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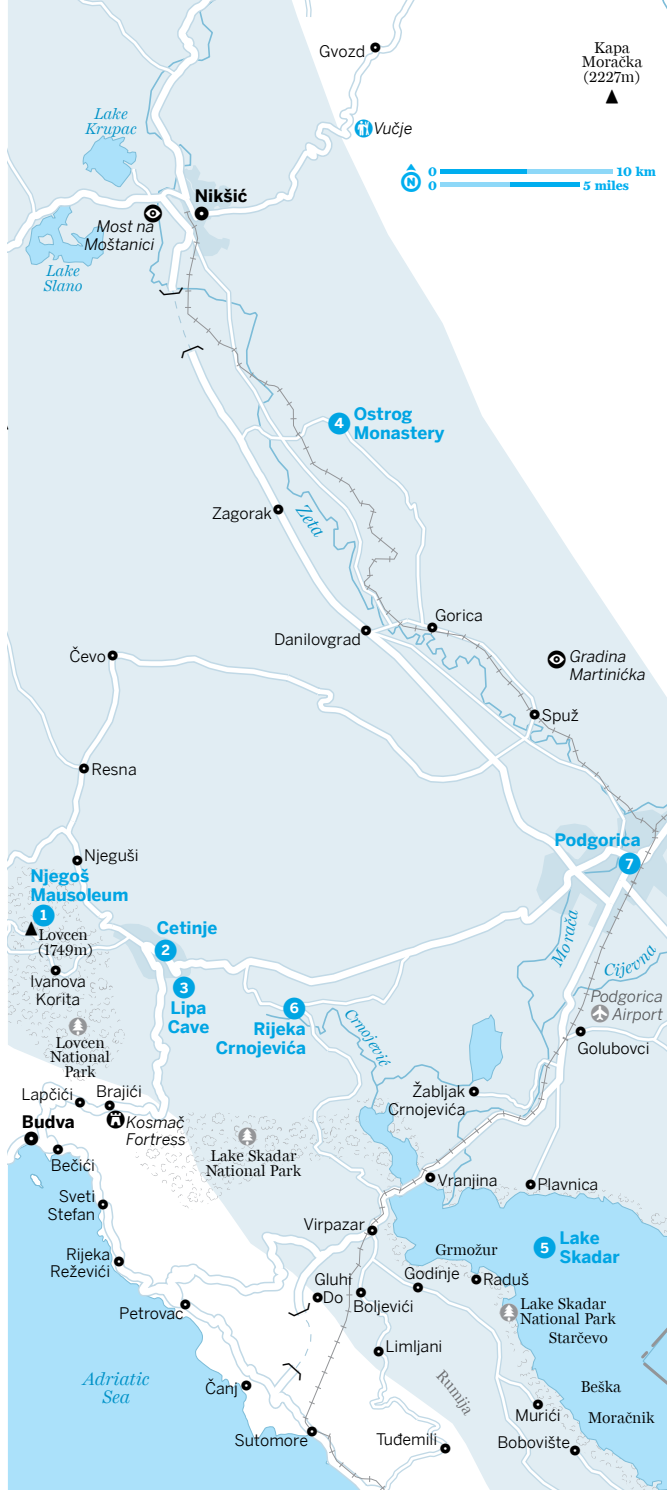
## Why Go?

Ogle the splendid cap of northern mountains and impeccable drape of glittering coastline by all means, but to truly get to know Montenegro, a visit to the country's core is a must.

Its beating heart is Mt Lovćen, a 1749m-high symbol of national identity and the very black mountain that gives Crna Gora its name. To the south, Lake Skadar is the country's lungs, a clean, green oasis of lily-strewn waterways and rare bird havens. Swoop north to Ostrog to discover the very soul of the nation in a gravity-defying cliff-face monastery that literally brings pilgrims to their knees. And you'll find character galore in Montenegro's two capitals; the modern-day seat of Podgorica is home to hip bars and a happening arts scene, while the royal city of Cetinje proudly preserves its gallant past in a collection of richly endowed museums and galleries.

## When to Go

- ➔ May is late spring and the perfect time to visit the capital, before the sizzling summer.
- ➔ August offers Great weather for exploring Lake Skadar; Danilovgrad hosts the River Zeta Festival.
- ➔ September is not as scorching but still warm enough, and a great time to drive the panoramic Circuit Around Korita.



## Central Montenegro Highlights

- 1 Njegoš Mausoleum (p92)**  
Marvelling at the majesty of both the mountains and the monument at the top.
- 2 National Museum of Montenegro (p93)**  
Delving into history, art and culture in the former royal capital Cetinje.
- 3 Lipa Cave (p95)**  
Diving even deeper into the past on a tour of one of the country's largest caves.
- 4 Ostrog Monastery (p107)**  
Gazing in wonder at the improbable cliff-face construction of this holy site.
- 5 Lake Skadar (p97)**  
Cruising the sparkling waters to the island monasteries and bird sanctuaries.
- 6 Rijeka Crnojevića (p97)**  
Feasting on the sublime seafood and serene setting.
- 7 Nova Varoš (p105)**  
Soaking up the nocturnal buzz of Podgorica's party precinct.