



DREAM YACHT
WORLDWIDE

Base Guide

EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW TO ENJOY YOUR NEXT DREAM DESTINATION



THE MEDITERRANEAN | MONTENEGRO

BASE ADDRESS

Port of Kotor (boats location)

Kotor 85330

GPS POSITION: 42° 25.3931' / 18° 46.1982' E

OFFICE ADDRESS

Šuranj bb

Kotor

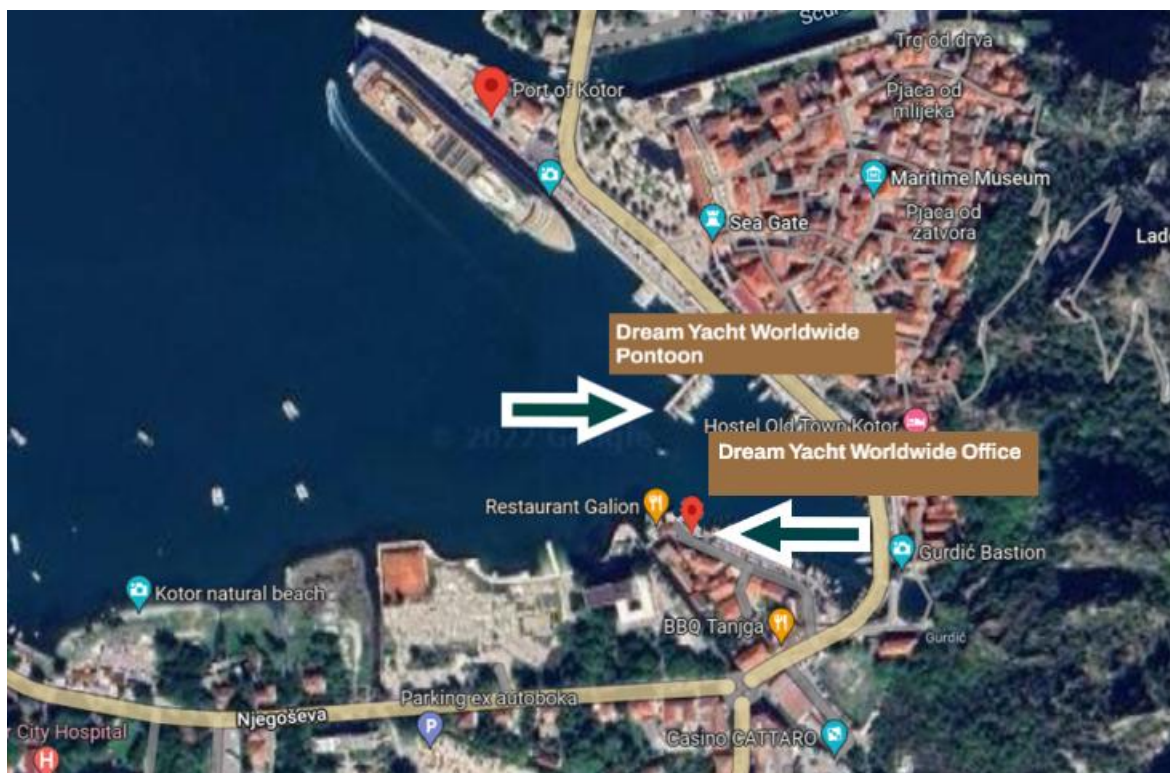
OPENING HOURS:

Monday – Thursday: 8am - 4pm

Friday – Saturday: 8am - 8pm

Sunday: 8am - 1pm

BASE MAP



BASE CONTACTS

If you need support while on your charter, contact the base immediately using the contact details in this guide. Please contact your booking agent for all requests prior to your charter.

BASE MANAGER:

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CUSTOMER SERVICE

Name: Doria Drašković

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BASE FACILITIES

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Electricity | <input type="checkbox"/> Luggage storage |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water | <input type="checkbox"/> Restaurant |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Toilets | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bar |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Showers | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Supermarket / Grocery store |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Laundry | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ATM |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Swimming pool | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Post Office |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wi-Fi | |

BASE INFORMATION

LICENSE

Sailing license required: No Yes

PAYMENT

The base can accept: Visa MasterCard Amex Cash

Obligatory to fill in and confirm the crew list to your Sales agent minimum 3 days prior check in for the Local authorities to be able to confirm it. If the crew list has not been confirmed 3 days before check in, the technical check in will not be possible the same day, but the next.



EMBARKATION TIME

Embarkation is on Saturday.

