

Montenegro and the Adriatic Coast

ALPINE MOUNTAINS, THE VIA DINARICA TRAIL, AND MAGNIFICENT KOTOR BAY



TRIP DATES

2024

May 28-June 7, 2024

August 29-September 8, 2024

September 16-26, 2024

2025

May 26-June 5, 2025

September 1-11, 2025

September 17-27, 2025



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From soaring limestone peaks in the north to classic Venetian towns along the blue Adriatic, Montenegro is one of Europe's hidden gems—uncrowded and perfect for WT-style hiking. We'll hike our way from the alpine world of Durmitor and Biogradska Gora national parks to the gorgeous coast at the Bay of Kotor, Europe's southernmost fjord. Along the way, we hike sections of the Balkans' Via Dinarica, a "mega trail" from Slovenia to Albania (and named Best New Trail by Outside magazine in 2014), discover Montenegro's cultural patchwork, and sample delightful cuisine that reflects the region's blend of east and west. Our finale finds us hiking along the Bay of Kotor, one of the most spectacular settings on the entire Adriatic Coast.



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Itinerary

Note: We highly recommend you arrive in Sarajevo the day before your adventure begins and visit several cultural sights including the Sarajevo Tunnel used during the Bosnian War, the intriguing Bosnian Pyramids, and the charming Old Town of Mostar. We are happy to book an extra night for you at our recommended hotel, an “on your own” expense.

DAY 1

SARAJEVO, BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA

Arrive in Sarajevo, capital of Bosnia-Herzegovina and a storied crossroads of ancient civilizations. This city has both a stunning location and a rich history that entwines the Ottoman and Austro-Hungarian empires. The defining feature of Sarajevo for centuries has been its religious mix, with an Orthodox church, a mosque, and a synagogue all within the radius of a few hundred yards. Our walking tour of Sarajevo brings us to Sebilj Square in Bascarsija, the 16th century Ottoman quarter, where we walk through a bazaar composed of little shops along medieval alleys with streets named for the trade (bookbinders, coppersmiths) that once occupied them. Sebilj Square features the landmark dome fountain that was originally a watering place for the horses who carried goods on the storied Silk Road linking Istanbul and Venice. We also explore the old Viennese part of Sarajevo, where we can see relics of the brief rule of the Austro-Hungarian Empire and visit the ancient Latin Bridge on the Miljacka River, the spot where in June 1914, the Archduke Franz Ferdinand and his wife were assassinated, triggering events that led to World War I. This afternoon, we gather for a trip orientation, followed by our Welcome Dinner. Overnight in Sarajevo...D

Approximate Walking Time: 2 hours

DAY 2

SARAJEVO / DURMITOR NATIONAL PARK, MONTENEGRO

We awake this morning to the sound of church bells and the echoes of the Islamic call to prayer in this multi-cultural town. We then head out on a scenic drive crossing into Montenegro, with stops for refreshments at a cozy family restaurant above the Drina River, lunch at a restaurant in the Piva district, and other points of interest en route. In Montenegro, the breathtaking “road of a hundred tunnels” brings us to 200-square-mile Durmitor National Park, the largest park in Montenegro and a World Heritage Site. The park protects the Durmitor Massif, a spectacular mass of limestone topped by 50 separate peaks over 6,000 feet. The easternmost spur of the massif extends into the breathtaking Tara River Canyon, Europe’s longest and deepest gorge, where the raging waters of the 80-mile-long Tara River course between immense canyon walls. Dinner and overnight in Zabljak, on the eastern fringes of Durmitor National Park..BLD

Approximate Driving Time: 5 hours

DAY 3

DURMITOR NATIONAL PARK

Today begins with a hike in the heart of Durmitor National Park, a spectacular region of saw-toothed peaks, deep canyons, and gleaming lakes. We start right



