

**Join us in Paradise for a week of diverse music and exploration of Montenegro,
plus a seven-day cruise along the Dalmatian Coast!**

In June 2021, the small Adriatic town of Tivat, Montenegro will host the annual Mediterranean Notes Music Festival, where some of the world's pre-eminent musicians – including violinists Renaud Capuçon and Baiba Skride, mezzo-soprano Sarah Connolly, and Soloists of the Menuhin Academy – come together for a series of concerts, from chamber to symphonic to world music. Join us for a week at the luxurious 5-star Regent Porto Montenegro Hotel, experiencing the magic of evening chamber music while discovering the jewels of picturesque Montenegro during the day!

Following the festival, we board a lavishly designed, 19-cabin cruise vessel to discover the natural and ancient wonders of Dalmatia, from Dubrovnik to Split, including Hvar, Vis, Korčula, Mljet, and Ston. Highlights include wandering the medieval town of Korčula and breathtaking Hvar, exploring the famous salt lakes in the Mljet National Park, sipping wine at a traditional winery in Vis, riding the cable car for scenic views of Dubrovnik, indulging on oysters in a tiny, once-fortified village, and swimming at the famous shifting beach of Zlatni Rat.

**Space is limited, both at the Porto Montenegro Hotel and onboard the mini-cruiser Futura.
Reservations will be honored in the order deposits are received.**

YOUR ITINERARY

Prices, per person:

\$4,950 sharing a double



\$6,845 single use of a double



**Prices are stated in
U.S. Dollars**

**calculated on an exchange rate
of \$1.15 to the Euro.**



Package prices include:

Seven nights accommodation,
Superior Double, Aqua Wing*
Regent Porto Montenegro



Seven nights accommodation,
lower deck double*

Deluxe Superior MV Futura

** see page 5 for upgrade options and
prices for the cruise and hotel*

June 17 or 18: Depart Houston

June 19: Transfer from Dubrovnik to Tivat: Meet at Dubrovnik airport at about 1:00 PM in order to travel together to Tivat, crossing the Croatia/Montenegro border and arriving in time for our welcome dinner and the opening concert of the Mediterranean Notes Festival.

Both United/Lufthansa and American/BA offer morning arrivals into Dubrovnik that involve a single change of planes.

If you choose an itinerary with an afternoon or evening arrival, we advise you to depart Houston on June 17.

You will enjoy a relaxing overnight on the 18th at a nice hotel near the Dubrovnik airport (modest additional cost) where we have reserved space.

June 19-26: Montenegro and Mediterranean Notes Music Festival

Lord Byron stated: "At the birth of the planet, the most beautiful encounter between land and sea must have been on the Montenegrin coast." Montenegro, the smallest of the ex-Yugoslav republics, has it all: medieval towns on the coast, wild mountains, the biggest lake on the Balkan peninsula, the longest and deepest canyon in Europe, mild climate, and the most beautiful fjord-like gulf in the Mediterranean. Its imposing coastline mountains inspired 15th-century Venetians to name it Monte Negro, or Black Mountain. Different cultures have left their traces here: Roman, Byzantine, Venetian, and Turkish; for centuries, it

was the only Balkan state to hold out against the mighty Ottoman Empire, and although its historic capital, Cetinje was sacked by Ottomans three times, Montenegro was never completely taken.

Nestled on the UNESCO-protected Boka Bay and offering sweeping views of the Durmitor mountain range, our hotel – the 5-star Regent Porto Montenegro – is right next to the posh city promenade and the most luxurious yacht marina on the Adriatic Sea. According to Lonely Planet, “visitors to Tivat could be forgiven for wondering if they're in Monaco or Montenegro.” The hotel is elegant, aristocratic and refined, boasting gourmet dining, an indulgent spa and wellness center, and indoor and outdoor pools.

