

MONTENEGRO

HIKING & CULTURAL TOUR



10 Days/9 Nights

21-30 September 2025

Tour Highlights...

Cycle Serpentine Rd | Balkan Alps | Piva National Park | Durmitor National Park
Rafting | Tara Zipline | Black Lake | Bjelasica Mountain
Jeep Tour | Prokletije National Park



Kotor, Montenegro

Summary

In typical ICON Adventures style, we are taking the road less travelled (although not for long if you follow the predicted travel trends) to the small country of Montenegro, situated on the spectacular Adriatic Coast between Greece and Croatia. This new tour offers a small group fully guided experience through Montenegro's wild landscapes, where every trail leads to rugged mountain vistas, deep ancient fjords, and rich cultural heritage.

Nestled in Southeastern Europe along the stunning Adriatic coastline, Montenegro is a captivating country that offers an abundance of natural beauty and cultural richness. One of the newest countries in the world (formed in 2006), Montenegro boasts a diverse landscape that ranges from idyllic beaches to rugged mountains and deep canyons, making it an ideal destination for hiking and nature enthusiasts.

This 10-day hiking and cultural tour will take you through some of the country's most breath-taking scenery, including the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Kotor Bay and the towering peaks of Durmitor National Park. We will visit Tara River Canyon, one of the deepest canyons in the world, and hike through the last remaining rainforest in Europe. All activities are included in our small group tours, but you have the flexibility to choose your level of participation.

We delve into Montenegro's rich cultural heritage and discover a vibrant tapestry woven from centuries of Roman, Venetian, Slav and Ottoman influences reflected in the country's traditions, monasteries, architecture, religion and cuisine.

Join us on this unforgettable journey through one of Europe's hidden gems, where every step reveals a new vista and every trail tells a story of Montenegro's natural and cultural richness.

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Kotor Bay

Day 1 (D) Meet and Greet - Welcome to Montenegro

You're here, in one of the newest countries in the world. Whether you're flying in to Tivat or coming by land across the Croatian border, we will meet at our hotel at 6pm today in Kotor. Get to know your fellow travellers over a welcome dinner in this stunning medieval town, nestled on the dramatic Kotor Bay by the Adriatic coast.

O/N Kotor 2 nights

Day 2 (B) Kotor and Serpentine Road

It is straight into it today for the thrill seekers amongst us with an exhilarating bike ride down Kotor's Serpentine Road. We'll carefully navigate the 25 hairpin bends with regular stops to appreciate the majestic vistas over Kotor Bay. For those who prefer to stay at sea level, you can take a walking tour around Kotor's Old Town. Nestled at the end of Kotor Bay, and often referred to as Europe's southernmost fjord, this UNESCO Heritage listed town is framed by towering limestone cliffs and the tranquil Adriatic Sea. Wander through narrow, winding streets to discover hidden squares, historic churches, and well-preserved Venetian buildings. If you are not ready for a rest this afternoon, you can climb the steps to the fortress of San Giovanni for views of the bay over the red-tiled rooftops of the Old Town below.

Day 3 (B,D) Pluzine and Piva Nature Park

Today we leave Kotor after breakfast and drive to the charming town of Plužine, situated on the edge of Piva Lake, the largest artificial lake in Montenegro. Piva Lake is the heart of protected Piva Nature Park and is known for its outstanding natural beauty. On arrival we embark on a relaxing boat tour across the lake and the opportunity for a swim for those who are keen. After a lunch thrill seekers can choose to try the zipline across the stunning turquoise waters of the Piva River Canyon. This afternoon we check-in to our accommodation in Pluzine.

O/N 2 Pluzine 1 night

Day 4 (B,D) Tara River and Rafting

After breakfast we departure to the town of Šćepan Polje for our rafting adventures. Along the way we 'll stop to admire the views and take advantage of the photo opportunities. After a safety briefing and equipment fitting we embark on the rafting tour down the Tara River with our fully licensed and experienced guides. It takes a few hours to travel the distance but the scenery alone is worth the distance. A well earned lunch follows. Fun fact - the Tara River has the second deepest canyon in the world! You didn't want to know that before you went rafting did you?

O/N Zabljak 2 nights

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Durđevića Tara Bridge

Day 5 (B,D) Durmitor National Park, Hike 9-15kms (customisable)

Today we venture into Durmitor National Park, where nature's beauty is on full display. Our day begins with a scenic hike to Crvena Greda, with its striking red rock formations and panoramic views of Žabljak, Black Lake, Vražje Lake, and the rugged peaks of the Durmitor massif. After our hike, we'll enjoy a relaxing lunch in the park's tranquil surroundings. In the afternoon we visit the iconic Black Lake, the largest of Durmitor's glacial lakes, known as the 'Mountain Eyes of Montenegro' where we'll unwind and take in the natural beauty of this peaceful spot.

Day 6 (B,D) Biogradski Gora National Park

After breakfast, we check-out of our hotel and depart for the famous Đurđevića Tara bridge, where we will pause for a photo stop. For the adventure enthusiasts among us, there's an exciting option to experience the thrill of ziplining over the canyon 1.3km canyon. Will you take the leap? Yeah, nah? With our feet firmly back on the ground, we continue to Biogradska Gora National Park, home to Europe's last remaining virgin rainforest. Here, we'll also visit the picturesque Biogradsko Lake. After lunch, we will drive onto the charming mountain town of Kolasin nestled at the foot of the Bjelasica and Sinjajevina mountains where we will stay for 2 nights.

