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PRACTICAL INFORMATION

VENUE

HOTEL CROWNE PLAZA, PODGORICA

Website: https://www.ihg.com/crowneplaza/hotels/us/en/podgorica/tgdpc/hoteldetail Adress: Cetinjska 7, The Capital Plaza, 81000 Podgorica

E-mail for reservations of accommodation: martina.ivanovic@ihg.com Contact: +382 68 800 265 Accommodation in single room with bed and breakfast service – 136,50€/ per person/ per day Code for reservations: EU Information Day

OTHER HOTELS IN PODGORICA

HOTEL HILTON, PODGORICA Website: https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/tgdpmhi-hilton-podgorica-crna-gora/?SEO_id=GMB-EMEA-HI-TGDPMHI Adress: Bulevar Svetog Petra Cetinjskog 2, 81000 Podgorica

E-mail for reservations: danijela.pavicevic@hilton.com Contact: +382 67 629 621 Accommodation in single room with bed and breakfast service – 162,90€/ per person/ per day Code for reservations: EU Information Day

HOTEL PODGORICA, PODGORICA

Website: https://hotelpodgorica.co.me/ Adress: Ulica Svetlane Kane Radević 1, 81000 Podgorica

E-mail for reservations: hotelpodgorica@t-com.me Contact: +382 67 640 296 Accommodation in single room with bed and breakfast service – 71,90€/ per person/ per day Code for reservations: EU Information Day

HOTEL KING'S PARK, PODGORICA

Website: https://kingspark-hotel.com/ Adress: Kralja Nikole, 81000 Podgorica

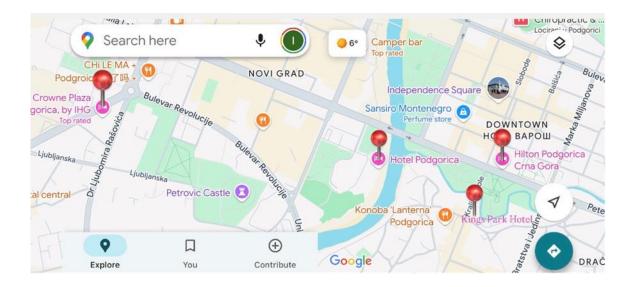
E-mail for reservations: info@kingspark-hotel.com Contact: +382 68 888 156 Accommodation in single room with bed and breakfast service – 59,50€/ per person/ per day Code for reservations: EU Information Day





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PODGORICA AIRPORT https://montenegroairports.com/en/

Podgorica Airport, is the biggest and busiest airport in Montenegro and offers a variety of transportation systems to the town of Podgorica.

- **TAXI**: Under normal traffic conditions, the ride should last about 15min, while the average fare comes out to around €15.
- **BUS**: The bus station at Podgorica Airport is located in front of the terminal, within the bus parking area. Bus operates on the route from the airport to the Podgorica Central Bus Station. Additional information about bus transport can be found on the website of the airport <u>https://montenegroairports.com/en/podgorica-airport/parking-and-transportation/</u>
- **Direct flights to/from Podgorica airport:** Vienna, Belgrade, Istanbul, Warsaw, Paris, Zurich, Frankfurt, Berlin, Budapest, Zagreb

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION IN THE CITY

In Podgorica, you can use taxis or bus transportation within the city. There are various taxi associations whose contact information can be found on the website <u>https://podgorica.travel/en/trip-planning/public-transportation-in-the-city/</u>.

The website also clearly shows the bus lines with their schedules. If you need a rent-a-car service, you can find a list of companies on the website.





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GENERAL INFORMATION

- **Electrical plugs/sockets** In Montenegro, power plugs and sockets (outlets) of type F are used. The standard voltage is 220 V at a frequency of 50 Hz.
- Weather in Winter: Montenegro experiences a Mediterranean climate on the coast and continental weather in the north. Winter temperatures in Podgorica can range from 5°C to 15°C, but it can get much colder in mountainous areas, especially for skiing.
- **Currency** the national currency is Euro (€)

Podgorica: A Brief Guide

Key Attractions in Podgorica:

