



# ASTAKOS

TRAVEL & EVENTS

MONTENEGRO

NOT ENOUGH DAYS – EVEN LESS NIGHTS

- Day 1.** **Arrival day.** Arrival at Podgorica or Tivat airport. After custom control bus departure to Budva via Skadarsko Lake or via famous Jaz beach (Rolling stones & Madonna are just some of the stars who had their concert there). When a group gather and if the weather allows boat cruising for two hours on the sea. Accommodation in 4\* hotel in Budva. Diner in the seaside restaurant.
- Day 2.** **Local day.** After breakfast we will have a walk along Budva old town, Citadel, Archeologically museum, City walls. Budva is one of the oldest towns on Adriatic coast. The legend, confirmed by Greek mythology, says that Budva was established by Cadmo, the son of the Phoenician king Agenon. He was expelled from Thebes and arrived by ox-drawn car in this area where he founded Budva more than 2000 years ago. Light lunch can be served at Citadel with the beautiful view to Budva Riviera. In the afternoon we will have a boat trip (depending on weather conditions) along the Budva Riviera. Dinner in fish restaurant Porto in the city port, overlooking the old city of Budva.
- Day 3.** **Religiuous day.** After breakfast, bus drive to Moraca monastery built in 1252. After Moraca we go back to Niksic via Podgorica. In Niksic we will visit old fortress known as Onogost, as well as bridge on Mostanica, one of the oldest Roman bridges in Montenegro. Lunch will be served in an old cottage. There you can try some typical Montenegro food. On the way back we will visit Ostrog monastery. Saint Vasilije Ostroški, a true saint is laid to rest there. Many miracle stories have been told about him. Dinner in fish restaurant in Budva old town.
- Day 4.** **Historical day.** After breakfast bus drive to Kotor where we will take a boat to cruise through the bay to Perast. Visit of two small islands across Perast. One of those islands is by a legend made of sunk boats and stones when fisherman found an Icon of the Virgin and Christ (which now stands on the altar) on a rock. Every year 22. July on Fashinada fest, local fisherman with boats bring new stones and throw it in the sea by the island. There is a fascinating small church on island called Gospa od Skrpjele. Back to Kotor where we will visit famous St Tryphun cathedral, Maritime museum and old city walls. After Kotor we will drive to Cetinje along old scenic road with beautiful view to Kotor bay. Short stop for photo session. On Njeguši village where a famous Montenegro poet Petar Petrovic Njegoš was born, we will stop to try traditional smoked ham, cheese and medovina (vine made of honey). Cetinje, old capital of Montenegro, has National Museum, Cetinje monastery from 1701. Dinner can be organized either in Cetinje or on the way back to Budva in a national restaurant where a traditional Montenegro food will be served.



