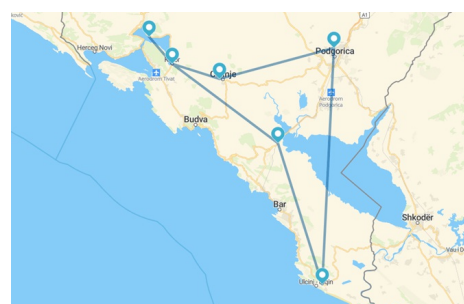




Montenegro, 8 Days · Tailor-made by car

Between two waters

Straddling the border between two worlds, the East and the West, and far away from the overcrowding of other Mediterranean coastal enclaves, Montenegro has a unique personality and culture of its own. With "Between two waters" you won't have to choose between lakeside and seaside. Thanks to the convenience of travelling by car, you can easily explore all of the region's small towns and natural spots. Get on the road and take your time to discover the wonders of a country that seduces travellers with its majestic mountains and natural parks, its beautiful coastline, its authentic cultural calendar, and an incredible national cuisine that you can share with the warm, welcoming locals. Now one of eastern Europe's hottest destinations, this country will wow you with its contrasts between land and sea, between tradition and modernity, between its past as a non-aligned communist state (independent from both the Soviet and Western blocs) and its flirtation with capitalism... All of this packed into a relatively small space, ideal for getting around by car. Gear up to discover the vibrant capital, Podgorica, famous for its diverse culture and cuisine; the jaw-dropping museums of Cetinje, known as Montenegro's royal capital; the charming walled city of Kotor, whose old town will take you on a trip back in time; the romantic seaside town of Perast, dotted with pretty churches and exquisite palaces; the wonderful Skadar Lake National Park, a paradise for nature lovers; the unique atmosphere of the town of Ulcinj with its excellent urban beach; the striking Ostrog Monastery, considered the spiritual heart of the country... Dare to tour Montenegro by car and discover an enclave that's key to understanding the history of Europe.



Departure date: Departures from July 2026 till June 2027

From: London

Travel details

● DAY 1 · CITY OF ORIGIN - PODGORICA

Flight departure from the city of origin to Podgorica. Arrival at the airport where we will pick up the rental car and drive to the hotel. You have the rest of the day off to explore Podgorica, the attractive capital of Montenegro, at your own pace. Located in the Zeta Valley, right at the point where the main range of the Dinaric Alps ends, the largest city in the country is also its political and administrative centre. Situated between the mountains and the coast, and crossed by rivers such as the Ribnica, the city captures the traveller with its restaurant and shop-lined central shopping streets, as well as its wonderful parks and green spaces. Its historic streets and buildings juxtaposed with trendy establishments tell the traveller a long history, passing through periods of war and laying out a promising future symbolised by constructions such as the Millennium Bridge, which proudly crosses the Morca River. Land of Romans and home to many great figures from the Empire, such as Emperor Diocletian, Podgorica's cultural and culinary world was also enriched with Turkish and Austro-Hungarian influences. Nowadays, Podgorica charms visitors with its array of artistic and cultural events. Discover its vibrant cultural calendar and leisure activities! Don't leave without taking a stroll around the Stara Varoš neighbourhood, where you can visit authentic enclaves such as the Tvrđava Ribnica (Ribnica Fortress), the Cathedral of the Resurrection of Christ, the Clock Tower, the ruins of Nemanja's Town, the St. George's Church... Those who love shopping should head to Nova Varoš and Trg Republike (Independence Square), where they can track down the best souvenirs of this welcoming country. For those with an interest in history, the nearby Illyrian and Roman site of Duklja will reward them with a place to remember.

Overnight stay in Podgorica.

● DAY 2 · PODGORICA - CETINJE - KOTOR

After enjoying a few hours in Podgorica, we get on the road. Today, a 77-kilometre journey which is full of surprises and memorable places awaits us. Off we go!

In a little over half an hour the silhouette of Cetinje, the country's former capital, will appear in your rear-view mirror.

