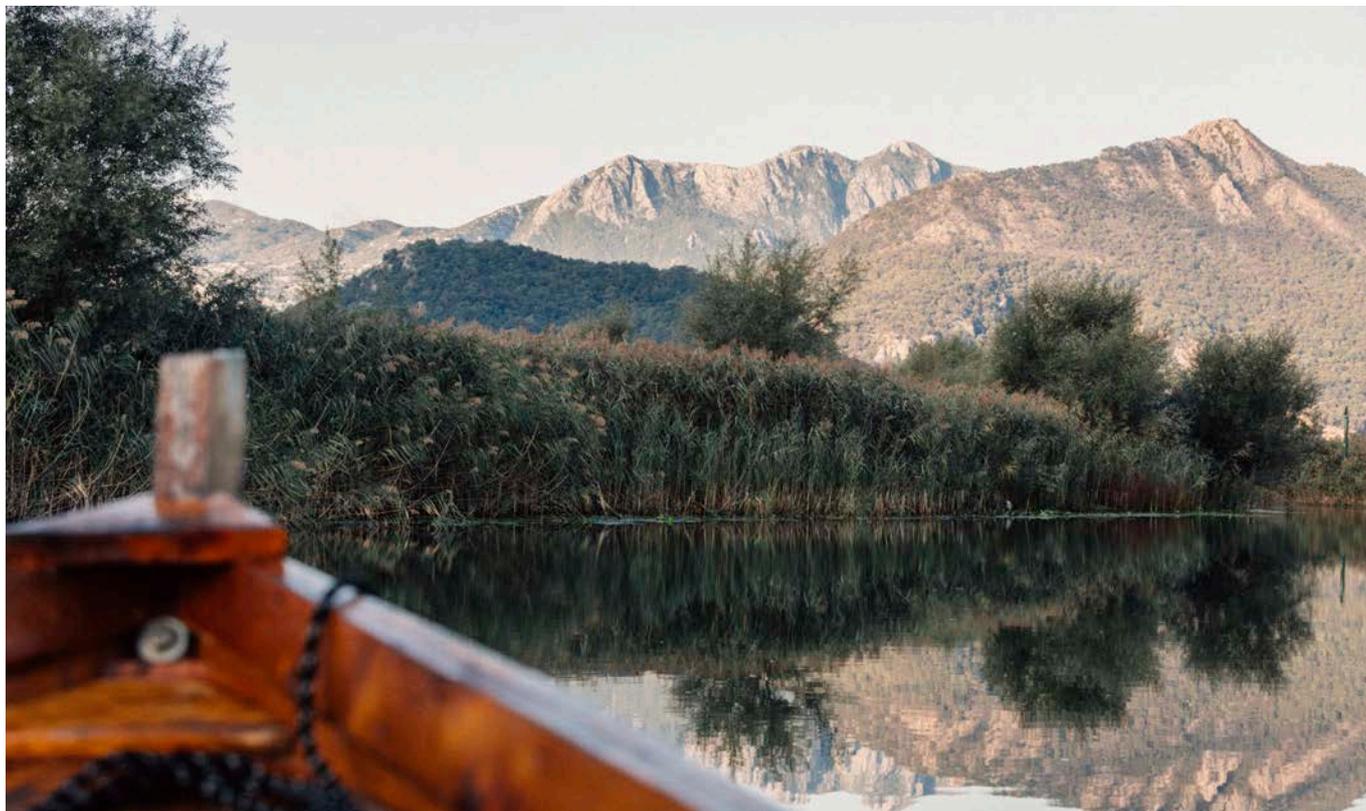


ĀMAN
SVETI STEFAN

Experience Guide





“At the birth of our planet, the most beautiful encounter between land and sea must have happened at the Montenegrin littoral.”

- Lord Byron (1788-1824)

A land of rugged snow-capped mountains, ancient forests and pristine beaches lapped by emerald green seas, Montenegro is a country with spectacular natural scenery and a rich history. The country has endured a tempestuous past, but today enjoys peace and burgeoning prosperity, resting enticingly on the coast of the Adriatic Sea between Croatia to the west and Albania to the southeast.

As renowned for its ancient towns of Budva and Perast, as for its natural wonders the likes of Unesco-protected Kotor Bay, Montenegro is a land where ancient monasteries cling to rocky cliffs and imposing stone churches speak of centuries past. Its capital and largest city is Podgorica, while Cetinje is the old royal capital and the former seat of the throne. A veritable playground for those wishing to explore the outdoors, the country is also gaining renown for its wine.

Aman Sveti Stefan provides guests with personalised guided excursions to natural and cultural attractions in the area – both along the Montenegrin coastline and into the spectacular interior of the country.