TRIP DETAILS AT-A-GLANCE

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| Length: | 11 days |
| Arrive: | Sarajevo, Bosnia |
| Depart: | Dubrovnik, Croatia |
| Lodging: | 10 nights hotels and inns |
| Meals: | All meals included except 2 dinners (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner) |
| Activity: | Cultural Adventures, Hiking / Trekking |
| Trip Level: | 1 2 ③ 4 5 6 A mix of moderate walks and hikes, some steep trails, 2-5 hours a day, optional rafting, van support |

HIGHLIGHTS

- Enjoy storied Sarajevo, with visits to Sebilj Square and the historic Latin Bridge
- Hike in pristine Durmitor National Park, along magnificent Kotor Bay, and on the Via Dinarica
- Explore the ancient woodlands of Biogradska Gora and the Tara River Canyon, one of Europe’s deepest gorges
- Discover Kotor, with its Greek, Roman, and Venetian heritage
- Sample the cultural tapestry of Montenegro’s cuisines



“Really great trip. Sarajevo
is a fascinating city and
Montenegro is beautiful.”
Cheryl O., Bedford, MA

from a secluded village and soon gain views of the highest summits of Durmitor while also getting a bird's-eye view of Zabljak. Along the way we'll pause by two jewel-like mountain lakes—Lake Jablansko and Lake Crno. Tonight in a small village near the resort of Zabljak, the only town in this wild region, we have a chance to visit a farming family and sample traditional Montenegrin dishes they will prepare especially for us, made with organic ingredients produced by the farmers themselves. Overnight in Zabljak...BLD

Hiking Details: 4.5 hours, 7.5 miles, elevation gain 1,750 feet, elevation loss 1,650 feet

DAY 4

TARA RIVER CANYON OR MOUNTAIN HIKE / BIOGRADSKA GORA NATIONAL PARK

We offer two choices this morning: either an exciting whitewater run on the Tara River (no previous whitewater experience necessary!) as it plunges through the deep gorge of the Tara Canyon, or a hike to a spectacular viewpoint overlooking the canyon, with the river's mingling jade and turquoise waters below us. For lunch, our rafting and hiking groups meet at the takeout point along the river for a delicious riverside barbecue. After a one-hour hike around a lake in Biogradska Gora National Park, we head for the small town of Kolasin, set at the foot of the Bjelasica Mountains in Biogradska Gora National Park.

Overnight in Kolasin...BLD

Approximate Rafting Time: 2 hours

Hiking Details: 3 hours, 4 miles, elevation gain/loss 1,650 feet. Additional 1-hour hike after lunch.

Approximate Driving Time: 2.5 hours

DAY 5

KOMOVI MOUNTAINS

Magical Biogradska Gora National Park protects one of the last stands of ancient woodlands in all Europe and is graced by five shimmering glacial lakes ringed by dense pine and fir forests. Today's loop hike begins in glistening green meadows and brings us up to the beautiful twin peaks of Komovi as we follow trails below these rocky summits. The views from here stretch to the mountains of Albania. Our lunch today is at an ecolodge that's a popular overnight stop for people hiking the Via Dinarica. Continue to Kolasin, where a 15-minute stroll through town brings us to a cozy tavern restaurant for dinner. Overnight in Kolasin...BLD

Hiking Details: 4-5 hours, 8 miles, elevation gain 2,300 feet, elevation loss 660 feet

Approximate Driving Time: 2 hours

DAY 6

KLJUC MOUNTAIN

Our day begins with a jeep ride to the trailhead and we hike across the ridges of Kljuc Mountain, a massif with ten separate peaks above 6,500 feet. Views stretch across spectacular mountain terrain, while the lush meadows below are scattered with stone or wooden shepherd's huts (called "katuns") amid the dense pine and beech forest. We enjoy our lunch en route in one of these katuns, a

chance to sample the delicious local lamb. Dinner tonight in Kolasin is on your own, and your Trip Leaders will be happy to recommend local options. Overnight in Kolasin...BL

Hiking Details: 4-5 hours, 7.5 miles, elevation gain 2,130 feet, elevation loss 1,400 feet

