

# About this tour

The English word *pilgrimage* is rooted in the term meaning “foreigner” or “stranger.”

It reminds us that those who embark on a pilgrimage leave behind the safety and familiarity of daily life to venture into the unknown — an experience that challenges and renews both body and spirit.

The most important aspect of pilgrimage is the personal transformation that takes place along the way. This transformation can be dramatic and life-altering, often bringing a deep sense of peace, joy, love, and inspiration. Each pilgrimage is unique, yet every journey leaves us changed in one way or another.

“To go on a pilgrimage is to travel at a much deeper and life-changing level.  
It is to travel by searching for God, as God is searching for us.”

A pilgrimage is a spiritual journey that enriches the soul, strengthens faith and deepens one’s connection with God. It’s not just traveling to a particular place to view some religious relics or historical sites; it’s about relieving the history of those places, drawing closer to Holy people, receiving blessings and carrying these blessings home to enrich our spiritual lives.

*May your journey be one of enlightenment, peace and lasting spiritual growth.*

## This tour includes

Visits to beautiful contemporary and historical monasteries every day with additional visits to wineries and hotel spas. The history of Serbia and Montenegro is told through its ancient monasteries and medieval art. The tour begins in Tivat, Montenegro and concludes in Belgrade, Serbia with many cities along the way included.

### Fees not including air fare and insurance:

- Montenegro only – \$2,100
- Montenegro and Serbia – \$3,500
- Price based on two people per room, single room is an additional \$650.
- All hotels on this tour are four-star properties.

Must arrive at Tivat airport on September 16, 2026  
For Montenegro only, depart September 22, 2026  
Montenegro and Serbia, depart from Belgrade on September 28, 2026

A \$350 non-refundable deposit is to due by March 1, 2026 to  
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# Early Christianity & Ancient Art in Montenegro and Serbia

*includes a deluxe resort/spa stay on the Adriatic Coast in Montenegro*

## Wed., Sept. 16 / Day 1

Arrival at the Hotel Montenegro in Budva from Tivat Airport. Check in. Dinner on your own.

## Thurs., Sept. 17 / Day 2

Breakfast included. Then tour Old Town Budva, with its historical churches and monasteries, art; lunch is included with the tour. Return to Hotel Montenegro for spa time. Dinner on your own.

### Highlights:

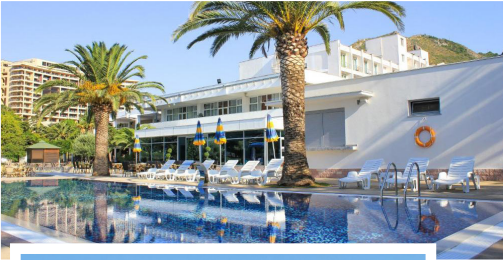
- Stari Grad (Budva Old Town), Budva Citadel
- Church of the Holy Trinity (1804), Church of St. Sava (12<sup>th</sup> century), Church of Santa Maria in Punta (840)
- Church of St. John the Baptist (7<sup>th</sup> century original church and 17<sup>th</sup> century updates), Budva City Walls, Ballerina Statue
- Museums/Galleries to stroll on your own

## Fri., Sept. 18 / Day 3

Breakfast included. Free day – resort time at the Hotel Montenegro. Lunch and dinner on your own.

## Sat., Sept. 19 / Day 4

Breakfast included at the Hotel Montenegro. Tour Old Town Kotor with its history and art, churches and monasteries. Lunch included with tour. Transfer to Hotel Montenegro. Dinner on your own.



### Highlights:

- Kotor cable car ride, St. Tryphon Cathedral; Kotor Old Town and Square and St. Giovanni Fortress, St. Luke's Church, St. Nicholas Church, and St. Mary Church.

## Sun., Sept. 20 / Day 5

Breakfast included.\* Tour Port Montenegro, boat ride in Perast bay and around Our Lady of the Rocks, Risan Ancient Art.

Lunch included in the tour. Return to the Hotel Montenegro. Dinner on your own.

\* Option to attend liturgy will be arranged.

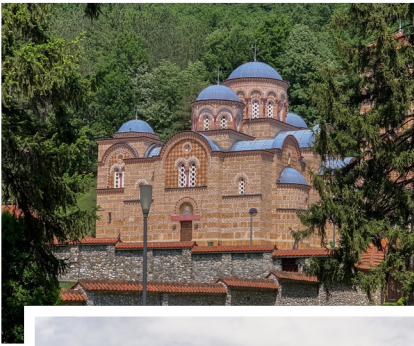
### Highlights:

- Perast is one of the best-preserved towns on the entire Adriatic coast. It forms part of the UNESCO World Heritage

Site Natural and Culturo-Historical Region of Kotor, but unlike Kotor and Budva, it isn't walled: It opens directly onto the sea.

## Mon., Sept. 21 / Day 6

Breakfast included. Day trip to Ostrog monastery. On the way to Ostrog visit Cetinje monastery which houses the hand of St. John the Baptist. Lunch included with tour. Return to Hotel Montenegro. Dinner on your own.



## Tues., Sept. 22 / Day 7

Breakfast included. Check out. Departure for Serbia. Tour the Morača monastery on the way. Lunch included. Meet our new host, Miroslav before the border. Transfer and border control. Proceed to the Mileševa monastery with overnight. Dinner included.

## Wed., Sept. 23 / Day 8

Breakfast included at local restaurant. Then visit the monasteries of Studenica and Gradac on the way to Vrnjačka Banja. Enjoy a light lunch before checking in at the Vila Opera Hotel (spa hotel) mid-afternoon, free time, and overnight. Dinner.

## Thurs., Sept. 24 / Day 9

Breakfast included. Visit Žiča and Ljubostinja monasteries. Hotel return for massage/spa time. Dinner included. Explore a local vineyard. Vila Opera Hotel overnight.

## Fri., Sept. 25 / Day 10

Breakfast included. Depart for Belgrade. Visit Zlatibor Open Market. Lunch included. Visit The Kings Church and dinner visit the Savič Winery. Arrive at Hotel Balkan. Check in.



## Sat., Sept. 26 / Day 11

Breakfast included. Walking tour of Belgrade. Visit the Kalemegdan Fortress with Ružica Church, the Archangel Michael Patriarchal Church, Knez Mihailova Street and Square, the National Museum of Belgrade, and more. Dinner included.

*An evening National Theatre performance is an extra paid option.*

## Sun., Sept. 27 / Day 12

Breakfast included.\* Visit to St. Sava Cathedral and crypt, St. Mark's Cathedral with Republic Square and the Russian Orthodox Church. Lunch last day celebration. Afternoon and evening free time.

\* Option to attend liturgy will be arranged.

## Mon., Sept. 28 / Day 13

Early Departure from Belgrade, Serbia for Minneapolis-St. Paul.