Explore Aman Sveti Stefan

Sveti Stefan and Villa Milocer

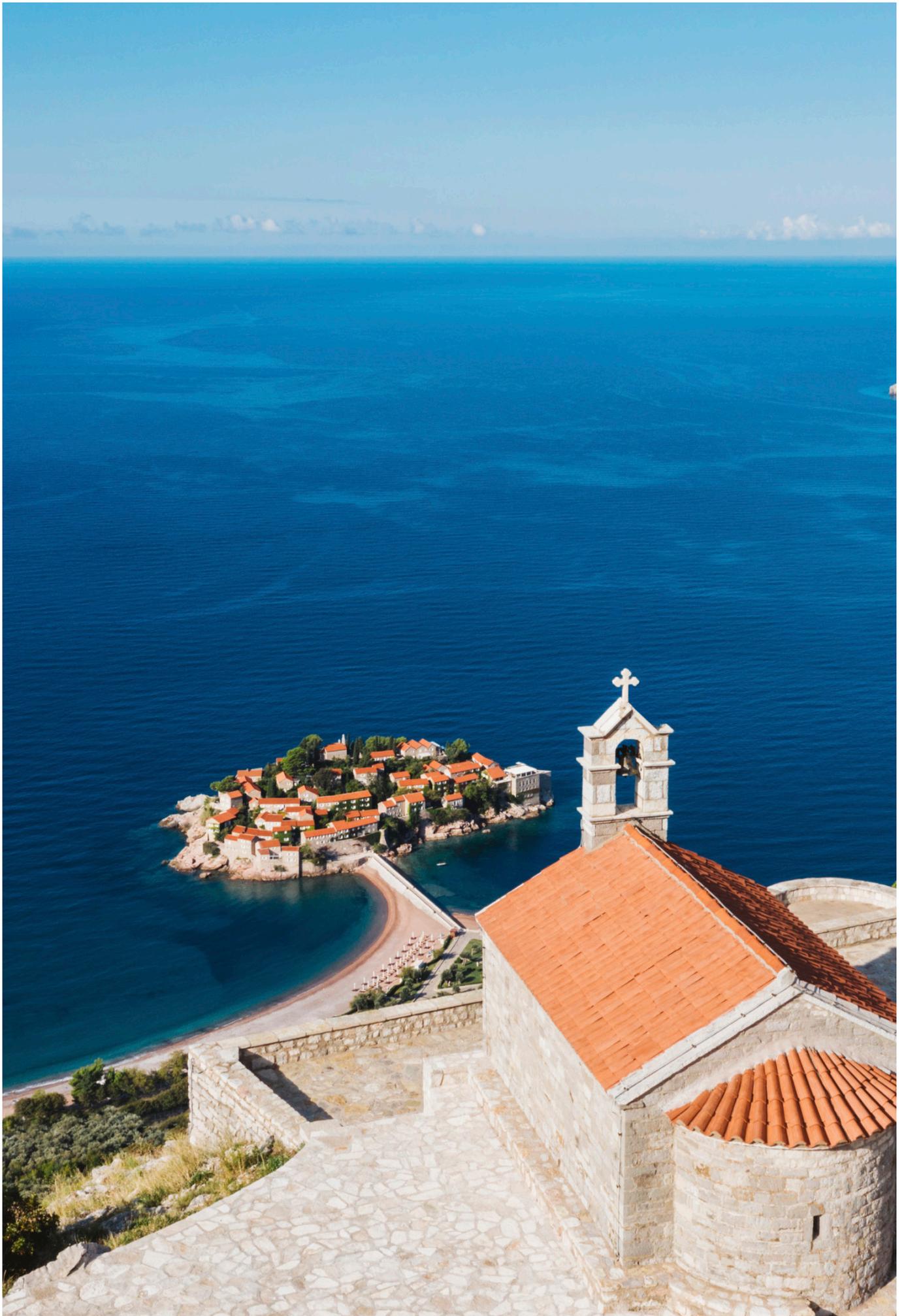
In a country famed for its beauty, the most iconic images associated with Montenegro are of the tiny islet named Sveti Stefan, overlooked by Villa Milocer, a graceful stone villa set on a pink sandy beach. Comprising Aman Sveti Stefan today, these two historic settings offer days' worth of exploration.

The former summer residence of Queen Marija Karadjordjevic completed in 1936, Villa Milocer is surrounded by more than 800 olive trees, and protected on three sides by ancient cedar and pine forests. Attached to the coast by a narrow isthmus, the island itself was once a fortified village dating back to the 1400s. It became a high profile hotel in the 1960s, then underwent its second renaissance to become Aman Sveti Stefan in 2010. But its stone walls, narrow lanes and secret places remain.

Arriving on the island involves stepping through the front gates of the Transfiguration Church on Lubarda Lane, where Aman's guest assistants are located. From here, follow Poetry Lane to Church Lane and discover the heart of the village, the Piazza. Other lanes lead to hidden terraces, the Italian restaurant Arva, convivial bars and tavernas, and tucked away churches.

Beaches and Swimming Pools

The two kilometres of coastline dedicated to Aman Sveti Stefan incorporates Queen's Beach, acknowledged locally as the country's finest, as well as the pink sands of King's Beach and Sveti Stefan Beach. The resort's Aman Spa is a destination unto itself, set in verdant surrounds just back from Queen's Beach and offers a stunning pool from indoors to out. The Signature pool and the Cliff pool are located on the island, both offering panoramic sea views.





Revisit the Past

First documented in 1442, Sveti Stefan was originally developed by 12 families of the Pastrovic tribe as their fortified base. Other families created their own refuge ports, but the well-protected village named after Saint Stefan slowly became the commercial, judicial and administrative centre of the region. Controlled by Venice from 1423 to 1797, with interruptions by the Ottoman Empire, it was part of the Austro-Hungarian empire between 1815 to 1918, then Yugoslavia. It was restored as part of Montenegro after World War II.



Budva Old Town

Just 10km north of Aman Sveti Stefan, the historic town of Budva rests on the shores of a picturesque bay. The town, picturesque and charming, sits upon a small peninsula and is a repository of cultural heritage dating back over two millennia to the 5th century BC. Narrow lanes separate centuries-old buildings and lead to quaint squares lined with unique shops and restaurants. Notable historic edifices include the Church of St. Sava the Sanctified with its remnants of frescoes and inscriptions from the 1100s; the Church of Santa Maria in Punta built in 840. St. Ivan was built at end of 12th century.

Tour duration: 2 hours

Njegusi Village Experience

A peaceful village within Lovcen National Park close to Cetinje, Njegusi is best known as the birthplace of the Petrovic Dynasty, which ruled Montenegro from 1696 to 1918. The village is also significant for its well-preserved folk architecture, and is known for its sir and prsut, local cheese and prosciutto. After exploring Cetinje's most important sites, enjoy a tour of Njegusi culminating in a traditional lunch with mead wine. The return journey to Aman Sveti Stefan will take the spectacular serpentine road with breathtaking views of the Bay of Kotor.

Tour duration: 6 hours



Kotor and Perast

The ancient towns of Kotor and Perast are both situated on the beautiful Bay of Kotor, also known as Boka Bay. Sometimes called Europe's southern-most fjord, the Bay of Kotor winds inland from the Adriatic Sea and has been inhabited since antiquity. It supports a number of well-preserved medieval towns along its shores, including the town of Kotor a Unesco World Heritage Site about 45 minutes by car from Aman Sveti Stefan. An impressive city wall surrounds the old town, mostly built by the Venetians during their four centuries of rule (early 1400s to late 1700s.) But Kotor's history stretches back even further. First mentioned in 168BC and known as Acruvium in Roman times, Kotor shows evidence of its two thousand years of history in every stone.

Perast is settled further along the bay and is famous for connecting to the two islands in the bay, one of which is Our Lady of the Rocks, a small church. Take a four minute boat shuttle to the island, and explore the island church and museum which is full of interesting artefacts from land and sea. This is also a good opportunity to admire the surrounding fjord of Boka Bay.