Approximate Driving Time: 1.5 hours

DAY 7

MORACA MONASTERY / LAKE SKADAR NATIONAL PARK

This morning we head to Bjelasica Mountain, where we hike through the forest to the panoramic ridges of the peak. After a picnic lunch, we drive through the lovely Moraca Valley, a spectacular forested gorge that eventually opens out to reveal the Moraca Monastery, a 13th century landmark perched on a plateau just a few feet from the rushing Moraca River. From there we head to Lake Skadar, the largest body of water in the Balkans and one of Europe's most important waterbird sanctuaries. Studded with rocky isles and sharply indented bays, the lake is fed by the Moraca River and flows into the Adriatic via the Bojana River near the Albanian border. At Karuč, a lovely, hidden part of Lake Skadar, our boat awaits to take us on a journey through exotic bulrushes, water lilies, and river channels, where—if we're lucky—we'll come across "curly pelicans," the Dalmatian pelican, one of the rarest pelican species in the world. After meandering along the Rijeka Crnojevica River to the fisherman village of the same name, our boat will drop us right in front of our hotel (if the water is high enough). Our van will have continued to the hotel to meet us with our luggage. Dinner and overnight at our waterfront pension in Rijeka Crnojevica...BLD

Hiking Details: 3 hours, 5.7 miles, elevation gain 1,300 feet, elevation loss 600 feet

Approximate Driving Time: 3 hours

DAY 8

CETINJE / LOVCEN NATIONAL PARK / KOTOR

In the mountain town of Cetinje, Montenegro's former capital, we'll take a tour, including a visit to King Nikola's Palace, once the home of Montenegro's last monarch and now a museum. Heading to Lovćen National Park, we'll set out for a morning hike through this park's beech forests and summer pastures, with a picnic lunch en route. At hike's end, a 15-minute cable car ride brings us down to Boka Kotorska Bay, from where we transfer to the medieval walled town of Kotor, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and the jewel of Montenegro's Adriatic Coast. Kotor's picturesque natural harbor is one of the most spectacular places on the entire Adriatic Coast, and its Old Town is a triangle of narrow streets and tiny squares with harmonious Venetian Gothic architecture hewn from blocks of pale stone. After setting into our beachside hotel in Dobrota, just a short drive from the Old Town, we go on a walking tour and explore all the hidden places with a local guide. In the evening we'll enjoy a seafood dinner in one of the local restaurants...BLD

Hiking Details: 2 hours, 3.4 miles, elevation gain 850 feet, elevation loss 500 feet

Approximate Driving Time: 1.5 hours



“The Trip Leader's enthusiasm for the country and her wonderful personality contributed so much toward making this a fabulous trip.”
Olivia A., Bexhill-on-Sea, England

DAY 9

BAY OF KOTOR

Today's hike starts at around 2,500 feet above majestic Kotor Bay and follows the “Blue” trail of the Via Dinarica, which veers toward the coast of the Adriatic Sea. We follow a path past a nearly abandoned shepherd's village (only one person still lives there) and reach the old St. Andrew's fortress, with its stunning views of the bay. After a seafood lunch in one of Montenegro's most magical restaurants—a refurbished ancient windmill surrounded by naturally flowing watersprings—we visit some prehistoric rock carvings and 2nd century Roman mosaics, then enjoy an afternoon dedicated to relaxation or a refreshing swim in the transparent sea. Dinner is on your own this evening so you can choose from among the many cafes and restaurants in Kotor. Overnight at hotel...BL
Hiking Details: 3-4 hours, 6 miles, elevation gain/loss of 675 feet
Approximate Driving Time: 1.5 hours

DAY 10

BAY OF KOTOR / PERAST

Kotor Bay, Europe's southernmost fjord, is dotted with tiny stone-built medieval villages perched beneath soaring mountains. We head to the picturesque little fishing town of Perast this morning to enjoy its waterfront Venetian-Gothic architecture and head out into the bay by boat. One of the places we visit by boat is the tiny island called Our Lady of the Rock, one of Montenegro's great landmarks, sitting serenely offshore and hosting a venerated 17th century church that covers most of the island. After heading back to land, the afternoon is free for independent exploration. We gather for our festive farewell dinner tonight. Overnight at hotel in Dobrota...BLD
Approximate Driving Time: 2 hours

