

Bar, Montenegro

Montenegro's main seaport punches above its weight — ancient ruins on a cliff, one of the world's oldest olive trees, and easy day-trips to Kotor and Lake Skadar all within reach.

Docked (Port of Adria)

Typical call: 7-9 hrs

Currency: Euro (€)

Language: Montenegrin / English in tourist areas

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____ Arrive: _____ All aboard: _____

Excursion: _____ Notes: _____

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Ships berth directly at Port of Adria; shuttle to city waterfront (~1.5 km)

Best For: History buffs, Lake Skadar birdwatching, Adriatic coast day-trips

Walk to center: Not walkable from berth — free port shuttle drops at King Nikola's Palace

Don't Miss: Stari Bar ruins and the 2,200-year-old Old Olive Tree nearby

Getting around: Taxi €4–€12 · Rideshare not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Stari Bar — Ancient Ruined Town** — Perched on a cliff 4 km from modern Bar, the abandoned medieval city of Stari Bar is Montenegro's most dramatic ruin.
- Lake Skadar National Park** — The largest lake in the Balkans sits 35 minutes from Bar by car or train.
- King Nikola's Palace & Waterfront** — Walking distance from the shuttle drop-off, this late-19th-century royal palace (now a museum) offers a look at Montenegrin court life.
- Budva Old Town** — Montenegro's most photogenic medieval town sits about 40 km north of Bar (1 hr by taxi/tour).
- Ulcinj — Ancient Pirate Town** — Just 30 km south, Ulcinj was a notorious pirate stronghold and later an Ottoman garrison.

BEST WALKS

- Bar Waterfront Promenade** 1.5 km one-way · Flat · 20-30 min — From the shuttle drop-off at King Nikola's Palace, walk south along the palm-lined promenade past the Bar Marina.
- Stari Bar Ruins Walk** Self-guided within ruins · Easy-Moderate · 1-2 hrs — Once you taxi to Stari Bar (€5–8), explore the 16-hectare ruined town on your own.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		64°	50°	9d
Jun		77°	63°	6d
Aug		84°	68°	4d
Sep		78°	62°	7d
Oct		70°	55°	10d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:03AM–7:24PM · Jun 5:07AM–8:21PM · Aug 5:51AM–7:43PM · Sep 6:23AM–6:52PM · Oct 6:56AM–6:01PM

Representative sunrise/sunset — 2025, 15th of each month; local civil time including DST (Europe/Podgorica). Source: Astral; not a forecast or climate average.

