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# A JOURNEY TO CYPRESS-STUDDED HILLS AND COBAL HARBOURS



**From:** €4,610.00

**Embarkation:** Piraeus (Athens)

**Duration:** 7 Nights / 8 days

**Disembarkation:** Fusina (Venice)

**Ship:** EXPLORA I

**Dates:** Sat, Jun 07, 2025 - Sat, Jun 14, 2025





📍 DAY GREECE

## 1 Progressive Athens

Port: Piraeus (Athens)

Arrival Method: DOCK

Departure: 19:00

Athenians don't live in the past. Ahead of its time, Athens exudes glamour and a sense of possibility - housing galleries, gelaterias, bijoux boutiques alongside a plethora of museums. And you can't help but marvel at the archaeological wonders of the Acropolis and the Parthenon. Stroll through vibrant streets and markets, dance at buzzing bouzoukia, sing along in tavernas. At night, head to the harbour, where dimly lit bars serve the local ice cold beer. And, as you inhale the salty air and watch Greek fishing boats peacefully depart for their catch, reflect on this ancient city's progressive attitude.



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## 2 Teeter on the Edge in Monemvasia

Port: Monemvasia

Arrival Method: TENDER

Arrival: 09:00

Departure: 22:00

Slow down to enjoy some whole-hearted peace and quiet. Rising high over the inky blue sea, Monemvasia is a mirage carved into the face of Peloponnese rock. Divided into a magical upper and lower sea-level town, the former is home to fallen streets, ancient Agia Sophia and Byzantine architecture. Wander through cobbled streets in the lower town amongst restaurants and residents. Listen to cicadas sing, watch black-clad grandmothers cook in divine tavernas and perhaps sample some Malvasia wine. This spectacular town sums up silence, sky and a sense of Mamma Mia.



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## 3 At sea



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## 4 Greek Classic Corfu

Port: Corfu

Arrival Method: DOCK

Arrival: 09:00

Departure: 20:00

Revel in a heady mix of Ionian landmarks amid spirit-boosting views. Sit beneath the iconic Liston arches in the atmospheric Old Town, span Spianada Square where skinny streets radiate off past churches and cross the moat to the Old Fortress. Slip into homey tavernas where chefs work meze finesse, skip aboard a caique, mountain bike, horse ride or shop ceramics. Head for staggering Paleokastritsa views strewn with pines, firs and sleepy Corfiot villages, bird spot in lush wetlands and climb Mount Pantokrator to capture rare icons. An enticing and scenic jaunt through an eternal Greek classic.



📍 DAY MONTENEGRO

## 5 The Jewel of the Balkan Fjords

Port: KOTOR

Arrival Method: DOCK

Arrival: 10:00

Departure: 20:00

Comely Kotor Bay, a lesser-travelled amphitheatre etched into the Adriatic coast of Montenegro, welcomes with hypnotic jade waters encircled by emerald-crowned slopes. Sheltered in the fjord's angelic embrace, Kotor Old Town beckons as a fairy-tale city whose formidable walls, Romanesque churches and medieval bastions have witnessed the highs and lows of masked carnivals and devastating earthquakes. Italian and Mediterranean influences flavour the cuisine, where gelato and *brodetto* accompany fresh Adriatic seafood. Uphill, the Church of our Lady of Remedy affords spectacular views of Kotor's red-tiled UNESCO World Heritage rooftops, a manmade jewel amongst landscapes where the inspired will wander.





📍 DAY CROATIA

## 6 The Zing of Zadar

Port: Zadar

Arrival: 13:00

Arrival Method: DOCK

Departure: 22:00

Head back in time through impressive walls and city gates to a treasure trove of architecture and natural beauty. Hike, ride or climb through an enchanting heartland of national parks; cruise up pine-cloaked rivers, swim under a crescent of cascades and spot sapphire dragonflies over emerald pools. Dance across the Monument to the Sun, follow whispers to remote turquoise shallows and hear the rhythm of the ocean from an underwater Sea Organ. Visit the Venetian towers, atmospheric wells and a superbly carved Romanesque Cathedral or climb a bell tower with far-reaching views. Infused in sunshine, Venetian charm and (according to Hitchcock) the world's best sunset - intriguing Zadar is a cultural gem resplendent.