DAY 11

DUBROVNIK, CROATIA / DEPART

Transfer to Dubrovnik for departure on homeward-bound flights, or stay on to enjoy Dubrovnik, a World Heritage Site enclosed within massive city walls on the edge of the Adriatic. We highly recommend a stay in this lively city full of Baroque and medieval splendors...B



Trip Cost, Payment & Insurance

TRIP COST

Prices are per person, valid through 2024

\$5195 (10-15 members)

\$5695 (4-9 members)

Single supplement: \$785

2025 Trip Cost: Please call for details

To offer the lowest possible cost, our trips are priced according to the number of participants on the trip. All costs are per person, based on double occupancy. If you wish to have a single room, you must pay the single supplement fee. Please note that Wilderness Travel staff, or guests of Wilderness Travel such as travel writers, photographers, or leaders-in-training, are not included in the tier pricing count.

CURRENCY EXCHANGE RATE

Because the prices published for our program are set so far in advance of the trip dates, we are occasionally faced with exceptional cost increases and/or currency fluctuations that affect the actual cost of running the trip. In most years, no price changes are necessary. However, we do reserve the right to raise or lower the trip price if there is a significant change in costs or exchange rates. If this is the case, your final invoice will reflect the difference in trip cost.

TRIP COST INCLUDES

- Expert leadership of a Wilderness Travel Trip Leader and local guides
- Accommodations in hotels and comfortable inns
- All meals included except 2 dinners as indicated in the Detailed Itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner)
- A glass of wine or beer with dinner
- Ground transportation throughout the trip
- Sightseeing and entrance fees on group tours

TRIP COST DOES NOT INCLUDE

International airfare, airport/hotel transfers, any meals not specified after each itinerary day, airport departure taxes, optional tipping or gratuities to leaders or staff, additional hotel nights that may be necessary due to airline schedule changes or other factors; pre-trip expense of medical immunizations (if any), travel insurance or passports; and other expenses of a personal nature (alcoholic beverages, laundry, telephone calls, etc.).

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

At time of reservation: \$600

90 days prior to departure: Balance

CANCELLATION AND TRANSFER FEE SCHEDULE

Up to 91 days prior to departure: No charge!

61-90 days prior to departure: 25% of trip cost

46-60 days prior to departure: 50% of trip cost

45 days or less: 100% of trip cost

TRAVEL INSURANCE

We highly recommend you purchase travel insurance. You can take advantage of a comprehensive Travel Protection Plan designed for Wilderness Travel by Travelex, or purchase other insurance on your own. See our website for details: www.wildernesstravel.com/insurance

Arrival & Departure

Upon confirming your trip reservation, we will send you a Welcome Packet that includes a list of documents (passport, visas, etc.) required for your trip. Please feel free to call if you would like this information before making your air arrangements.

If you have booked extra services before or after the trip, an Extra Services Confirmation will be sent with your Final Documents.

ARRIVAL & MEETING PLACE

Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Suggested Airport: Sarajevo International Airport (SJJ)

Suggested Date & Time: Day 1, by 1:00 pm

Meeting Place: You will meet your Trip Leader in the lobby of the Aziza Hotel in Sarajevo at 3:00 pm on Day 1.

DEPARTURE

Kotor, Montenegro

Suggested Airport: Dubrovnik Airport (DBV)

Suggested Date & Time: Day 11, after 2:00 pm

On Day 11, a group transfer is provided from the Hotel Forza Mare in Kotor to the Dubrovnik Airport. The transfer departs at 9:30 am, arriving at Dubrovnik Airport around 12:00 pm. If you are staying on in Dubrovnik, we will provide one transfer to the Grand Hotel Excelsior, near the Old Town. Here clients will be able to unload their luggage and call a taxi to take them to their hotel, as it is impossible for our van to continue any further. Clients staying on for the Dubrovnik Extension will be met by their guide at Grand Hotel Excelsior.