Also included:

- ◆
- Breakfast each day
- ◆
- Montenegro portion:
Lunch or dinner on 4 days
- ◆
- Dalmatian cruise portion:
Dinner on 3 days
Lunch on 6 days
Two tastings
- ◆
- Airport transfers
- ◆
- Ground transport by
private coach
- ◆
- All available performances at
Mediterranean Notes Festival
- ◆
- Guided tours
as described in the text
(*unless specified as "optional"*)
- ◆
- Port fees
- ◆
- Drinks with meals aboard,
unlimited water, coffee and tea,
plus fresh fruit
- ◆
- Baggage handling
- ◆
- Access to spa facilities and
swimming pool at the
Hotel Porto Montenegro
- ◆
- Free wifi throughout the hotel
and on board the ship

During our week in Tivat, we will explore all that Montenegro offers, complemented by two optional outdoor activities: scenic hiking around Kotor Bay and kayaking/birdwatching in the untamed nature of Lake Skadar. Below you will find the description of each tour.

Boka Bay Cruise Including the UNESCO World Heritage site of Kotor

Described as the southernmost fjord in Europe, Boka Bay is a magnificent symbiosis of bays and gorges, encircled by wooded mountains to the south and mountains with sparse vegetation to the north. Also known as “Bride of the Adriatic,” the star-shaped region – attributed to a submerged river canyon that perforates the mainland – is composed of four bays: Herceg Novi, Risan, Tivat, and Kotor. We will visit Perast, an ancient village rich in Venice-like architecture: sixteen Baroque palaces, seventeen Catholic churches, several important Orthodox structures and a series of nine defensive towers. The highlights of Perast are the twin islands of St. George and Our Lady of the Rock. According to the legend, fishermen saw Mary in the reef and began a ritual of dropping a stone on the spot every time they sailed by. Eventually the island we see today was created, and upon it was built a fine little church. Lunch is at the home of a family in the village of Tići on Luštica peninsula. We will have a welcome drink, walk through the olive gardens, taste their organic olive oil, and sit down to a feast of home-cooked specialties. We finish the day in Kotor, one of the best-preserved medieval towns in the Adriatic. Kotor became part of the Venetian Republic in 1420 and except for two periods of Ottoman rule, it remained under Venice until 1797. Those four centuries have given the town its typical Venetian architecture. Visits include the 12th-century Cathedral of St. Tryphon St.Luke's Church.

Budva, Sveti Stefan, and Virpazar

A fortified medieval town, Budva bears the influence of the Venice Republic. The most important buildings include the churches of St. John, Holy Trinity, Holy Mary in Punta, the citadel fortress, and the town walls. We will visit the Archeological Museum, which houses an impressive collection of artifacts from the various Illyrian, Greek, Roman, Byzantine and Slavic peoples who have settled in Budva. On our way to Virpazar, we will stop at the most photogenic place on the Montenegrin coast: Sveti Stefan, a fortified fishing town on a small island connected to the mainland by a narrow passage. The pink pebble beaches and azure waters of Sveti Stefan have made this area a favorite with both royalty and tourists since the 1930s. In Virpazar, we will visit a winery owned and operated by a family, where we taste the indigenous wines Kratosija and Vranac as well as grappa, accompanied by local delicacies (prosciutto, cheese, olives, and Dutch oven veal).

Cetinje and National Park Lovćen

Cetinje is the cultural, historical, and spiritual center of Montenegro, which has retained its old charm due to benign neglect: after the Second World War, the capital was moved from Cetinje to Podgorica (then known as Titograd). Unlike the coastal cities that boast Venetian architecture, the town displays pastel houses, single-story cottages, and stately mansions. We will visit Cetinje Monastery, the most famous Orthodox

monastery in Montenegro; King Nikola's Museum, the former residence of the last Montenegrin ruler, and the relief of Montenegro – a fascinating large-scale 3D map created by the Austrians in 1917. Adjacent to Centinje is Lovćen National Park, with an incredibly diverse flora and fauna, dominated by Mount Lovćen and the Njegoš Mausoleum – one of the most important works of the world-renowned Croatian sculptor Ivan Meštrović. We will climb up to the limestone and granite mausoleum, which, in clear weather, offers a stunning 360-degree view of more than half of the tiny country. Petar II Petrović Njegoš was the greatest Montenegrin poet (and ruler), the “national hero” of Montenegro, whose wish was to be buried there.