📍 DAY CROATIA

## 7 Croatia's Eye of Istria

Port: Rovinj

Arrival: 09:00

Arrival Method: TENDER

Departure: 20:00

Squeezed onto a tiny yin-yang island of terracotta roofs and green gardens, pretty little Rovinj is the belle of Croatia. Pastel-coloured houses teeter over the crystal-clear waters of the Adriatic and climb up the hillside to the iconic bell tower of St. Euphemia Church, a permanent reminder of the city's Venetian roots. Delve into the maze of narrow streets lost in time, galleries and museums overhung with wooden balconies and Italianate shutters. Circle the city in a flat-bottomed *batana* fishing boat or kayak around the pine-forested shores of outlying islands, forage for local wines and honey in timeless markets and taste the flavours of the Istrian Peninsula in waterfront cafes.



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📍 DAY ITALY

## 8 Waltz into Venice

Port: Fusina (Venice)

Arrival Method: DOCK

Arrival: 08:00

Delve into ancient palaces, century-old galleries, and modern-day exhibits as you whirl through Venice. Walk through masterpieces, catch an opera, gaze at medieval buildings, blow Murano glass and drift down the Grand Canal by gondola to visit churches, convents and campi “squares” that vary in spirit and scale. Cross hump-backed bridges, reach teeming Piazza San Marco’s Basilica and Doge’s Palace, or duck down passages to escape reality. From palazzos to perfumeries and the must-see Bridge of Sighs, you’re only moments from a place of beauty in this liquid-gold city of treasures.



## EXCLUSIVE EXPERIENCES

55 Experiences



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### The Old Town and Historic Liqueur of Zadar

Experience the alluring charm of Zadar's Old Town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site that's home to an abundance of ancient architecture. Amongst a maze of quiet backstreets, Zadar's historic past invites wanderers to explore the city's past, built on centuries of religion and ancient, gleaming white stone. Visit the impressive Church of St Donatus and St Mary's Church. The sensorial pleasures of Zadar take many forms, and no visit is complete without a taste of *Maraschino*, a liqueur that has been produced in the city for nearly 400 years. Try it for yourself at a private tasting.

**Port:** Zadar

**Price From:** €80.00

**Activity Level:**  Moderate

**Experiences:** Destination Essentials

**Duration:** 2.30 Hrs

**Available In:** English

**Features:** History & Heritage, Gastronomic Experience



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### Zadar's Ancient and Modern Architecture by Tuk-Tuk

Feel the balmy breeze of the Adriatic Sea on your face as you ride along Zadar's coast in a tuk-tuk. Beside dazzlingly clear water, the coastal roads meander towards a panoramic viewpoint and present the twinkling sea in all its azure glory. Perched on the northwest corner of Zadar's Riva (promenade or waterfront) is the enchanting Morske Orgulje (Sea Organ), an architectural structure where marble steps lead down to the sea, producing music as the two meet. Next, take time to explore Zadar on foot with an expert guide. Absorb the vibrant combination of Roman ruins, contemporary architecture and glistening coastal views, and explore the city's deep and rich history.

**Port:** Zadar

**Price From:** €135.00

**Activity Level:**  Effortless

**Experiences:** Curated Explorations

**Duration:** 2.30 Hrs

**Available In:** English

**Features:** History & Heritage, Architecture



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## Discover Rovinj On Foot

Blessed with bewitching views of the Adriatic Sea and a romantic skyline of Venetian architecture, Rovinj is one of the most prized locations on the Croatian coast. Your guided discovery of this town begins in the central square, a short walk from the pretty Church of St Euphemia, with a 61-metre (200-ft) bell tower that dominates the view. Feast your eyes on the beautiful frescoes and artworks inside before exiting to a panoramic view over the 20 or more islands of the Rovinj archipelago. After exploring the church, wander through the attractive streets and squares of Rovinj, passing many notable sights and learning more about this beautiful city's human history.

