



## TOUR PROSPECTUS

This prospectus sets out the contents of the tour and together with the Booking Conditions and Booking Form is the basis of our contract with you.

# Montenegro

## 31 May - 14 June 2014

### Tour 1424

This is a moving on tour with luggage transfer and emergency vehicle support. Europe's newest country, although small, packs in an amazing variety of scenery. The route includes all of the highlights, including Kotor Bay and the Adriatic Fjords, Lake Skadar, the Tara Canyon, Dermitor National Park and the Piva River Canyon basin at Pluzine. There are some demanding climbs but roads are generally in good condition. The final day is at Cavtat and there will be the opportunity to take the ferry from there to Dobrovnik to visit the famous walled town. Suitable for fit cyclists able to cycle up to 100kms per day, with some rest days.

#### Itinerary

- Sat 31 May Fly from London Gatwick to Dubrovnik on British Airways flight BA2678, departing 0800, arriving 1135. Vehicle transfer to Cavtat. Prepare bikes. Stay 1 night.
- Sun 1 June Cycle to Dobroto near Kotor – 75kms. Stay 1 night.
- Mon 2 June Explore medieval Kotor then cycle to Njegusi. Climb the Black Mountain (24kms uphill). Total distance 30kms. Stay 1 night.
- Tues 3 June Cycle to Virpazar via Njegusi Mausoleum. 90kms. Stay 2 nights.
- Wed 4 June Free day for sightseeing. Explore Skadar Lake. Optional ride along the lakeside.
- Thurs 5 June Vehicle transfer to Bioce (50kms). Cycle to Kolasin. 63kms. Stay 1 night.
- Fri 6 June Cycle to Zabljak via Tara Gorge. 92kms. Stay 2 nights.
- Sat 7 June Free day for sightseeing or optional cycling in Dermitor National Park.
- Sun 8 June Cycle to Rudnice via Dermitor Park. 72kms. Stay 1 night.
- Mon 9 June Cycle to Niksic. 75kms (shorter options available). Stay 1 night.
- Tues 10 June Cycle to Danilovgrad via Ostrog Monastery. 50kms. Stay 1 night.
- Wed 11 June Cycle to Njegusi via Cevo. 53kms. Stay 1 night
- Thurs 12 June Cycle to Cavtat in Croatia via the medieval walled town of Kotor. 100kms. Stay 2 nights.
- Fri 13 June Optional ferry to Dubrovnik to explore walled city or relax on the beach at Cavtat.
- Sat 14 June Transfer by coach to Dubrovnik airport for return British Airways flight BA2679 to London Gatwick, departing 1310, arriving 1500.

Mileage 30 - 100 kilometers per day

#### Luggage carrying

A coach will be provided for the transfer of the group and bikes from Dubrovnik airport to Cavtat, from Virpazar to Bioce, and from Cavtat to Dobrovnik airport. Luggage will be transferred between all accommodation.



## Accommodation and meals

On 11 nights accommodation will be in good standard (2-4 star) hotels; 2 nights will be in 2-star cabins with ensuite shower, 1 night will be in 2 star cabins, some en-suite. All rooms are based on two people sharing. All breakfasts are included and evening meals on 6 nights. On other nights, participants are free to make their own arrangements for evening meals. Vegetarian food/fish meals may be available, but choice is limited.

### Price - £1470

The price is based on a minimum number of 16 participants taking part in the tour and is calculated at a rate of 1.13 euros to £1 sterling (based on exchange rates published in the national press on 12 September 2013; please note Booking Conditions, clause 4). If there are insufficient bookings by the closing date of 5 April 2014 we will contact you and return all monies paid, though in certain circumstances the tour may still run at below minimum numbers but at the same price.

#### Price includes:

- Return flights London Gatwick to Dubrovnik
- 5 nights hotels, breakfast only, sharing rooms
- 6 nights hotels, half board, sharing rooms
- 3 nights cabins, half board, sharing rooms
- Vehicle transfers from Dubrovnik airport to Cavtat, from Virpazar to Bioce, and from Cavtat to Dobrovnik airport
- Luggage transfer
- CTC Cycling Holidays & Tours costs

#### Price does not include:

- Meals in transit
- Evening meals on 5 nights
- Lunches or refreshments at morning and afternoon stops
- Ferry from Cavtat to Dubrovnik - budget £12 return
- Entry fees to any attractions; other fees, taxes or gratuities
- Any other personal expenses
- Travel Insurance

### Payment schedule

A deposit of £250 per person must accompany the Booking Form, with the final balance of £1220 per person to be paid ten weeks prior to departure, by 5 April 2014. Cheques should be made payable to **CTC Tours** or complete the credit/debit card slip in the booking pack.

