

Adriatic Allure FitCation Pre-Journey Montenegrin Magic Sep 13—Sep 16, 2023

HIGHLIGHTS: Dubrovnik - Perast - Lady of The Rocks - Kotor - Kotor Bay





## **ITINERARY AT A GLANCE**

Montenegro - Heroic-looking highlands, pretty blonde bays overlooking the royal blue Adriatic Sea, antique Venetian villages, and UNESCO walled cities - Montenegro might be small but has a huge array of natural and man-made wonders. Mountainous hinterland nestles deep canyons, gushing rivers, glacial lakes, and forests, popular for adventure activities. The serpentine coast skirts glistening ports, from palazzo-embellished Perast in UNESCO-protected Bay of Kotor to Tivat's superyacht marina. Montenegro is a stunning destination to explore!

Sep 13

Day 1 – Dubrovnik –

Perast – Kotor



The **Montenegrin Adriatic coast** is 295 km long, with 72 km of beaches, and with many well-preserved ancient old towns. The main attractions along the north coast are: The old Town of Herceg Novi, The old town of Kotor - listed with UNESCO world heritage sites, Boka Kotorska (Bay of Kotor), with the ancient small town of Perast.

Your private driver will be waiting for you at Dubrovnik airport, today you are heading to **Montenegro!**Driving south alongside Adriatic coast passing cities of Cavtat and Konavle region and soon cross the border to Montenegro (do not forget your passports). We are driving alongside the Kotor Bay (Europe's most southern fiord) passing the cities Igalo, Herceg Novi - two great Turkish, later Venetian fortresses.

Your first stop is **Perast. Gospa od Skrpjela (Our Lady of the Rocks**) is the name of one of two tiny islands located in the inner part of Boka Kotorska bay, near the old town or Perast. The peculiar fact about these islands is that they are almost completely man made.

The island began as a pile of rocks, and according to legend, on 22nd of July 1452, two fishermen, brothers Moršić discovered an image of Virgin Mary there. A tiny Orthodox chapel was built on the site. In the 1600s Venetians took over the region of Boka and the city of Perast. In 1630 they built a Catholic chapel on the place of original orthodox one. They decided to further expand the island by piling rocks from the mainland and by sinking the old ships. The custom remains to this day. Every 22nd of July at sunset citizens of Perast take their boats and throw rocks into the sea. The custom is known as fašinada. The church visible today dates from 1722. It houses a venerable 15th century icon of Virgin Mary, the work of Lovro Dobričević, now known as Our Lady of the Rocks, and an altar made of Carrara marble is a work of Genovese sculptor Antonio Capelano.

Final drive to your hotel, check in and relax, evening at leisure.

Overnight in Kotor.

#### **SERVICES**

- Private transfer in a luxury vehicle (Mercedes or similar) from Dubrovnik airport to Kotor, en route visit Perast
- English-speaking licensed guide for a private walking tour of Perast, up to 2 hrs
- Entrance fee to Lady of The Rocks including boat ride
- Accommodation in Kotor, Forza Terra Boutique Hotel & Spa 5\* or similar, Double Superior room with balcony/terrace and sea view, breakfast and taxes included









Located along one of the world's most beautiful bays is **Kotor**, a city of traders and famous sailors, with many stories to tell. The Old City of Kotor is a well-preserved urbanization typical of the Middle Ages, built between the 12th and 14th century. Medieval architecture and numerous monuments of cultural heritage have made Kotor land on the UNESCO's World Natural and Historical Heritage Site list.

Through the entire city the buildings are intersected by narrow streets and squares. Cathedral of Saint Tryphon (Sveti Tripun) is at the center of one of these squares, and it's a monument of Roman culture and one of the most recognizable symbols of the city. The Church of Saint Luke (Sveti Luka) from the 13th century, Church of Saint Ana (Sveta Ana) from the 12th century, Church of Saint Mary (Sveta Marija) from the 13th century, Church of the Healing Mother of God (Gospe od Zdravlja) from the 15th century, the Prince's Palace from the 17th century and the Napoleon's Theatre from the 19th century are all treasures that are part of the rich heritage of Kotor. Carnivals and festivals are organized each year to give additional charm to this most beautiful city of the Montenegrin littoral.

#### Breakfast at hotel.

Explore Kotor Old town accompanied by a **local English speaking guide**. A fascinating mix of spacious squares and cramped alleyways, Kotor's Old Town begs to be explored. Each winding alley can lead you towards the next surprisingly cozy plaza, the next ivy adorned courtyard. History is writ large into the stones of Kotor, and the town conceals more historical Easter eggs than any but the most observant of explorers will find. The Old City of Kotor is a well preserved urbanization typical of the middle Ages, built between the 12th and 14th century. Medieval architecture and numerous monuments of cultural heritage have made Kotor land on the UNESCO's World Natural and Historical Heritage Site list.