Tour duration: 4 hours



Walk Kotor's Walls

Start early to walk Kotor's ancient city wall. Steep in parts but with breathtaking views, the wall follows a circuitous 4.5km route around the town and the hills behind it. The San Giovanni Fortress marks the wall's highest point at 260m above sea level (about 1350 steps), with the beautiful church of Lady of the Health marking the halfway point at about 600 steps. Afterwards enjoy some well-deserved refreshments then explore the marvels of Kotor's old town.

Tour duration: 4 hours (recommended start time between 7am and 8am)

Bar Old Town

A 50-minute drive from Aman Sveti Stefan, Bar is a port city with an ancient history. Influenced by the Greeks, the Venetians and the Turks and three major religions, the old town is an archaeological treasure trove and a melting pot of cultures, where modern residents live in the shadow of Roman aqueducts and ancient Turkish baths. After exploring its 1,000-year-old cobbled streets, experience its modern-day bustle with a Turkish coffee and delicious oriental sweets in a local market. On the way back to Aman Sveti Stefan, stop to visit one of the world's oldest olive trees, the 2,000-year-old Olive of Peace.

Tour duration: 4 hours

Ostrog Monastery

Founded in the 17th century, the Monastery of Ostrog is set against an almost vertical backdrop, built into the rock face of Ostroska Greda about 100km from Aman Sveti Stefan. Dedicated to Saint Basil of Ostrog, it offers superb views of the Bjelopavlici Plain and is Montenegro's most popular pilgrimage destination. Known for being a place of miracles, the upper monastery has two churches decorated with 17th-century frescoes. A winding forest trail that takes about 25 minutes to walk leads to the lower monastery.

