

Kotor, Bay of Kotor, Montenegro

Ringed by medieval walls and cradled by the Adriatic's deepest bay, Kotor delivers a UNESCO Old Town, a vertiginous fortress hike, a famous island church, and more cats per square metre than anywhere in the Mediterranean.

⚓ Dock or tender (larger ships anchor out)

🕒 Typical call: 8-10 hrs

💶 Currency: Euro (€)

🗣️ Language: Montenegrin / English widely spoken

🏰 UNESCO World Heritage Site

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Smaller ships dock alongside the quay by the Old Town walls; larger or overflow ships anchor in the bay and tender 5-20 min to Park Slobode pier

Walk to center: 2-5 min from the dock/tender pier to the Sea Gate — you can see the walls from where you land

Best For: History lovers, fortress hikers, photographers, and anyone who likes cats

Don't Miss: The 1,350-step hike to Fortress of San Giovanni and the boat trip to Our Lady of the Rocks island

🚗 Getting around: 🚗 **Taxi** ✅ €4–€12 · 📱 **Rideshare** ❌ not available · 🚌 **Hop-on hop-off** ✅ Hop-on hop-off

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Kotor Old Town Self-Guided Walk** — Wander the marble lanes of the walled Old Town: Arms Square and the 1602 Clock Tower, the Romanesque Cathedral of Saint Tryphon (consecrated 1166...
- **Fortress of San Giovanni Hike** — Climb roughly 1,350 uneven stone steps up the ancient city walls to the ruined Fortress of San Giovanni at 280 m, with extraordinary views over the...
- **Perast & Our Lady of the Rocks Boat Tour** — A speedboat from City Park (100 m from the tender pier) whisks you 20-30 minutes to the Baroque village of Perast, then a further 10 minutes by small...
- **Lovćen National Park & Njegoš Mausoleum** — A winding drive up the Austro-Hungarian serpentine road — 25 hairpin bends above Kotor — leads to Lovćen National Park at 1,660 m.
- **Blue Cave Boat Tour** — A sea cave on the Lustica Peninsula where sunlight filters through the water and reflects off the white sandy bottom, bathing the interior in...

BEST WALKS

- **Old Town Loop** 1-1.5 hrs | Flat marble cobblestones | Easy — A full circuit of the compact Old Town hitting all the main squares, churches, and wall viewpoints.
- **Fortress of San Giovanni Climb** 1.5-2 hrs round trip | ~1,350 steps | Strenuous — Follow signage inside the Old Town walls to the staircase entrance and ascend the ancient city wall to the ruined Fortress of San Giovanni at 280 m.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

🌤️ CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

	Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr		64°	51°	12d
Jun		80°	68°	10d
Aug		86°	73°	8d
Sep		78°	66°	10d
Oct		70°	59°	11d

🌅 DAYLIGHT & 💰 MONEY

Apr 6:04AM–7:26PM · Jun 5:07AM–8:23PM · Aug 5:52AM–7:45PM · Sep 6:25AM–6:54PM · Oct 6:58AM–6:02PM

Currency: Euro (€)