INTERNATIONAL AIR TRAVEL

You are responsible for making your own arrangements for flights to and from Europe. There are no direct flights from the US to Sarajevo or returning from Dubrovnik, so you will need to transit through a major European city such as Munich, Frankfurt, or Vienna. There are also limited flights through London.

There are many online consolidators for booking travel, but for more personal help arranging air transport, you can contact Exito Travel at 1-800-655-4053 in the US or 1-800-670-2605 in Canada. They are very adept at putting flight itineraries together, to even the most far-flung places. More information can be found on Exito's website at www.exitotravel.com.

Depending on your routing, it is necessary to depart from the US one or possibly two days prior to Day 1 of the trip itinerary. The name on your airline ticket must match the name on your passport exactly, and your passport must be valid for at least six months after your date of return to the US.

Please do not purchase your tickets until you are confirmed on the trip. Once your tickets have been purchased, please forward us a copy of your email confirmation from the airline so we can reserve your airport transfers. It is your responsibility to ensure your flight times coordinate with the arrival and departure logistics for this trip.

Trip Leaders

Wilderness Travel Trip Leaders have a passion and a joy for creating an unforgettable journey. We are extremely proud of them and the incredible travel experiences they make possible. For more information about our Trip Leaders, including client comments about them and which specific trips they will be leading, please visit our webpage and click on “Trip Leaders”: www.wildernesstravel.com/trip/montenegro-croatia-adriatic-via-dinarica-hiking-tour.



VLATKO BULATOVIC

Vlatko Bulatovic, of Montenegro, is a professional mountain guide with a passion for introducing his home country to hikers. With Montenegro emerging as one of Europe’s newest hiking destinations, he has been instrumental in recent years in developing hiking routes, marking trails, creating trail maps and determining locations for hikers’ huts in Montenegro’s mountains. A former restaurateur, Vlatko (short for Vladimir) has a degree in economics and speaks Montenegrin and English. When not guiding, he can be found indulging his love for music by playing the guitar, drums, harmonica, and sometimes the kaval (the Balkan shepherds’ flute).



TOMO PETEK

With a degree in economics and tourism, Tomaz “Tomo” Petek created a vagabond lifestyle, traveling to different continents. From Italy to India, Morocco to Belize, he immersed himself in new environments, and picked up a few languages along the way (he’s fluent in four, to be precise). Yet after so much time away from his home country of Slovenia, he decided to return and has been guiding trips ever since. “My wish came true—I live in a country with a lot of natural beauty and I have one of the best jobs in the world,” he says. When not leading trips, Tomo enjoys climbing, cycling, and photography, and has become a certified yoga teacher.



DENITZA PETROVA

Denitza Petrova was born in Varna, a town on Bulgaria’s Black Sea coast. She graduated with a degree in sociology from Sofia University and spent her college summers in California. She later completed a two-year stint in outdoor education in the Santa Cruz Mountains (Camp Campbell Outdoor Science School), where she taught students about the beauty and uniqueness of the California redwoods. In her time in California, she became a passionate advocate for nature conservation, and on return to Bulgaria, she joined her country’s anti-nuclear and environmental movement. Today she is the Greenpeace representative in Bulgaria. She loves the mountains of her native country and is especially keen to share their beauty with travelers. “Bulgaria still has many hidden treasures waiting to be discovered, and it’s the perfect place for people who want to be in touch with wild nature and feel the true spirit of the Balkans.” Denitza also enjoys sharing Bulgaria’s folk music, both the dances and the songs. As a youth, she danced with one of the folk groups in Varna.



STANISLAV SIMICIC

Stanislav Simicic, of Croatia, is a graduate of a culinary academy in Osijek. A fine chef, he was awarded a second-place ranking among all young Croatian chefs in a competition in 1997. Stanislav later worked as a chef at a restaurant in Poreč for three years, then began to manage several yachts that ply the Adriatic. He has been working with us as a chef and Trip Leader since 2007, bringing a thorough knowledge of Croatian history and culture to the trip, along with wonderful cuisine. Stanislav is fluent in English and German. When not guiding, he spends time exploring Croatia’s many beautiful places with his wife, son, and friends.