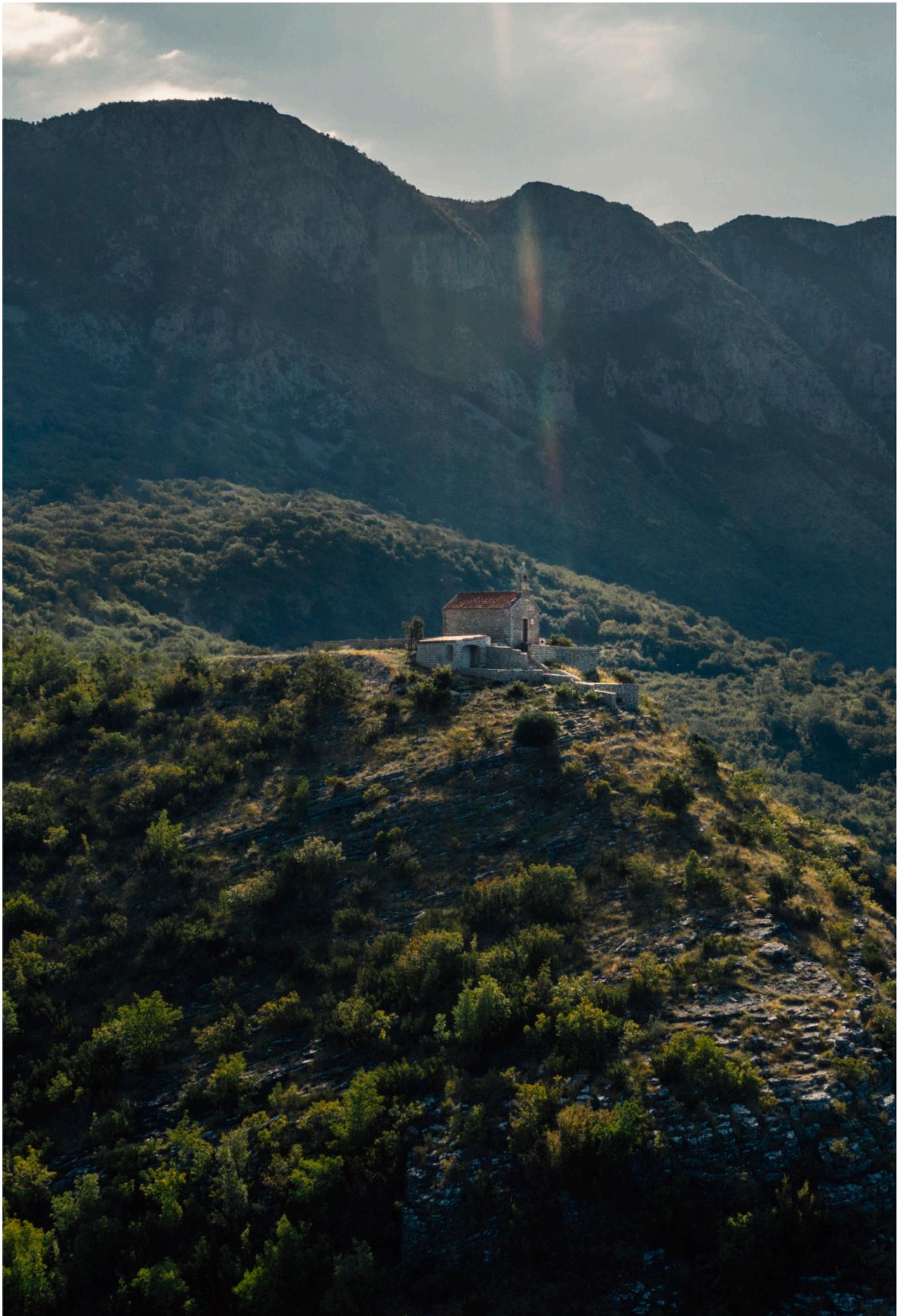
Tour duration: 6 hours

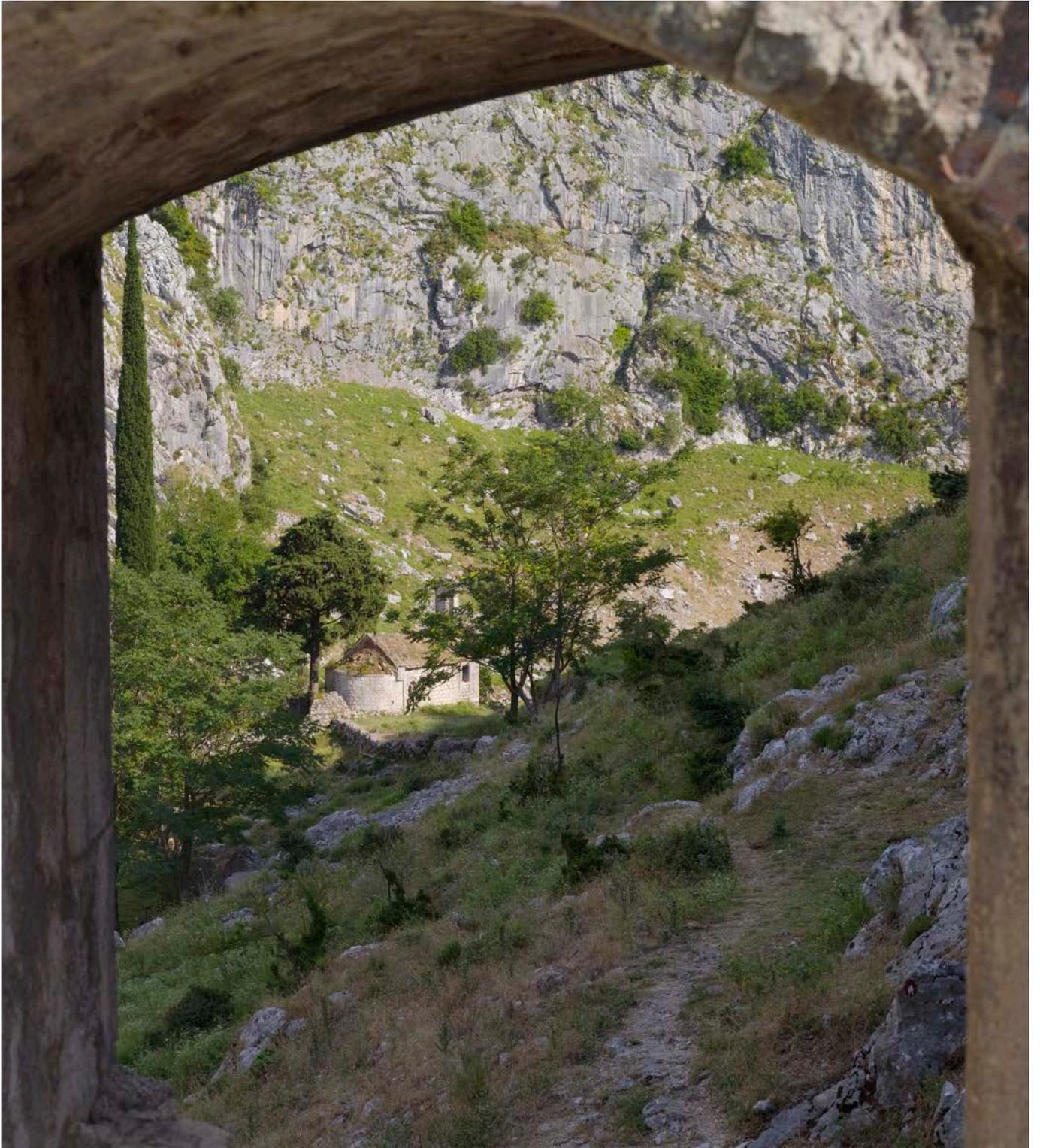
The Old Royal Capital of Cetinje

Situated 650m above sea level at the base of Lovcen Mountain, less than 40km from Aman Sveti Stefan, Cetinje is the honorary capital of Montenegro and the official residence of Montenegro's president. Founded in the 15th century, it is a town of immense historical heritage, and home to many museums, libraries, galleries and archives, as well as an art academy. Bordering its gracious tree-lined lanes and boulevards you will find the stately buildings of former foreign embassies, the palaces of Montenegro's regal past, Art Deco consular buildings and the Cetinje Monastery, built in 1701.

Tour duration: 4 hours

Including drive into Lovcen National Park: 5 hours





Adventures on Land

Located in the centre of Montenegro's Adriatic coastline, Aman Sveti Stefan lies south of Budva and between the villages of Pržno and Sveti Stefan. Guests can visit the nearby villages whenever they wish or hike up into the hills behind the towns for spectacular views. Aman Sveti Stefan can arrange personal guides to accompany you on your ride or hike, as well as picnics to be enjoyed en route in a peaceful setting.



Lovcen National Park

Just 20km from Cetinje, Lovcen is a mountain and national park that inspired Montenegro's name back in the 13th century - the mountain's thickly forested slopes appearing black from a distance. Covering just 62.2 square kilometres but encompassing two significant peaks, the national park is home to the mausoleum of Petar II Petrovic-Njegos (1813-1851), prince-bishop, poet and philosopher. The Byzantine-style monument was finally built at the summit of Jezerski vrh to fulfill his death wish in 1974. Exploring Lovcen and Cetinje also takes in the village of Njegusi, the historic birthplace of Montenegro's royal family, the House of Petrovic.

Tour duration: 4 hours

Skadar Lake

According to legend, a love story created Skadar Lake, the largest on the Balkan Peninsula: Thousands of years ago, village women came to a fountain to collect water, carefully shutting off the flow before they left. One day, a young bride heard the wonderful news that her husband would return from abroad that night and she rushed home, forgetting to turn off the fountain. All through the night, the sweet fresh water flowed. In the morning the villagers discovered what is now known as Skadar Lake.

One of Montenegro's five national parks, the lake is home to 280 bird species, including the endangered Dalmatian Pelican and Black Ibis. Aman Sveti Stefan's boat excursion starts in Virpazar. Surrounded by water lilies with mountains, fortresses and church spires on the horizon, savour a picnic with smoked ham, local wine and traditional priganice pastries before enjoying a swim in the middle of the lake.

