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Budva is the metropolis of Montenegrin tourism thanks to the great number of beaches that make this a most desirable tourist destination. Apart from its natural beauty, such as its bay islands and beaches, Budva is rich in historic monuments. Stari Grad lies on a small peninsula and represents a treasure chest of culture heritage. Crossed with narrow streets and squares are famous buildings, the Church Sv. Trojica, housing the tomb of the exquisite writer Stjepan Mitrov Ljubisa, the Churches of Sv. Ivan, Sv. Bogorodica and Sv. Sava. During the summer months it turns into a City Theatre with numerous local performances and shows from abroad. In the Stari Grad you can also visit many shops, cafés, restaurants and galleries. Monasteries Stanjevici, Podostrog, Rezevici i Gradiste are important historic and religious monuments of Budva.

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It is written in the story of Philo of Byblos, from the 2nd century AD, that the founding of Budva was connected to CADMUS, founder of the city of Thebes and mythical son of Phoenician King Agenor. Cadmus and his wife Harmonia were expelled from Thebes and in an oxen coach headed to the country of Enchilei (people of eels, the oldest known inhabitants of the region of Budva), where they founded a new city BOUTHOE Budva.

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The legend of the foundation of Budva

With the special attention Budva and people from Budva keep the mythical legend about the foundation of the town. BATHUA, BUTOBA, BUTUA – today Budva – hides its name behind the most famous authentic story about the foundation of the town from the time of the Stefan Byzantium from the VI century. As it s written in the incites of the Filon from Bilbos from the II century A.D., the foundation of Budva is connected to the founder of the town Thebe, a mythical personality and the son of the Phoenician King Agemor – Kadma. Namely, Kadmo and his wife Harmonija in their old ages were exiled from Thebe and on the ox driven vehicles they directed themselves to the land of the Enheleans – the eel people, (the oldest citizens in the area of Budva), where they have founded a new town BOUTHOE – Budva.



According to the legend, it is by the oxen that Budva got its name, (Bous – in Greek Ox), which brought the spouses Kadma and Harmonija, the former rulers of Thebe, in Budva. According to some other sources, Harmojia gave birth to the son of Illyrian. Still, because of some murder that Kadmo committed in his youth, the punishment of Gods came onto him, so the spouses (Kadmo and Harmonija), according to the legend, were turned into snakes.



Culture

Budva besides being a tourist is also a town of culture. Not only because of its extremely valuable historical past but also because of the constant influences and permeating of various cultures from the land and the sea (Helens, Venetians, French, Austro – Hungarians...), the cultural dimension of Budva has always been interwoven in the social life of the town. The authentic monuments: numerous churches, monasteries, fortresses even today testify of the past of Budva. The most attractive and the oldest is the Old town Budva, in which the majority of those monuments are found. Beside the history and culture, the spirit of Budva was carried through the centuries by many famous personalities. Budva gave birth to numerous great man of painting brush and quill. We shall mention some of them: Todor Vukovic, the painter from Maine SV century, Krsto Ivanovic – the chronicler from Budva XVII century.



Still, without any doubt, the most famous man from Budva, a literate and a diplomat, who is well known outside the borders of Montenegro, is the national tribune Stefan Mitrov Ljubisa, XIX century. For life that literate was proclaimed the best narrator of that era. He got famous for his notes and collections of the folk customs, events and preservation of the folk language from the oblivion. From the more recent time, from the period of the XX century, also the recognized and famous public and scientific workers stand out. As the most significant ones we can name the brothers Miroslav and Stevan Luketic. PhD Miroslav Luketic was a famous historian, and a chronicler. His brother Stevan Luketic was a sculptor recognized in the world. Also painters Slobodan Slovnic and Jovan Ivanovic were born in Budva where they also live.



The far famous Conte Stjepan Zanic lived in the XVIII century and from his early youth he was prone to challenges and adventures, unruly and dissipated life. The important personality for Budva is also the painter who has a rich opus, Anastas Bocaric – XVII century. He got his education in Athens. He was engaged in sculpture, calligraphy and applied arts. At the same time he was the first teacher of his brother Spiro Bocaric, who got his education in Venice. He made a great number of portraits and landscapes.

Beaches

The first organized tourist arrival in Budva, are mentioned in the 1930's. The beach tourism began with the arrival of the first foreigners, Czechs, to the coast of Budva Riviera. Since then and until now Budva has largely developed, in the tourist sense. On the 12 kilometers, from Jaz to Petrovac on some 20 beaches, in the warm sun, from the 10th of May until the 8th of November you can enjoy for 182 days. Budva Riviera has the surface of 122 km². Budva has 25 kilometers of jagged coast. The climate in Budva is typically Mediterranean, which means that the winters are mild and summers usually dry and very hot. Budva has 2.300 sunny hours per year. The temperature of the seawater during the summer is between 21 and 25 C⁰.