YACHT BRIEFING

The chart and technical briefing take approximately one hour. All briefings are conducted on the chartered yacht and will take 40-90 minutes, depending on yacht size and crew experience

The team will give a detailed walk-through of your yacht's technical equipment, information about safe and accurate navigation, including the yacht's navigational instruments, as well as mooring, anchorage and itinerary help. The safety briefing introduces the safety equipment and your yacht's general inventory.

STOP OVERS

For all DYW charters starting and/or ending in Kotor, a stopover on the last day of the charter is free of charge at the marina.

DISEMBARKATION TIME

To facilitate a smooth check-out process, all yachts must return to the marina no later **than 5:00 PM on the day prior the official check-out**. Please be aware that Fridays are particularly busy, especially at the marina's fuel station, and that each yacht is subject to both a **technical inspection** and an **underwater check by a diver**.

If you have an early departure flight on Saturday and intend to **disembark before 9:00 AM**, we kindly suggest returning to the marina earlier on Friday to ensure a smooth and stress-free departure.

Before returning the yacht, please ensure the following:

1. **Remove all personal belongings** from the boat.
2. Place all **safety equipment neatly on the saloon table** for inspection.
3. **All culinary items**, including dishes, glassware, cutlery, and cooking utensils, **must be washed** and returned to their assigned positions.
4. **Dispose of any trash** in the designated bins ashore (ensure all **garbage is properly separated** as failure to do so may lead to penalties).
5. **Notify the base manager** or technician upon completion.

It is mandatory to leave the boat by 9:00 AM on check-out day.



The team will inspect your yacht's equipment and a general visual check of its interior and exterior. A diver will check its hull, keel, rudder(s) propeller(s) and /or bow thruster. General inspection will take approximately one hour.

BAGGAGE

Please only take soft bags and not suitcases, as they would be too cumbersome onboard.

CAR PARK

You can park on the street and pay an hourly rate. If you need reserved parking for your vacation, contact our base manager.

BASE AND EMERGENCY CONTACTS

- Base emergency telephone number: +382 69333006
- Marina emergency telephone number: +382 32325573
- Coastguard emergency telephone number: +382 30313088
- VHF emergency channel: 16

HOW TO GET THERE?

ACCESS BY PLANE

Tivat Airport (TIV): The airport is 9km from the base, which is a 15-minute journey by car/shuttle. Fly via Germany, UK or via Moscow. Please check the schedule on the [airport website](#).

Dubrovnik Airport (DBV): The airport is 70km from the base, which is a 90-minute journey by car/shuttle. Fly direct from Philadelphia in peak times or via European cities. Please check the schedule on the airport website.

Podgorica Airport (TGD): The airport is 87km from the base, which is a 90-minute journey by car/shuttle. Fly via European cities. Please check the schedule on the airport website.

TRANSFERS FROM THE AIRPORT TO OUR BASE

If you need organized transfer from the airport, please contact your aftersales team. Major car rental companies operate from the airport, please refer to airport website for info, working hours and contacts. Taxis are regularly available in front of the airport buildings.



ACCESS BY ROAD

From Tivat Airport, take Jadranska Magistrala (Adriatic Motorway) in direction of Tivat Airport and Kotor. After passing the airport at roundabout take the 3rd exit and follow the direction to Kotor via Vrmac Tunnel. After exiting the tunnel, our offices are only 1km away in the direction of Kotor Old Town.

From Dubrovnik, take state road D8 and follow the direction to Dubrovnik Airport and Karasovići/Debeli Brijeg border crossing between Croatia and Montenegro. After entering Montenegro, follow E65 road in direction to Kotor and Budva. At Kamenari, there is a fast 24-hour ferry service to Lepetane which runs every 15 minutes and shortens the journey significantly (€4.5 toll). Alternatively continue on scenic road E65 in direction to Kotor for scenic views.

From Podgorica, there are two options for reaching Kotor. If you prefer scenic views take the M23 road and follow the direction to Budva as the road goes near Cetinje and Lovćen National Park. If you prefer a faster journey, take the E80 in the direction of Budva. From Budva, continue on E80 to Kotor.

ACCESS BY BUS

Kotor Bus station is located 200m from DYK Kotor base. There are frequent daily bus services to Budva, Tivat and Podgorica with departures approximately every 30 minutes. There are also regular regional services to Dubrovnik, Split, Mostar, Belgrade and other destinations.

PROVISIONING & RECOMMENDATIONS

BASE PROVISIONING SERVICE

This base provides a provisioning service: Yes No



LOCAL SUPERMARKET

Idea supermarket
Šuranj bb,
Kotor

Day	Time
Monday – Sunday	7am – midnight

Opening hours may differ during public holidays and are subject to change without notice.

FUEL AND WATER

Fuel and water are located at the Port of Kotor (0.5nm from the base) and Porto Montenegro (10nm from the base).