Optional Kayaking and Birdwatching on Lake Skadar

Lake Skadar, the largest lake in the Balkans, is home to over 250 species of birds, 90% of which are migratory. Among them: the endangered pelican, pygmy cormorant, glossy ibis, squacco heron, bittern, grebe, egret, tern, mallard, etc. It is a shallow lake, surrounded by wide flood plain on its northern bank, with willows, reed beds, and floating vegetation. Kayaking will allow you to explore tiny alleys lined with water lilies and watch the wildlife without scaring it away. A boat will follow the group and be at the disposal of any who get tired of paddling or prefer not to. Following the lake experience, you are in for a treat in nearby Rineka Crnojevica, where the most appetizing Montenegrin specialties await. Before the meal is served, you will be offered a homemade fruit brandy to increase your appetite.

Optional Hiking to Ridge Vrmac

A comfortable tuk-tuk ride will take you just outside Kotor, from where we start the hike up an old switchback military trail to the top of the Vrmac ridge. This road, named after emperor Franz Joseph, was built during the Austro-Hungarian era, to connect the port of Kotor with the fortress and barracks on the top of the ridge. The hike will be around 2 hours round trip, and there are plenty of stops along the way for photos and to grab a drink. The climb will reward you with stunning view towards Kotor Old Town and the most beautiful parts of Boka bay. After the hike, there will be some free time in scenic Kotor on your own before returning to the hotel.

On the way to Dubrovnik harbor to board our luxurious mini-cruiser, we stop at Cavtat, a charming little town just south of Dubrovnik, set on a petite peninsula embraced by two harbors. We visit the mausoleum of the wealthy Račić family in the Saint Rocco Cemetery, on the highest point of the Rat Peninsula just above Cavtat. Built by Meštrović in 1922, the beautiful memorial chapel – also known as “Our Lady of the Angels” – is a white marble sepulcher surmounted by a bronze angel on a cupola, with intricate decorations, reliefs, and mosaics. For lunch on your own, there are plenty of choices: from gastronomic fish restaurants to meat prepared in the traditional "peka" style, the signature dish of Dalmatia (vegetables and meat drizzled with olive oil, sprinkled with herbs, and then baked to perfection under a bell-like dome). Practically every restaurant along the waterfront promenade offers postcard-perfect views!

DALMATIAN COAST CRUISE - Seven Nights

Saturday June 26: Dubrovnik

Following our stop in Cavtat, we continue to Dubrovnik's Gruž harbor where we embark on the deluxe/superior mini-cruiser, Aurelia, the newest and most spacious in the fleet. After settling into our cabins, we head out for a guided tour of the city. Buildings that have remained from the time of the old Dubrovnik Republic give the ancient town a special charm. Renaissance architecture dominates, but there are traces of Gothic style as well. From the Old Town, we ascend by cable car to Mount Srđ to enjoy scenic views of the fortified city's imposing ramparts and of the Elaphiti Islands. A cocktail reception and dinner await us on board when we return to the ship. Overnight in Dubrovnik.

Sunday June 27: Slano/Ston

We enjoy the magical scenery as we cruise around Dubrovnik city walls before continuing to one of the Elaphiti Islands to take a quick swim or just to enjoy the scenery. Lunch is provided on board before our afternoon arrival in Slano, a peaceful fishermen's village and the starting point of our visit to Ston. Once a small fortified village, Ston is famous today for its oysters. After exploring the medieval ramparts, we learn more about oysters and enjoy a special tasting of this delicacy. You'll have some free time before returning to the ship. Evening features a traditional “Captain's Dinner” on board, including entertainment.