On the Riviera with pearly beaches, as Budva is also called, we have: 2 km away from Budva is the beach Jaz, 200 meters away from the Old town there are beaches: Mogren I and II, next to the walls of the Old town we have the beach called Ricardova glava (Richard's head). Beside the Budva Riva we have the beach Pizana, along the shore in Budva we have Slovenska plaza (Slovenian beach), and in the middle part of Budva Riviera we have Becici beach. 6 kilometers away from Budva there is the beach Kamenovo, 300 meters away we have the beach Pržno, then two beaches beside the well known King's residence of Karadjordjevic – Milocer. Some 9 kilometers away from Budva there are two beaches on Sveti Stefan (St. Stefan), nudist beach Crvena glavica (Little red head), and 10 kilometers on the way from Budva to Petrovac is the beach Drobni pijesak (crushed sand).



Techno, rave, hip – hop parties that are meant to last during the night often are prolonged, so they last even during the day. For a good atmosphere on the beaches DJ's are in charge. The loud music is characteristic for cafés and mini – bars, but also for the opened terraces along the Budva promenade, and the promenade towards the Old town and Becici.

Recreations

If your characteristics are strong will, persistency, courage, extra energy and the desire for the adrenaline, Budva is surely the place for you. Probably the words like: paragliding, aqua ski, bungee jumping... sound interesting to you, but if you experience all of that in one day, on one place, then that is the reason for you to come to Budva and feel the allure of those challenges. The ride with the paraglide begins at 760 meters above sea level from the take over point on Brajici. Stirring the paraglide with the aid of the instructor, you will have a chance to enjoy in the unforgettable and alluring sights on Budva Riviera.



On the other end of the municipality of Budva is Petrovac, in which we have a city beach, 500 kilometers from Petrovac we have Lucice, and 2 kilometers away is beach Buljarica. On the greatest part of the beach there are modernly arranged (in Italian and Spanish style) beach bars. The great number of beaches has blue flags, which is a guarantee of their high quality and great comfort. On all the mentioned beaches there are lifeguards who are observing the swimmers and are taking care of them. For others, who like more peaceful places, the drives and swimming on the Island Sveti Nikola (St. Nikola), popularly called Hawaii are offered, as well as the boat or barge driving along the Montenegrin coast. If you are a lover of intimate places, along the Budva Riviera there are numerous hidden coves, and maybe some still undiscovered places for swimming and resting, as well as the beaches that are maybe just waiting for you. The number of beaches, on which mostly young people go, is also big. On those beaches you feel as if you are on the most exotic world places.

The excitement will be if you decide for bungee – jumping. The platform which is 40 meters high, and is situated not far away from the cove in the ending part of the Slovenska beach. Budva is ready for the water skiers. Aqua ski cable railway is situated on the Becici beach. The cable railway offers possibilities of great fun to all of those who wish to have an active and more exciting vacation in Budva Riviera. Aqua ski cable railway is meant for the curious tourists as well as to the top sportsmen, and beginners, because the trainee instructors are always on the spot, present. For the lovers of depths in Budva there are several diving clubs. With the professional and expert aid they offer the entire training and adequate equipment. As the water temperature during the summer goes from 21 to 25C the diving is more than pleasing and it simply attracts you to research the depths.

Excursions & Top tours

For the guests who wish to research and recreate themselves in their own choice, Budva offers also a very simple way of recreation in nature.



If you do not wish to set yourself in that direction on foot, you won't feel less joy if you go to visit that part of Budva by a tourist mini train. If you have a wish to meet the history of some other part of Montenegro besides the history of Budva, numerous tourist agencies offer various arrangements, and often, the individuals, along the Slovenian coast, make those arrangements. Those arrangements offer rafting down the River Tara, visits to the museums, monasteries, drives along the Skadar Lake... But if you wish to meet Budva, especially its hidden places, like rocky coves, the real solution is the touring of Budva Riviera by some of the numerous tourist taxi boats. Such an arrangement includes the visit of one of the numerous Budva's beaches like beach Jaz. Beach in Becici, Sveti Stefan beach, Drobni pijesak, or Petrovac. If you wish to have an easy ride for two and if you wish to enjoy on the Island Sveti Nikola for e.g. take advantage of the possibility of renting some of the numerous taxi barges, whose drivers are ready to take you to a certain destination, beach, or cape at almost any time day or night, for you to swim in depths, or to cruise over the sea. Also, beside the Budva, in the same way you can get acquainted with the Bar or Herceg Novi Riviera.



