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TOUR MTI 15

## MONASTERY TOUR

This tour is unique opportunity to discover the rich cultural & spiritual treasure of Montenegro. organized for the guests staying in these holiday resorts:  
Budva ;; Sveti Stefan ; Petrovac

**1<sup>st</sup> Day arrival at airport of Tivat** (alternative airports Podgorica & Dubrovnik)  
Transfer to the holiday resort & hotel along the Montenegrin coast ( according to clients choice)  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Day Trip to Budva** - sightseeing old town of Budva & visits to Cathedral of St Ivan- 7<sup>th</sup> century , later orthodox church of Holly Trinity 17<sup>th</sup> century. Later trip to Monastery Praskvica near St. Stefan. Later traveling to the village Rezevici and visit to the orthodox monastery in Rezevici village ( 3 churches ,oldest church from 13<sup>th</sup> century ) later visit to the old village school established in 1856 nowadays converted into ethnological museum , library & gallery. Demonstration of local wines & wine tasting at the beautiful terrace in front of the old school. Local snacks are also served during the wine tasting. Departure from the hotel at 9.00  
Expected return to hotel at 14.30



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### 3rd Day trip to the monastery Ostrog

Traveling north towards Podgorica Montenegrin capital and further north towards Danilovgrad and further to Bogetici village, and from there to monastery Ostrog. Monastery stands on a hill between Danilovgrad and Niksic. The monastery complex is consisted of two churches, lower church is of more recent about 1820 the church contain Mineon / prayer book from 1732 and beautiful candlesticks from 1779. At the are in front the lower church is a bus parking place, and from that spot there is about 40 minutes walking up the road trough the forest to the upper church which was constructed in 1665. the church is made in a cave and it looks like is carved in the stone. the re is the place where body of saint Vasilije / Vasileos / is exhibited.

the upper church is the goal to many pilgrims coming from all over the world. the saint Vasilije is an orthodox saint / known by Catholics and Moslem./ saint that heals ,help and protect. Regardless if you are Orthodox, Catholic or Moslem you are welcome.

entering the cave church you'll see the body of the saint, you are supposed to kiss the icon of the saint and stay certain time pray in the church. When you leave the church you'll be given a small bottle with holy water from nearby water spring to take home, than you should light a candle for the health and prosperity of your family and your beloved and a candle for the memory to the dead members of your family.

After visiting upper Monastery, a trip back to the holiday resort. On the way back we'll make a short coffe brake. ....



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**4<sup>th</sup> Day Trip to Skadar Lake** Trip by boat about 2 hours one way to islands Starcevo and Moracnik to visit same named churches on the islands from 15<sup>th</sup> century. Lake Skadarsko the biggest lake at the Balkan Peninsula, breathtaking panoramas of the lake and spiritual silence will make your journey to remember.



**5<sup>th</sup> Day trip to Cetinje**, the former capital of Montenegro, visit to the famous Cetinje monastery. The monastic complex is in fact a town – a miniature fortress. At the beginning of the 18th century the monastic church was erected, as well as monks' cells, the refectory and the bell tower. The monastic complex has on several occasions undergone adjustments and additional construction works and it got its present-day compact nucleus appearance from 1925 to 1927. The nucleus of the monastic complex is the Church of the Nativity of the Mother of God, a moderately dimensioned single-nave building. In its south choir lies the reliquary chest of St. Petar of Cetinje, after which the Monastery got its name. North of the church is St. Petar's cell, his hermitage. Southward from the church are the monastic residences, two-storied and with arcaded cornices. Next to them, in the former Metropolitan's Court often called Njegos Residence, is the monastic treasury, which is in terms of richness one of the most important institutions of its kind in Montenegro. A reconstructed large threshing floor lies in front of the monastery, which inspired Njegos so that numerous scenes from his great philosophical epic poem *Gorski vijenac* (The Mountain Wreath) take place on or around this site. The Cetinje Monastery is more than a harmoniously composed architectural achievement. It was the Montenegrin cultural centre. In it were cherished the spiritual and historical heritage, the first school was opened in the Monastery (1834), as well as the first Montenegrin print shop after the Crnojevici one (1833). The Monastery symbolizes the Montenegrin spirituality, history and the love of freedom and tradition and enlightenment.

