



# Bay of Kotor

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## Why Go?

Gorgeous, breathtaking, majestic, divine; however hefty your thesaurus, the brain-blowing beauty of the Bay of Kotor will leave you struggling for superlatives. Hemmed in by commanding cliffs and shape-shifting between rippling gulfs and sparkling straits, the cobalt cove even manages to defy geographic description: is it a fjord? A submerged canyon? It seems there's only one way to define *Boka Kotorska*: unmissable.

Scattered with photogenic medieval towns admiring their reflections in peacock-blue inlets, the compact bay – or simply 'Boka', as it's known in local parlance – is stitched together by a series of scenic, serpentine roads, making it easy to explore. As if determined to prove the 'good things come in small packages' adage, the region crams in everything from island monasteries and show-stopping citadels to adventure sports and extraordinary eateries, where waterfront views induce as much drooling as the fresh seafood. Whatever your bliss, you'll find it at Boka.

## When to Go

- ➔ May is dry, with mild temperatures and fragrant Mediterranean foliage in bloom.
- ➔ June is the best month, with temperatures in the high 20s, low rainfall and off-peak prices.
- ➔ July and August are the hottest and driest months – but also the busiest and most expensive.

## Climate

The weather in the outer section of the bay isn't markedly different from the pleasant Mediterranean climate of the coast. Southwest-facing Tivat has a reputation for being one of the sunniest spots. Cloud often drapes the high cliffs of the inner bay.

Crkvice in the Orjen massif above Risan is said to have the highest rainfall in Europe, averaging 5300mL per annum. The record was in 1937 when it hit 8065mL. Luckily, the karstic nature of the terrain causes the water to disappear into the limestone rather than flooding the towns below.



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### 1 Kotor's Old Town (p45)

Randomly roaming the atmospheric laneways until you're at least a little lost.

**2 Back road to Mt Lovćen (p48)** Winding your way to dizzying views on the snaking back road from Kotor to Lovćen National Park.

**3 Perast (p42)** Admiring the baroque beauty of historic palazzos and churches.

**4 Herceg Novi (p36)** Cooling off in the shade with a drink on Trg Herceg Stejpana.

**5 Tivat (p52)** Seeing how the other half lives

in glitzy, glamorous Porto Montenegro.

**6 Luštica Peninsula (p56)** Losing yourself within the olive groves in the remote byways.

**7 Kayaking (p48)** Paddling your way to island fortresses, remote beaches and sea caves on a day tour.