**Port:** Rovinj

**Price From:** €55.00

**Activity Level:**  High-energy

**Experiences:** Destination Essentials

**Duration:** 1.30 Hrs

**Available In:** English

**Features:** Arts & Culture, History & Heritage




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## Discover Poreč and Taste Fine Croatian Wine

Walk into the heart of ancient Poreč to discover the Euphrasian Basilica, a UNESCO World Heritage Site filled with vivid mosaics of gold. Ancient Marafor Square contains the remains of two Roman temples, the Renaissance structure House of Two Saints, and the handsome Leoni and Zuccato palaces, along with tempting cafés and restaurants. Next, head to the Istrian countryside in search of Croatian delicacies at the Matošević family estate, one of Croatia's premier winemakers. You'll sample various vintages accompanied by delicious Istrian prosciutto and artisanal cheeses.

**Port:** Rovinj

**Price From:** €120.00

**Activity Level:**  Moderate

**Experiences:** Destination Essentials

**Duration:** 4.30 Hrs

**Available In:** English

**Features:** Gastronomic Experience, History & Heritage





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## Back to Nature at Brijuni National Park

Escape into the 736-hectare (1,818-acre) Brijuni National Park, and immerse yourself in a verdant archipelago of wildlife and natural beauty. More than 150 species of birds inhabit this protected reserve, with a coastline dotted by coves and ancient artefacts. One of the islands is a designated safari park full of diverse flora and fauna, which you'll explore from the comfort of a golf cart. Against a marine backdrop, you'll glide over tranquil parkland past multiple animals as well as remains of Byzantine fortifications and ancient Roman villas.

**Port:** Rovinj

**Price From:** €605.00

**Activity Level:**  Moderate

**Experiences:** Curated Explorations

**Duration:** 5.30 Hrs

**Available In:** English

**Features:** Wonderful Nature



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## Pula and its Pristine Roman Remains

Your experience begins at the remarkably intact first-century Pula Arena, the sixth-largest surviving Roman amphitheatre, unique in having its four side towers entirely preserved. Afterwards, you'll see other outstanding Roman remains, such as the lavish and intricately decorated triumphal Arch of the Sergii. Guided through Pula's animated streets, you'll reach the pristine Temple of Augustus with its proud Corinthian columns, and the sixth-century Basilica of Santa Maria del Canneto. This peaceful, Baroque chapel is just one example of the rich Byzantine heritage found across the peninsula.

**Port:** Rovinj

**Price From:** €95.00

**Activity Level:**  Moderate

**Experiences:** Destination Essentials

**Duration:** 4.30 Hrs

**Available In:** English

**Features:** History & Heritage, Architecture





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## Exploring the Postojna Jama (Cave) System by Train

When you venture into the Postojna *Jama* or Cave, it's obvious why it's one of Slovenia's most popular and fabled natural attractions. After a drive through the rolling Istrian countryside, you'll board a small open train that travels through the bewitching underground cave complex, formed over millennia by the river Pivka. You'll wind deep into the sprawling system, past cavernous chambers and ancient mineral formations. You'll also learn about the hydrological system that has carried crystalline water through this underworld for more than two million years.

**Port:** Rovinj

**Price From:** €195.00

**Activity Level:**  Moderate

**Experiences:** Destination Essentials

**Duration:** 9.00 Hrs

**Available In:** English

**Features:** Wonderful Nature, Action



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## Hiking in Paklenica National Park

Embrace your spirit of adventure as you ascend the legendary 400-m (1,312-ft) Anica Kuk peak. Breathe in the crisp, invigorating mountain air scented with pine and wild herbs as you hike the trail with a seasoned mountain guide. Step into a landscape sculpted by time and the elements, and you'll be rewarded with dramatic canyons and spectacular views of the shoreline, Paklenica, and the jagged peaks of the Velebit mountain range. Allow the sun to warm your skin as you drink in the panoramic views and uncover the secrets of this magnificent, natural paradise.