O/N 2 nts Kolasin

Day 7 (B,D) Mount Bjelasica, Hike 14kms (customisable)

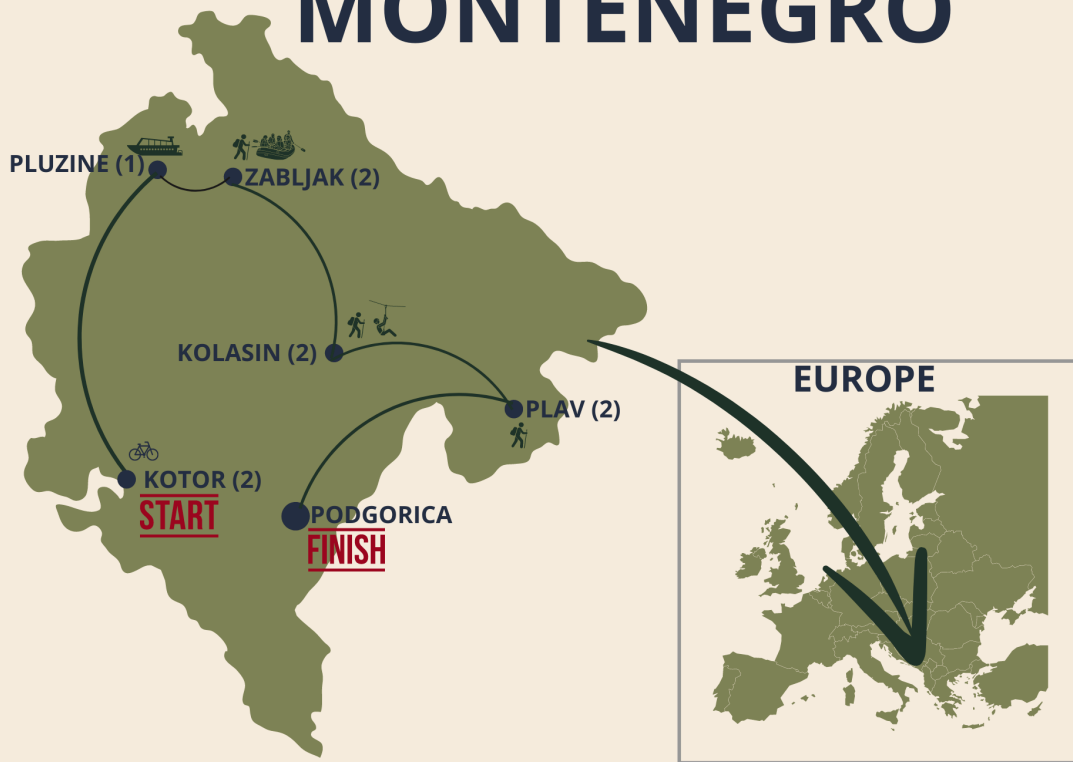
Many consider Bjelasica to be the most beautiful mountain in Montenegro, and today's hike offers a circular route through its most stunning areas. Starting from Katun Suvodo, we'll trek towards Šiško Lake, passing by picturesque katuns (traditional shepherd settlements) and breath-taking natural landscapes along the way. After enjoying a picnic in this exceptional setting, we'll make our way back to Kolašin for an afternoon of relaxation.

Day 8 (B,D) Plav and Hridsko Lake Jeep Tour

After breakfast and check-out, we set off on a scenic two-hour drive to the enchanting town of Plav. Upon arrival, we'll visit Plav Lake, the largest glacial lake in Montenegro. Following our visit, we'll set off on an exhilarating jeep adventure to Hridsko Lake, renowned as one of Montenegro's most beautiful and highest-altitude lakes. Its pristine waters and serene surroundings make it a true gem. After soaking in the natural beauty, we return to Plav for a leisurely lunch and check-in at our accommodation. The afternoon is yours to explore Plav and discover the charm of this town, which is almost fully surrounded by the Prokletije Mountains.

O/N 2 nts Plav

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Day 9 (B,D) Prokletije National Park, Hike 11kms (customisable)

On our final day, we'll explore Montenegro's youngest national park, Prokletije, often referred to as the 'Balkan Alps'. This breathtaking region has been gaining popularity as more nature lovers and hikers from around the globe discover this paradise. Our journey begins in the alpine valley of Grebaje, where we'll embark on a panoramic hike to the peaks of Volušnica, Talijanka, and Popadija. The ascent takes approximately three hours, with the trail looping back to Grebaje, making it a 5-6 hour round trip. Spectacular panoramas are guaranteed! This hike can be modified or shortened for those not quite ready to climb three mountains in one day. We'll conclude the day with a well-earned dinner.

Day 10 (B) Departure

Today our tour comes to an end and it is time to say goodbye to Montenegro. If you are keen to extend your stay in the Balkans you might like to look at our 8 day Albanian Alps tour which connects directly with this tour.

The Details:

PRICE INCLUDES

- Small-Group Escorted Tour - Min 6 - Max 14
- Australian Host
- Professional English-speaking local guide
- 9 nights accommodation (3-4 Star)
- Meals: 9B & 8D (drinks at own expense)
- Private transport & national park entrance fees
- Bike or walking tour Kotor, Piva boat tour, Tara River rafting, Tara zipline, Lake Hrid Jeep tour

COST PER PERSON

- Twin or double share: \$4,995/person
- Single supp: \$1,050/person (own room)

PRICE EXCLUDES:

- Flights & visas
- Travel Insurance (compulsory)
- Optional tours not included in itinerary
- Meals not mentioned in itinerary
- All expenses of a personal nature
- Transfers to starting point and from ending point unless joining Albania tour

ADDITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS OFFERED:

- Booking flights
- Travel insurance
- Pre or post tour travel

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