



TRAVEL PLANNING

All the panoramic roads are signposted. The selected routes lead over the most beautiful roads, which are often narrow and winding, so be sure to drive slowly and very carefully. At certain road sections, you may have to reverse your car if you encounter a vehicle coming from the opposite direction in order to let it pass.

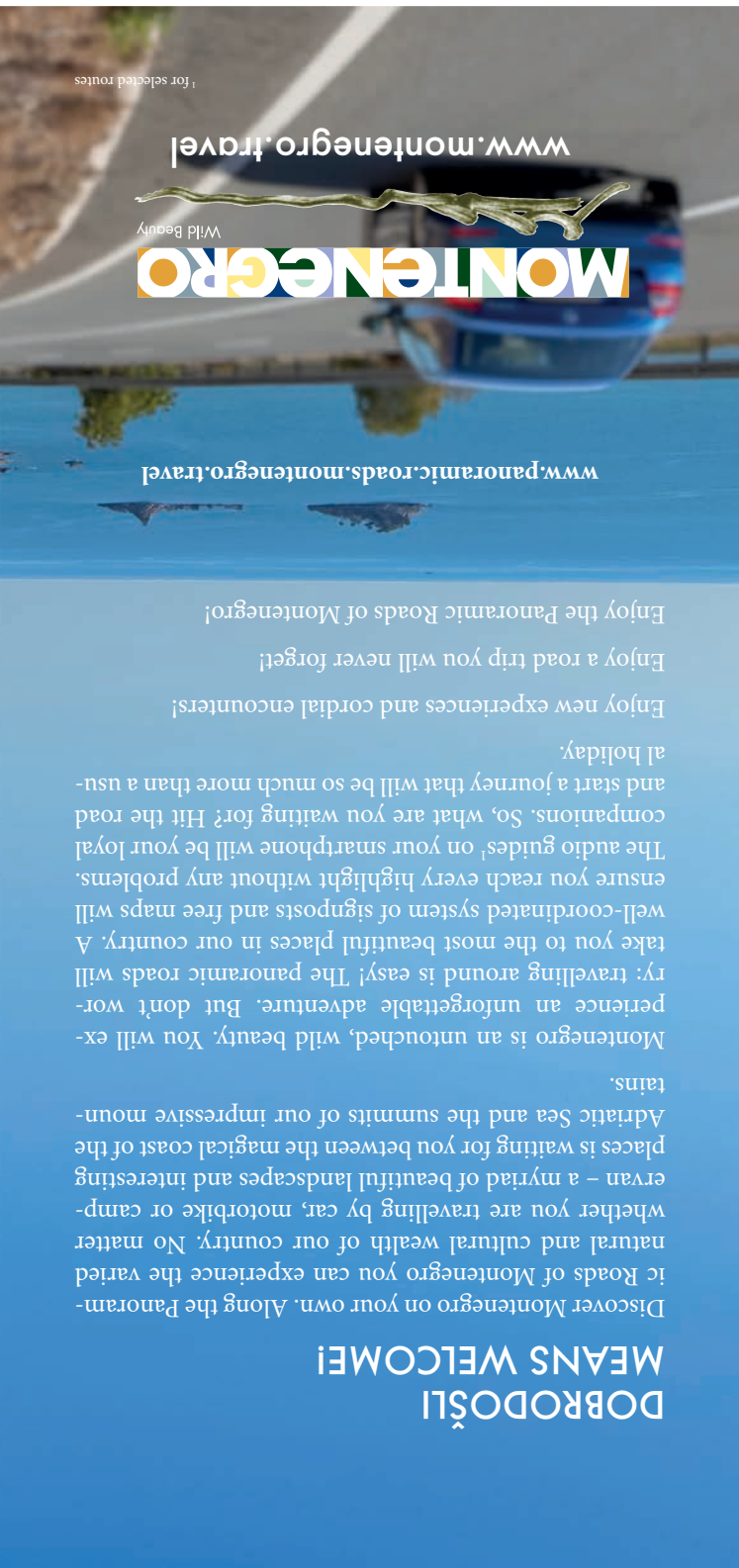
The best time to travel is between May and October. In the other months, you should check the weather conditions and road closures in advance. After heavy rainfall, there may be rockfall on the roads in the mountain regions. Here you should drive extra carefully!

Information about traffic obstructions and road closures can be found at www.amscg.org.

Note that the weather conditions and temperatures on the coast and in the continental part of the country may vary. Make sure to bring clothing appropriate for all weather conditions.