**Port:** Zadar

**Price From:** €150.00

**Activity Level:**  High-energy

**Experiences:** Destination Essentials

**Duration:** 5.00 Hrs

**Available In:** English

**Features:** Action, Wonderful Nature



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## Truffle Hunting in Istria

Adored by many, avoided by others, none can dispute that truffles are amongst the most treasured, distinctive and fabled foodstuffs in the world. Spending time with an old Istrian family of truffle harvesters, you'll learn about the quirks and caprices that drive the delicacy's soaring price and global cachet. Naturally, you're at liberty to sample some of the family's small-batch artisanal products, like truffle-laced cheese, pâté and olive oil, and join a truffle hunt in their private wood, along with specially trained dogs. Finally, take a stroll around the narrow streets of the pristine, medieval hilltop town of Motovun with superb views of the Mirna Valley below.

**Port:** Rovinj

**Price From:** €220.00

**Activity Level:**  High-energy

**Experiences:** Curated Explorations

**Duration:** 7.00 Hrs

**Available In:** English

**Features:** Wonderful Nature



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## Chasing Krka Waterfalls

Experience the impossibly turquoise waters of Krka National Park, where verdant forests and white waterfalls immerse visitors in a sensorial blend of colour and mist.

Our first stop in the blissful Krka National Park is Lozovac from where you will explore the natural cascade barriers of the Park.

This tour will take you to the most attractive part of the Park - the Skradinski Buk waterfalls. The highest fall is 46-meters high, which makes it the highest gypsum barrier in Europe. Above the falls there is a large plateau that offers spectacular views. During your exploration, a visit is made to small ethnological exhibition and the old mill, which is still in function demonstrating how it was used for grinding.

Then, complete the day with a drive to the Sladić family vineyard to sample their delicious wines.

**Port:** Zadar

**Price From:** €175.00

**Activity Level:**  Moderate

**Experiences:** Destination Essentials

**Duration:** 7.00 Hrs

**Available In:** English

**Features:** Gastronomic Experience, Wonderful Nature





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## Sea Salt, Sun and Vineyards in Nin

The sun-kissed hills of Nin face the azure sea, and its unique location on the Adriatic has borne rich supplies of salt for more than 1,500 years. Discover the roots of the city's historical prosperity and explore the shimmering planes of the Solana Nin Salt Museum. Shrouded by the glistening sea, the city of Nin glows with an aura of romance. Its old town invites wanderers to meander through medieval backstreets, leading to its ancient stone bridge. The verdant beauty of Nin's royal vineyard then makes for an alluring spot to cap the afternoon with a wine tasting, before returning to the vibrant bustle of Zadar.

**Port:** Zadar

**Price From:** €120.00

**Activity Level:**  Moderate

**Experiences:** Destination Essentials

**Duration:** 4.30 Hrs

**Available In:** English

**Features:** Gastronomic Experience, History & Heritage



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## Sailing in the Zadar Archipelago

Feel the sun's warmth and the gentle caress of the breeze as you sail across the dazzling Zadar Archipelago in the mighty Adriatic Sea. As the boat calls in at secluded beaches, swim in crystal-clear waters or relax on golden sands. Drift beneath the Pašman Bridge, an architectural marvel that spans the verdant islands of Ugljan and Pašman, as you make your way towards the alluring island of Dugi Otok. Indulge your wanderlust in the most rewarding way, uncovering secret corners untouched by the clamour of crowds. Immerse yourself in breathtaking views in a place where nature's beauty reigns supreme.

**Port:** Zadar

**Price From:** €225.00

**Activity Level:**  High-energy

**Experiences:** Curated Explorations

**Duration:** 7.00 Hrs

**Available In:** English

**Features:** Action, Wonderful Nature



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## An Exploration of Pag's Island Treasures

Wander the cobbled streets of the island of Pag, where skilled lacemakers produce intricate designs according to an ancient craft. Admire lavishly carved doorways, ancient coats of arms, the magnificent Duke's Palace and the Church of Assumption, all testaments to the town's rich past. Then, head to Kolan, the island's agricultural heart, which is nestled amidst rolling pastures. At a cheese factory, delve into the age-old tradition of cheesemaking and savour its delicious piquancy. As the taste dances on your tongue, you'll understand how this award-winning delicacy perfectly complements local specialities.