Accommodations

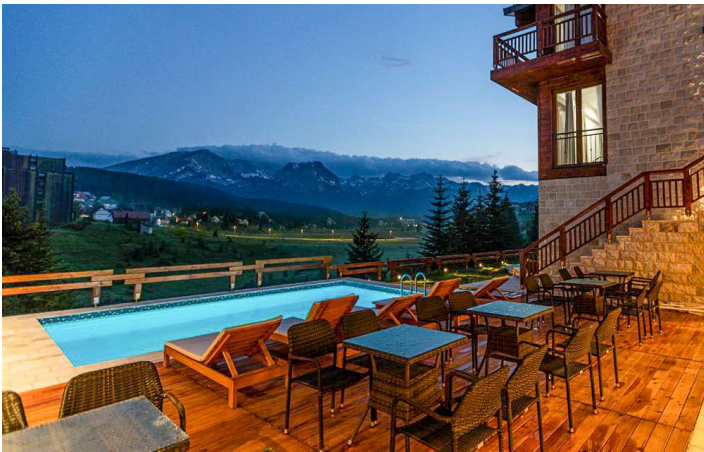


AZIZA HOTEL

Sarajevo, Bosnia-Herzegovina

Day 1 (1 night)

Set in the heart of the old town, this comfortable family-operated hotel (named after the beloved matriarch!) offers a warm and intimate welcome to all who cross its entrance. Guest rooms are individually decorated, offer the usual amenities found in fine hotels, and each sports a view of the city. The staff is friendly, helpful, and accommodating.



NORTH STORY

Žabljak, Montenegro

Days 2 to 3 (2 nights)

Set in a quiet location, this modern hotel is an ideal place to stay while exploring the trails of Durmitor National Park. After a day of hiking, soothe any weary muscles in the outdoor Jacuzzi with its views of the Durmitor Mountains or relax in the hotel's sauna. Guest rooms are apartment-like, with a sitting room, kitchen, fireplace, and terrace. The staff is warm and very welcoming and make you feel right at home.



BIANCA RESORT AND SPA

Kolasin, Montenegro

Days 4 to 6 (3 nights)

The Bianca Resort & Spa is a contemporary hotel complex built in alpine-chalet style, with wood-panelled rooms and a large central fireplace in the lobby. It is in the center of the mountain town of Kolasin, a skiing destination in winter.



HOTEL S FAMILY JOVICEVIC

Rijeka Crnojevica, Montenegro

Day 7 (1 night)

Set on a tributary of Lake Skadar, this simple hotel offers air-conditioned rooms with private bathroom, free Wi-Fi, and a terrace with views of the river. The on-site restaurant is open all day, and you'll enjoy breakfast right beside the river.



FORZA MARE HOTEL AND RESORT

Kotor, Montenegro

Days 8 to 10 (3 nights)

The Forza Mare is a lovely spot to come back to after a day of exploring. This boutique hotel has a breathtaking view over Montenegro Bay, a private beach, wonderful service, and excellent food. The staff is friendly and helpful.

These are our signature accommodations for this trip. Although it is highly unlikely, we may make substitutions when necessary. To see more photos and descriptions, please visit our *Montenegro and the Adriatic Coast* webpage and click on "Accommodations."

Dubrovnik Extension

Dubrovnik, the “Pearl of the Adriatic,” is a dazzling late-medieval walled city of Gothic, Renaissance, and Baroque architecture. Set on a rocky peninsula and surrounded by the cobalt waters of the Adriatic, this UNESCO World Heritage Site brims with culture, history, and an incredible sense of the past. On this four-day extension, enjoy the expertise of a local guide as you discover Dubrovnik’s enchanting Old Town, take a cooking class in the Konvale countryside, and marvel at the walls of ancient Ston. Sample regional delights along the way including fabulous wines, farm-fresh cuisine, and oysters plucked straight from the sea.



