



# Adriatic Coast

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## Why Go?

Beautiful places often get slugged with the tedious tagline, 'The pearl of...,' and the southern coastline of Montenegro is no exception: in this case, it's '...the Adriatic'. But this 80km stretch is less milky dewdrop than eye-popping opal; the malachite greens of the looming mountains and the intense blues of the reflecting waters are dazzling enough to cause hallucinations.

Budva – the so-called 'Montenegrin Miami' – is the country's most visited destination, thanks to its alluring Old Town, buzzy bars and a bevy of Blue Flag beaches. Nearby, elegant Sveti Stefan offers million-dollar ogling, while Bečići, Pržno and Petrovac burst at the seams with sun-seeking families come summertime. Further south, the evocative cliffside ruins of Stari Bar provide a peep into the past, while eastern-flavoured Ulcinj is the gateway to a 12km succession of sandy beaches running to the Albanian border; perhaps surprisingly, you'll find Montenegro's best nudist beach here.

## When to Go

- ➔ Enjoy the beaches and balmy weather in May and June before the crowds descend.
- ➔ July and August see soaring temperatures, crowded beaches, peak prices – but this is the best time to party.
- ➔ In September and October you may get some rain, but the air and water temperatures are still warm.

## Climate

'Gorgeously Mediterranean' is the best way to describe it. Ulcinj is said to be one of the sunniest spots on the Adriatic, notching up 218 sunny days a year.

## i Getting There & Away

Budva is connected to the Bay of Kotor by the Jadranski Put (Adriatic highway; also known as 'Jadranska magistrala'). The main route to Cetinje and Podgorica leaves Jadranski Put between Budva and Bečići and climbs steeply into the mountains. Petrovac is connected to Podgorica via a highway leading through Virpazar and the



## Adriatic Coast Highlights

### 1 Sveti Stefan (p74)

Gazing in wonder at the cutesy beauty of the exclusive walled island.

### 2 Ulcinj (p84)

Soaking up the summertime beach buzz of this Eastern-tinged town.

### 3 Petrovac (p76)

Letting the kids off the leash on the promenade.

### 4 Stari Bar (p83)

Clambering about the extensive remains of the ruined town.

### 5 Bojana River (p89)

Scoffing a big bowl of fish soup on a houseboat.

### 6 Budva's Old Town (p65)

Watching the passing parade of beautiful people

over the rim of a coffee cup in the cobbled laneways.

7 Haj-Nehaj (p78) Hiking to the atmospheric solitude of the ruined fortress.

8 Šušanj Beach (p79) Snorkelling around the rocky bays north of Bar.