**Port:** Zadar

**Price From:** €270.00

**Activity Level:**  Moderate

**Experiences:** Destination Essentials

**Duration:** 4.30 Hrs

**Available In:** English

**Features:** Gastronomic Experience, History & Heritage



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## Olive Oil, Wine and History in Sparta

Set off from sun-kissed Monemvasia to Sparta, where ancient olive oil traditions still flourish. Your first stop is the Museum of the Olive and Greek Olive Oil, a fascinating exploration into the cultural, nutritional and religious significance of olives in Greek history.

Then, head to the private Theodorakakos Estate, where the owner will guide you through the art of ancient and modern winemaking and its history in the local area. End your day with a delicious three-course Greek meal paired perfectly with the estate's finest wines before returning to Monemvasia.

**Port:** Monemvasia

**Price From:** €350.00

**Activity Level:**  Moderate

**Experiences:** Curated Explorations

**Duration:** 6.30 Hrs

**Available In:** English

**Features:** History & Heritage, Arts & Culture





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## Explore Corfu's Countryside, Villages and Old Town

In this expansive trip across Corfu, you'll view the island from up on high at Mount Pantokrator, as well as discover inviting coastal villages and the Old Town of Corfu. Visit a beautifully preserved monastery in Paleokastritsa, before admiring panoramic views of rolling hills and mountainous terrain from the village of Lakones. Next, you'll venture up Corfu's infamous Mount Pantokrator, passing through the charming villages of Nissaki and Acharavi, where you'll enjoy an authentic Greek lunch. Finishing in the Old Town of Corfu, you'll uncover stories of the past at the Venetian landmark, Old Fortress of Corfu, and elegant Esplanade Square.

**Port:** Corfu

**Price From:** €100.00

**Activity Level:**  Moderate

**Experiences:** Destination Essentials

**Duration:** 7.00 Hrs

**Available In:** English

**Features:** Architecture, History & Heritage, Arts & Culture



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## 4x4 Adventure in Corfu

This exhilarating 4x4 adventure takes you to green mountain slopes, olive groves and rustic villages dotted across the rolling hills of Corfu. Hold on tightly during the thrilling drive up Mount Pantokrator, which winds around 27 switchbacks to reach Sokraki. Here, you'll be met by intricate architecture, stone-paved walkways and sweeping views from the island's highest points at Trombetta Pass and Kratsalo. In the charming village of Makrades, pause to learn of the region's fine produce, including honey, herbs and olive oil. In Lakones, gaze over Paleokastritsa's bay from one of the island's most impressive viewpoints.

**Port:** Corfu

**Price From:** €185.00

**Activity Level:**  Moderate

**Experiences:** Destination Essentials

**Duration:** 4.30 Hrs

**Available In:** English

**Features:** Action, Architecture



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## The Hidden Caves of Paleokastritsa

This leisurely adventure takes you by boat across cobalt-blue waters to Paleokastritsa, whose Blue Eye and Nafsika caves contain captivating geological formations and beautifully clear waters. Snake around the rocky coastline covered in pine and cypress trees and punctuated by dazzling white sandy bays. Back on land, take a stroll around Old Town of Corfu and soak up the abundant Venetian neoclassical architecture. Explore the towering Church of St Spyridon and The Spianada (Esplanade Square), a vibrant space marked by lush greenery, tree-lined alleyways and babbling water fountains.

**Port:** Corfu

**Price From:** €115.00

**Activity Level:**  Moderate

**Experiences:** Destination Essentials

**Duration:** 4.00 Hrs

**Available In:** English

**Features:** Arts & Culture, History & Heritage



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## A Masterclass in Greek Cuisine

Learn about Corfu's cuisine and culture with this hands-on experience in the Old Town of Corfu. An expert guide will lead you through the narrow streets to panoramic viewpoints and beautiful examples of Byzantine art. Explore the history of Corfu's nobility at Casa Parlante Museum. Then, in a private villa in Kommemo Bay, a professional chef will teach you time-honoured cooking techniques and classic Greek recipes. You'll savour your own creations on the villa's sunny garden terrace, accompanied by an aperitif and a selection of local delicacies.

