# Our Top Superyacht Winter Port

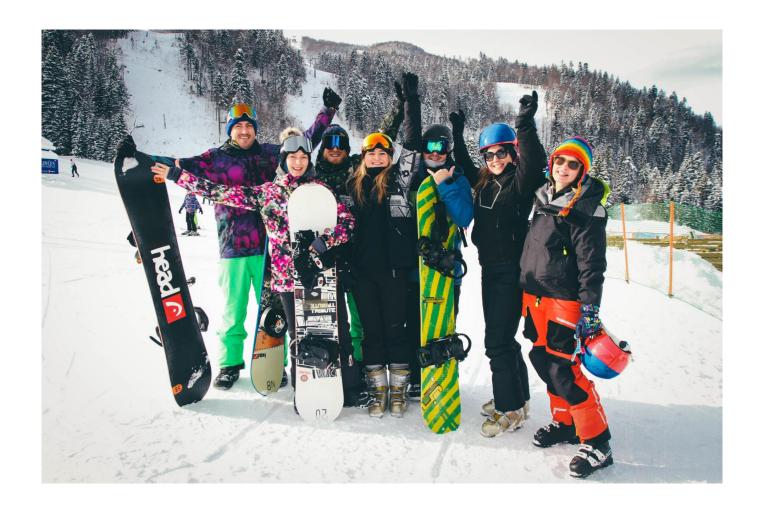
With winter fast approaching, superyachts are now looking for a new port to call home during the winter months. Here at <u>Superyacht Content</u>, we voted on where we would want to spend our winter in the Mediterranean as Superyacht Crew. And here is why Porto Montenegro won:



## Porto Montenegro

<u>Porto Montenegro Marina</u> is one of the best marinas in the Med. Superyacht Captains often choose this marina as their homeport because of its bespoke services, high-end facilities, and central Mediterranean location. Porto Montenegro topped our

list this year because of its up-to-date facilities, a lively events programme, and great connections. We're going to take you through everything you need to know before you arrive for your winter season.



## Winter In Montenegro

The Montenegrin coast is a lovely place to be at any time of the year. Winter is mild, with average temperatures in January around 7/8 °C (45/46 °F). Chilly winds often bring down the average temperature, meaning you will probably not want to visit the beach without jeans and a jacket. This does, however, help keep the crowds down, making Montenegro a lovely area to explore during the winter months.



## Fitness Facilities

With a long summer season, limited space and lack of routine, yacht crew most look forward to good fitness facilities to let off some steam away from the yacht. So, of course, we checked this out, and here's what Porto Montenegro offers:

- Indoor and Outdoor Gym
- Personal Trainers Offering one-on-one or group sessions
- Daily Classes including HIIT, Pilates, Yoga, Circuit Training
- Swimming Pool Access to the pool, free sunbeds and free access to a smaller pool near the sports bar
- A Tennis Club and Squash Courts With plenty of courts to hire

- Weekly football and basketball sessions
- Sailing Offering Social sailing sessions every Thursday and Saturday from noon until 3 pm.
- Rowing morning rowing sessions around Boka Bay every Wednesday and Saturday
- Archery Lessons and help from a certified archery coach for individuals and groups.

On top of all this, they also have a stunning day spa offering bespoke massages and access to relaxing spa facilities.



## What To Do?

All crew from yachts staying in the Marina are eligible for a **free** <a href="Crew Club">Crew Club</a> Membership which entitles you to:

- Discounts across the Porto Montenegro Village
- Discounts in fashion boutiques, restaurants and bars
- Entry to all crew events
- Access to the Warsash Superyacht Academy Porto Montenegro Programme

The Marina is in the village, filled with excellent restaurants, lively bars, boutique shops and a beach club, meaning there is plenty to do right on your doorstep.

On top of this, there is an RYA Training Centre onsite, and Porto Montenegro has partnered with the <u>Warsash Superyacht</u>

<u>Academy</u>. Warsash has launched a series of courses in Montenegro so yacht crew can work on their skills during the quieter months.

Winters in Tivat mean getaways to the north, skiing, snowboarding and fresh powder slopes. Each year, the Marina has a ski chalet available throughout the winter, giving yacht crew the ability to have some time away, immersed in nature.

#### Facilities here include:

- A garden with BBQ
- Free WiFi and private parking
- Private rooms with showers
- TV with satellite channels
- Some rooms even have a mountain view



#### **Events**

Marina Montenegro has created a fantastic events calendar to keep your social life at its peak over the winter months. From pizza & bowling to wine tasting and Hawaiian party nights. They even offer Ski weekends and Spa Getaways. Every week they host a movie night and Saturday Sessions in the Clubhouse, meaning there is something for everyone.

On top of all of this year, they are hosting the <u>Porto</u> <u>Montenegro Superyacht Winter Games</u> marina director Tony Browne commented:

"We are very excited to be organising this incredible event for the third year in a row. The previous winter and summer events showed healthy competition from hundreds of crew and we have already received inquiries for this year's edition. With social distancing challenges in mind, we needed to reinvent our Winter Games, which has produced what we believe to be the most interesting format to date"

## **Connections**

While we do love the coast, mixing things up never hurts! Tivat Airport is a 5-minute drive away from the marina, and it takes less than 45 minutes to reach Belgrade, the regional epicentre of parties, shopping and hospitality. There are several daily flights between Tivat and Belgrade; making weekend plans has never been easier.

Porto Montenegro is up to a three-hour flight from major European cities, and there are three airports nearby: airport Tivat (7 km), airport Dubrovnik (46 km) and Podgorica airport (90 km), meaning rotational crew can get to and from the vessel easily.