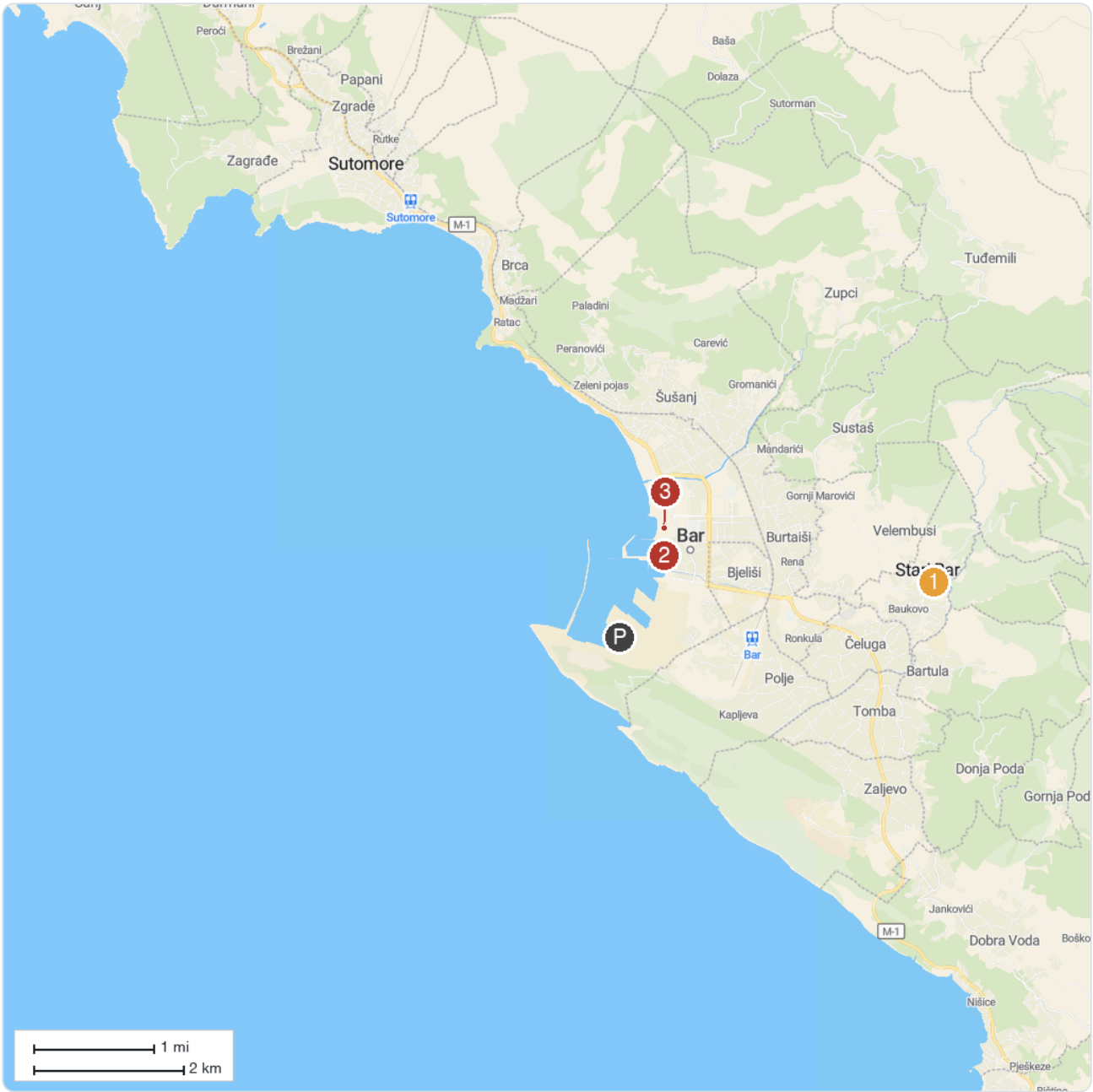
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KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Take the free port shuttle. You cannot walk from the cruise berth to town — the industrial port area restricts pedestrian access. The shuttle drops you right by King Nikola's Palace.
- Taxis are your friend. Agree on a fare upfront. Stari Bar is around €5-8 each way. For Budva or Kotor, budget €25-35 one-way — negotiate a round-trip deal.
- Euro only. Montenegro uses the euro without being in the EU. ATMs are available in the city centre near King Nikola's Palace. Cards accepted in most restaurants and larger shops.
- See the Old Olive Tree. The Stara Maslina near Stari Bar is reputedly 2,200+ years old — one of the oldest in Europe. It's a quick detour if you're visiting the ruins.
- Pack for heat and hills. Summers are hot and dry. Stari Bar involves uneven cobblestones and some climbing — wear closed shoes, bring water and sunscreen.
- Plan for distance. Kotor is about 1 hr away; Budva 40-50 min. If you want both, book an organised tour — doing it solo by taxi gets expensive and time-tight on a single port call.

Bar, Montenegro — Port Map

Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



- 1** Utvrđeni grad Stari Bar Explore Old Bar's historic fortified city ruins.
- 3** King Nikola's Palace Visit the former royal residence, now a museum.

- 2** I Love Bar Take a photo with the iconic 'I Love Bar' sign.
- P** Cruise port / terminal