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- Day 5. Adventurous day.** Departure early morning from hotel. Bus ride over Montenegro mountains and canyons to the Tara canyon, second largest canyon in the world. After arrival at the spot we will have a short stop for traditional Montenegro breakfast. Jeep ride through the canyon till we reach our starting point. Rafting on one of the most exciting parts of river Tara. More than 18 km through the canyon will give us a picture about a wild beauty of Montenegro. There is also a possibility to fly with helicopters from the coast to Tara canyon. In that case group should be divided in 2 or more groups. After rafting we will have a traditional Montenegro lunch, lamb roasted under sach. Bus drive back to the hotel will take us through unspoiled nature. Dinner will be light on a small secluded beach.
- Day 6. Wet day.** With a small boat we will go to the Jaz beach. There we will enjoy all day long playing Beach volley, water-skiing, parachuting, banana, rings, canoes, pedaloos, etc. Lunch will be served in the beach restaurant. Gala Diner – Citadela, restaurant is situated in an old Austrian fortress (Citadel) in old Budva city walls. Restaurant has a beautiful view on the coast and excellent domestic and international cuisine
- Day 7. Sailing day 1.** After breakfast bus will take us to Tivat or Kotor where we will enter old sailing boat Jadran. We will spend all day sailing in old traditional way. Lunch will be prepared by sailors on the boat. All day sailing in Kotor bay will give you the picture of one of the south most fiords in Europe. We will get ashore in Kotor and there in the old city under UNESCO protection we will have our dinner.
- Day 8. Cruising day,** After breakfast bus drive to Tivat bay where we will spend a hole day on the boat cruising through the bay. During the journey, we pass by two islands: St. Marko, the Island of Flowers and the peninsula Lustica and we go to the beach Zanjice. During the trip, the guests can see villages Rose and Krasice. Then we arrive to the beach Zanjice and we have a pause of 90 min for swimming and lunch. After lunch we go to Herceg Novi, we pass by island Mamula and peninsula Prevlaka. It takes 40 minutes to get there. In H. Novi we have one-hour pause - for sightseeing of town with guide. We continue our Boka bay cruise passing by places Zelenika, Kumbor, Bijela and we arrive to the island "Our Lady of the Rocks". Across the island is situated old town Perast. We have a break of 30 min to visit the island and church "Our Lady of the Rocks". After that we take our guests to Kotor, an ancient town, rich in historical monuments. There we stop for 60 min for sightseeing with guide. After that, we will have dinner in Kotor old town. Back to the hotel by bus after dinner.
- Day 9. Fish picnic on the St Nikola Island** on the Old Mulberry beach. Departure is at 9 o'clock from the port of Budva in front of old city Budva, or Becici beach. After 90 minutes travel along the beaches of the Budva bay, we arrive on Old Mulberry beach on St Nikola Island where there is lunch for all. The guests can swim and fish until 5 pm. At 5 pm we leave the beach and coming back to the places of boarding. Light dinner will be served in a fish restaurant on the beach.



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- Day 10. Sailing – regatta day,** after breakfast we will go by bus to Kotor bay where we will board sailing boats and will race all day long. Short stop for lunch in some of seaside restaurants. After lunch we can continue regatta or spend afternoon in leisure. Back to the hotel by bus. Dinner in Budva old town and fun in the most famous Trocadero night club afterwards.
- Day 11. Wine & Dine day,** after breakfast we will go by bus to Plantaze wine yards. Plantaze annually produce and sell more than 17.000.000 bottles of wine. It is the biggest wine yard in one piece in Europe. We will pass through Skadarsko lake region with picturesque fisherman’s villages on our way to Plantaze. There we will see the wine yards, hear the story about famous Montenegro wine Vranac and will go around three wine cellars, Cemovsko polje – modern one, Sipcanik – new one, made in an old tunnel that was used as an army planes tunnel. The last one is the oldest one Ljesko polje. Lunch will be served along the wine tasting.
- Day 12. Team Building strength and courage day,** Jeep ride to Adventure park Lovcen. It is not a race, but whoever gets there first will have bonus points. The competition starts at an easy path. Task is to pass the path as fast as possible. Each path is harder and more complicated and higher. The last path is the “Black” one. Black path is 15 meters long and each team can delegate one or two team members to pass it. More team members pass it, more points the team gets. Tarzan jump, Black net and Flying skateboard are just some of the obstacles they will have to pass. Lunch break with typical Montenegro cuisine, lamb roasted under a cloth, homemade bread, cheese, smoked ham and priganice at the end. After lunch there is a team’s archery competition. Who has the courage to aim at the boss as a target?
- Day 13. Smuggling day,** Once upon a time there was a land called Montenegro. Growing tobacco was very popular, but unfortunately all of it had to be sold to the Ministry of Tobacco and they were not paying free market price for it. So people were forced to hide and smuggle some tobacco and sell it on a free market. Task is for each participant to smuggle a box of local very popular cigarettes. They all get maps and a final point. There are few local roads to the final point Virpazar (ancient market place in Montenegro). On each road is a custom control operated by the Ministry of Tobacco and mean custom officers called “Finanzi”. It is difficult to pass them, but if you have the right answers, you never know. Meeting point is famous kafana at Virpazar called Pelikan, where all famous smugglers used to gather and tell stories how they have passed or fell. After lunch we will have a boat ride over Skadarsko lake.
- Day 14. Terrible day. Departure day. Sad day,** you name it. Everybody has to go home.