Monday June 28: Mljet

After breakfast, we cruise a little farther north to the island of Mljet. The legend has it that Odysseus spent years on this island when he was a prisoner of the nymph Calypso. The cruise manager will take us for a stroll to the famous salt lakes in the Mljet National Park, where we will embark upon a small boat to St. Mary Isle to visit a 12th-century Benedictine monastery and church. Or, you have the option of renting a kayak, bicycle, scooter, or convertible to roam around the national park or island on your own – but beware of nymphs! We overnight either in port Polača or Pomena, where we'll have dinner onboard.

Tuesday June 29: Korčula

Relax over breakfast as we sail towards the island of Korčula, best known as the birthplace of Marco Polo. Lunch will be in a secluded bay, followed by a guided walking tour of enchanting Korčula, one of the best-preserved medieval walled cities in the Mediterranean. You will find the “fishbone” street pattern unique; it results in a natural cooling effect, providing citizens with sheltered and comfortable accommodation. You will then have the rest of the afternoon and evening free to take advantage of a rich choice of restaurants, whether you opt for a gourmet dining experience or a simpler meal. There are plenty of bars for those looking for livelier entertainment. Alternatively, you may choose an optional excursion (additional cost) to a village near the town of Korčula to learn about the history and traditional way of living and enjoy a typical Dalmatian dinner. The ship is moored for the night in Korčula harbor.

Wednesday June 30: Vis

This morning, we continue to the island of Vis, once a Yugoslav strategic naval base and closed to the public for decades. Thanks to this isolation, Vis has a special charm – “the Mediterranean as it once was” – making this a particularly interesting visit. Vis town, situated on the northern side of the island, lies near the remains of ancient Issa, the first urban center in Croatia. We'll try some exquisite local wines in one of the Vis traditional wineries. You'll then have time to follow your own interests, whether that's the remains of the Roman thermae, the city museum, or a leisurely walk, enjoying the views of the beautiful *Villae Rusticae* along the waterfront. Dinner ashore is on your own; our vessel remains in the port of Vis for the night.

Thursday July 1: Biševo-The Blue Cave and Hvar

Early in the morning, we cruise towards the small island of Biševo to visit (weather conditions permitting) the Blue Cave, a magnificent natural phenomenon. Continuing towards the jet-set island of Hvar, we make a stop for swimming and lunch on board at the Pakleni islands. Hvar, the longest and sunniest island in the Adriatic, is known for glorious lavender fields and breathtaking beauty. We arrive in the afternoon and tour the town, including the Renaissance cathedral with its original tower, and the oldest community theater in Europe, founded in 1612. You can also hike up the zigzag path to the fort overlooking the harbor for lovely scenic views of our ship and the Pakleni islands. In the evening, Hvar offers an abundance of entertainment - numerous restaurants (dinner on your own), bars and clubs, many open late into the night. We overnight in the port.

Friday July 2: Zlatni Ra – Bol – Split

We sail to Brač island, where we visit the most famous beach in Dalmatia, Zlatni Ra. Its shingle promontory shifts from side to side as the wind and waves constantly cause the shape to change. Bol is a typical fishing village, which has retained much of its charm, despite having become a popular tourist destination. Enjoy lunch onboard as we continue to Split, where we have a guided tour of the historic town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. There is an abundance of Roman architecture, the most impressive being the magnificent Diocletian Palace, once inhabited by the eponymous Emperor. Dinner on shore is on your own; we overnight aboard in Split harbor.

Saturday July 3: Split Check out and Homeward (Onward) Flights

After breakfast, disembark and transfer to Split airport for your homeward (or onward) journey.