Nowadays, this historical capital city boasts a calm atmosphere and lots of culture. Among our recommendations are the Cetinje Monastery and the Biljarda Palace, two jewels in the heritage of Montenegro. Take advantage of this stop to meander through the charismatic squares and cobbled streets of the historic centre. Cetinje is also one of the gateways to the enchanting Lovćen National Park. This small green space is home to another of the country's jewels: the Mausoleum of Petar II Petrović-Njegoš, situated on Lovćen's Black Mountain. Its prominence on the horizon makes it, without doubt, one of the country's landmarks. The Mausoleum is one of the most interesting monuments in Montenegro and houses the tomb of national hero, Petar II Petrović-Njegoš. More than 400 stairs will take you from the car park to the very heart of the mountain until you reach the monument. The views from the top are spectacular. Nearby, at the north end of the park, you'll find Njeguši, a traditional village dotted with stone houses that rose to fame for being the hometown of the Petrović dynasty and for making some of Montenegro's most delicious "pršut" (dry-cured ham) and "sir" (local cheese). The next stop will be the beautiful Bay of Kotor.

Overnight stay in Kotor.

● DAY 3 · KOTOR - PERAST - KOTOR

Today we wake up in Kotor, one of the best-known corners of a country that to this day continues to hide from the tourist masses, something that gives it a special charm. Kotor invites the visiting traveller to make a trip back in time to the lands of Old Europe, characterised by walled cities, enigmatic cobbled streets and churches which preside in almost every square. Kotor is woven by a medieval labyrinth of streets that guard engaging museums, enchanting churches, elegant Venetian palaces and charming squares like that of Armas (Trg od Oružja), where welcoming establishments offer good coffee to enjoy while contemplating the harmonic hustle and bustle of everyday life. With all these attractions, it's no surprise that UNESCO has recognised Kotor as a Natural and Culturo-Historical Region, granting it World Heritage Site status. Towards the end of the day, the wall that stretches to the mountains contributes to the city's magnificent appearance. The high level of preservation of medieval features that you will find in the walls will amaze you, such as the moats, the towers, the drawbridges, the St.Jovan fortress...

During the day today we suggest you combine a visit to Kotor with an excursion to Perast, just 15 minutes away by car

The romantic seafaring town of Perast - full of elegant baroque palaces built by wealthy noble families and beautiful churches such as St.Nicholas - has become, on its own merits, one of the main attractions in the Bay of Kotor. As soon as you set foot in the historic heart of the town, your surroundings will remind you of beautiful Italy. It really seems as if a small piece of Venice is anchored in this bay! Perast's history dates back to the Neolithic Age since, according to various studies, the town was already inhabited in this historical period. One of the most picturesque places to visit is the famous islet of Gospa od Škrpjela - or 'Our Lady of the Rocks' - home to the beloved Church of the same name. According to tradition, 15th Century sailors deposited a stone on the islet each time they returned from a trip, following the discovery by some sailors in 1452 of a painting of the Virgin on a rock that jutted out into the sea. (Note: You can take rowing boats from Perast to the islet. Not included).

Overnight stay in Kotor.

● DAY 4 · KOTOR - LAKE SKADAR - ULCINJ

An exciting day awaits today. Get ready to hit the road! Our first stop will be Virpazar, the main town on the banks of the picturesque Lake Skadar.

The local population resisted the Nazis in World War II right at this spot, as the monument on the ruins of the old Besac Fortress recounts. Virpazar is an ideal spot from which to take a leisurely boat trip or kayak on the lake, the largest in the Balkan Peninsula and one of the largest in Europe. Situated on the border of Montenegro and Albania, Lake Skadar is part of the national park of the same name. Discover this incredible unspoiled corner of Montenegro, dotted with bays, beaches, keys, islands and peninsulas! During this trip you will come across the "limani", or villages, that acquaint the traveller with local traditions. Ornithology enthusiasts can find hundreds of species of birds in this region. Take advantage of your visit to Lake Skadar to sample its fish dishes, smoked meat and cheeses, and to taste the excellent local wines. (Note: The high temperatures in summer beckon the traveller to cool off at beaches such as the one in Murići).

After the visit we head on to Ulcinj, the southernmost town in Montenegro.

The elegant minarets of its numerous mosques give the town an Eastern feel.

Overnight stay in Ulcinj.

● DAY 5 · ULCINJ

Today we'll wake up in the beautiful coastal town of Ulcinj, with its fabulous old town and its beautiful fortress that overlooks the Mediterranean. The town has a unique atmosphere, embodying authentic coastal life. On the horizon, the endless sea on one side and the minarets on the other compete with the colossal socialist sculpture, and the walls of the old town scale the height of a cliff. Combine your visit to the town centre with a short excursion through the delightful coastal area where small rocky coves give way to 12 kilometres of sand on Velika Plaža (Big Beach) and to the island of Ada Bojana. (Note: The surroundings of Ulcinj are home to some of the best fish and seafood restaurants in the country).