Numerous trip boats which can take 25 - 30 passengers, offer a high quality trips to Herceg Novi or Bar with the staying of an hour in the mentioned towns. If you wish to create your day in some other way or you simply want to reach a certain beach, or cape in a different way the simplest way to do that is to use the ride of taxi – vans, which drive on the relation Budva – Becici, or Budva – Sveti Stefan, or Budva – Petrovac, in every 15 minutes or maybe half an hour. Also for the ride to the desired hotel, restaurant, or privately rented apartment, you can go by numerous taxis that are found only couple of hundreds of meters away from the Old town of Budva.



Entertainment & Amusement

Budva as the most significant tourist place on the Montenegrin coast, in terms of fun, and especially summer programs, offers a little bit of everything, and something for everyone. During the summer Budva is a town of young people. Night bars, terraces, discothèques in the open air are a real attraction for all young people, especially in the long sleepless summer nights. For many tourists, Budva's nights are indeed the most interesting and the most complete part of their summer vacation. During the last 15 years Budva has become a synonym of the most famous tourist town for young people. During the summer town is filled with various kinds of music, from pop, folk, techno, to rave, and often we have various competitions for the girl of the beach, girl of the summer, karaoke, various shows and dance programs. As Budva is interesting for young people, it is not less interesting for somewhat older generations. Beside the nicely arranged restaurant open restaurants, in which along with the high quality wines, various aperitifs and the sounds of easy music you can enjoy until the dawn, the tourists of more sophisticated tastes and desires they have at their disposal numerous fine art exhibitions, musical and literate nights that are held in numerous hotels, and the are a part of the cultural summer on the traditional festival Budva Town theatre.



Besides the swimming in the clean and warm sea, Budva offers also numerous other contents, which will be a pleasure for the young ones. Those are mostly daily parties on the beaches, that are similar to children's mini parks but also to great water toboggans, which are installed on some of the beaches. Every day, during the early evening nights certain hotel open restaurants acquire a form of children's stage, because on the majority of them numerous competitions, quizzes, karaoke but also a great number of children's plays are being held.

Events

Today Budva is most famous by the cultural manifestation City theatre, which is a synonym for Budva during the summer. City Theater exists for over 20 years. Budva City Theater usually starts in July and it ends in the middle of August. Beside the theater it encircles also the musical and fine art creative work. This international festival brings to Budva every year, distinguished creators of all three areas of culture.

The song of the Mediterranean

Budva's cultural summer at the end of June every year, is marked by a musical manifestation of international character "The song of the Mediterranean".



Other events

Tourists who can never get enough of culture, besides the great number of various fine art exhibitions, concerts of classical music and numerous other programs, a manifestation Budvanska noc ("Budva's night") held in July or a manifestation Petrovacka noc ("Night of Petrovac") held in August are offered. And at the end of the summer in October there is also a fishing fiesta "Dan Siruna". Also there are a great number of entertaining – musical contents, which are organized in the majority of Budva's hotels, motels or restaurants. It is important to point out that in the last few years Budva is a host of the Big carnival held in May, as well as the host of the "International dance festival" held in June. During the winter, the administration of the town is usually a patron of the program of the welcoming of the New Year, which begins on the 31st of December and end on the 2nd of January. In the program on Budva's squares mostly pop singers are brought.



Monasteries & Churches

About the tumultuous history of Budva and its surrounding, today numerous cultural monuments testify. Budva has a great number of culturally – historical monuments, among which a great number of them are monasteries and smaller churches. All those monuments lively document the past historical and social happenings in the area of Budva Riviera. Among the most famous culturally historical monuments we can count in: the Church of Sveti Jovan (St. Jovan), which was built on the VII century, the Church Santa Maria from Punta dating from 840. Year A.D., and the Church of Sveto Trojstvo (St. Trinity) dating from 1804.

North from Budva there is monastery Stanjevici. In which the first Montenegrin Legal code was voted in 1798. The most important and the most frequently mentioned monastery, the literacy center of Pastrovici, the tribe which for a long time had the autonomous municipality made of 12 villages, and which fought against all the conquerors: the Turks, the Venetians, the pirates, later the Austrians, and the Italians, is found above the town – hotel Sveti Stefan. It is made of three churches in which there are some frescoes dating from the XVII century. Very luxurious is also monastery Rezevici between Sveti Stefan and Petrovac, whose architecture reaches back to the XIII century. Not far from Petrovac is monastery Gradiste, a monument of the late Middle Century. Still, the great number of churches and monasteries which are found all over Budva Riviera, and that are waiting for all those tourists to whom sightseeing of the culturally historical monuments is much more than just a pleasure.

Hotels & Accommodation

For the accommodation of guests Budva offers almost everything, from the accommodation in the hotels that have 5 or 4 stars, for the tourists with the refined demands, to the accommodation in the private rooms, villas and apartments, in which you can spend your summer vacation at some very favorable prices.