Discover the enchanting village life of Kotor and Montenegro.

Journey through the mountain towns of Montenegro, a winsome country full of history and tradition, on the coast of the Adriatic.

The main port city of Kotor bustles at the foot of Mount Orjen, where deep waters submerge an ancient river canyon. Surrounded by impressively high medieval walls, the town is a welcoming juncture of ethnic Montenegrins, Serbians, Croatians, Romani and others.

Old Town Kotor is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, restored after a 1979 earthquake damaged parts of its Romanesque churches, iconographic monuments and medieval buildings.

Today, the port is the gateway to a chain of humble, yet beautiful and enriching mountain hamlets where old customs are still part of daily life.

LOCAL CUISINE

Kotor’s unique culinary staples are pure comfort food. Try any of a variety of stewed dishes. Boiled lamb with vegetables, lamb cooked in milk, and pork stew with rastan, a dark leafy green, infuse the native diet with savory warmth. Ask for the catch of the day in any restaurant, too — grilled fish is delicious here.

For quicker fare, hit a local grill. Regular favorites include pljeskavica, a lamb, pork and beef burger, or čevapi, minced pork and beef in bun with grilled onions and sour cream.

Pair food with wine here. Vranac, a dry red with high berry flavors, is the region’s specialty. Krstac, a dry, floral white, is another local worth sipping. More potent is rakija, a local brandy made with plum, apricot or grape and flavored with herbs and honey.

SHOPPING

Shop Old Kotor for endless possibilities. Boutiques, galleries, cafes and shops start within walking distance of the pier. Once inside the walls of the town, even more options unfold. Look for high-end Italian labels lining the streets next to great souvenir boutiques and shops with jewelry, books, photography and prints and local antiques. Bring back some of the local wine, too.

CURRENCY

Montenegro uses the euro. Tip 10% in restaurants, hotels and taxis. Most stores accept major credit cards.
PLACES OF INTEREST

1. ST. TRYPHON CATHEDRAL
Visit the Romanesque-Gothic cathedral where Kotor’s patron saint rests.

2. MARITIME MUSEUM
Follow the chronicles of Kotor’s rich naval and maritime history at this local museum.

BEYOND CITY CENTER

BUDVA
Delight in the Adriatic coast’s oldest town with its medieval ramparts and century towers.

NJEGUŠI
Look out over panoramic views of the coast from this charming, mountaintop village.

NATIONAL MUSEUM
Glimpse 15th century manuscripts and more at this museum in the former royal palace.

CETINJE
Discover the historic capital of Montenegro next to the spectacular Lovćen Mountains.

PERAST AND OUR LADY OF THE ROCKS
Explore the Baroque architecture of the shipyard town, Perast and its neighboring isle.

LUSTICA
Relax in Lustica, a peninsula of quaint villages, known for their delicious olive oil.

TOP 3 LAND DISCOVERIES

MONTENEGRO HIGHLIGHTS WITH CUISINE

Embark on a scenic tour of southern Montenegro. Journey past breath-taking panoramas of Boka Bay, a glistening cobalt inlet of the Adriatic Sea, under the dramatic slopes of Mount Lovćen. Enjoy coffee in Njeguši, before a tour of King Nikola’s Palace in Cetinje, followed by lunch and shopping in the Old Town of Kotor.

MEDIEVAL KOTOR WALKING TOUR

Travel back through the centuries into the Old Town of Kotor, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Noblemen’s palaces, wide squares full of medieval buildings and several beautiful churches line the narrow streets of this rustic village. Stop into the Maritime Museum before lunch and independent exploration of the town.

MONTENEGRO VILLAGES TOUR

ZABRDJE AND KOTOR
Step into Montenegrin village life. Enjoy a leisurely drive toward the Lustica peninsula, a headland of untamed groves and wildlife. At Zabrdje, our hosts serve refreshments in their family estate, accompanied by local musicians. Afterwards, explore the Old Town of Kotor independently and with a guide.

Visit the Land Discoveries Desk on Deck 4 to reserve these and other exciting experiences.

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