cypress trees and oleanders, and with picturesque church-topped islets offshore, Lučice is a Mediterranean dream.

**Jaz** Can't choose between socialising and sunbathing? Do both! This broad, pebbly and eminently swimmable beach is lined with bars, abuzz with water sports, and masquerades as a stage during one of Montenegro's craziest music festivals.

**Sveti Stefan** The island view from the pink sands is sublime.



# Explore Montenegro North

Explore nature considered by Montenegrins as most precious and valuable to them. You will understand this once you see the deepest canyon in Europe-the 1300 meters deep canyon of the river Tara, or visit Biogradska gora, the last virgin forest remaining on the continent and the oldest national park in Montenegro, founded in 1878.

**Black Lake** Black Lake in National Park Durmitor is one of the premium Montenegro tourist attraction. Black Lake is the best known, and in same time largest of 18 glacial lakes.

**Tara Bridge** One of 10 most beautiful bridges on the world, over the the most beautiful river in Montenegro. Through the deepest canyon in Europe, rafting is a premium attraction.

**Lake Biograd** Surrounded by the magnificent virgin forest, located in the heart of the national park, Biogradsko Lake is one of the must visit places in Montenegro.

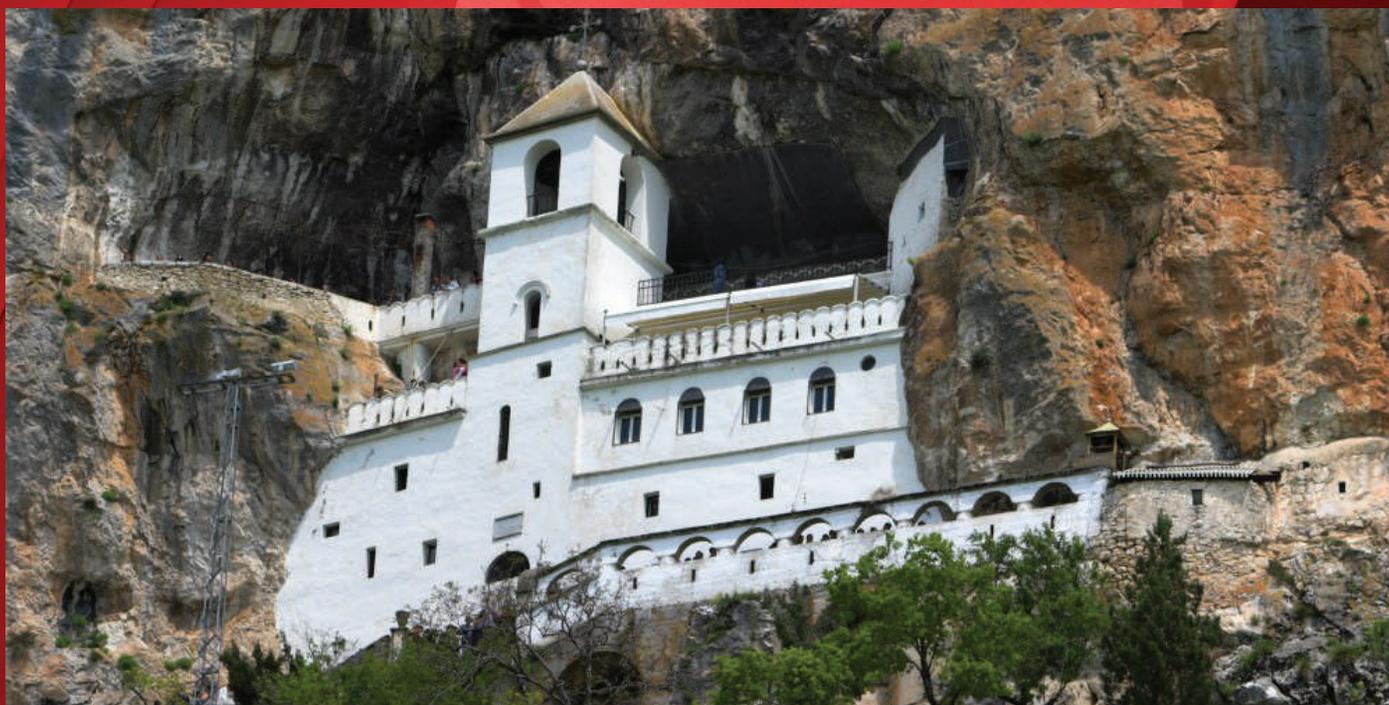
**Ali-Pasha Springs** One of the premium attraction in Prokletije National Park is Ali-Pasha's Springs (Ali Pasini Izvori). The river that is formed directly by the outbreak from the soil.



# Explore Montenegro Central

**Lake Krupac** Lake Krupac is located near Niksic city. It covers area of 9 km<sup>2</sup> and is a perfect spot to chill and enjoy during the hot summer days.

**Ostrog Monastery** Carved deep and high in rocks, this magnificent and unique monastery, located above the Bjelopavić valley, is one of the most visited places in Montenegro.