Tour duration: 4 hours



Jegor's Path

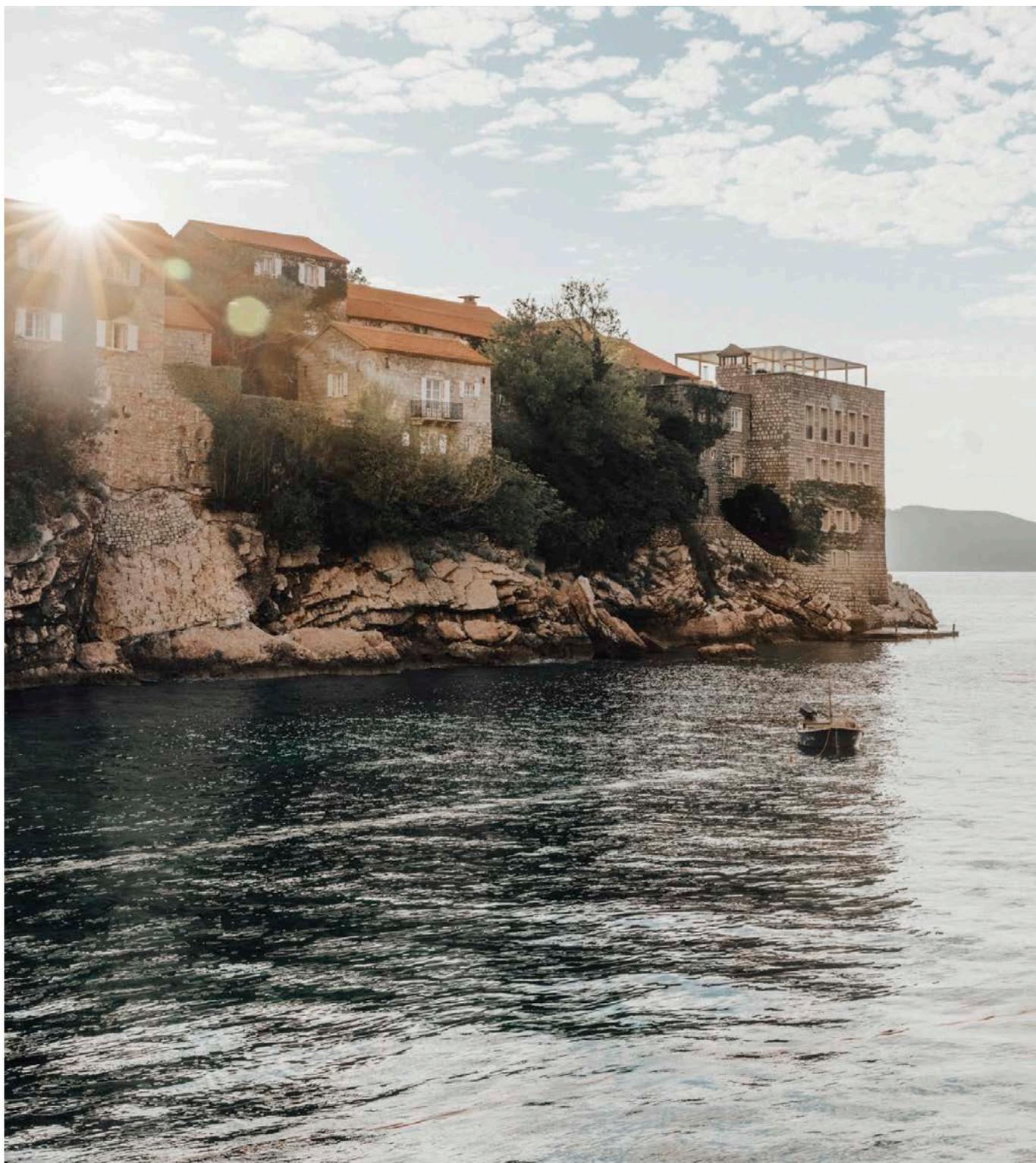
A relatively strenuous hike leading literally from sea to sky, Jegor's Path is well worth the effort as the views from the top are magnificent. Created by a one-armed Russian monk named Jegor Stroganow over the course of 10 years in the early 19th century, the stone path leads from the church of St. Nicholas to the top of Celobrdo Hill. From here, the path leads higher into the Pastrovici Mountains, branching at one point to reach the monasteries of Rustovo and Duljevo, known for their handmade remedies, essential oils and soaps.

Tour duration: 3-4 hours

St Sava Hike

A steep path during the entire hike leads to St. Sava peak, 250 meters above Sveti Stefan. Trek through forest area, punctuated by abundant greenery and a mesmerizing sea-views. The path is uphill for the first 40 minutes, through a narrow pebble road, made long ago by members of Pastrovici tribe. This road used to connect the school in Praskvica Monastery with the local villages nested on the other side of St. Sava Hill. On reaching the summit, the path starts to widen, leading to the 15th century St. Sava Church, located at the peak. Centuries ago the bells of the church used to alarm people of this area of approaching danger, either from the sea or the mountains.

Tour duration: 2 hours



Family Adventures

Aman Stefi Stefan is ideal for families, with activities to suit all ages. Childminding services are available for younger children, and a regular calendar of organised activities is offered for older children ranging from treasure hunts to pizza making master classes. Teenagers are also catered for with water sports and fishing trips. While spa treatments are reserved for those aged 18 and older, younger guests can still enjoy the Spa's facilities in a number of ways, including yoga classes and martial arts for kids. For mother-daughter moments there is also a mani-pedi in the spa.



Pizza Making Class at Piazza Restaurant

A hands on activity for the younger generation. Kids can learn how to work the dough, familiarise themselves with fresh ingredients as they prepare their own pizza and watch it cook to perfection. The class is followed by lunch where kids can enjoy the product of their work.

Yoga

Yoga is an enjoyable way for children to build strength and flexibility, while increasing awareness of themselves, others and the world around them. Encouraging confidence and easing tension, yoga engages a child's natural boundless energy and conveys valuable lessons in positive thinking.

Watersports

There is a range of Watersports to enjoy across all ages. Paddle boards are available at Queen's beach. Buckets and spades are also provided for little ones to play in the sand. Swimming classes with certified lifeguards can be booked for the indoor pool. Fishing takes place at the Sveti Stefan Pier and fishing lines and bait for kids will be provided by the hotel. An enthusiastic and experienced children's host is on hand to assist with all children's activities.

Treasure Hunt on Sveti Stefan Island

With its cobbled lanes, shaded courtyards and a plethora of hiding places, Sveti Stefan is the ideal spot for a treasure hunt. Kids are given a map of the island, marked with the locations of where the treasure is hidden. A fun and adventurous activity for the inquisitive mind.

Mixed Martial Arts

Martial arts classes are a great way of introducing children to a completely new experience. They can learn habits for life - respect for sparring partners, for the sport, and that exercise is fun. The MMA for kids supports their growth into a confident, active, and driven individual.



Lipa Cave

About 40 minutes by car from Aman Sveti Stefan and 5km from Cetinje, Lipa Cave is one of the largest in Montenegro, boasting a 2.5km system of passages and halls as well as an underground river. A train takes visitors to the entrance of the cave, and a 60-minute tour then takes in all its highlights, including impressive stalagmite and stalagmite formations. It is recommended to wear warm clothing as temperatures inside remain around 10°C to 12 °C even in the summer. Lipa Cave can be visited from May to October.