HOTEL SUGGESTIONS:

- **Hotel Astoria**

- Stari Grad 322, Kotor, Kotor Municipality 85330

- **Boutique Hotel Hippocampus**

- Stari Grad 489, Kotor, Kotor Municipality 85330

- **Historic Boutique Hotel Cattaro**

- Stari Grad 433, Kotor, Kotor Municipality 85330

RESTAURANT SUGGESTIONS:

- **Galion (seafood, Mediterranean)**
- **Stari Mlini (outdoor seating, vegetarian friendly)**
- **Forza Mare (European, seafood)**
- **Tanjga (barbecue)**

AREA GUIDE

LOCAL AREA INTRODUCTION

Montenegro may be small, but its legendary history, impressive mountains, beautiful beaches and crystal clear water will be a big hit for your yacht charter vacation. The country boasts the UNESCO World Heritage sites of Perast and Kotor, an impressive Venetian fortress with a steep hike and fantastic view across the bay.

The peak times for a Montenegro boat rental are July and August. In summer the days are sunny and hot and the water temperatures are ideal for swimming.

If you're sailing Montenegro, you will need a sailing license that is recognized by the local port authorities, or you can hire a skipper.

TOP THINGS TO DO IN MONTENEGRO:

1. Visit the chapels on small islands near Perast: Sail to Perast for lunch and explore the chapels on the small islands of St. George and Our Lady of the Rocks nearby.
2. Explore Porto Montenegro: Take a walk around the new marina at Porto Montenegro that buzzes with excellent places to dine, shop and relax.
3. Check out the Blue Cave on your way to Herceg Novi: Enter and get treated to a unique light show where the water's reflections illuminate the cave roof.
4. Visit Budva: Budva, near the islet St. Stefan, is famous for its beautiful beaches and historic monuments, including mosaics dating to the 3rd century. If you love diving, stop by the two small islands of Katič and Sveta Nedelja nearby.
5. Visit the iconic Old City of Kotor: If you rent a boat in Kotor, make sure to take time to walk through the old city and visit the castle of San Giovanni. Climb up the steep fortifications on the hillside for the best view of the Bay of Kotor. Take plenty of water.

CURRENCY: Euro (EUR)

VOLTAGE: 220V

DIALING CODE: +382

CUSTOMS CLEARANCE

You do not need to worry about customs clearance. However, if you want to sail to Croatia, please talk to us before booking.

INTERNET

The Wi-Fi in Montenegro is good and most cities and towns have Wi-Fi hotspots at bars and restaurants and hotels. Coverage is patchy in the mountains and across remote areas. Internet access that costs €30 for seven days is also available.

ENVIRONMENT

- Respect your surroundings and leave only footprints in the sand
- Only use the engine or genset when needed (fill up your tanks for the water maker at the docks when you can)
- Recycle your garbage in the correct containers at the marina
- Respect regulations around marine reserves and private islands where disembarking is not permitted

REGULATIONS

An important fact is that the maximum permitted speed of navigation in the entire Boka Bay (bay of Kotor, bay of Risan, bay of Tivat and bay of Herceg Novi) is 10 knots (10 kn).

In Kumbor strait (channel) and the strait of Verige maximum speed of navigation is 6 knots (6 kn).

The above restrictions apply to all participants in maritime transport without exception as follows: passenger ships, yachts, boats, jet skis, boats, sailboats, catamarans, any other vessels types.

Boka bay is closed system with a lot of beaches and swimmers. The sea traffic, especially during the peak of the season is busy, too. Therefore, it is very important to obey speed limitations and shallow water parts.

Entering Blue Cave and submarine tunnels, as well as mooring in the bay, can be tricky, too. Here we have skilled staff. Ask us about any kind of vague issues, and locations you want to visit, so we give you heads up! You can always ask for assistance so our experienced skippers assist.

Information subject to change without notice.

BEWARE OF POSIDONIA SEAGRASS MEADOWS!

You are going to be sailing in areas where there are Posidonia seagrass meadows. We urge you to be extremely vigilant. These meadows form crucial underwater ecosystems in the Mediterranean, but they are fragile and threatened by a number of human activities, in particular anchoring of recreational craft.

An underwater plant of the Mediterranean

Posidonia (*Posidonia oceanica*) is a unique marine plant that's endemic to the Mediterranean Sea. It is not a seaweed but a true flowering plant, with roots, stems, leaves and flowers. You'll recognise it by its long, green, ribbon-shaped leaves. Posidonia grows in meadows, forming vast underwater prairies. It reproduces mainly by rhizomes and sometimes by seeds.