**Port:** Corfu

**Price From:** €245.00

**Activity Level:**  Moderate

**Experiences:** Curated Explorations

**Duration:** 5.00 Hrs

**Available In:** English

**Features:** Gastronomic Experience, Architecture, Arts & Culture





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## Hike the Old Perithia Way

On this trek up Mount Pantokrator and through the village of Old Perithia, you'll experience jaw-dropping views of Corfu and connect with the island's mountainous landscape. You'll pass through the atmospheric villages of Spartilas and Strinilas, which are lined with white-walled houses draped in flora and vines. Catch your breath and absorb the panoramic views of the island. On the way down, you'll reach Old Perithia, Corfu's oldest mountain village. It's surrounded by free-roaming sheep and rolling hills, making for a truly bucolic scene in this designated area of natural beauty.

**Port:** Corfu

**Price From:** €185.00

**Activity Level:**  High-energy

**Experiences:** Curated Explorations

**Duration:** 5.30 Hrs

**Available In:** English

**Features:** Action, Wonderful Nature



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## A Taste of Corfu

Sample some of Corfu's mouthwatering delicacies as you visit several of the island's centres of culinary production. At Lazaris Distillery & Artisan Sweets, learn about the cultivation and distilling process of kumquat liqueur, an island speciality. Next, travel to Ropa Valley, where the Theotoky Estate and winery is nestled. See the wine press in action and taste some of the many varieties of wine produced in Corfu. A panoramic drive through Corfu's beautiful countryside brings you to Enotis Olive Groves and Museum, which has produced olive oil for five generations. Your day ends with a memorable drive through the Old Town of Corfu.

**Port:** Corfu

**Price From:** €115.00

**Activity Level:**  Moderate

**Experiences:** Destination Essentials

**Duration:** 5.00 Hrs

**Available In:** English

**Features:** Gastronomic Experience



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## Corfu Countryside by Bike

Traverse Corfu's verdant rolling hills, olive groves and mountainous terrain by bicycle. This 15-km (9.32-mi) ride takes you to the heart of Corfu's rural countryside life. Start with a short ride up to Ano Korakiana, where you can sip an authentic Greek coffee as you rest, then cycle the path to the Venetian settlement of Agios Markos, where you can explore its carefully restored medieval houses and Byzantine chapel. Finally, roll downhill with the breeze on your face before joining the coastal road back to Dassia.

**Port:** Corfu

**Price From:** €140.00

**Activity Level:**  High-energy

**Experiences:** Curated Explorations

**Duration:** 4.00 Hrs

**Available In:** English

**Features:** Action, Wonderful Nature, Architecture



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## Boka Bay by Kayak

Take to the clear waters of Boka Bay and gaze at the views of Montenegro's lush coastal landscapes and soaring peaks. Your guide will lead you to calm waters and striking scenery, and you'll kayak along the shoreline surveying seascapes on one side and landscapes on the other. Observe the flourishing marine life on the way, then swim in the crystalline water before relaxing on a beach feeling recentered and refreshed.

**Port:** Kotor

**Price From:** €100.00

**Activity Level:**  High-energy

**Experiences:** Destination Essentials

**Duration:** 3.00 Hrs

**Available In:** English

**Features:** Action





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## Kotor on Foot and Montenegrin Treats

The town of Kotor overlooks striking Boka Bay and is blessed with some of the Adriatic region's most treasured architecture. Travel through Kotor's vibrant old town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and gaze at the St Tryphon's Cathedral, one of Montenegro's most beautiful religious buildings. Next, discover the 18th-century Grgurina Palace at the heart of the old town, which today houses the city's naval museum. Finally, experience Montenegrin hospitality and taste authentic Njeguši prosciutto, smoked cheese and local red wine in a welcoming taverna.

**Port:** Kotor

**Price From:** €65.00

**Activity Level:**  Moderate

**Experiences:** Destination Essentials

**Duration:** 2.30 Hrs

**Available In:** English

**Features:** History & Heritage



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## Boka Bay and the Blue Cave by Speedboat

Take an exhilarating speedboat ride along Boka Bay's coastline before stunning views of mountain peaks, coastal villages and verdant countryside. You'll cruise towards the Blue Cave, one of the most beautiful grottoes in the Luštica Peninsula. Amidst light bouncing off of the cave walls, swim in its clear waters and gaze down at the seabed more than 40 m (131 ft) below. Nearby Žanjice Beach is a haven of tranquillity, where you can relax on the pebbly beach, swim in the warm Adriatic Sea and feel re-centred and restored.