There are free promotional materials for all the routes, with a detailed map and extensive information. They are available at the local tourism organisations, or you can download them from the site

www.panoramic.roads.montenegro.travel



THE CROWN OF MONTENEGRO

Kruna Crne Gore

714 km (without side-trips and shortcuts)
7 to 14 days

“The Crown of Montenegro” will take you to the highlights of the central region and the north. You will cross mountain passes at altitudes of up to 1,900 metres. Mighty mountain tops, many of them more than 2,000 metres high, will rise in front of you. You will pass through deep gorges and fabulous valleys. You will be surprised how many different landscapes you can cross in such a short time, as if the small country of Montenegro were an entire continent. This route shows you the unique nature of the country and explains why Montenegro is called “Wild Beauty”.

This longest of the panoramic roads starts in **Podgorica**. As this is a round trip, you can join the road at any location along the route, but it is worthwhile to begin with a visit to the capital city. The route can be driven in both directions; the description follows the clockwise direction.

The route leads through the valley of the River Zeta via **Danilovgrad** to **Nikšić**. You should definitely plan a short side-trip to the **Ostrog Monastery**, which is stunningly carved into the steep cliffs. From **Nikšić**, a narrow road ascends to **Vučje**, a small winter sports resort, and to the **Krnovo Plateau** (**Krnovsko Polje**). In the far west of the country, you will reach **Piva Nature Park** and **Plužine**. This town was relocated in 1975 to its present location, when Lake **Piva** (**Pivsko Jezero**) was formed by the construction of a hydroelectric dam. At that time, **Piva Monastery** was relocated too; it is now situated along the **Nikšić-Plužine** road. The route follows the shore of the lake to the dam at **Mratinje** and further on to **Šćepan Polje**. Not far from there it is worth making a side-trip to visit some medieval tombstones called “**Stećci**” (UNESCO World Heritage).

The panoramic road continues to the plateau of Mount **Piva** (**Pivska Planina**) and finally reaches **Durmitor National Park**. The stretch through the Durmitor mountain range to **Sedlo** Pass is certainly one of the most impressive road sections on this route. It overlaps with the Durmitor Ring as far as **Žabljak** (see right). This small town is the tourist centre of the region. A turn across the vast plain leads past two lakes and to further sites of “**Stećci**” (UNESCO World Heritage). Not far from the small village of **Pošćenje** is the **Nevidio Canyon**. Continuing along the route, you reach **Šavnik**.

After a few kilometres you will pass **Podmalinsko Monastery**. There is very little traffic on the section between **Boan** and **Mioska**. The road uphill to the next pass is narrow and winding. The views of the surroundings and the **Morača Mountains** (**Moračke Planine**) are unique. The route then crosses **Crkvine Pass** and continues to **Kolašin** and **Biogradska Gora National Park**, one of the last primeval forests in Europe. From here the road follows the River **Tara**. After **Mojkovac** the valley gets deeper and deeper and the cliffs even steeper. The **Tara Canyon** is the deepest gorge in Europe and is a paradise for rafting. The road continues northwards across the famous **Đurđevića Tara Bridge** to **Pijevlja**.

The gently rounded hills in this region are the backdrop for the famous meanders of the River **Čehotina** (**Meandri Čehotine**) and they are characteristic of this part of the country. The route now passes through these hills until **Plav**. Your way will take you through the **Lim Valley**. You can leave this valley several times in order to make attractive side-trips to **Bijelo Polje**, **Petnjica** and **Rožaje**. After passing through **Berane** and **Andrijevica** you will reach **Plav** and its beautiful lake (**Plavsko Jezero**). From here it is not far to **Gusinje**, the gateway to **Prokletije National Park**.

After returning to **Andrijevica** the panoramic road turns towards the **Komovi mountain range**, passes through **Mateševo** and once again leads to **Kolašin**. The last stage of the journey brings another highlight: your return to **Podgorica** takes you through the magnificent **Morača Canyon**, past the ancient **Morača Monastery**.

Tips

- This panoramic road offers diverse options for different tours. You can simply adapt the route to your own timetable and personal interests, just as you decide.

DURMITOR-RING

Durmitorski prsten

76 km (without side-trips)
1 day

Driving the Durmitor Ring is the best way to discover the majestic Durmitor mountain range in only one day. The route runs through Durmitor National Park and Piva Nature Park. One highlight of the tour is the vista of the deepest gorge in Europe: the Tara Canyon.