Accommodation upgrades, cruise:

Cabins onboard the Superior Deluxe Class mini-cruiser Futura, ranging from 140 to almost 200 square feet, are substantially larger than one would expect on an intimate cruise ship (or in many excellent hotels). In fact, the lower deck cabins (150 – 195 s.f.) are a bit larger than those on the superior deck simply because the ship is broader near the water line. What you are paying for if you choose to upgrade is not space or amenities (which are the same throughout the ship) but air and light: the main deck cabins have operable windows while the lower deck provides only portholes.

Superior deck cabin – \$310 per person, sharing
\$470, single occupancy



Accommodation upgrades, Porto Montenegro *(additional, per room/week):*

Deluxe Room - \$140
Deluxe Room, Sea View - \$800
Junior Suite, Sea View - \$1,600
1 Bedroom Suite, Sea View - \$3,500

Participation is limited; reservations will be honored in the order deposits are received. Payment in full is due by March 15, 2021.

<u>Prices per person</u>	<u>Sharing a double</u>	<u>Single occupancy</u>
Two-week ground and cruise program	\$4,950.00	\$6,845.00

For details, visit DeanDaltonTours.com or email DD@DeanDaltonTours.com or call 713-213-6447.

*You should be prepared for a good bit of walking, cobbled streets, hills and stairs.
If your mobility is limited, please travel with a friend or relative committed to assisting you.*

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Houston, TX 77098

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Name 2 as it appears on passport (LAST/First): _____

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City: _____ St. _____ Zip _____ Email: _____

Passport # 1: _____ Issue date _____ Date and **place** of Birth: _____

Passport # 2: _____ Issue date _____ Date and **place** of Birth: _____

Name and phone of emergency contact: _____

If reserving for two: prefer one bed prefer two beds

If reserving for one: prefer a single room need help finding a potential roommate

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I/we wish to upgrade to Deluxe room Deluxe w/Sea View Jr. Suite Sea View 1 Bedroom Suite

I/we wish to upgrade accommodations for the cruise to Superior Deck Cabin

Travel Protection: I/we prefer Group Deluxe, 100% trip cost Group Deluxe with CFAR

Group Deluxe \$0 trip cost I/we decline any offered travel protection plan

Special needs: _____

I have read the brochure and accompanying "Terms and Conditions" and agree to their contents.

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The "\$0 trip cost" plan does not cover pre-existing conditions or cancellation and provides limited trip interruption benefits.

Terms and Conditions of Sale—Montenegro and Dalmatian Coast Tour, June 18 – July 3, 2021

A deposit of \$500.00 per person is required to guarantee your reservation; the date of receipt will determine the order in which travelers are booked, in the event of a sold-out tour. The balance of the tour price is due on or before March 15, 2021.

Cancellation forfeitures, ground portion:

120 days or more prior to departure: deposit will be refunded, less \$300 per person, to cover non-refundable deposits required by the hotel and cruise line

From 120 to 90 days prior to departure: full deposit is forfeited

89 to 60 days prior to departure: 30% of tour cost is forfeited

59 to 30 days prior to departure: 60% of tour cost is forfeited

30 days or less prior to departure: 100% of tour cost is forfeited

Included in quoted tour prices: All ground transportation by private coach, from arrival at Dubrovnik airport, June 18, to embarkation at Dubrovnik harbor, June 26, and transfer from Split harbor to Split airport on July 3; luggage handling (1 piece, maximum 50 pounds, at owner's risk); accommodations in hotel listed in the itinerary or comparable, including hotel taxes and daily breakfast; lunches and dinners, sightseeing, entrance fees, performance tickets, guide and escort services, cruise accommodations and services, or comparable, as indicated in the online itinerary.

Not included in quoted tour prices: Airfare to Croatia and returning, costs of passports or visas (visas are not required for U.S. citizens), laundry; meals or beverages, optional performances, and sightseeing not included in the itinerary; room service; travel protection; gratuities to guides, drivers, and ship crew; communication charges; excess baggage fees.

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