After strolling Kotor's Stari Grad, you should have warmed up enough for a walk up to Tvrđave Kotora or the Castle of San Giovanni or Castle of St John for stupendous vistas of the fjord and a fabulous birds-eye- view of the Old Town of Kotor, Montenegro. **The Ladder of Kotor hike** is a rocky path made up of at least 65 switchbacks snaking its way up the mountain range to the east of Kotor Old Town. The trail wraps its way behind the small crest that the Kotor Fortress City Walls are built on and leads all the way up to the Krstac Pass to an altitude of 940 meters above mean sea level. This trail is both significant and historic, and for centuries served as the only route connecting Kotor to Njeguši village and the region of Cetinje. The constant switchbacks allow for a less steep ascent, enabling travelers to navigate over this mountain range with livestock and goods.

Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure, overnight in Kotor.

#### **SERVICES**

- English-speaking licensed guide for a private walking tour of Kotor, up to 2hrs
- Accommodation in Kotor, Forza Terra Boutique Hotel & Spa 5\* or similar, Double Superior room with balcony/terrace and sea view, breakfast and taxes included









Breakfast at hotel.

If you wish to capture all that beautiful Boka has to offer in one single breath this tour is perfect for you. Rarely you come across beauty that leaves you struggling for superlatives, so breathtaking you've few words to describe it. Hemmed in by cliffs that command the view, gazing upon serpentine straits and foamy gulfs marking an invisible border of the bay, Montenegro's Boka Bay resembles a giant blue cauldron from a bird's eye view. The picturesque landscape represents none other than the Bay of Kotor, or the legendary Boka Bay, a brim with Venetian old towns and historical meccas scattered along the coastline, guarding the rich and magnificent history of Montenegro. Encounter the photogenic medieval towns, numerous citadels, and island monasteries – explore the bay's narrow and winding coast, but also be sure to take to the water and sail, enjoying the view from the deck of the motorboat.

Meet your skipper for a **private speed boat excursion from Tivat to Boka Bay.** Explore impressive **Submarine Tunnels**, which are located all around the Adriatic seas of Montenegro. The Submarine Caves were used to hide submarines during the World War II. Cut into the rock of the steep coast on **Herceg Novi Bay**, Submarine hideouts were made by the formidable President of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia as a precaution against attack to hide the Submarines. The tunnels run about 80m into the coastline and the outside of the opening is designed and covered by fake rocks so they would not be invisible to satellites or spy planes.

Blue Grotto visit will follow, one of the few natural gems of the Mediterranean, is perhaps the most beautiful natural phenomenon in the 6 Bays of Boka. This beauty is one of the largest in a series of caves on the peninsula of Luštica. It has two openings – small one on the south and a bigger one on the southwest side. Boats approach through the smaller entrance and unveil an incredible game of sea and lights that will leave you breathless. The sunlight enters the cave through the small opening and, as it reflects of the water, it colors the water and cave walls in gorgeous bright shades of blue. In addition, resonance of the cave turns every sound within it into an echo, which is yet another of the phenomena characteristic of this hidden treasure. Go swimming or snorkeling to see the array of colors and treasures beneath. Hardly to be seen anywhere else in the world, this natural theater entices you to swim in its warm water.

Panoramic sightseeing of **Mamula island** followed and we suggest having lunch at Ribarsko selo restaurant. Return to your hotel, overnight in Kotor.

#### **SERVICES**

- Half day Private boat excursion with skipper from Kotor to Blue cave, including Mamula, Perast, Submarine pens (up to 4.5hrs) (includes: professional skipper, safety belts, fuel, bottled water)
- Accommodation in Kotor, Forza Terra Boutique Hotel & Spa 5\* or similar, Double Superior room with balcony/terrace and sea view, breakfast and taxes included





# **Sep 16**

Day 4 – Kotor - Dubrovnik



Breakfast and check out!

Sadly, it's time to say goodbye to beautiful Montenegro, private transfer from Kotor to hotel in Dubrovnik is arranged. Meet the FitCation travel buddies in Dubrovnik!

SRETAN PUT I HVALA! (Bon Voyage and Thank you!)

#### **SERVICES**

- Private transfer in a luxury vehicle (Mercedes or similar) from Kotor to Dubrovnik

# **Bon Voyage / Sretan Put!**

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# **INCLUSION LIST**

# Adriatic Allure FitCation Pre-Journey - Montenegrin Magic 4 Days - Sep 13 - 16, 2023 | 2 travelers | dbl room

- ✓ ALL VAT/TAXES INCLUDED
- ✓ 24H CONCIERGE SERVICE WHILE IN THE COUNTRY
- ✓ Private transfer in a luxury vehicle (Mercedes or similar) from Dubrovnik airport to Kotor, en route visit Perast
- ✓ English-speaking licensed guide for a private walking tour of Perast, up to 2 hrs
- ✓ Entrance fee to Lady of The Rocks including boat ride
- ✓ Sep 13 16, 2023 3 Nights Accommodation in Kotor, Forza Terra Boutique Hotel & Spa 5\* or similar, Double Superior room with balcony/terrace and sea view, breakfast and taxes included
- ✓ English-speaking licensed guide for a private walking tour of Kotor, up to 2hrs
- ✓ Half day Private boat excursion with skipper from Kotor to Blue cave, including Mamula, Perast, Submarine pens (up to 4.5hrs) (includes: professional skipper, safety belts, fuel, bottled water)
- ✓ Private transfer in a luxury vehicle (Mercedes or similar) from Kotor to Dubrovnik

## **Not Included**

- ✓ Meals and drinks not mentioned in the itinerary
- ✓ Airfare, Travel Insurance please do let your expert know if you'd need assistance
- ✓ Additional sightseeing, activities, and experiences outside of your itinerary
- ✓ Personal expenses (laundry, phone calls, mini bar etc.)
- ✓ Gratuity for services and experiences







## **TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

### **General Terms and Conditions**

Your deposit is due immediately upon booking (30% of program price). The balance is due 45 days prior to original departure date.