Posidonia meadows are found in the shallow coastal waters of the Mediterranean, from a depth of 1 to around 40 metres, in clear, well-lit waters. These meadows are particularly abundant in sheltered bays where conditions of temperature, salinity and light are ideal for their growth.

Practically the whole of the Mediterranean coastline is involved here: the shores of France, Italy, Croatia, Greece, Spain, Turkey, Tunisia, and more.

An essential ecological role

Posidonia seagrass meadows provide a habitat and a source of food for a multitude of marine species, including fish, molluscs and crustaceans. They are also ideal spawning grounds and nurseries for young fish.

Like real underwater forests, seagrass beds act as carbon sinks, helping to combat climate change: they can store up to 300 tonnes of carbon per hectare. That's 3 to 5 times more than tropical forests, and this, over hundreds of thousands of hectares. And not to mention their contribution to the production of oxygen, the protection of coasts by attenuating the impact of waves, the preservation of beaches where it accumulates in banks, etc. The loss of these meadows would have serious ecological and economic consequences for the Mediterranean.

A protected species under threat

Despite their importance, Posidonia meadows are extremely fragile and are threatened by a number of human activities. Boat anchoring, pollution, coastal urbanisation, trawling and climate change are all factors that contribute to their degradation. Seagrass beds are particularly sensitive to anchoring by boats: anchors can uproot these plants and create almost irreparable 'scars' in Posidonia meadows, as Posidonia rhizomes grow very slowly (a rate of just 1 cm per year).

The presence of these meadows dates back between 60 and 100 million years, when terrestrial flowering plants, which resembled the rushes plant family of today, returned to the marine environment where their distant ancestors came from. Don't be the one to destroy this extraordinary heritage in a matter of minutes.

Please note: Posidonia has been a protected species throughout the Mediterranean since 1995 and is classed as a habitat of European interest. Ensure you are aware of the regulations in force!

As a boater, you have a key role to play in protecting Posidonia meadows.

Here are a few measures you can take to minimise your impact:

1. **Before setting off, consult the maps that indicate the presence of Posidonia meadows. There are several free apps that can help you, such as Nav&Co or Donia. Download them.**
2. **Don't anchor in Posidonia meadows: opt for sandy bottoms or consider picking up a mooring**

buoy whenever possible.

3. **Respect protected areas:** some regions have marine protected areas where anchoring and other activities are regulated to protect the seagrass meadows.
4. **In all cases, adapt your anchoring technique:** to avoid scraping the seabed, you must take care to bring your anchor back up in line with the boat, even if you are on sand.
5. **Avoid generating any pollution at sea.**
6. **Share with others:** not all boaters are aware of the importance of Posidonia seagrass meadows. And set an example!

By adopting these practices, you'll be helping to preserve Posidonia seagrass meadows and the health of Mediterranean marine ecosystems. Protecting these underwater treasures is an essential and shared responsibility for future generations.



SAILING CONDITIONS

SAILING AREA

Montenegro's mountainous 300km of rugged coastline is becoming popular among those looking to explore the Adriatic beyond Croatia. A Montenegro yacht hire transports you to Herceg Novi's 14th century old town or Dobrec's pebble beach, which is only accessible by boat.

During your yacht charter in Montenegro, make sure you hop to the island of Katič for diving, explore the fort on Mamula, or find isolation at uninhabited Stari Ulcinj.

You'll be a short sail away from Budva, where you can enjoy a party atmosphere at Ploce Beach, relax on Jaz Beach or go for an early morning swim at Mogren Beach to avoid the crowds. During the summer the city of Budva also hosts a popular city theater that features numerous local performances and international shows.

WEATHER

The best time to visit Montenegro is between May and October when the climate is sunny, hot and dry. The hottest and most crowded months to visit are June, July and August.

The average temperature in Montenegro in summer is 81°F. The sea temperature in Montenegro in summer is between 75°F and 82°F, with August being the best month for swimming.

TEMPERATURE

Climate in Kotor, Montenegro:

- Summer high: The August high is around 88°F
- Winter low: The January low is 36°F

WIND SYSTEMS

The sailing conditions are perfect for sailors who want to sail in good winds instead of always motoring through calms.

Montenegro's prevailing wind in the summer includes the northwesterly mistral which blows off the land between 10 and 25 knots on a regular basis.

However, the northeasterly bora features gusts that can range between 30 and 50 knots. If you're sailing Kotor Bay (or the rest of Montenegro) and the bura is forecast, find a sheltered anchorage right away.

Meanwhile, the southerly sirocco is warm but can also bring rain and wind up to 25 knots.

LOCAL FORECAST

You can find weather forecasts ahead of your yacht charter in Montenegro on VHF Channel 24 and at <http://www.meteo.co.me/>.