

DESTINATION:
MONTENEGRO

MONTH: October

WEATHER: 70°F+ during the day, 50°F+ at night

TRAVELLER:
Melissa Curtin

COUNTRY:
MONTENEGRO

A COUNTRY SMALLER than the state of Rhode Island, with less than 650,000 people, Montenegro means “Black Mountain” and is a country of unspoiled land with a Mediterranean climate boasting over 267 days of sunshine. Find peaceful Montenegro moments from the mountains to the sea. Embrace the gastronomy benefitting from the country’s ideal climate and fertile soil.

Slurp Mussels And Oysters

Cruise **Boka Bay** with local Captain Ivan in pristine blue waters that are the best place to swim, fish, or slide into a local oyster and mussel farm to delight in the bay’s bounty. www.kotorboatcruise.com

CROWN JEWEL OF EUROPE

The village of Perast, jewel of the Adriatic, lies seaside with less than 400 people living amongst stone alleyways, Baroque architecture, crumbling churches, bell towers and palaces. In **Djardin’s** enchanting setting, order fresh fish, seafood carpaccio, gnocchi, and the Perast cake made with almond flour and elderflower — all in view of Our Lady of the Rocks, a church on a mini manmade islet. www.instagram.com/djardinperast/?hl=en

VILLAGE FARE

In the well preserved, centuries-old stone village of **Zlijebi** in the Herceg Novi countryside, make a reservation to learn about its history and devour

Djardin in Perast



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wine” made from Vranec, a native black-skinned grape. www.radevicestate.com

Adriatic Riviera Luxury

Sleep like royalty at the **One & Only Portonovi**, a 60-acre private palatial compound where indoor and outdoor pools, a makeshift “riviera” beach, and terrace suites on Boka Bay are hugged by mountain vistas and calm waters. Wake up to a diverse breakfast spread to sample elevated Montenegrin flavours. www.oneandonlyresorts.com/portonovi T&T

traditional flavours — like prosciutto made in-house, regional cheeses, *priganice* (small fried dough balls), and luscious lamb or veal made “under the bell” with potatoes slow cooked under a bed of hot coals. www.konobasikimic.me/en

Get High

Zip 100 meters above Kotor Bay to Mount Lovćen, on the new **Kotor Cable Car**, for a dazzling panoramic vista of the entire bay, winding coastline, medieval town of Kotor, surrounding mountains and Adriatic Sea below. On this mountaintop, rent an e-bike, take a hike, cruise on an Alpine coaster, or relax on the cliff hugging restaurant with a coffee and Krempita/Kotor Cake (cream pie) or Forza Kuk cocktail made with red wine, fruit brandy, lemon, honey and blackberry. www.kotorcablecar.com

Sip Vranac

Outside capital Podgorica, the **Radevic Estate** produces organic varietals. A two-hour tour introduces your palate to the full bodied earthy, spicy “black

Kotor Cable Car



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