Tour duration: 3 hours

Adventure Park Lovcen

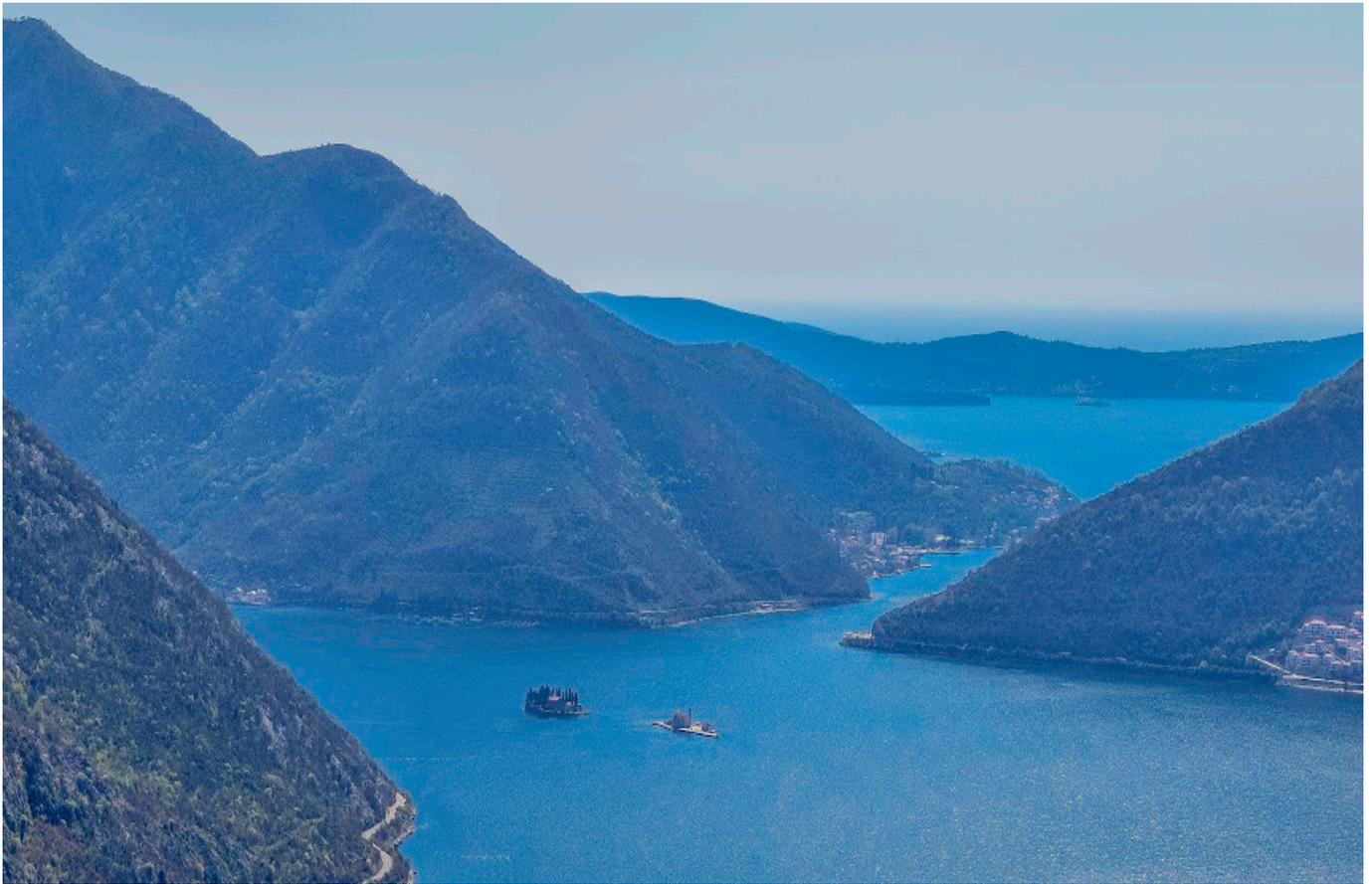
Situated within Lovcen National Park, the Adventure Park offers a series of five aerial obstacle courses through the treetops. With the yellow-graded Koala Trail suitable for children from 5 years old just 1.5m off the ground, and the black Tarzan Trail with 19 obstacles up to 15m in the air, there is something for every age group. Trained instructors on site will explain the safely equipment and how to navigate the courses. The Adventure Park also offers ATV rides, mountain biking, horseback riding, hiking and ziplining.

Tour duration: 5-6 hours



Adventures By Air

Travelling by helicopter is an exciting way to see this spectacular country. Helicopter tours over bays and beaches, lakes and mountains can be arranged. All helicopter tours are taken within an AW 709S for up to 5 guests and range from round trips of 30 to 70 minutes



Kotor Bay

Experience magnificent views of the beaches of Budva and its surroundings including the old fishing villages of Perast, Kotor and Lustica Bay. The beautiful bay of Kotor is known for its settlements with an amalgamation of architecture, notably from Romanesque and Baroque periods yet equally influenced by the Mediterranean, the East and the West. Due to its exceptional cultural and natural values, part of the Kotor Bay, from Kotor to Rison was designated as a UNESCO world heritage site since 1979.

Views over the beaches of Budva to Ulcinj, the Old Towns of Bar and Ulcinj and Ada Bojana Island
Round-trip flight time: 30 minutes

Ulcinj Bay

This route takes passengers over the sandy beaches of Budva, Petrovac, Bar and Ulcinj to Montenegro's southern border with Albania. Views include the Old Town of Ulcinj and Bar, as well the island Ada Bojana.

This river isle, in the form of a triangle, surrounded by the River Bojana and Adriatic Sea is famous for its peaceful and unique atmosphere, stunning sunsets, windsurfing, sailing, water-skiing and horseback riding along the beach. Wooden houses feature along the shores of the Bojana, which is well known for its traditional river fishing and fish restaurants. The olive groves and olive products, especially around the area of Valdanos are also a feature of this southern area in Montenegro.

Views over the beaches of Budva to Ulcinj, the Old Towns of Bar and Ulcinj and Ada Bojana Island
Round-trip flight time: 30 minutes



Durmitor National Park

Fly over the pink sandy beaches of Budva and its surroundings, followed by Lovcen National Park and Cetinje, the old royal capital of Montenegro. Heading towards the north of Montenegro, the flight takes passengers over the Durmitor National Park, a popular destination in winter for skiing and in summer for hiking and rafting. The impossibly rugged and dramatic Durmitor is one of Montenegro's and Mother Nature's showpieces. Carved out by glaciers and underground streams, Durmitor stuns with the dizzying glittering glacial lakes and nearly 50 limestone peaks soaring to over 2000m. The most famous of lakes to fly over is the Black Lake - two lakes that are connected by a small strait of water and filled by numerous mountain streams. Other stunning lakes include Zminje Lake, Trnovacko Lake, Zabojsko and Big and Small Skrcko Lake. The flight continues over Podgorica - the capital of Montenegro, followed by Virpazar, Skadar Lake and landing at Sveti Stefan.

