

Navigare Yachting's 7-day suggested sailing route Dubrovnik – Montenegro

<u>– Dubrovnik</u>

DAY	DESTINATIONS	DISTANCE
	(from – to)	DISTANCE
1 Saturday	Dubrovnik – Cavtat	12 NM
2 Sunday	Cavtat – Herceg Novi	16 NM
3 Monday	Herceg Novi – Budva	30 NM
4 Tuesday	Budva – Bigovo	12 NM
5 Wednesday	Bigovo – Kotor	22 NM
6 Thursday	Kotor – Tivat	8 NM
7 Friday	Tivat - Dubrovnik	35 NM
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About sailing in Montenegro

Another inevitable destination for sailing enthusiasts is a small mountainous country on the southwestern coast of the Adriatic Sea. Its sailing spots include: the Bay of Kotor, Herceg Novi, Tivat-Porto Montenegro, Budva and Sveti Stefan.

The Montenegrin coast gives you a different, but equally astonishing sailing experience. It is rockier than the Croatian coastline, but still offers you more than 73km of beautiful beaches and countless coves. Steep mountains and strong wind can pose difficulties for anchorage. Nevertheless, there are many great safe anchorage spots along the Montenegrin coastline. Keep in mind that Navigare Yachting does not charge you for the permit for international waters on this sailing route.

Day 1, Saturday: Dubrovnik – Cavtat (12 NM)

The sailing route begins at Dubrovnik's ACI Marina, Navigare Yachting's base. From there, the route continues towards Cavtat, a small ancient town located on the eastern coast of the Adriatic Sea. It will mesmerise you with a combination of beautiful nature and tourist contents. Cavtat bathes in mild climate, pine forests and beautiful beaches. Along the coast of the Tiha bay, you can find numerous recreational and sport facilities, as well as restaurants with traditional Mediterranean cuisine. There, you can also take a nice long walk and explore the city's sights. As for the sailing part, the southwestern part of Cavtat's harbour and the Tiha Bay are well adapted for anchorage, although often crowdy. In case of strong wind, we advise you to anchor at Srebreno, three miles north-northeast, since it offers a better shelter.



Day 2, Sunday: Cavtat – Herceg Novi (16 NM)

Our next stop is Herceg Novi, a medieval town only 4 NM north from the entrance of the Gulf of Kotor. You can experience its medieval roots by visiting the citadel overlooking the city and three other fortresses: Kanli Kula (Turkey), Spaniola (Spanish), Venetian Citadel. The town itself is rich in narrow streets and stairs, vegetation and tourist attractions, best of which are accessible only by boat. The town's harbour offers numerous berths for yachts up to 25m and one of the clearest sea spots in the eastern Adriatic. Anchoring is allowed west and east from the harbour: Meljine beach and port of Zelenika (which is also a border crossing passage, where you can solve all entrance-exit procedures).



Day 3, Monday: Herceg Novi – Budva (30 NM)

We continue sailing to one of the most beautiful coasts in the world, the Budva Riviera, located 25 NM southeast of the exit of the Gulf of Kotor. It is a very pleasant sailing route and scenery that contains a 21km long coast and 17 sandy beaches, which replace a usually steep Montenegrin coastline. The centre of the Budva Riviera and the tourism in Montenegro is the town of Budva. It offers a great variety of beaches, hotels, clubs, and other tourist attractions, all enveloped in beautiful nature and history. While in Budva, we recommend visiting Sveti Stefan, a nearby fortified island connected to the mainland that gives you a wonderful view of pink-sand beaches and turquoise sea. The anchorage spot depends on the wind. There are several nearby places suitable for anchorage like Žanjice beach (5 NM from Herceg Novi), Mirišta (6 NM from Herceg Novi), but, depending on the weather, we recommend the Jaz beach (closer to Budva), cape Zavala (in case of south winds), and St Nicolas Island (in case of north winds).



Day 4, Tuesday: Budva – Bigovo (12 NM)

Another inevitable stop is a small ancient fishing village guarder by a bay, rocky beaches and crystal clear sea – Bigovo (also: Bigova). It is a great holiday destination whether you are alone or in a group, as it offers a mild climate, plenty of sunny and dry days, and various sport and leisure activities. You can choose your perfect swimming spot from various rocky beaches. The anchorages we recommend are Dobra Luka (42 22 02.58 N 18 38 18.32 E) and Oblatna (42 22 51.95 N 18 39 21.78 E)



Day 5, Wednesday: Bigovo – Kotor (22 NM)

Kotor is truly a jewel of the Montenegrin coast, located in the Bay of Kotor, at the bottom of the Gulf of Kotor. It contains rich history, amazing nature, and numerous tourist attractions, all of which was recognised by UNESCO (World Heritage Site) and The Lonely Planet (No. 1 Best in Travel City in 2016). It is no wonder that the Bay of Kotor is placed among the ten most beautiful bays in the world, as it is guarded by high mountain peaks and filled with traditional architecture (especially in the Old Town). Recommended anchorage spots are: Port of Risan, Prčanj (western coast of the Bay of Kotor), Dobrota (eastern coast of the Bay of Kotor), northwestern part of the port of Kotor.



Day 6, Thursday: Kotor – Tivat (8 NM)

Moving from the Bay of Kotor to another breathtaking Montenegrin bay, the Boka Kotorska bay. In the centre of the bay lies an attractive young town of Tivat. It has two ports: marina Kaliman (natural) and Porto Montenegro (built). The latter one is well known for its luxurious architecture and yachts, as it is one of the fanciest marinas on the Adriatic. It is also known for its very affordable prices both in local tourist offers' and in diesel supplies. There is no tax and the fuel is duty free, which makes it a good refill spot.



Day 7, Friday: Tivat – Dubrovnik (35 NM)

After spending some time in Tivat and getting ready for the return journey, head back to Dubrovnik and Navigare Yachting's base in ACI Marina. There the sailing route ends, but it does not stop you from exploring the town of Dubrovnik some more.

