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Full Itinerary and Tour details for

Montenegro/Croatia 8-day Guided Cycling Tour





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Tour Details and Description

The best way to explore Montenegro is on a Cycling Tour. On this tour, which can be perfectly combined with a boat & bike trip from Dubrovnik, we discover some particularly picturesque towns as well as the fantastic coast of Montenegro with our tour guide. Departure point of this journey is Cavtat. The small town with its lovely coastline, ranks among the most popular travel destinations in the area of Dubrovnik and delights its visitors with its Renaissance architecture. Throughout the entire tour an accompanying vehicle is at your disposal, transporting your luggage, providing transfers during the tour, and offering everyone who no longer wishes to ride a safe and relaxed ride to the next meeting point.

Montenegro, one of the youngest states in the world, is our main destination. Together with our guides we discover the bay of Kotor whose steep limestone cliffs make it one of the most impressive landscapes in the entire Adriatic. Also visited are the coastal cities of Kotor and Budva as well as Montenegro's former capital Cetinje.

Special Features:

On this journey the tour guide does not accompany you by bike, instead a support vehicle is used, which is close to the cycle group at all times. You will receive important information about the country, its people and service for your bikes whenever you need. It is also possible to use the support and if the cycling tour becomes too exhausting; support from the accompanying vehicle is given at any time.

Departures:

This tour is **only available to groups of 8+ people booking together**. If you are interested to take part on this tour with friends, family or other acquaintances please send us an email with your

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preferred travel date and group size to info@slowtours.com.

Requirements (level 3 with support vehicle):

The cycle tours require a good basic fitness, which the participants should have acquired through regular bicycling. The trips reach altitudes between 1,640 to 4,920 ft./500 – 1,500 m. The day trips of 12.5 to 31 ft./20 – 50 km on average traverse without time pressure hilly and mountainous terrain. Some steeper and longer ascents must also be tackled, but it is perfectly acceptable to push the bicycle if necessary. Most of the roads are asphalt and not used much outside the holiday season. A support vehicle accompanies most of the cycle tours. Helmet use is mandatory on all bicycle rides. You are strongly encouraged to bring your own (well-fitted) helmet. A limited number of rental bike helmets are provided (free of charge, reservation requested).

Children:

In general we believe that only children with sufficient stamina and a minimum age of 10 are capable of tackling the bicycle tours. Please note that the minimum height for rental bikes is 4 ft/1.20 m

Catering:

The tour includes half-board. Catering starts with dinner on the day of arrival and ends with breakfast on the day of departure. All provided meals take place in the overnight hotels.

Included in the Cycling Tour:

- 8-day-hotel-journey with travel guide and support vehicle
- 7 nights in 3* 4* hotels in a double room with private facilities
- 7 x half board
- Bed linen and towels

- Cycling tours (as described in program) & support vehicle
- Overview maps for the daily tours
- City tours in Herceg Novi, Budva, Cetinje and Kotor
- English speaking travel guide

Not included in the tour:

- Journey to Cavtat
- Surcharge single room 135 EUR
- Taxi transfer from Dubrovnik airport to hotel at Cavtat: approx. 20 EUR/way
- Water flat rate for the cycle tours: 20 EUR/person
- Meals and drinks during the cycle tours
- Drinks in the hotels
- Entrance fees to museums
- Boat excursion to Virpazar
- Excursion to Dubrovnik on arrival day
- Tips for transfer drivers and tour guides

Extras:

- Rental bike with Ortlieb pannier: hybrid bicycle: 80 euro/week; e-bike: 180 EUR/week (limited)
- Insurance against theft and damage of the rental bike: hybrid bicycle: 10 EUR/week; e-bike: 20 EUR/week (not insured: grossly negligent damages)
- Additional overnight stay including breakfast in Dubrovnik or Cavtat

If you would like to rent a bike or e-bike, please contact our office when booking: info@slowtours.com

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Minimum group size 8 x people.

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Itinerary

Day 1

Cavtat Individual arrival to Cavtat and check-in in the first hotel. Afterwards you have the opportunity to stroll around the laid back little city or visit the nearby Dubrovnik (Taxi: distance aprx. 30 min.). You may join a guided city tour in Dubrovnik in the late afternoon (if booked in advance), before you return to your hotel in Cavtat, where you meet your guides and travel companions at 6pm.