Views over: Budva Old Town, Lovcen National Park, Ostrog Monastery, Piva Canyon, Tara Canyon, Durmitor National Park, Podgorica, Skadar Lake

Round-trip flight time: 70 minutes

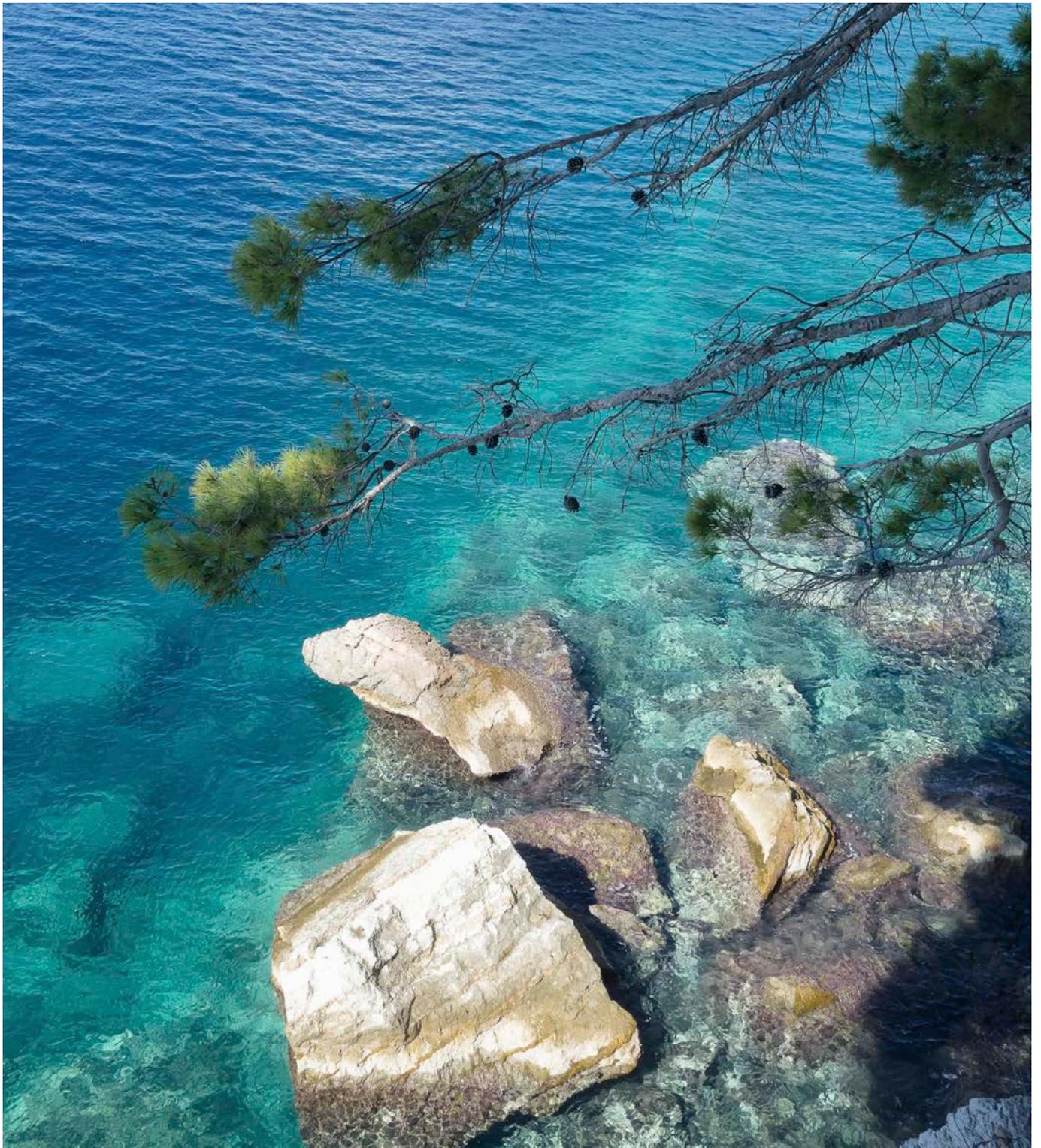
Lovcen National Park and Lake Skadar

This journey begins by flying over the stunning beaches of Budva, Kotor Old Town and Kotor Bay. Heading north the flight continues over Lovcen National Park, with views stretching as far as Albania and Croatia. Featuring Mt Lovcen, the black mountain, this locale occupies a special place in the hearts of all Montenegrins. For most of its history it represented the entire nation - a rocky island of Slavic resistance in an Ottoman sea. Continue southeast towards Skadar Lake, the largest freshwater lake in Southern Europe and one of the biggest bird reserves

in Europe. This blissfully pretty area encompasses steep mountains, island Orthodox monasteries, clear waters, and floating meadows of water lilies. Known for its vast variety of wildlife, there are more than 260 different species of birds and 48 species of fish. The tiny nearby town of Virpazar, a former port, offers small family wineries and several restaurants that serve fresh fish from the lake.

Views over: Budva Old Town, Kotor Old Town and Kotor Bay, Lovcen National Park, Crnojevica River, Virpazar and Skadar Lake National Park.

Round-trip flight time: 30 minutes



Active Adventures at Sea

Montenegro's coastline offers some of the world's most idyllic watersports and sailing, with clear azure seas, deep bays and white-sand beaches. As well as a selection of complimentary watersports, Aman Sveti Stefan offers a selection of tailor-made sailing experiences on two yachts, ranging from bay-hopping picnics to full-day excursions.



Aman Sveti Stefan offers private sailing experiences on Jasam, a 65-foot (19-metre) yacht with three en suite cabins, and Menorquin, a 40-foot (12-metre) yacht with two cabins and one bathroom. Both half- and full-day excursions can be arranged, with arranged picnic hampers by Aman Sveti Stefan's Executive Chef.

Jasam 65 foot / 19 metres

With three en suite cabins, Jasam can host up to 8 guests

Menorquin 40 foot / 12 metres

With two cabins and one bathroom, Menorquin can host up to 7 guests

Adriatic Coastline Cruise

Spend a morning or afternoon sailing along the coastline, discovering secluded bays for solitary swims and picturesque spots to explore. The captain will drop anchor wherever you wish for a picnic onboard.

