

IPA MONTENEGRO
FRIENDSHIP WEEKS 2016
THE MONTENEGRO TOUR

18TH MAY TO 25TH MAY 2016



The Montenegro tour



● Programme



Budva

Itinerary: Programme

Day 1: 18th May 2016 (Wednesday)

Budva – Accomodation

- Welcoming of Guests at Podgorica Airport, Tivat Airport or Dubrovnik Airport
- Transfer to Hotel Montenegro Beach Resort in Budva
- Meeting point – Hotel Montenegro Beach Resort at 06:00 PM
- Evening welcome drink
- Dinner and overnight in hotel in Budva



Budva

Itinerary: Programme

Day 2 – 19th May 2016 (Thursday)

- Breakfast
- Sightseeing and free time in the town of Kotor. Guided Old town tour.
- Old Mediterranean port, surrounded with town walls, it is very well preserved & it is under the protection of UNESCO. Old town is surrounded with magnificent fortification, which are continued on the hill St. Ivan (St. John). Length of the fortification is 4,5 km, which is curiosity of world scale. Width of the wall variates, it comes up to 15 m, and height up to 20m.
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Kotor

- You can enter the Old Town through three gates, main gate is on the west, and it is called "Door from the sea" (from 1555.). Pinched in foothill of mountain Lovcen, surrounded on north with short river Skurda, and from south with underground wellspring Gurdic, Kotor is by all means baroque town. After the big earthquake in 1677, all palaces were restored in baroque style. It is obvious that here, except construction, maritime and shipbuilding, trade and art also flourished.

Between 1420. - 1797. Kotor was under Venetians, that period left the biggest mark on towns architecture. Kotor's bay (part of Boka bay) is one of the deepest and longest bays on Adriatic sea, so it is often called most southern fjord in Europe.

- Tour starts: 10:00 AM
- Tour ends: 04:00 PM
- Guide: Yes
- Dinner and overnight in hotel in Budva

Old town Kotor



Kotor



Kotor

Itinerary: Programme

Day 3 – 20th May 2016 (Friday)

- Breakfast
- Sightseeing and free time in the towns of Bar and Ulcinj. Guided Old town tours.
- Most significant tourist locality in Bar Riviera is Old Town Bar, the only town of all maritime old towns that is not located at the very shore. This fortified hill was first populated by Illyrians. This settlement was abandoned in the time of Romans, because they moved closer to the sea. Old town Bar was center of the country Doclea, and from 1089. here is located archbishopric. Old Town Bar is fortification, and it is 3 km away from the sea.
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Old town Bar

- Inside the fortification there are churches from XIV and XV century - St. Katherine and St. Veneranda, and remainings of church St. Nicola, which was built in 1288. by Jelena, wife of Serbian king Uros I.
- Near by the town the oldest olive tree in the world is located, as old as Christianity, over 2009 years. Tree is fenced, because a lot of the visitors want to break off a twig as a souvenir. Main symbol of Bar is olive.
- Drive from Bar towards Ulcinj.
- Sightseeing and free time in the town of Ulcinj



Bar



Barz

- **Ulcinj has become a unique „open town“ in which various cultures can be identified. In the Old Town one can still recognize the strong presence of the Orient and the West, the Mediterranean and Europe. Since its foundation it has been a significant sea and trade harbor, and in the time between the end of the 16th and beginning of the 19th century it used to be an important pirate stronghold. Nature has really been generous to this town. The Old Town in Ulcinj is one of the oldest urban architectural complexes along the Adriatic Sea. In this enchanting dish resembling a stranded ship for 25 centuries life has been booming, civilizations have been exchanging leaving their vivid traces up to now. It is a unique opinion that the Old Town represents a cultural-historical monument of invaluable significance due to its Illyrian walls, its citadel, the street net, the markets and squares, some house blocks and some valuable architectural edifices, and especially due to its town landscape, silhouette and urban plaster.**

- **Tour starts: 09:00 AM**
- **Tour ends: 05:00 PM**
- **Guide: Yes**
- **Dinner and overnight in hotel in Budva**





Ulcinj



Ulcinj

Itinerary: Programme

Day 4 – 21st May 2016 (Saturday)

- Breakfast
- Tour of Cetinje and National Park Lovcen, free time - Optional excursions: active tours- Adventures park horseback riding ATV(quad safari)
- Famous sites in Cetinje you should not miss: the Cetinje monastery, Biljarda, gazebo Orlov Krs, the palace of King Nikola and others. Today Cetinje is an important historical and artistic meeting place and a cultural icon in Montenegro. Situated beneath the summit of Lovcen which towers to an impressive 590 meters (1900 feet) above sea level, Cetinje is an oasis of peace and tranquility, natural beauty and ample fresh air.