**Port:** Kotor

**Price From:** €225.00

**Activity Level:**  High-energy

**Experiences:** Destination Essentials

**Duration:** 4.00 Hrs

**Available In:** English

**Features:** Wonderful Nature



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## To the Heart of Budva and Kotor

Venture along the Adriatic Coast and experience the Budva Riviera – where clear waters meet historic architecture. Budva Old Town is one of the oldest settlements on the coast and lies on a small island, now silted over, that connects the town to the peninsula. Sheltered streets and shady alleys weave between the 15th-century ramparts, revealing generations of Adriatic cultures, influences and traditions. Later, drive to the coastal port of Kotor, which lies in the shadow of the limestone Dinaric Alps, where adventure entices travellers onwards.

**Port:** Kotor

**Price From:** €80.00

**Activity Level:**  Moderate

**Experiences:** Destination Essentials

**Duration:** 4.00 Hrs

**Available In:** English

**Features:** History & Heritage



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## Boka Bay, Perast, and Our Lady of the Rock

Boka Bay, Montenegro—also known as the Bay of Kotor—is a hidden gem within a hidden gem—an area of exceptional beauty in one of Europe's least-known yet prettiest countries. You'll experience the bay by land and sea, starting in Perast—the best-kept Baroque secret in the Adriatic—replete with pristine 17th- and 18th-century buildings. From Perast, sail across Boka Bay to the islet of Our Lady of the Rocks, an immaculate church built in 1630, complete with its own fascinating museum. After the return boat trip to Perast, enjoy a drink on a bar terrace overlooking the islands before returning by coach to Kotor.

**Port:** Kotor

**Price From:** €125.00

**Activity Level:**  Moderate

**Experiences:** Destination Essentials

**Duration:** 3.30 Hrs

**Available In:** English

**Features:** Wonderful Nature, Arts & Culture, History & Heritage





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## A Cultural Journey through Kotor, Njeguši, and Budva

Montenegro is a crucible where centuries of Adriatic cultures and traditions have combined into a unique national identity. You'll begin in the old town of Kotor, the nucleus of the UNESCO World Heritage 'Natural and Culturo-Historical Region of Kotor,' before taking a coastal drive to the village of Njeguši with its sweeping views of shimmering Boka Bay. Here, you'll savour local delights -- smoked ham, cheese, homemade bread and wines -- before continuing to Budva, one of this country's oldest towns. Stroll along its old-world cobbled streets before sitting down to a delicious and hearty Montenegrin meal.

**Port:** Kotor

**Price From:** €145.00

**Activity Level:**  Moderate

**Experiences:** Destination Essentials

**Duration:** 7.00 Hrs

**Available In:** English

**Features:** History & Heritage, Arts & Culture



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## Kotor by Cable Car and E-biking in Lovćen National Park

Lovćen National Park is one of Montenegro's true jewels. A cable car will take you high into the mountains, where e-bikes await to take you to Njegoš Mausoleum at the summit of Lovćen mountain. This mausoleum is the resting place of a Prince-Bishop of Montenegro, Petar II Petrović-Njegoš, and remains a potent symbol of Montenegrin culture. After time spent in the tranquillity of this national park, and with sweeping views of Boka Bay and the surrounding countryside, enjoy an effortless ride back down to the cable car and survey the magnificent scenery on the way.

