







Type: Old Towns, Historic Buildings, Photos, Luxurious Coastline

**Length:** 6 Hours **Walking:** Medium **Mobility:** No wheelchairs **Guide:** Licensed Guide

Language: English, Italian, French, German, Russian (other languages upon request)

Riviera of Budva includes the city of Budva, St, Stefan and Milocer.

Two old urban cores, seven monasteries, about twenty sand beaches and line of parks are hiding 20 km of Budva Riviera. This half day picnic is an introduction to more serious visiting and getting to know the place you are staying in, and to which you'll surely devote after this picnic. After the panoramic drive and walk through The Royal Park in Milocer, visitors have the opportunity to enjoy in the shade of centenary olives and in the view of St. Stefan or to visit by themselves this town from the 15 century.







Throughout the ages, the areas we often talk about along Montenegro's "Riviera" coast have been frequented by travelers of all types, in particular European royalty that found in Montenegro some of Europe's most luxurious natural wonders in the forms of sweeping white-sand beaches, rocky islands dotted with antique houses built from local stones, glorious sun rises over Montenegro's white-topped mountains and glimmering sunsets over her ancient coastal waters. The spirit of modern Montenegro is never more alive than it is in the coast between Budva and Sveti Stefan (Saint Stefan's Island), where you will find the royal hideaway of Milocer. The drive towards Milocer is breathtaking in its own right with sea-views breaking among stands of fir trees and stony outcroppings that leap into the sea. Milocer rests in the heart of the Montenegrin Riviera, between the booming extravagance that is Budva and the charmingly old town-on-the-rock of Sveti Stefan (Saint Stefan).

Milocer was built as a royal hideaway for the wealthy Karadjordjevic royal family during the 19th Century, and in recent times has been converted into a posh touristic resort run by the award-winning AmanResorts that also operates nearby Sveti Stefan (Saint Stefan). The grounds at Milocer currently support a luxury hotel, two beaches (one of which is a private beach), lush gardens, tennis courts, mini golf and a Casino.

Fir trees intermingle with the ancient olive groves that dot the Montenegrin coastline, and while here one can't help but imagine that they've been transported back 100 years to a time when the nobility of Europe came to Milocer to enjoy life's simple pleasures.







Big attraction on the Riviera of Budva is Sveti Stefan. The former fishing village situated on a peninsula became a hotel-town 50 years ago and that's how one wonderful place, where even the most famous people like Claudia Shiffer and Sylvester Stallone like to spend their time, has been made.

According to the tradition, a fortification was built in 1442. On the island of Sveti Stefan and in that period people settled there. A wall was built around the fortification in order to provide protection for families from surrounding places before the Turkish and pirate's invasion. According to legend the settlement was established after an armed attack of Pastrovici against the Turkish crew galleys and they built a fortress from what they had confiscated with one house for each twelve Pastrovic tribes. On the balcony above the entering door in Sveti Stefan, court house of Pastrovici shared justice and solved disputes therefore it's called the "place of justice

Because of its position Sveti Stefan was a mercantile center of Pastrovici. It was of a big strategic and trade importance during the period of Republic of Venice and traded with Venice. It started to lose its importance at the end of 19th century when the townsfolk started to leave the town. The complete migration happened in 1955. When the peninsula was completely adapted and transformed into hotel-town. Streets, walls, roofs, house facades kept their original shape and look and the inside of them got the most contemporary hotel comfort.







Ascents of great Mediterranean cultures marked the spirit of this town, and its felt even today, when Budva is a unique touristic pearl of this part of Adriatic sea.

This town became known as a touristic destination long time ago- first tourists came here in 1923. and today it is usually called "metropolis of tourism" because it is the most visited destination in Montenegro and one of the most visited on Adriatic.

The remains of the ancient Budva city gates through which those same sailors perhaps came back to their homes, are now displayed in the premises of a boutique where today one can find some modern items from important European fashion capitals.

Outside the walls of the Old Town Budva, in a part of one of the popular cafes, lie the remains of Roman mosaics. In Budva, the past really does live alongside the present. Outside the protection of the Old Town stonewalls of Budva's oldest district, modern revelers will find entertainments to suit all tastes and budgets – Budva's hotels, restaurants and discothèques (clubs) and also joined by family-fare such as children's entertainment centers and cafes closely stacked together in a charming, if not hectic, setting.

The island of "Saint Nicholas" still keeps a watchful eye on Budva and its numerous sandy beaches - being the only island in the vicinity of Budva and its Old Town center.







Old Town Budva -. The story regarding how Old Town Budva first got its name ties into a mythological tradition that spans over 2500 years, and really reflects the history found in this very old town. Budva's walls were built straight out of the Adriatic Sea and what we see today is really only a fraction of the city's splendor at its height, preserved with loving care by the local residents of Budva who are proud of their long history.

The sea really defined life in Old Town Budva, and was the town's source of life for many thousands of years, connecting Budva with the outside world, enabling Budva to trade for foreign goods, become rich, and built the architectural treasures that make the city an enjoyable place for all of us living today. To look on Old Town Budva's city walls from a nearby hill, or gaze out of the loopholes (designed for arrows) that penetrate Budva's stone defenses, we can begin to imagine what life was like in Budva across the ages. These ramparts widen to form the Citadel, once a tremendous fortification on the Adriatic but now a more peaceful venue for the city's many "City Theater" performances, which have found the perfect stage for dramatic productions.

Notable historic edifices include: the Church of St. Sava the Sanctified which features remnants of frescoes and inscriptions from the 1100s; the Church of Santa Maria in Punta and St Ivan's Church, both built in the 7th century; and the town's fortress of Citadel. Wandering the streets and walkways of Budva one can't help being swept back in time.























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