

7 Great Things To Do In Montenegro In 2018

Visiting a country so scenically diverse as Montenegro in any season leaves most visitors wanting for more and it's not surprising given the idyllic old-walled towns, stunning nature and rich history.

The world's most popular travel destinations are scooping up accolades for their experiential travel experiences and Montenegro wants a piece of the jetsetter pie. It may be a small country, but there's a reason why it's reputation is growing. As an all-year destination, Montenegro is a great place to visit for any traveller and there are plenty of ways to outsmart the tourist crowds.

1. Enjoy A Luxury Winter Getaway



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With direct flights in winter to Tivat, Podgorica and

Dubrovnik airports, visiting Montenegro in the cooler months provides a unique perspective on a fascinating region. The mood in here during winter is restful and reflective, so it is easy to absorb the atmosphere with a harbourside drink or lunch. The Regent Porto Montenegro is a sublime place to experience a decadent getaway with a premium [Winter Escape Package](#) offering luxury accommodation paired with discounts for designer shopping, food and beverage and indulgent treatments at the Regent Spa.

2. Explore Montenegro's Great Outdoors



Biogradska Gora National Park | Image credit: lonelyplanet.com

Home to the Balkan's most pristine wilderness areas, Montenegro boasts a kaleidoscope of natural attractions including vast gorges, turquoise lakes, mountain plateaus and forestlands. Nature lovers can discover a wide variety of wildlife such as boar, bears, deer or rare southern Dalmatian

pelicans. Visiting during spring is particularly special when the meadows are vibrant with wild orchids and the temperatures are pleasant. Don't miss Biogradska Gora National Park with mesmerising lake and mountain views; it's a wonderful spot to switch off and rejuvenate. Families will enjoy Lipa Cave close to Cetinje, a karst cave network with 2.5 kilometres of passageways. After dark, head outdoors at Lovćen for a stargazing session minus light pollution.

3. Wander The Medieval Towns Without The Tourist Crowds



Kotor | Image credit: earthtrekkers.com

Want to visit all the popular towns but hate crowds? Well, Montenegro lets you have your cake and eat it because the quiet season is the quintessential time to visit. The country's long history is reflected in beautiful cathedrals, historic ramparts and Baroque architecture. Built on the foundations of the Venetian period, in UNESCO-listed Kotor, you'll find walled fortifications intertwined with

bougainvillea-fringed alleyways and Romanesque churches. Perast is worth exploring to soak up the beauty of the palaces and churches looking out to the tiny island, Our Lady of the Rocks.

4. Stay And Sail



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Montenegro has a lengthy maritime history and one of the best ways to appreciate the country's charms is from the sea. Suitable for all levels of experience, [Porto Montenegro Yacht Club](#) will guide you on a range of RYA certified sailing courses for durations of 2 to 5 days giving you the ultimate chance to try your hand at sailing the picturesque Boka Bay.

5. Join In The Fun At Montenegrin

Carnivals



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Remember to pack your sense of fun and excitement when you come to here because there are a number of annual festivals that show off Montenegrin music, culture and history. February welcomes the Kotor Carnival, one of the best carnivals in Montenegro with a costumed parade, masks and celebrations in town squares as well as a Mimosa Festival in Herceg Novi. For something a bit different, in July the Prokletije Mountains which boasts the world's largest cover of naturally growing wild blueberries hosts a lip-smackingly juicy Days of Blueberries festival in Plav. Summertime sees locals and visitors participate in the International Summer Carnival, a street party in Kotor where you can see how Montenegrin festivals really get the community behind them.

6. Thrill-Seeking Adventure Sports



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Montenegro is the Aston Martin of Adriatic landscapes with epic mountain, river, forest and fjord-like scenery. If you have a spark for an adventurous lifestyle, there is something for everyone to escape the chaos of big cities in all seasons. Go mountain biking in Durmitor National Park or along the Vrmac Ridge separating Tivat and Kotor, join a rafting trip down the Tara River or venture to Trnovačko Lake in the north for hiking. Snow hounds can head a few hours north of Porto Montenegro for skiing in Kolašin, where an 18-person ski chalet is completely [free of charge for crew](#) to use in winter – an amazing offer to have fun on the slopes, enjoy the late-night bars and eat at authentic Montenegrin restaurants!

7. Discover Montenegro's Cuisine



Seafood Buzara | Image credit: theculturetrip.com

One of the best ways to experience the culture of a country is by enjoying delicious culinary creations. From the simple yet divine seafood buzara to dry-cured ham from Njeguši and grilled lamb or fish, you'll be amazed at the traditions and reasons why Montenegro is becoming a foodie destination. The fruits of nature are no more evident than the organic food producers and vineyards spreading around Lake Skadar and you'll be fully satisfied by a glass of rakija designed to warm your bones. This little country will certainly change your perspective on gastronomy and balance out the good life with the best of what's in season.

Whether you want to catch the last of the winter sun or are thinking about next summer, Montenegro will leave a lasting impression with a range of extraordinary experiences all year-round.

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