### For The Yacht

Although the downtime perks are important, we know you still have to work during the winter months. Porto Montenegro offers personalised packages to suit the work needs of captains and crew. Their benefits include:

- A naturally protected port, offering maximum safety and protection
- Tax-free fuel
- Access to a full-service marina
- Complimentary black and grey water disposal
- Onsite helipad
- Chandlery and provisioning
- Experienced yacht agents

For a sneak peek before you arrive, see what other crew say on

## **Book Your Spot:**

Porto Montenegro is currently offering special winter berthing rates where you can enjoy two months of these fantastic facilities **FREE**. For more information on this, get in touch with them at <u>sales@portomontenegro.com</u> or visit their website here.

You can see what they currently have running at the Crew Club by following them, joining their Facebook Group <u>Porto Montenegro Crew Club</u> or follow them on Instagram <u>Oportomontenegrocrewclub</u>.

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# The rise of the Superyacht Agent

For a long time, a Superyacht agent was considered an unnecessary cost by companies and captains. They were called upon only when there was a problem to be fixed in local marinas or for refuelling or provisioning.

### So, what's changed?

Yacht owners and their guests want more. More exclusive experiences, special events, higher standards. All in a place that a lot of the time Captains and their crew have not visited before. The Superyacht "Milk run" has expanded to lesser known countries and therefore the challenge of finding "special" things for guests has become, well more challenging!

#### Who and where?

A+ Yachting agency is an agent helping to meet these challenges. Operating in Croatia and Montenegro they are slowly changing the narrative. With their modern approach, professional service, and innovative concierge making them one of the few full-service agencies in Europe.

#### **Memories**

This year, A+ Yachting went a step further and prepared a program that will guarantee memories that will last a lifetime.

Starting with Croatia. A+ Yachting has booked a Wimbledon champion, Goran Ivanisevic, for private tennis lessons or an exhibition match for all tennis lovers. If guests want something more relaxing, local celebrity singer Petar Graso will gladly serenade them in an authentic Croatian tavern during a delicious dinner.



Goran Ivanisevic

### Dining

When it comes to venues for dining experiences. A+ offers a highly exclusive dinner party in Brijoni on the ruins of a Roman villa that dates to 1 century AD, and several local monuments utilized for dreamlike experiences such as the 15th-century palace, top of the lighthouse, Old Town square, Our Lady of Lorreto monument and many more.

#### Montenegro

A+ Yachting has prepared equally unique experiences with dining spots on the top of the 14th-century fortress St. Andrew, located 743 meters above sea level, that offers spectacular views of Boka Bay.



#### Culture

You can also opt for a national museum in Perast, where dinner is served on the balcony right next to the famous island landmark of Our Lady of Rocks. A+ Yachting has utilized some

of the most famous landmarks in Montenegro in order to provide some unique experiences to its guests.

This has helped them receive an award for the Best Adriatic Superyacht Agent in 2020 and a nomination for the same prize in 2021.

So, with the non-event of a summer last year and limited places Superyacht

It will be a summer to remember!

For more news on Yacht agents, destinations and the latest crew topics click <a href="here">here</a>.

# Great Berth Deals at Porto Montenegro this Summer!

Porto Montenegro's award-winning superyacht marina offering a platinum standard 2021 summer base in the Mediterranean

<u>Porto Montenegro</u> is proud to announce its plans for the forthcoming summer season. Offering yacht owners, guests and crew a unique, safe environment as a base. Alongside the best facilities in the Eastern Mediterranean.

Award-winning marina

The first to be given platinum-standard status. Has introduced a carefully created summer berthing option as a more flexible and convenient way of supporting boats on their itineraries.

Book for a week, a month or longer. Enjoy the freedom and

flexibility of using your designated days whenever and however you wish throughout the season.

This exclusive offer is available <u>from May 1st until October</u> <u>31st 2021</u> and is valid for yachts above 30m. Bespoke packages are also available upon request.

#### The location

Many choose <u>Porto Montenegro</u> Marina as their central Mediterranean base for the abundance of features and first-class amenities available. Located in one of the world's most idyllic nautical playgrounds. Boka Bay, home to the marina, is a sunken canyon and the largest natural harbour in the eastern Med. It also benefits from being just a five-minute drive from Tivat International Airport.

Montenegro's outside EU status, yacht-friendly legislation, and Porto Montenegro's state-of-the-art marina facilities all serve to make it an attractive and financially advantageous destination to base yachts this summer.

#### **Benefits**

<u>Porto Montenegro</u>'s berthing options can be personalised to suit the requirements of owners, captains and crew. They also offer the following benefits:

- Tax-free fuel
- Access to a full-serviced marina
- Complimentary black and grey water disposal
- Onsite helipad
- Chandlery and provisioning
- Experienced yachting agents
- High-end shops
- Fine-dining opportunities

#### Marina Director, Tony Browne says:

"We are very excited to be leading the way for luxury

Superyacht marinas with this new style of berthing for all yachts above 30m in size. As a destination and a base, Porto Montenegro offers huge benefits that exceed most yachting requirements. We are looking forward to a safe and successful summer and to welcoming both new and returning clients."

For crew, berthing a yacht at <u>Porto Montenegro</u> during summer comes with the added advantage of being a part of the Crew Club, a unique marina community that brings crew and marina members together through fun and active events — all within a Covid-secure environment.

From sports tournaments to wine tasting, quiz nights and HIIT training, each gathering is another chance to bond with your crewmates but also to meet others living and working in Porto Montenegro — providing a social scene for crew in between charters. All crew from the boats coming in and staying at the marina are eligible for the free membership which comes with various discounts across the Porto Montenegro village, entrances to all Crew Club events and access to the Warsash Superyacht Academy Porto Montenegro programme.