



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 August - 14 September 2018** **Tour 1847**

This is a moving on tour with 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 tour starts and finishes in buzzing Tirana, Albania. Suitable for fit cyclists able to cycle up to 90kms per day, with one rest day.



Itinerary

- Fri 31 August Fly from London Gatwick to Tirana, Albania on British Airways flight BA2648, departing at 0810 and arriving at 1210. Transfer to hotel in Tirana. Assemble bikes. Stay 1 night.
- Sat 1 Sept Vehicle transfer to Tamare. Cycle to Andrijevica. 70kms. Stay 1 night.
- Sun 2 Sept Cycle to Kolasin. 50kms. Stay 1 night.
- Mon 3 Sept Cycle to Zabljak. 90kms. Stay 1 night.
- Tues 4 Sept Cycle to Rudnice via Dermitor Park. 72kms. Stay 1 night.
- Wed 5 Sept Cycle to Niksic. 75kms (shorter option available). Stay 1 night.
- Thurs 6 Sept Cycle to Danilovgrad via Ostrog Monastery. 50kms. Stay 1 night.
- Fri 7 Sept Cycle to Lovcen National Park. 70kms. Stay 1 night.
- Sat 8 Sept Cycle to Dobroto via Njegos Mausoleum. 50kms. Stay 2 nights.
- Sun 9 Sept Explore Kotor and fjords. Walk the walls to the Castle of Kotor.
- Mon 10 Sept Cycle to Sveti Stefan and Budva. 55kms. Stay 1 night.
- Tues 11 Sept Cycle to Virpazar. 55kms. Stay 1 night.
- Wed 12 Sept Cycle to Shkoder. 73kms. Stay 1 night.
- Thurs 13 Sept Transfer to Tirana. Pack bikes. Stay 1 night.
- Fri 14 Sept Transfer by coach to Tirana's Nënë Tereza airport for return British Airways flight BA2649 to London Gatwick, departing 13:10, arriving 15:10.

Mileage 50 - 90 kms per day

Luggage carrying

A coach will be provided for the transfer of the group and bikes from Nënë Tereza airport to Tirana, from Tirana to Tamare, from Shkoder to Tirana and from Tirana to Nënë Tereza airport. Throughout the tour, there will be a support vehicle for luggage, capable of carrying up to three riders and bikes if required.

Accommodation and meals

On 13 nights accommodation will be in good standard (2-4 star) hotels; 1 night will be in cabins (2 or 4 persons per cabin, some with bathroom, some with outside toilets and washroom). All rooms at hotels are based on two people sharing. All breakfasts are included and evening meals on 11 nights. Vegetarian food/fish meals may be available, but choice is limited.

Price - £1499 (£1120 land only)

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 9 November 2017; please note Booking Conditions, clause 3). If there are insufficient bookings by the closing date of 22 June 2018 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 Tirana
- 10 nights hotels, half board, sharing rooms
- 3 nights hotels, breakfast only, sharing rooms
- 1 night cabins, half board, sharing rooms
- Vehicle transfers from Nënë Tereza airport to Tirana, from Tirana to Tamare, from Shkoder to Tirana and from Tirana to Nënë Tereza airport
- Support vehicle with English speaking driver/guide to carry luggage and up to 3 riders and bikes if required.
- CTC Cycling Holidays & Tours costs

Price does not include:

- Meals in transit
- Evening meals on 3 nights
- Lunches or refreshments at morning and afternoon stops
- Entry fees to any attractions; other fees, taxes or gratuities
- Any other personal expenses
- Travel Insurance

Travel Insurance

Clause 7 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.

Payment schedule

A deposit of £150 per person must accompany the Booking Form, with the final balance of £1349 per person (land only £970) to be paid ten weeks prior to departure, by 22 June 2018. See payment slip for how to make these payments.

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:	Land only:
Before 22 June 2018	Deposit (£ 150)	(£ 150)
22 June 2018 through to departure	100% (£1499)	(£1120)

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 Tour Manager** (address on Booking Form).

TOUR MANAGER'S INFORMATION SHEET

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

Montenegro

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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 one 'rest' day in Kotor.



Accommodation / Meals

The accommodation we have selected is of a good standard and in convenient locations. 13 nights will be in good standard hotels and 1 night will be in cabins (some en-suite, others with outside facilities). Evening meals are included on 11 nights. On other nights you are free to make your own arrangements.

Travel

British Airways operate the only direct flights from the UK to Tirana, and they have limited the number of bikes carried on these flights to 16. We have booked 18 seats and, as we will be travelling on these flights, there will be 16 group seats available with bikes, and 2 seats without bikes (hire bikes are available from our agent in Tirana). Maximum group size will be 20, and any remaining places will be sold 'land only'.

If booking 'land only', it is very important that you note that neither your Tour Manager nor CTC Holidays & Tours are responsible for you in any way until the appointed time at the designated meeting point. Should you fail to arrive at the appointed time for whatever reason, we will not be responsible for any additional expenses you may incur in order to meet up with the tour group. Before finalising travel arrangements to meet the tour, you should ensure that you have read and understood our booking conditions. Should this tour not attract sufficient bookings to reach the minimum operating size, we may cancel the tour at any time up to 10 weeks before departure. It is therefore recommended that you book fully flexible and refundable transport and accommodation or wait until you have been informed that this tour is going ahead, as in the event of the tour being cancelled, we will not be responsible for any losses incurred.

Group information

The maximum number of participants will be 18.

Weather and Clothing

September weather in Montenegro can be changeable particularly in Durmitor National Park in the north. 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 but there may be some rough stretches. Touring bikes and lightweight mountain bikes will 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.

Giant Rove and Giant Roam bikes are available for hire directly from the agent in Tirana. These bikes are well maintained and the gearing is suitable for the terrain. Please contact us if you require further information.

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. Detailed route sheets, daily profiles and files for Garmin will be provided.

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.

Money

The currency in Montenegro is the Euro and in Albania it is Lek (approx. 150 Lek = £1).

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 or on 0845 850 2829.

About the leaders

We are both enthusiastic cyclists and have been CTC members for 25 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.

We have run several tours in Montenegro but this will be the first time we will start and finish the tour in Tirana, Albania.

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