Tour duration: 4 hours

Bay of Kotor Cruise

Spend the day exploring the magnificent Bay of Kotor, stopping in Kotor or visiting Porto Montenegro if you wish. Enjoy a picnic lunch onboard or stop in at a local restaurant overlooking the bay.

Tour duration: 8 hours

Water Sports

Aman Sveti Stefan offers a range of complimentary watersports equipment including paddleboards, fishing and snorkelling gear.

Motorised watersports can be arranged upon request, fees apply.



Culinary Journeys

There are a number of farms and vineyards within a two-hour's drive of Aman Sveti Stefan. These include olive farms and the family-run wineries of Radevic near Podgorica, and Masanovic in Crmnica. Both of these wineries grow the Montenegrin grape varietal known as vranac - synonymous with the Balkans - and offer private wine tastings of regional wines.



Radevic Estate

A small family-owned winery in the village of Rogami, just 10 minutes by car from Podgorica, Radevic Estate only employs organic growing practices. Rooted in tradition, the old Roman ruins of Duklija lie just five minutes from the vineyards. South-facing at an altitude of 60m, the estate's unique geography, ideal microclimate and diverse soils provide a perfect environment for producing world-class wines.

The 28th generation of his family on the land, Goran Radevic and Chief Winemaker Ivan Dasic currently produce just 2,000 cases of wine annually, including vranac, a vranac cabernet blend, chardonnay and a white port. Since 2018, they have also produced the exclusive Aman Sveti Stefan Vranac, a premium dry red wine of unique taste and character.

After tasting the estate's wines and enjoying a personalised tour, relax over a delicious wine-paired lunch celebrating artisanal Montenegrin cuisine.

Tour duration: 5 hours

Wine Tours

Combine visits to both Masanovic Winery and Radevic Estate visiting Skadar Lake on the way.

Tour duration: 6 hours

Moric Olive Estate

Located close to the Bay of Kotor in Luštica, an hour's and a half drive from Aman Sveti Stefan, the family-owned and operated Moric Olive Estate is the only certified producer of organic olive oil in Montenegro. Their intimate olive oil tour is warm, gracious and informative, offering the chance to learn about olive cultivation, harvesting and artisanal methods of olive oil production.

It also includes exploring the village of Tici, visiting a new olive mill, and enjoying a guided tasting of artisan olive oils, breads and other local delicacies in an old stone olive mill.

Tour duration: 4 hours

Masanovic Winery

34 kilometers away from Aman Sveti Stefan lie the vineyards of Virpazar, from which the Masanovic family have made the country's legendary vranac wine for centuries. Guests of the resort enjoy a personal welcome, as well as a one of a kind tasting of Vranac Barrique and their exceptional dessert wine accompanied by snacks.

These include dried figs and walnuts from the farm's orchards, and homemade Montenegrin pastries. Brandies distilled from plums, grapes, kiwis, apples and pears are also available for tasting.

Tour duration: 3 hours

Booking Information

Revisit the Past

Budva Old Town

€200 per couple

Additional person: €40

Tour duration: 2 hours

Njegusi Village Experience

€430 per couple

Additional person: €60

Tour duration: 6 hours

Kotor and Perast

€360 per couple

Additional person: €60

Tour duration 4 hours

Bar Old Town

€350 per couple

Additional person: €60

Tour duration: 4 hours

Walk Kotor's Walls

€350 per couple

Additional person: €60

Tour duration: 4 hours (recommended start time between 7am and 8am)

Ostrog Monastery

€620 per couple

Additional person: €40

Tour duration: 6 hours

The Old Royal Capital of Cetinje

€320 per couple

Additional person: €60

Tour duration: 4 hours

Including drive into Lovcen National Park: 5 hours

Cetinje and Lovcen National Park

€3900 per couple

Additional person is charged €60

Tour duration: 5 hours

Adventures on Land

Lovcen National Park

€320 per couple

Additional person: €60

Tour duration: 4 hours

Jegor's Path

€120 per couple

No extra charge for additional person

Tour duration: 3-4 hours

St.Sava Hike

€120 per couple

No extra charge for additional person

Tour duration: 2 hours

Skadar Lake

€330 per couple

Additional person : €6

Tour duration: 4 hours

Booking Information

Adventures by Air

Durmitor National Park

Number of Passengers: 5

Price: €5,240

Waiting per hour: €240

Round-trip flight time: 70 minutes

Loven National Park, Lake Skadar

Number of Passengers: 5

Price: €3,140

Waiting per hour: €240

Round-trip flight time: 30 minutes

Kotor Bay

Number of Passengers: 5

Price: €3,140

Waiting per hour: €240

Round-trip flight time: 30 minutes

Ulcinj Bay

Number of Passengers: 5

Price: €3,140

Waiting per hour: €240

Round-trip flight time: 30 minutes

Family Adventures

Pizza Making Class at Piazza Restaurant

Complimentary

Yoga

Complimentary for 30 minutes

Treasure Hunt on Sveti Stefan Island

Complimentary

Mixed Martial Arts

Complimentary for 30 minutes

Watersports

Upon request based on activity

Lipa Cave

€320 (tour with parents)

Tour duration: 3 hours

Lovcen Adventure Park

€420 (tour with parents)

Tour duration: 5 - 6 hours

Booking Information

Active Adventures at Sea

Jasam

Cruise 8 hours: €3,750

Cruise 4 hours: €2,850

Additional hour: €500

Menorquin

Cruise 8 hours: €2,050

Cruise 4 hours: €1,550

Additional hour: €300

Culinary Journeys

Wine Tours

€530 per couple

Additional person €100

Tour duration: 6 hours

Moric Olive Estate

€340 per couple

Additional person €70

Tour duration: 3 hour

Radevic Estate

€430 per couple

Additional person €70

Tour duration: 5 hours

Masanovic Winery

€340 per couple

Every additional person is charged €70

Tour duration: 3 hours

CANCELLATION POLICY

We understand that schedules change and will do our best to accommodate your needs. Since your private guide and car is reserved especially for you, we kindly ask you to give a minimum of one day cancellation notice so everyone else may enjoy the time. Cancellation made within the 24 hours or no shows will be subject to the full charge of the tour booked. In case of delayed start of the tour without notice, tour duration will be counted from the time the tour was initially planned to start.

All rates include private transfer and guide service.

Prices are subject to 10% service charge excluding yachts and helicopter

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