From **Žabljak** you can quickly reach Durmitor National Park. Don't miss **Crno Jezero** (Black Lake).

Durmitor National Park was established in 1952 and is listed on the UNESCO World Natural Heritage List. It covers an area of 32,500 hectares.

We recommend a short detour from the Ring – an excursion to **Čurevac** (1,625 m). The view of the Tara Canyon from this place is breath-taking.

The panoramic road now ascends along the slopes of **Stuoc** to an altitude of 1,952 metres. This is not only the highest spot of the Durmitor Ring, but also the highest point in Montenegro that can be reached by a paved road. The route leads from there along the edge of the **Tara Canyon**. This is the deepest gorge in Europe and it is said to be the second deepest in the world after the Grand Canyon. You will soon reach the village of **Mala Crna Gora** (“Little Montenegro”).

The **Sušica Canyon**, 15 kilometres long and up to 700 metres deep, is another jewel of the Durmitor Ring. At the bottom of the valley, lined by mighty black pines, is Lake **Sušica** (**Sušičko Jezero**), which dries up completely during the summer months.

Ascending to the other side of the gorge, the route continues to **Piva Nature Park**, founded in 2015. This protected area, with an area of 325 square kilometres, is the first nature park in Montenegro.

Over the plateau of **Pivska Planina** the road finally goes steeply upward and then through the very heart of the **Durmitor mountain range**. As many as 48 of its mountain peaks are higher than 2,000 metres – the highest among them is **Bobotov Kuk** (2,523 m).

The panorama is constantly changing in this area and always offers new vistas of the imposing mountain peaks. Among the most fascinating ones are **Prutaš** (2,393 m) and the sharp ridge of **Sedlena Greda** (2,227 m) – the “Saddle of the Gods”, as it is called here.

A selfie on the **Sedlo** should be part of every tour over the Durmitor Ring. The 1,907 metre-high mountain pass is a popular viewpoint with a view over the surrounding lakes and the peak of **Šljeme**. Before ending in the town centre of **Žabljak**, the route leads around the southern and eastern slopes of **Savin Kuk** (2,313 m).

Tips

- We recommend driving this tour counterclockwise. Pay attention to our tips for travelling by campervan!
- Visitors to Durmitor National Park or Piva Nature Park must have a valid entrance ticket. Tickets can be purchased directly from the rangers at the parking lots along the Durmitor Ring.
- There are no petrol stations along this panoramic road. Refill your tank at one of the petrol stations in **Žabljak**, **Šavnik** or **Plužine**.

For this panoramic road and the highlights along the route, we recommend our audio guide in English. (For further information see “Audio guides”).

If you want to use the audio guide, you should drive this route counterclockwise.

SEA AND HEIGHTS

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270 km (without alternative routes and side-trips)
3 to 4 days

This panoramic road runs along the coastal mountains of Montenegro. Discover the spectacular coast of the Adriatic Sea, the Bay of Kotor, Lake Skadar and Cetinje, the historical heart and soul of this country. The Mediterranean joy of life and cultural diversity will accompany you on this journey. Countless photo opportunities await you.

The route starts in **Herceg Novi**, the first town on the Boka Kotorska. The old town and the well-preserved fortifications testify to the turbulent past and the Ottoman, Venetian, Spanish and Austrian influences in the course of history. The spa resort of **Igalo** belongs to the same municipality.

The **Bay of Kotor** is considered to be the southernmost fjord of Europe and it is listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Small towns and settlements are lined up along its shore. The route first leads through **Risan**, the oldest town in the Boka. Its Roman mosaics from the second century are well worth a visit. **Perast** with its numerous palaces and churches and two islands just off the coast, **St. George** and **Our Lady of the Rocks** (**Gospa od Škrpjela**), is also very picturesque. Another highlight is **Kotor**, an ancient town with high ramparts, the **San Giovanni Fortress** and narrow alleyways. The last stop on the bay is **Tivat**. Here you can enjoy the exclusive ambience of **Porto Montenegro**. The road now takes you through 25 tight serpentine up to the village of **Njeguši** and **Lovćen National Park**. From the plateau of **Njegoš's Mausoleum** on the summit of **Jezerski Vrh** almost all of Montenegro is visible.

Cetinje is the old royal capital of Montenegro. Many cultural treasures and historical buildings can be found there. Now you can decide whether to follow the route further back towards the coast to **Budva** or to take the alternative route (3B) via **Rijeka Crnojevića** instead. This small place was once a significant commercial centre and the most important settlement on Lake Skadar.