Cancellations of confirmed bookings 45 days or more prior to departure will receive full refund minus 15% of the full program price and any non-refundable paid fees (e.g., non-refundable airfare, cruise, or hotel deposits). 44 days or less will be subject to loss of 100% of program price.

Tour quotes do not include airfare to/from the trip start point unless noted on the itinerary.

Cost increases in currency exchange, government fees, taxes, surcharges, or hotel/lodge tariff increases between quote date and start date are payable by the client.

Availability cannot be guaranteed until booked. Any holds we have placed on your behalf are temporary, hotels and services listed are not guaranteed, prices subject to change. We recommend booking early and quickly.

We accept payment via credit card or wire transfer. Program package quotes do not include airfare to/from the trip start point unless specifically noted on the itinerary.

## **Limits on Responsibility**

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## **Unforeseen Circumstances**

Although Adriatic Allure will make every effort to adhere to the itinerary, on rare occasions it may be necessary to make an adjustment to these arrangements. Should such adjustment be necessary, a substitute will be offered when and where possible. If any unusual, unforeseeable or extraordinary circumstances beyond our control, including (but not limited to) war, riots, terrorism, fire, natural disaster, explosion, strikes, lockouts, slowdowns, prolonged shortage of energy supplies, plagues, epidemics and acts of state or governmental action prohibiting or impeding any party from performing its respective obligations under the contract (travel restrictions, quarantines, trade embargoes, closure of airports or seaports and borders) or any other event outside the control of Adriatic Allure which affects the journey arrangements, Adriatic Allure cannot accept liability for any resulting loss, damage or expense and any refund will be subject to deduction of applicable expenses. In case of force majeure and we need to cancel any travel arrangements, Adriatic Allure has the right to retain funds paid, to delay the delivery of the services or end the legal contract without legal intervention by informing of this in writing. Clients are not entitled to any damages unless this would be unacceptable according to measures of reason and fairness given the circumstances. Adriatic Allure is not responsible for any loss, accident, injury, delay, defect, omission, or irregularity which may occur, such as changes, additional expenses, and cancellations due to weather conditions, ferryboat, or other transportation schedule changes and other any changes beyond our control.

## **Disabled persons**

Adriatic Allure must be advised during the booking process should there be any person in a traveling party who cannot travel independently or who needs any form of assistance or has any medical condition which could affect their travel, as such person must be accompanied by a companion capable of assisting this person. Areas visited will often not offer access and pathways comparable to those accommodating the disabled in your country.

# **Change Request Deadline**





We understand that there may be a need to change a component or item of your final booking program and we will try our best to accommodate such requests (but cannot guarantee that such request can be accommodated and if accommodated that such will not increase the cost of your booking package). We request that you give us as much advance notice as possible of any additional requests or nuances or changes to your program. Prices are based on current rates of exchange, tariffs, and taxes. Adriatic Allure retains the right to increase tour prices to cover increased costs, tariffs, and taxes, and to reflect fluctuations in foreign exchange markets. Adriatic Allure retains the right to cancel or vary any itinerary and substitute components of the itineraries and arranged sightseeing due to unforeseen circumstances or circumstances beyond Adriatic Allure control. Every effort will be made to operate tours as planned, but alterations may occur after the fibal itinerary has been issued.

## **COVID-19 Acknowledgment**

Travelers must provide required health documentation for travel and agree to comply with all health protocols as directed by Adriatic Allure staff during their journey. Noncompliance with these measures will result in not being able to travel or continue on the journey. Guest voluntarily assumes all risks and related expenses in the event that they or any member of their traveling party require testing or quarantine, become infected with COVID-19 or experience travel interruptions or delays.

## **Insurance / Cancellation Insurance**

Adriatic Allure strongly recommends you buy trip cancellation/interruption insurance to protect yourself from unexpected circumstances that may cause you to cancel your trip.

Before traveling on a trip, we strongly recommend you review your personal insurance and health insurance to ensure you have coverage appropriate to meet your needs, and the needs of your family and dependants, in case of any loss of property or illness, injury or death.

## **Passports and Visas**

For most destinations, valid passport is required. Contact the relevant consulate or embassy for the most up-to-date visa requirements. Prior to confirming your vacations plans, check your passport to ensure that it is valid for the duration of your trip. Certain countries require that your passport remains valid for at least six months beyond the date you plan to leave. You may be denied entry to a certain country if passport expires fewer than six months after the day you are scheduled to leave. Please have your passport with you on excursions crossing into surrounding countries/border crossings.

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