**Morača Canyon** Moraca Canyon (Platije) is one of the most beautiful canyons in Montenegro. Transit road to Serbia through the canyon is one of the most dangerous.

**Njegoš Mausoleum** Must visit - the highest mausoleum on the world - 1657 m above the sea, built 1970 to 1974, located on the second highest peak of Lovcen National Park.



**Cetinje** Situated in the fields of Cetinje, at the base of the Lovcen mountain, Cetinje is a treasure of Montenegrin cultural and historical heritage.

**Rijeka Crnojevića** Rijeka Crnojevica is a adorable small village beside the river of Crnojevic within Lake Skadar National Park.

**Vranjina** Vranjina is an island in Lake Skadar. It is also the name of small fishing village located on the island. National park visitor center is located on this island.

**Virpazar** Virpazar is small place located on Skadar Lake shore. Railroad passes through this town so it is easily accessible from Bar or Podgorica.

**Murići** Murići is a small village located on banks of Lake Skadar. It has wonderful beach with a view on some of the magnificent lake islands.



# National Parks of Montenegro

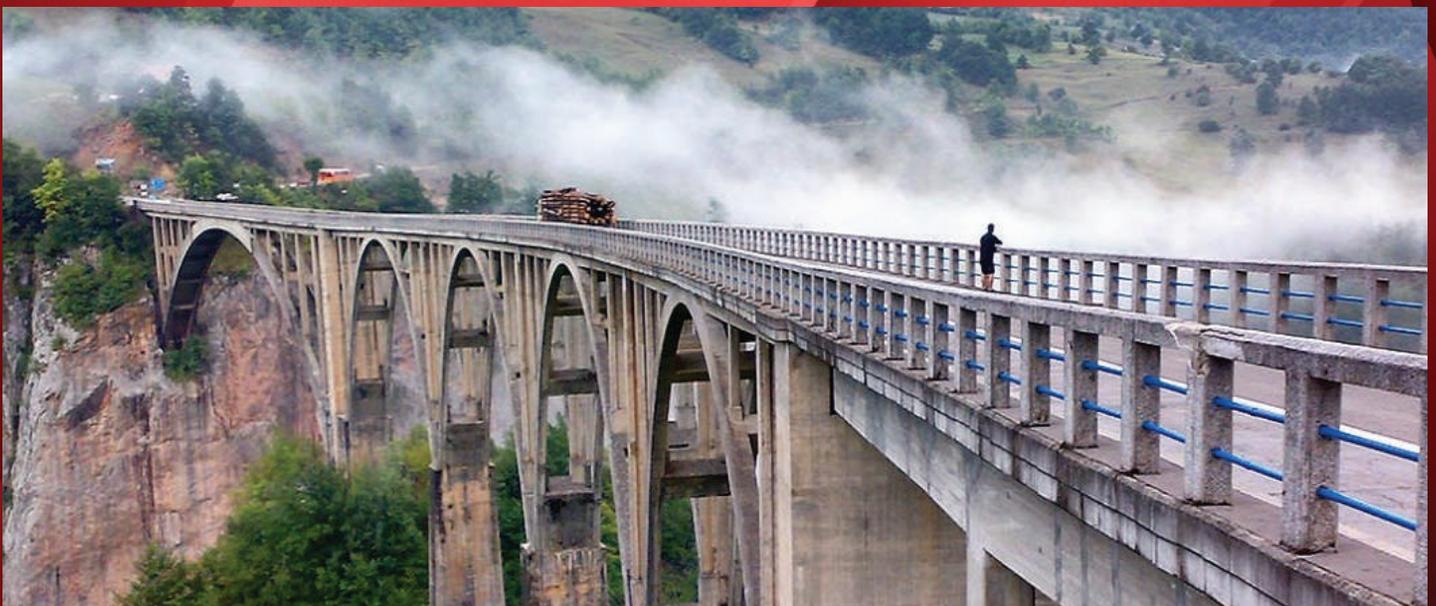
Montenegro's national parks, which cover some 10 percent of its territory, might just be the country's most alluring attractions, no small feat when you take into account the majesty of the coast.

Montenegro's national parks are among the finest on the planet, dramatic mountainous landscapes accentuated by stunning glacial lakes, incredible biodiversity and the occasional mountain-top mausoleum.

**Durmitor National Park** located at wide mountain region in North West of Montenegro, limited by Rivers Piva and Tara between which there are 23 mountain tops over 2300 meters.

Where else to start? Durmitor National Park is one of the greatest landscape collections on God's green earth, a jaw-dropping mass of shimmering lakes, dramatic mountain tops, verdant vegetation and the deepest canyon in Europe. Everything that is magnificent about nature in Montenegro can be found in Durmitor National Park.

There are plenty of adventures to be found here. It is a major ski resort during winter before adrenaline-pumping sports take over in the warmer months. The Tara River is a magnificent spot to undertake some whitewater rafting, although the waterway is arguably at its best when seen from above. Whether or not you fancy viewing it from a precarious zip line is entirely up to you. It might not seem like the obvious place for a gorgeous piece of civil engineering, but the Đurđevića Tara Bridge might just be Montenegro's prettiest. Add in the twinkling magic of the 18 glacial lakes (the finest of which is the Black Lake – a must-see if ever there was one), and you have one of Europe's great tourist attractions.