Between **Budva**, with its lovely old town, and **Petrovac** you travel along the well-known “**Jadranska Magistrala**”, the Adriatic Highway. One of the most popular spots for taking photos awaits you here: the unique island of **Sveti Stefan**. Along this stretch of land there are numerous beaches, where you can enjoy the crystal-clear water of the Adriatic Sea. Behind **Petrovac**, the road leads once again over the coastal mountains, offering magnificent views.

The two routes meet again in **Virpazar**. This small town is the gateway to **Lake Skadar National Park**, which is best explored by boat. From here, the panoramic road becomes narrow and winding. Above the lake, it passes through the villages of **Godinje** and **Ostros** and continues towards the Albanian border. Over and over you will have spectacular views of the lake, its islands, small fishing settlements and the mountains on the horizon.

Finally, you will reach the southernmost point of this wonderful road, where you can enjoy not only **Ulcinj** and its old town, but also a walk along a 13-kilometre-long sandy beach (**Velika Plaža**), an excursion to the river island of **Ada Bojana** and a visit to **Ulcinj Salina Nature Park**.

Back on the coastal highway, the last stage of the route leads to **Bar**. Take the opportunity to visit **Old Bar** (**Stari Bar**) and the **Old Olive Tree**, which is more than 2,000 years old. And if you are up to more, you can take the alternative route 3C and cross the **Rumija mountain range** once more, enjoying the view of both shores of the Municipality of **Bar**: the Adriatic coast and the shores of Lake Skadar.

Tips

- The alternative connecting routes 3B and 3C enable you to make a round trip from **Budva**, **Cetinje**, **Bar** or **Ulcinj**.
- The connecting routes 3A and 3D provide connection with Panoramic Roads 1 and 4.
- Printing error: Routes 3C and 3D are accidentally reversed on the map for Panoramic Road 3 “Sea and Heights” (1st edition, 2019).

THE CIRCUIT AROUND KORITA

Krug oko Korita

65 km (without side-trips)
1 day

This route is perfect for a day trip from **Podgorica** and an ideal option to cool down on a hot summer day. The Circuit around Korita leads uphill into the mountains of **Kuč**, up to an altitude of 1,400 metres. Don't miss the easy hike to the scenic viewpoint of “**Grlo Sokolovo**” (**Falcon's Gorge**) with an unforgettable view of the **Cijevna Canyon** and the **Prokletije mountain range**.

The route begins in **Podgorica**, the capital city of Montenegro. If you have not had the opportunity to stay here, we recommend a short visit. The panoramic road leads from the city east, uphill to **Medun**. Your first stop should be at the viewpoint next to the **Monument of Novak Milošević**.

In the village of **Medun** it is worthwhile visiting the **Museum of Marko Miljanov** and the remnants of the **Medun Fortress**. Even from far away you can see its walls on an imposing outcrop of rock. This medieval fortress was built on an Illyrian fortification from the fourth century B.C. It is one of the oldest buildings of this type in the region.

The panoramic road continues uphill, through the villages of **Ubl** and **Orahovo**. As the vegetation changes along the route, the landscape constantly appears in a new look. At an altitude of around 1,400 metres, you reach the plateau of **Kučka Korita**.

Korita is situated at the foot of Mount **Hum Orahovski** and it is surrounded by numerous mountain peaks. The 4.8-kilometre-long hike to **Grlo Sokolovo** (“**Falcon's Gorge**”) should not be missed under any circumstances. The view from the lookout into the more-than-a-thousand-metre-deep **Cijevna Canyon**, and on the 2,500-metre-high peaks of the **Prokletije mountain range**, is an absolute highlight of this panoramic road and one of the most spectacular panoramas of Montenegro. You should plan at least 1½ hours for this hiking tour.

The winding road now descends through the villages of **Zatrijebač**, with their characteristic stone walls. Most inhabitants of this area live from agriculture and cattle husbandry. It is worth taking a break in the village of **Delaj** next to the big cross, from where you will have a magnificent view of the gorge and the emerald-green water of the River **Cijevna**.

There is another lookout point with a view of the **Cijevna Canyon** in the village of **Stjepovo**. It can be reached via a short walking trail (only 5-minute walk). During the drive through the villages of **Rudine** and **Fundina**, again and again new views open up towards the landscape. Just beside the road is **Kuk Ledinski** – another viewpoint, located on a small rock, with an impressive panorama.