### Cancellations

Should you be forced to cancel your booking for any reason you must notify us in writing. Cancellation charges are as follows:

Written notice received:	Cancellation charge:
Before 5 April 2014	Deposit (£ 250)
5 April 2014 through to departure	100% (£1470)

### To make a booking

Complete, sign and return the Booking Form together with your deposit and the relevant part of the Travel Insurance Declaration Form **directly to the leader** (address on Booking Form).

#### Passports, Visas and Health

EU citizens must hold a passport that is still valid for at least six months at the end of the tour. Holders of non-EU passports are advised to check whether they require a visa.

There are no compulsory vaccinations for EU residents although it is strongly recommended that your tetanus protection has not expired.

#### Travel Insurance

Clause 8 of our Booking Conditions stipulates that, for tours outside the UK, Travel Insurance is mandatory. Details of the level of cover needed and other conditions you should check are stated on the Booking Conditions.

You must complete the enclosed Insurance Declaration Form and return it with your Booking Form. CTC Cycling Holidays & Tours Ltd can accept no responsibility for any costs that may be incurred due to insufficient insurance cover.

## LEADER'S INFORMATION SHEET

The information below is given by the tour leader to help enquirers decide if the tour is suitable for them.

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#### The area covered by the Tour

Montenegro is Europe's youngest country, having declared its independence in 2006. The scenery is superb and varied, and traffic volumes are low outside of towns. The route includes all of the highlights of this cycle friendly country.

#### Rides and rest days

This tour is classified as suitable for experienced touring cyclists. On several days there are demanding climbs, but the distances are generally modest, and a support vehicle will carry all luggage. It is not practical to ride as one group, and you are free to progress at your own speed. We will regroup occasionally throughout the day. A map and route instructions will be provided.

There will be three 'rest' days. Two of these have out and back cycling options; the final day offers the opportunity to visit Dubrovnik in neighboring Croatia by ferry.

#### Accommodation / Meals

The accommodation we have selected is of a good standard and in convenient locations. 11 nights will be in good standard hotels and 3 nights will be in cabins (most of them en-suite). Evening meals are included on 9 nights, but on other nights you are free to make your own arrangements.

#### Group information

The maximum group size will be 20 including the leaders.

#### Weather and Clothing

The route starts and ends on the Adriatic Coast, where warm sunny weather is the norm in June, but the northern end of the route will be in mountainous country, and you should carry suitable clothing for cold or wet spells should these occur.

#### Cycles / Equipment

The entire route is surfaced, and roads are generally in good condition. Road bikes, touring bikes and lightweight mountain bikes will all be suitable if geared for long climbs. Ensure that your bike is well maintained and that you have tools and spares for simple roadside adjustments and puncture repairs. You will not need to carry luggage as this will be transferred, but a bar bag, rack pack or saddlebag will be needed for wet weather gear, camera and snacks etc.

We will pass through several short tunnels, so bring front and rear lights or a headlamp torch and rear LED.

British Airways' free baggage allowance is one bag (or bike), maximum weight 23kgs, plus hand luggage 7kgs. Your bike must be properly boxed or bagged, handlebars turned, pedals removed and tyres deflated. If you take an additional bag, there is a charge of £35 each way (payable at the check-in desk at Gatwick). You will be able to avoid this cost if you pack some items with your bike and travel with hand luggage only. The cost of an extra bag is not included in the tour cost.

#### Maps

Accurate, detailed maps of Montenegro are not readily available. We have used Freytag & Berndt ISBN 978-3-7079-1059-9. Black and white copies of the route will be provided, together with detailed route sheets and daily profiles.



Lonely Planet's book on Montenegro – ISBN-978-1-74179-440-3 – is a useful source of information and contains some maps.

Photographs taken on previous cycle tours to Montenegro can be viewed on our website [www.comebiking.com](http://www.comebiking.com).

### **Money**

The currency in Montenegro is the Euro and in Croatia is the Kuna.

### **Travel Insurance and Advice**

Make sure you have read Clause 8 in the Booking Conditions. Before booking you should check the Foreign Office 'Travel Advice by Country' at [www.fco.gov.uk](http://www.fco.gov.uk) or on 0845 850 2829.

In addition to travel insurance, EU nationals should carry a European Health Insurance Card. This enables you to take advantage of emergency medical services free or at a discount under a reciprocal provision that exists between EU member states (valid in Croatia only). Your travel insurer may refuse to meet the extra costs of medical treatment if you do not carry this Card.

### **About the leaders**

We are both enthusiastic cyclists and have been CTC members for 22 years. We have led tours to many worldwide destinations, and each year we look forward not only to the reunion with regular travelling companions but also get great satisfaction from introducing new members to the unique camaraderie of CTC holidays. We do not have a set style of leadership but adapt to suit the needs of the group. We encourage all prospective participants to contact us to talk through the tour prior to booking.

***Note: As the leaders are travelling on to Slovenia to join another tour, they will not be travelling back to the UK with the group. Arrangements will be made for the group to be picked up from the hotel and taken to the airport on Saturday, 14 June.***

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