**Port:** Kotor

**Price From:** €265.00

**Activity Level:**  High-energy

**Experiences:** Destination Essentials

**Duration:** 4.30 Hrs

**Available In:** English

**Features:** Action, Wonderful Nature



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## Monemvasia: A Medieval Escape by the Sea

Sun-kissed Monemvasia is a fortified medieval town carved, impressively, into a colossal rock in order to be invisible from enemy attacks. At the edge of the shimmering azure sea, Monemvasia has only one gate of entry, and once you've crossed the threshold, you're in a truly special place. Its winding stone pathways beckon you to meander along, discovering Byzantine churches and admiring ancient mansions before reaching historic Elkomenos Square. As you take it all in, continue your exploration by venturing uphill to marvel at the octagonal Church of Agia Sofia, which anchors the upper town and offers dazzling views across the sheltered rooftops to the endless sea. Round off your day by browsing the town's charming shops and boutiques.

**Port:** Monemvasia

**Price From:** €105.00

**Activity Level:**  Moderate

**Experiences:** Destination  
Essentials

**Duration:** 2.00 Hrs

**Available In:** English

**Features:** History & Heritage, Architecture

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## Visit Grožnjan and Cycle the Parenzana Trail

Venture across Istria to discover Grožnjan, a romantic hilltop settlement. Wander through vibrant streets to the village square, where you will discover the remarkable Church of St Vitus, St Modestus and St Crescentia. Your adventure leads to the Parenzana Trail, which connects Croatia to Slovenia and Italy. Cycle along this historic railroad, tracing pathways into the heart of the flourishing Istrian countryside. After a brief stop at Završje, a small village deep in the forest, you'll head on to Livade and admire panoramic views of the rolling landscapes and rocky outcrops.

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## Kayaking in the Rovinj Archipelago

Escape through the Rovinj Archipelago in a kayak adventure unlike any other. From island to island with our expert guide, you'll get up close to the flourishing flora, wildlife and natural beauty of this mesmerising area. Discover the depths and the thriving marine life for yourself by snorkelling in the turquoise waves. Your exploration takes you next to Red Island, at the heart of the archipelago. Pad across the lovely shingle beach before striking out once again in your kayak to explore the serene surroundings.

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## Voyage to the Rovinj Archipelago and Lim Fjord

A blissful idyll in the Rovinj Archipelago, the sunken canyon of Lim is a real natural wonder. Take a boat through the islands with time to appreciate remarkable views of the diverse Croatian coastline. Then, it's on to Lim Fjord, which is more than 10 km (6.2 mi) long and 33 m (108 ft) deep in places. Rocky outcrops and springs feed the fjord and influence the aquatic conditions, making it a cradle for marine life. A shellfish tasting is your chance to sample the exquisite flavours of this region's riches, before taking a cooling dip in the restorative waters.



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## Step Back in Time in Mystras

Discover the silent grandeur of Mystras, a once-thriving Byzantine city perched on the slopes of Mount Taygetus, situated just outside Sparta. Meander historic paths and climb to the citadel for sweeping views. Visit the sacred church of Agia Sofia and wander through the remnants of noble houses and impressive monasteries, including the Pantanassa Monastery, a monastery still active and functioning as a hospitable convent. Descend to the Cathedral of Agios Dimitrios before completing your exploration with a Greek meal in a local restaurant.

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## Discover Monemvasia's History and Culinary Delicacies

Monemvasia, a medieval town built into a towering red rock surrounded by glimmering turquoise sea, offers an unforgettable glimpse into Greece's colourful past. Journey into the town by passing through its sole ancient gate, where you'll soon become immersed in a labyrinth of stone mansions, Byzantine churches and narrow lanes.

Explore the upper town's octagonal Agia Sofia Church before visiting the Liotrivi Historical Mansion, home to an olive press museum and a wine cellar. Here, you can sample local delicacies, including Monemvasian wines, olive oil, oregano, olives and feta cheese.

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## The Fascinating Histories of the Old Town of Corfu

The Old Town of Corfu is a UNESCO World Heritage Site by virtue of its high historical and cultural importance. Navigate its warren of medieval buildings and flagstone alleys before visiting a soap-making factory that's been owned by the same family for decades. At a bustling open-air market, stimulate your taste buds with a selection of sumptuous Greek *meze* from across the island, accompanied by an afternoon aperitif of *ouzo*. View the impressive St Spyridon Church as you make your way to Casa Parlante Museum, which is full of extensive exhibitions dedicated to the lives of Corfu's historical nobility.

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