## **KOTOR - Historic Kotor & Budva**

Access to Locations: easy to medium

You will need a hat, sunglasses, sunscreen and sensible shoes (no flip flops, please)

Approximate Duration: 4 hours

- Sveti Stefan Photo Stop
- Budva
- Kotor

From the port our coach takes us south of Kotor to lovely Sveti Stefan, an old fishing village on an island connected to the mainland by a causeway. Sveti Stefan is so beautiful that in the 1960s it was turned into a hotel complex. We'll stop here for photos before **we depart for Budva to visit its fantastic old town, one of the oldest settlements in the Balkans**. According to Greek mythology, Cadmo, the son of the Phoenician king, Agenon, established Budva in the 5<sup>th</sup> century BC. Two millennia later, Budva stands proudly on a small peninsula. **The city is surrounded by 15th century ramparts and is home to a number of fascinating monuments – our guided tour will take you along Budva's narrow alleys and through its picturesque squares,** where we'll visit the Church of St. Sava the Sanctified, which houses the remnants of frescoes and inscriptions from mid-12th century; the Church of the Holy Trinity; the Church of Santa Maria in Punta and the Citadella. In the Stari Grad (Old town), you'll have free time to **visit Budva's charming shops, cozy cafes, delicious restaurants serving traditional meals, and art galleries**.

We again board our coach for our return to Kotor for a guided tour of this Adriatic diamond. The Montenegrin port of Kotor is found on the world's southernmost fjord. The setting? Blue water, a stony shore, evergreen mountains...the sweet perfume of lemons, oranges, mimosas and camellias upon the air. Shoehorned between defiant mountains and the bay, the sturdy walls of Kotor – begun in the 9<sup>th</sup> century, completed in the 18<sup>th</sup> century – lean into the slopes behind the city. Within the mighty walls of Kotor, a <u>UNESCO World Heritage City</u>, lies a labyrinth of marbled lanes that seem as if they were built just to delight you with their chic shops and cozy restaurants, their lively bars and delicious restaurants, their hidden piazzas. Our guided tour is the best way to experience this magical city.

We'll stop at the city's **exquisite Catholic Cathedral, originally erected in the 12th century** and reconstructed after a series of strong earthquakes. The Cathedral's **Romanesque interior houses a group of Corinthian columns and pillars of pink stone that seem to hoist the vaulted roof of the church toward the heavens**. Its gilded silver bas-relief altar screen is the city's great

treasure, while the reliquary chapel exhibits icons, a crucifix from 1288 and, behind the grill, relics of the saints, including St. Tryphon, the city's patron.

After our walking tour, you'll have free time in Kotor for shopping and coffee. You might also want to visit St. John's Hill. If you're looking for a vigorous way to look out over lovely Kotor and its beautiful bay, St. John's Hill is a 1,200-meter climb, via 1,350 steps, that will take you 260 meters above sea level. You might also want to visit the Maritime Museum of Montenegro, which is housed in the early-18th-century baroque palace, Grgurin.

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Adult Price € 55,00 Child price only € 33,00 City Tour

## **KOTOR Walking Tour**

Access to Locations: easy to medium

You will need a hat, sunglasses, sunscreen and sensible shoes (no flip flops, please)

Approximate Duration: 2 hours

Kotor

When a town is two thousand years, as Kotor is, it's got plenty of stories to tell: its ancient Roman beginnings, the struggle throughout the Middle Ages between the Goths, Saracens and Serbians, its Venetian past...There's no better way to explore it than on foot with one of our expert guides. Shoehorned between defiant mountains and the bay, the sturdy walls of Kotor – begun in the 9<sup>th</sup> century, completed in the 18<sup>th</sup> century – lean into the slopes behind the city. Within the mighty walls of Kotor, a UNESCO World Heritage City, lies a labyrinth of marbled lanes that seem as if they were built just to delight you with their chic shops and cozy restaurants, their lively bars and delicious restaurants, their hidden piazzas...We'll stroll through this magnificent town, with stops at the Catholic Cathedral and at the Maritime History Museum.

The exquisite Catholic Cathedral of Kotor was originally erected in the 12th century and reconstructed after a series of strong earthquakes. Its Romanesque interior houses a group of Corinthian columns and pillars of pink stone that seem to hoist the vaulted roof of the church toward the heavens. Its gilded silver bas-relief altar screen is the city's great treasure, while the reliquary chapel exhibits icons, a crucifix from 1288 and, behind the grill, relics of the saints, including St. Tryphon, the city's patron. Next we'll visit the Maritime Museum of Montenegro, where Montenegro's proud history as a naval power is celebrated in three stories of displays in an 18th-century baroque palace, Grgurin. We'll take a detailed tour of the museum's incredible collection of photographs, paintings and portraits, uniforms, navigational instruments, exquisitely decorated weapons and model ships. After the museum, you'll have free time to explore Kotor on your own.

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