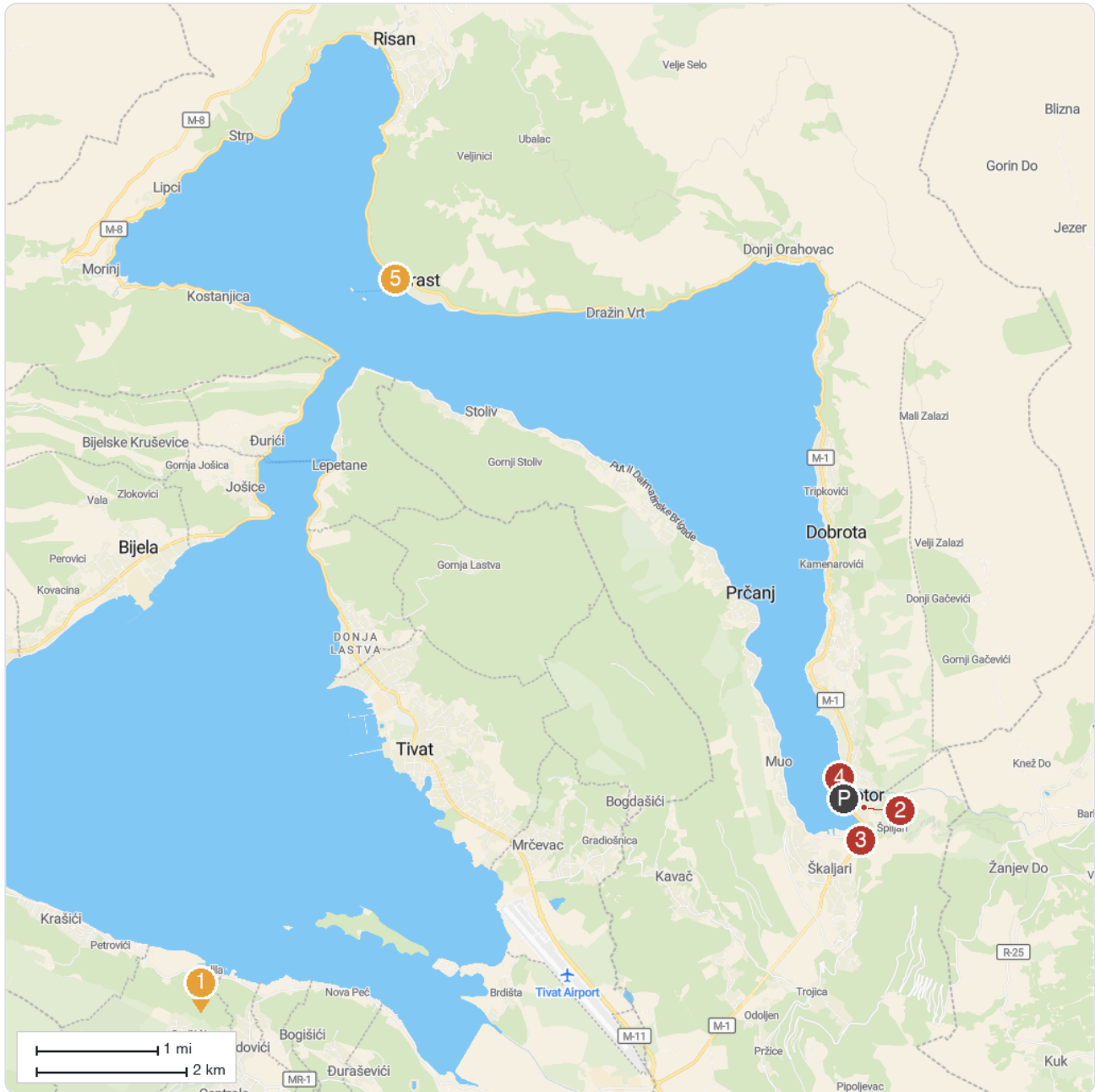
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Be on deck for the sail-in: The approach through the Bay of Kotor — ringed by mountains that plunge straight into the water — is consistently ranked among the most beautiful cruise arrivals in the world. Set an alarm.
- Go first, go early: Kotor can receive up to 15,000 cruise passengers on a single summer day. Getting ashore in the first tender wave means you walk the Old Town lanes in near-silence before the crowds arrive around 9-10 AM.
- Bring some cash: Euros are the currency. Most shops and restaurants take cards, but fortress entry (~€8-15), Our Lady of the Rocks church (€2), and smaller vendors are cash-only. An ATM is at the port.
- Wear real shoes: The Old Town's marble cobblestones are slippery when wet, and the fortress climb is ~1,350 uneven stone steps.
- Summer heat is real: Kotor sits in a sheltered bay and regularly exceeds 35°C in July-August.
- Book bay boat tours early: Speedboat tours to Perast and Our Lady of the Rocks depart from City Park (100-200 m from the tender pier) and fill up fast when multiple ships are in.

Kotor, Bay of Kotor, Montenegro — Port Map

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



1 Luštica Bay Luxury resort with beaches, golf, and dining.

3 AUTOMAT CLUB ADMIRAL CATTARO A local casino offering slot machines and gaming.

5 Perast Town Museum Discover Perast's maritime heritage and local history.

2 Maritime Museum Explore Kotor's rich seafaring history and naval traditions.

4 A Day Out on Yacht Monty B Enjoy a private yacht tour of the beautiful Bay of Kotor.

P Cruise port / terminal