We recommend a detour from this panoramic road to **Rašovići** as a nice conclusion to this route. There you will find a remarkable white obelisk, which was erected as a monument in memory of the Battle of **Fundina**. The view from that spot extends over Lake Skadar, along the coastal mountain range and towards the capital city. When you are back in **Podgorica** after the “Circuit around Korita”, you will feel as if you have been in another world.

Tips

- We recommend driving this tour in a clockwise direction.
- The Museum of Marko Miljanov in **Medun** offers a free audio guide (in Montenegrin and English).
- There are no petrol stations along this panoramic road! Refill your tank at one of the petrol stations in **Podgorica**.

For this panoramic road, we recommend our audio guide (for more information see “Audio guides”).

If you want to use the audio guide, you should drive this route clockwise.



		The Crown of Montenegro (alternative)
		Durmitor Ring
		Sea and Heights (alternative)
		The Circuit around Korita
		Highway under construction (access point)
		Border/border crossing
		National Park
		Sights (Nature)
		Sights (Culture)
		Monastery/church, mosque
		Summit
		Airport (international)
		Ferry (international)

The panoramic roads are signposted in both directions. The brown signs and signposts contain the “Panoramic Roads” logo and the number of the route.

You can combine the panoramic roads according to your own wishes. Apart from the main routes, there are 11 connecting routes and shortcuts which enable you to create your own tour. The alternative roads have an extra letter after the number of the panoramic road. For instance, you simply follow route 3A, if you want to join

route 1 (The Crown of Montenegro) from the Bay of Kotor.

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- Emergency: 112
- Police: 122
- Roadside assistance/
Automobile Association of Montenegro: 19807
- Mountain Rescue Service: +382 (0) 40 256 084

1. Piva Canyon
2. Meander of the River Čehotina
3. Piva Nature Park
4. Sušica Canyon
5. Durmitor National Park (UNESCO World Heritage)
6. Tara Canyon
7. Nevidio Canyon
8. Komarnica and Dragišnica Nature Park
9. Biogradska Gora National Park
10. Waterfall Bratimin Vir
11. Trebjesa Park
12. Morača Canyon
13. Komovi Nature Park
14. Botanical Garden Velemun
15. Grebajze Valley
16. Ali Pasha Springs
17. Grlja waterfall, Ropojana valley, Well Oko Skakavice
18. Prokletije National Park
19. Dolina Rijeka Zeta Nature Park
20. Cijevna Canyon
21. Waterfall at the River Cijevna
22. Orjen Nature Park
23. Bay of Kotor (UNESCO World Heritage)
24. Tivatska Solila
25. Lovćen National Park
26. Lipa Cave
27. Lake Škadar National Park
28. Olive tree Stara Maslina
29. Ulcinj Salina Nature Park
30. Beach "Velika Plaža" and river island "Ada Bojana"

1. Stećci (UNESCO World Heritage)
2. Monastery of the Holy Trinity and Hussein Pasha's Mosque
3. Đurđevića Tara Bridge
4. Piva Monastery
5. Stećci (UNESCO World Heritage)
6. Dobrilovina Monastery
7. Church of St. Peter and Church of St. Nikola
8. Bijela Monastery
9. Podmalinski Monastery
10. Đurđevi Stupovi Monastery
11. Monument of Freedom Jasikovac, Polimski Museum - and Kuća Vojvode Gavra Vukovića
12. Archaeological site Torine and Pećina Grad
13. Mosque of Petnjica
14. Museum Ganića Tower and Kućanska Mosque
15. Town fortress Bedem
16. Ostrog Monastery
17. Morača Monastery
18. Knjaževac Park & Museum of Local History
19. Redžepagića Tower
20. Artists' Colony
21. Cathedral of the Resurrection of Christ, Stara Varoš district & Sahat Kula clock tower
22. Duklja (Doclea) - Archaeological site
23. Medun Fortress
24. Old Town Herceg Novi
25. Savina Monastery
26. Roman mosaics Risan
27. Historic town of Perast and the islands of St. George and Our Lady of the Rocks
28. Summer residence Buća
29. Old town of Kotor (Naval Museum, Saint Tryphon's Cathedral, ramparts and the Fort of St. Ivan/ San Giovanni (UNESCO World Heritage))
30. Mausoleum of Petar II. Petrović Njegoš
31. Historic center of Cetinje with the Museum of King Nikola and Cetinje Monastery
32. Old town of Budva and Mogen Fortress
33. Monastery Reževići
34. Stari Bar
35. Old town of Ulcinj
36. Archaeological site Šas



² Distances may vary in winter due to snow-related road closures.