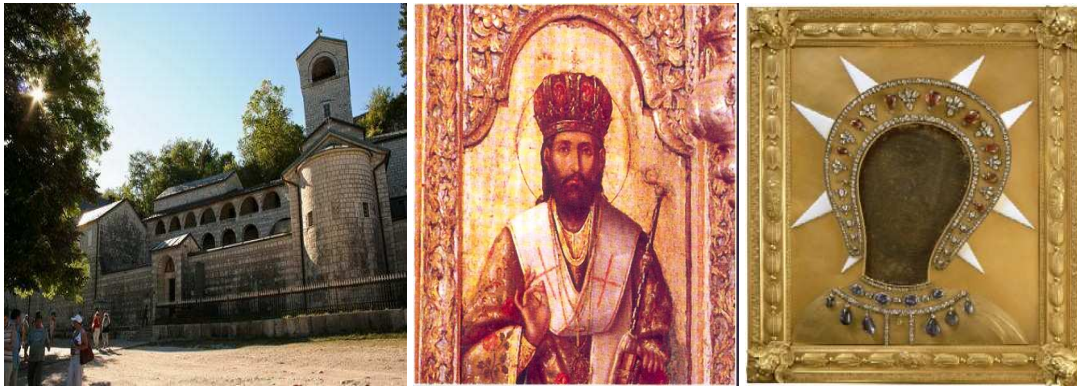
Three of the greatest Christian relics – the right hand of St. John the Baptist, pieces of the True (holly) Cross, and the icon ("Filernosa") painted by the Holy Apostle Luke are located in Cetinje. Two of the three relics are currently at the Cetinje monastery, while "Filernosa" is at the State Museum in Cetinje. The priceless icon "Our Lady of Filerno", known as "Filernosa" is said to have been painted by Apostle Luke almost two thousand years ago. History records that it was brought to Malta by the in the 16th century, and that it stayed there till 1789, when it arrived at the Russian court. There the old metal frame was replaced with gold, and the frame was bedecked with precious jewels. Some 270 diamonds were arranged in a double row around the halo, with rubies and brilliants in between.....

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Late afternoon after the visit to Cetinje return to the hotel.

### 6<sup>th</sup> Day

Visit to town Kotor , one of the best preserved and most beautiful medieval fortified towns in the Mediterranean. It was built in honor of Saint Tryphon (local name Sveti Tripun), the patron and protector of the city, on the same site where an older church had already existed. That earlier church was built in 809 by Andrija (Andreaccio) Saracenis, a citizen of Kotor, where the remains of the Saint were kept after being brought Istanbul /ConstantinopleThis Roman Catholic cathedral is the largest and most beautiful building in Kotor, and was consecrated on June 19, 1166 The cathedral was seriously damaged and rebuilt after the earthquake of 1667, but there were not enough funds for its complete reconstruction. That is the reason why its two towers are so different one from the other. Another massive earthquake in April 1979, which completely devastated the Montenegro coast, also greatly damaged the cathedral. Luckily, it has been salvaged and the careful restoration of parts of its interior has not been completed until a few years ago. Today, this formidable piece of Romanesque architecture, one of the oldest and perhaps the most beautiful monument along the Adriatic Sea, is showing its splendor again.

### 7<sup>th</sup> Day

Leisure day & individual activities

### 8<sup>th</sup> Day

Breakfast at the hotel , later transfer to the airport & flight home.

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GROUP SIZE		SEASON 2011 TOUR PRICES PER PERSON			
	13.05.-20.05. Price per person Net.	02.06.-09.06. Price per person Net.	15.06. -22.06. Price per person Net	28.09.-05.10. Price per person Net.	
Minimum 6 persons mini bus	485 euro	485 euro	499 euro	485 euro	
10-14 persons	390 euro	390euro	390 euro	390 euro	
15 + persons	350 euro	350 euro	380 euro	335 euro	
Single supplement on the tour	90 euro	90 euro	120 euro	80 euro	
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- Hotel accommodation in Petrovac hotel Danica - 3\* 7 days HB

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