DAY 1 EXPLORE DUBROVNIK

You will be met and transferred by land to the hotel in Dubrovnik. After settling in and enjoying lunch in Dubrovnik’s charming Old Town, you’ll be taken on a two-hour guided tour of the city. Walk along cobbled streets and visit Baroque churches, historic monasteries and palaces, marble-paved squares, and the ancient walls that have protected the city for centuries. Dinner is on your own and your guide will be happy to make recommendations. Overnight at your hotel...BL

DAY 2 COOKING CLASS IN KONVALE

Learn to prepare local Dalmatian specialties and enjoy warm Croatian hospitality at a farm in the Konavle countryside where organic vegetables, grapes, and Mediterranean fruits (wonderful figs!) are grown. You’ll tour the property, pick some of the fruits and vegetables for your meal, and sample some of their homemade wines and liqueurs. After the class, enjoy a family-style lunch. Return to Dubrovnik for some free time and dinner on your own. Overnight at your hotel...BL

DAY 3 MEDIEVAL STON

This morning, enjoy a scenic drive to the enchanting medieval village of Ston, nestled on a bay at the base of a mountain on the Peljesac Peninsula. Ston, which was a military fort in medieval times, still sports well-preserved defensive stone walls (known as the “Great Wall of Croatia”). Enjoy a walking tour in the city and along the bay of Ston, and continue to a local winery in nearby Ponikve to sample some of the region’s ruby-reds and excellent rosés. Head out on a short sailboat ride in the bay where oyster and mussel farms thrive. Stop in a picturesque spot for an oyster tasting and lunch. Return to Dubrovnik in the afternoon. Dinner is on your own, and your guide

can help you choose from the many wonderful options. Overnight at your hotel...BL

DAY 4 DEPART

After breakfast, head to the airport for your homeward-bound flight from the Dubrovnik Airport...B

EXTENSION COST

Prices are for 2024

\$2095 (2 members)

Single supplement: \$925

High-season surcharge (September & October): \$300

Prices are not guaranteed until services are confirmed.

EXTENSION COST INCLUDES

- Same private guide throughout extension
- All hotel accommodations
- 4 breakfasts and 3 lunches
- Airport transfers
- Entrances to museums and sites as noted
- Ground transportation

EXTENSION COST DOES NOT INCLUDE

Meals not specified (BLD) in this itinerary, beverages at restaurants or hotels, customary gratuities to staff, additional hotel nights made necessary by airline schedule changes or other factors, and other expenses of a personal nature (alcoholic beverages, laundry, etc.).

Trip Details

WHAT THE TRIP IS LIKE

This trip is Level 3, Moderate. It is a hiking journey with day hikes of four to six hours on most days over moderate to steep mountain terrain. Although we are not at altitude, the trails can be rocky and narrow, and there is a lot of limestone, which can get slippery when wet. You will carry just a daypack on the hikes. Hiking boots that go above the ankle are recommended for the extra support, as well as hiking poles.

The hiking itinerary is planned as we have described it in the preceding pages. However, as in any mountain trip, we will remain flexible with regard to weather and other local conditions in choosing our routes. And do remember that apart from the coastal areas, the tourism infrastructure in Montenegro is still in development and the services, facilities, and quality of hiking trails can be basic.

Please note that in Europe, the dinner hour is considerably later than what it is in the US. We do our best to secure

early reservations for our groups, but most often the evening meal will be at 7:30 pm. Rooms in the hotels and inns we stay in are not always of uniform or international size. However, our leaders try their best to assign rooms in a fair way so that all participants experience an equal advantage throughout the trip as a whole. Please note that single rooms in European hotels tend to be small by US standards.