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- From Cetinje we proceed to national park Lovcen, which is proclaimed to be National Park in 1952. It is located on the border of 2 completely different natural locations SEA and MOUNTAIN. Then we arrive to the famous outing place Ivanova Korita. From Ivanova Korita we proceed to Njegosev Mauzolej, which is placed at the peak of Lovcen.
 - Optional tours(Ivanova Korita): Horseback riding, Adventures park, ATV(quad safari).
 - Tour starts: 10:00 AM
 - Tour ends: 03:00 PM
 - Guide: Yes
 - Dinner and overnight in hotel in Podgorica



Lovcen



Lovcen



Adventures park Lovćen



Horseback riding Lovćen



Quad safari Lovćen

Itinerary: Programme

Day 5 – 22nd May 2016 (Sunday)

- Breakfast
- Afternoon sightseeing tour of wine cellar "Plantaze" with wine tasting. After wine cellar we drive from Podgorica to Kolasin. Podgorica is the Capital of Montenegro and the country's largest city.
- The most famous wine cellar in Montenegro – Šipčanik, where we will have wine degustation. In the past hill Šipčanik was used as a storage for military plains, after the restoration by company "Plantaze" it has become wine cellar that i storing over 28.000 bottles of wine. Two million litres of wine has been ageing in the wooden barrels and bottles in ideal and completely natural climatic and technological conditions.

"Plantaze"

- Departure is organized from Podgorica. We will take the main road through the attractive Canyon of Moraca River-Platije. Along the way you will enjoy the magnificent view of the canyon. Short afterwards we will continue our way to Morača monastery, which is the most significant cultural and historical monument of this area and it was one of the most important spiritual, cultural and political centers of Montenegro for a long time. Monastery is situated on the terrace just above Morača River very close to the main road, resting in a very picturesque area. After visiting Monastery, we continue furthe towards Kolasin.

- Tour starts: 09:00 AM
- Tour ends: 03:00 PM
- Guide: Yes
- Dinner and overnight in hotel in Kolasin

Canyon of Morača River



Podgorica



Morača monastiry

Itinerary: Programme

Day 6 – 23rd May 2016 (Monday)

- Breakfast
- Unique guided tour experience in Biogradska Gora National Park.
- Free time-optional: Jeep safari.
- Kolasin is one of the centers of Montenegro's mountain tourism, located on the foot of Bjelasica and Sinjajevina mountains. Because of Kolasin's altitude (954 m), the town is considered an aerial spa. With the virgin forest of Biogradska Gora, Biogradsko Lake and other lakes in the vicinity, its rich flora and fauna, rafting, fishing, excursions and recreation, Kolasin offers excellent leisure and holiday possibilities.

Kolašin

- From Kolasin, we drive towards Biogradska Gora National Park. Guests will enjoy in beautiful nature of the National Park. They can walk around the magnificent Biogradsko Lake and experience all of its charm and beauty.
- Biogradsko Lake is at the heart of National Park Biogradska Gora. National Park Biogradska Gora is 54 km² in area. Basic elements of the Park are: untouched forest, large mountain slopes and tops over 2000 meters high, six glacial lakes, and five at an altitude of 1820 meters.
- Tour starts: 10:00 AM
- Tour ends: 02:00 PM
- Guide: Yes
- Dinner and overnight in hotel in Kolasin



Biogradska Gora National Park



Jeep safari



Jeep safari



Biogradska Gora National Park



Biogradska Gora National Park

Itinerary: Programme

Day 7 – 24th May 2016 (Tuesday)

- Breakfast
- Guided tour experience in Durmitor National Park.
- Free time-Optional: rafting on river Tara
- Departure is organized from Kolasin, we drive along the Adriatic road passing by Biogradska Gora National Park and we continue further by Mojkovac town and drive towards Zabljak. Along the way we will get to the place Galev Krs, where a stop will be made and guests will be introduced that National Park Durmitor starts here.

Žabljak

- We will go on the tour in one of the most visited lakes in Montenegro, the Black lake (so called "Mountain eyes"). It is located in National Park Durmitor. Black Lake is Dumitor's largest, deepest and best-known lake, and like many mountain lakes formed by receding glaciers, Black Lake has two halves – Big Lake, and Small Lake
- Tour starts: 10:00 AM
- Tour ends: 03:00 PM
- Guide: Yes
- Dinner and overnight in hotel in Kolasin

Black Lake



Rafting on river Jata





Žabljak



Black Lake



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Itinerary: Programme

Day 8 – 25th May 2016 (Wednesday)

Departure Day

- Breakfast
- Transfers to Podgorica Airport, Tivat Airport or Dubrovnik Airport.
- Wishing farewell to Guests



Important information

INCLUDED:

- Hotel accommodation (4 star) on half board basis (breakfast and dinner)
- Transfers according to programm
- High tourist class coach with professional and experienced driver and escort
- All tours accompanied by local tourist guides including entrance fees
- Road tolls and parking and all local taxes and VAT
- Health and travel insurance

NOT INCLUDED:

- Tips service providers (guides, drivers, hotel staff etc.)
- Escort in languages other than English, unless different language group (20 or more persons) is present
- Optional tours that are stated in the programme
- Any other personal extras

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

- IPA Montenegro and Explorer Tourist Agency reserves the right to make changes to the programme for the best success of the event!
- Tours are organized by Explorer d.o.o. a registered tourist agency in the Montenegro and all services are provided in accordance with the Act on the Provision of Tourism Services.

Important information

PROGRAMME

- From 18th May to 25th May 2016
- 8 days / 7 nights – Half Board
- Minimum participants: 30 persons
- Limited participants: Yes
- Price **550 eur** per person sharing double/twin room
- Price **690 eur** per person in a single room