**Biogradska Gora** Unique National Park in Montenegro - Biogradska Gora is located in the central part of Bjelasica mountain massif, between 2 beautiful rivers (Tara and Lim)

Only three virgin forests remain in Europe, one of which can be found in Montenegro's marvelous Biogradska Gora National Park. It gets better – at the centre of that forest lies a shimmering lake, the stuff of over-excited dreams. Biogradska Gora is also full of hiking trails that range from a pleasant stroll to “oh lord, why are we doing this to ourselves,” but the beauty waiting at the end makes it worth every step. Biogradska Gora is the smallest of Montenegro's national parks, but it packs quite the punch, with more biodiversity than you can shake a stick at (if shaking a stick at biodiversity is your sort of thing).

**Prokletije** In 2009 Montenegro declared this amazing area as a National Park Prokletije.

Gorgeous National Park Prokletije is located between Montenegro and Albania

The Prokletije mountain range might be known as the ‘Accursed Mountains’, but don't let that put you off. The range features three national parks (two of which are found in neighbouring Albania), with a tri-state fourth planned for the future. Prokletije is a typically dramatic natural wonder that brings glacial lakes, jagged peaks and fresh springs to the table, enjoyed by more than half of Montenegro's flora. ‘Majestic’ doesn't quite cover it.

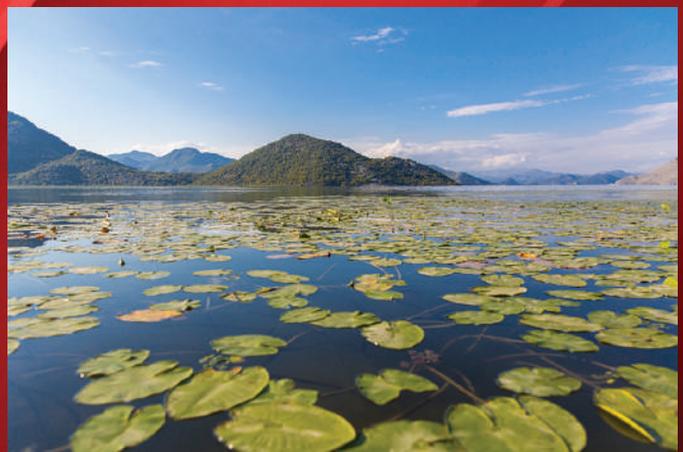


**Lovćen National Park** Lovcen is located in rocky region of Dinara Alps. Slopes of Mountain Lovcen steeply, rise from coastal region of Boka Bay and west part of Cetinje. Try to put yourself in the mammoth shoes of Petar II Petrović-Njegoš, undoubtedly the greatest ruler in Montenegro's history. Where would you want to be laid to rest? A cemetery in the capital? By the sea? How about in a monumental mausoleum on top of the mountain that gave the country its name? Njegoš wisely plumped for the latter, and his resting place is one of the most magnificent attractions in the region.

There is more to Lovćen National Park than a dead poet-prince, of course. The town in which the aforementioned prince was born is on the edge of the park, home to some of the finest smoked ham on the planet and an intangible sense of cultural history. Hiking trails cross the mountain along with other activities, but it is the natural beauty of the place that draws the most vibrant acclaim.

**Lake Skadar** Lake Skadar, the largest in the Balkans, the only national park dominated by aquatic and wetland ecosystems. With 281 species, Skadar Lake represents unique attraction

The Balkans is full of spellbinding lakes, but none are bigger than Montenegro's Lake Skadar. Shaped like the world's largest dolphin, Lake Skadar is a miraculous piece of absolute tranquillity, one that is enjoyed by thousands of birds annually. Yes, birds – after all, this is one of Europe's top bird habitats. The Crnojević River dominates the northern tip of the park, and the eponymous village might just be one of the prettiest in Montenegro. It is the lake that dominates, however. It is no surprise that the old royals of Montenegro used to come here for some respite.



# Exploration and Adventure

For a small country, Montenegro packs a punch. Its serene coastline contrasts spectacularly with a mountainous interior whose lofty peaks, forests and lakes are wrought with extremes.

Regardless of the season, Montenegrin mountains, rivers and lakes will offer different possibilities for the holiday you would like to have, because you have many opportunities during the summer to refresh both your body and mind. You can choose: walking through the forests, mountain biking on the mountain trails, rafting, mountain climbing on challenging peaks and exploring caves.



The rugged coastline, lofty mountains and dramatic fjords provide a playground for the adventure seeker. An obvious start is the abundance of watersports, from waterskiing, canoeing, and kayaking on Lake Skadar to chartering a boat for the day to explore the nearby islands. For those who would rather have a skipper than be one, private sailing boats do day trips around island - head for Perast and enjoy multiple swimming stops along the way, before returning via the stunning coves that only the locals know.

Adrenaline junkies can go mountain biking and paragliding along the coast, or head inland for rafting in one of the world's deepest canyons, Tara Canyon.



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