Overnight stay in Ulcinj.

● DAY 6 · ULCINJ - PODGORICA

In the morning you can continue uncovering Ulcinj's charms. As soon as you're ready, get back on the road. After driving through the picturesque coastal region we head back to Podgorica, the city we kicked off in, located about 78 kilometres along the E851 and E65/E80. We return to the capital to savour its charming atmosphere and its many surprises. Take the opportunity to visit the corners of the city that you couldn't fit into the first days of your trip. Any recommendations? Enjoy its vibrant cultural life at your own pace; go to a show at the Crnogorsko Narodno, Gradsko or Dodest theatres; stroll carefree through Rimski Trg square, always bustling and flanked by cute cafes and trendy restaurants where you can sample delicious local cuisine. About three kilometres away is the Illyrian and Roman site of Duklja (Dioclea), at the point where the Zeta and Moraca rivers meet. Not to be missed!

Overnight stay in Podgorica.

● DAY 7 · PODGORICA

Today we recommend you indulge in an excursion to the Ostrog Monastery, located about an hour's drive away and offering one of the country's most breathtaking views. (Note: There are a lot of sharp bends in the road leading to the monastery). When you get near the monastery you will be blown away by its imposing profile where a complex in white tones is quite literally embedded in a gigantic rock. This is one of the country's most sacred sites. The monastery is divided into the upper part (Gornji Manastir) and the lower part (Donji Manastir), built in 1820 and dedicated to the Holy Trinity. At the top of the monastery is the cavern that guards the tomb and the remains of Saint Basil. The complex features several stone churches. Among the most visited are the cave chapels of the upper monastery, whose walls are adorned with beautiful centuries-old frescoes. In the front part of the lower monastery you can behold a freshwater spring that is said to have healing capacities. There is a distance of about two kilometres between the monasteries, which can be covered on foot. (Note: The entrance is situated next to a viewpoint, in the upper monastery. The rules of the monastery require that legs and the back are covered up, so it is advisable to wear full-length trousers and a shawl to cover the shoulders). After the visit we head back to Podgorica, where you can finish off this route by car enjoying the capital's wide range of excellent bars.

Overnight stay in Podgorica.

● DAY 8 · PODGORICA - CITY OF ORIGIN

Arrival at the airport with enough time to drop off your rental car and flight back to the city of origin.

Arrival. End of the trip and our services.

Your trip includes

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| ✓ Return flight. | ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Podgorica. | ✓ Selected meal plan in Podgorica. |
| ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Kotor. | ✓ Selected meal plan in Kotor. | ✓ Stay in selected hotel in Ulcinj. |
| ✓ Selected meal plan in Ulcinj. | ✓ Rent-a-car. | ✓ Insolvency protection. |

Your trip doesn't include

- ✗ Possible toll charges.
- ✗ Entrance to historic buildings, museums, natural parks, activities and attractions mentioned during itinerary (some are free).
- ✗ Boat trip on Lake Skadar.

Destinations Visited

Podgorica



Cetinje



Kotor



Perast



Virpazar



Ulcinj



Important remarks

- Driving through Montenegro: Montenegro is the perfect country for lovers of mountain roads and coastal walks, with its magnificent stretches of panoramic road that afford stunning views.
- Triple rooms in Europe are generally rooms with twin beds or a double, in which a folding bed is installed to accommodate the third person. Due to the inconvenience this causes, we advise against using this option as far the possible.
- Check-in time at the hotel on the day of arrival depends on each establishment, but in no case will it be before 3:00 p.m., unless otherwise indicated.
- The proposed excursions and tours for each day are purely suggestions, as you can tailor the trip to suit your times, tastes and needs.
- A credit card is considered a guarantee, so sometimes you will need one for check-in at hotels.
- Hotels usually have cots available. Otherwise, babies will have to share a bed with an adult.
- To pick up your rental car, you'll need a credit (not debit) card in the name of the person who made the booking, who must also be the named driver of the vehicle.
- Consult the necessary documentation to enter the destinations visited and for transit in the countries where air stopovers are made.