Day 2

Cavtat – Herceg Novi approx. 28 mi./45km, 2,630 ft. | 800 m of elevation From Cavtat we cycle through the region of Primorje to the border of Montenegro. Our way presents us with plenty of spectacular views above the deep azure sea and the fertile vegetation. After passing the border the terrace-like bay of Kotor opens up. Along the promenade we continue biking to Herceg Novi, which lies in the entrance to Kotor Bay. After lunch you check into the hotel. Take the chance to stroll along the promenade of Hercig Novi and enjoy a swim before taking part on a guided city tour through the city centre. Overnight stay in Herceg Novi.

Day 3

Herceg Novi – Budva approx. 31 mi./50km, 2,950 ft. | 900 m of elevation In the morning we cycle along the coastal road of Kotor, until we reach the ferry from Kamenari to Leptane. From here our cycle tour takes us first to Tivat and then on a near traffic-free panoramic road with spectacular views as far as Budva. In the afternoon you have enough time to explore the picturesque old town of Budva on your own. Before dinner we can join a guided city tour through Budva a city destroyed almost completely by an earthquake in 1979. We spend the night in Budva.

Day 4

Cetinje – Virpazar approx. 25 mi./40km, 1,640 ft. | 500 m of elevation After a short transfer, including a stop at the famous Hotel Island of Sveti Stefan, you will reach the former capital of Montenegro, Cetinje. From here you start a wonderful bike ride with a picnic along the way. Our destination is the city of Virpazar on the shores of Lake Skadar which is 30 mi./48 km long and 9 mi./14 km wide and therefore one of the biggest lakes of the Balkan Peninsula. It offers a welcome resting place for the migratory birds on their journey to the south. In 1983 it was declared as a national park. Good weather offers us the opportunity to take an afternoon boat trip through this natural paradise. Overnight stay in Virpazar

Day 5

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Virpazar – Rijeka Crnojevica approx. 28 mi. 45km, 3,610 ft. | 1,100 m of elevation After breakfast we start off on our bikes. After a detour exploring the hinterlands, we continue on an almost traffic-free road as far as Rijeka Crnojevica. The place is known for its architecture and typical stone houses of the 17th and 18th century. Then we are free to decide to return to Cetinje by support vehicle or discover the last 12 mi./20 km and 2,300 ft./700 m of elevation by bike. On the city tour in Cetinje we explore the most important sights, for example the Montenegrin president's residence. In addition a lot of other government buildings and former embassies testify Cetinjes past as the capital city. Overnight stay in Cetinje

Day 6

Cetinje - Lov∎en - Kotor approx. 31 mi./50km, 2,950 ft. | 900 m of elevation Today's tour take us up Mount Loven. If the climb is too tough, you are able to request a lift either part of the way or all of the way with the accompanying transport vehicle. From the highest point (more than 9,900 ft./1,500 m above sea level) we can expect a rapid descent with spectacular views of the Bay of Kotor, surrounded by mountains reaching heights of up to 5,580 ft./1,700 m. It is the largest and best-protected bay in the entire Adriatic. Today's cycle tour leads us to Kotor. The town is almost 2,000 years old and famous for its medieval centre listed under UNESCO World Heritage protection. Here a guided city tour is offered and we may end the day with a leisurely walk through town and drink at one of the numerous cosy cafès and bars.

Day 7

Kotor – Cavtat approx. 8-9 mi./13-15km, 2,630 ft. | 800 m of elevation The last cycle tour leads us along the bay of Kotor until we reach the ferry between Lepetane and Kamenari. We cross the impressive bay of Kotor for the last time and board the shuttle bus on the other side. We will be taxied back to Croatia, where we make a stopover in one of the most beautiful restaurants of the country. Only a few more kilometres by bike through the region of Konavle until the end of the cycle journey.

Day 8

Cavtat (Return home or extended stay in Croatia) After breakfast hotel check-out or an extended stay in Croatia. Changes: We reserve the right to make changes to the planned route due to changing wind and weather conditions, and where required by organizational necessities. Sometimes the tour is also operated in reverse order.

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