WEATHER

Temperatures are likely to reach the 60Fs and 70Fs during the day, with cooling breezes and occasional rain. During evenings in the mountainous interior of Montenegro, it can get quite cool, with evening temperatures as low as the high 40Fs and low 50Fs. In the mountains, the weather can change quickly from blue skies to cloudy, wet, and cold, so you should have rain gear and warm garments handy in your daypack. You are likely to experience a full range of weather conditions in Montenegro—pack accordingly, with layers for warmth and weather protection.

| HIKING DETAILS BY DAY | | | | DRIVING DETAILS |
|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------------|-----------------|
| DAY | HOURS | MILES | ELEV. GAIN/LOSS | HOURS |
| 1 | 2 hours | | | |
| 2 | | | | 5 hours |
| 3 | 4.5 hours | 7.5 miles | +1750' / -1650' | |
| 4 | 3-4 hours | 4 miles | +/- 1650' | 2.5 hours |
| 5 | 4.5 hours | 8 miles | +2300' / -660 | 2 hours |
| 6 | 4-5 hours | 7.5 miles | +2130' / -1400' | 1.5 hours |
| 7 | 3 hours | 5.7 miles | +1300' / -600' | 3 hours |
| 8 | 2 hours | 3.4 miles | +850' / -500' | 1.5 hours |
| 9 | 3-4 hours | 6 miles | +/- 675' | 1.5 hours |
| 10 | | | | 2 hours |

| AVERAGE DAILY MAX/MIN °F | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUN | JUL | AUG | SEP | OCT | NOV | DEC |
| Sarajevo | 34/21 | 39/25 | 46/30 | 55/37 | 64/45 | 70/50 | 75/52 | 75/52 | 68/46 | 59/39 | 46/32 | 36/25 |
| Kotor | 45/34 | 46/37 | 54/45 | 61/52 | 70/57 | 77/57 | 82/63 | 82/63 | 75/55 | 66/48 | 55/41 | 46/34 |
| RAINFALL - INCHES | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sarajevo | 2.8 | 2.8 | 2.7 | 3.1 | 3.6 | 3.8 | 3.4 | 3.0 | 3.0 | 3.2 | 3.8 | 3.4 |
| Kotor | 6.2 | 5.5 | 5.0 | 4.7 | 3.5 | 2.8 | 2.0 | 2.5 | 3.9 | 5.5 | 7.5 | 6.9 |

CHOOSING THE RIGHT TRIP

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REFERENCES

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Toucan Club Rewards & Discounts

We are very proud to have one of the highest rates of repeat travelers in the business, and have established the Wilderness Travel Toucan Club to reward you for your loyalty. For more information, please visit the Toucan Club page of our website at www.wildernesstravel.com/toucan.

Here's how it works:

YOUR FIRST TRIP

As a first-time traveler, you receive a lightweight Wilderness Travel T-shirt and set of durable WT Luggage Tags. On subsequent trips, we're happy to send you a new WT T-shirt and set of Luggage Tags by request.

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YOUR THIRD TRIP

A versatile Wilderness Travel R-1 pullover by Patagonia (\$140 value).

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Discounts on the cost of your trip begin! You receive a 4% discount on the tour cost.

FIVE AND MORE TRIPS

You receive a 5% discount on the base trip cost. On your sixth trip, you receive a 6% discount, and so on up to your 10th trip. The maximum discount is 10%, with a ceiling of \$500.

Note: Due to special pricing considerations, Toucan Club discounts do not apply to our Private Journeys or Special Events. However, your participation on these trips does count toward your Toucan discount on future departures of Wilderness Travel's regular adventures.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

Toucan Club travel discounts cannot be used in conjunction with any other discount, unless otherwise specified. Discounts are deducted from the base trip cost and shown on the final invoice. The base trip cost is the main land/tier cost and does not include single supplement fees, extensions, internal airfare, or other additional charges. Bonus gifts (T-shirts, luggage tags, vests, water bottles, and pullovers) will be mailed approximately three weeks prior to trip departure. Terms and conditions of Toucan Club bonuses are subject to change or cancellation at the discretion of Wilderness Travel, Inc.



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WOMEN'S T-SHIRT



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