- **St. George's Church** A Serbian Orthodox church located in the heart of Podgorica, known for its beautiful architecture.
- **Ribnica River and Fortress** A historical site with remnants of an old Roman and Ottoman fort, located near the river banks.
- **Saborni Hram** (Cathedral of the Resurrection of Christ) A stunning and large Orthodox cathedral worth visiting for its grand architecture.
- **Gorica Hill** is located in close proximity to the center of Podgorica, and it's a very popular recreational destination, making it a paradise for recreation enthusiasts. There is a Monument to a partisan fighter, an adventure park, well-maintained hiking, cycling and trim trails, as well as a Mediterranean garden where visitors can get to know a significant number of endemic species.
- Wine Cellar Plantaže 13. jul One of the largest and most beautiful vineyards in Europe, covering an area of 2,300 hectares, with approximately 11.5 million vines.
- **Doclea-** Four kilometers from the center of Podgorica, on a wide plateau between the rivers Morača, Zeta, and Širijana, lie the remains of ancient Doclea, dating back to the first decade of the 1st century AD.
- **National Park Skadar Lake** One of the most important tourist resources in Montenegro and Podgorica. The abundance of flora and fauna, cryptodepression, and habitat of rare endangered bird species such as the wild pelican, make it unique in the region and beyond.
- **Old Town and Clock Tower** The Old Town was the core of Podgorica during the Ottoman period (1474-1879) in terms of the city's urban and architectural forms, customs, way of life, and oriental characteristics.
- **Modern Gallery** Within the framework of the Modern Gallery, works have been collected and exhibited that best illustrate the development of modern art, as well as the most significant artistic directions and influences that occurred in Montenegrin art in the second half of the 20th century.



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- **The Gallery "Risto Stijović"** a memorial gallery built on the site where the birth house of Risto Stijović was located in the Old Town. It preserves, studies, and presents works that mainly represent the legacy left by Stijović to his hometown.
- **The house of Hristo Kuslev** the city's first dentist, is a representative piece of residential architecture in Podgorica from the first decades of the 20th century and one of the few that has been preserved, since the city suffered a lot in the bombing in World War II.
- The residence of Nikola I Petrović Njegoš it was built in 1891 and is located in Podgorica in the central part of Park Petrović. The Morača River flows alongside this complex. Once upon a time, the castle was the official winter residence of the last king of Montenegro. Today it represents the most prestigious art gallery in the capital of Montenegro, in Podgorica.
- **Bokeška street** Bokeška Street in Podgorica is one of the city's most charming and vibrant areas, located in the heart of the Montenegrin capital. Known for its lively atmosphere, it is a popular destination for locals and visitors alike. The street is lined with cozy cafes, trendy bars, and restaurants offering a mix of traditional Montenegrin and international cuisine. Whether you're looking for a quiet corner to enjoy a coffee or a lively atmosphere to socialize, Bokeška Street offers a unique blend of tradition and modernity, making it a must-visit spot in the city.

For all additional information about events in Podgorica, you can visit the city's official website https://podgorica.travel/en/homepage/

Recommended Restaurants in Podgorica:

Local cousine

- **Pod Volat** A famous eatery where you can enjoy traditional Montenegrin food in a relaxed setting, especially known for grilled meats and local specialties.
- **Kristal Central -** continues the long tradition of a family restaurant, known for its warm hospitality and delicious food.
- **Restaurant Vuk** is a national restaurant, located next to the Cathedral of the Resurrection of Christ, in the heart of Podgorica
- **Restoran Porto** has an authentic menu, inspired by the local, with modern variations in a completely authentic creation, based on the strict procurement of freshly caught fish from coastal fishermen on the principle of supplying daily catch, seafood, organic vegetables, homemade pasta...
- **Per Sempre** subtly luxurious, but comfortable and friendly atmosphere of the Mediterranean charm with the expected standards and innovations in unexpected colors and tastes that redefine our understanding of Italian cuisine.
- **Bucca** is mediterranean-international cuisine restaurant with a wine bar and restaurant, with a private dining room for parties. Bucca has a comprehensive and inspiring wine list that includes many of the best regional wines, as well as rare bottles from great wineries around the world.
- **Restoran Maša -** is recognizable for its quality Italian and Mediterranean cuisine, professional service and pleasant atmosphere.





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International cousine

Zheng He - The flavors of modern Chinese cuisine can be explored at Zheng He Restaurant. The inviting atmosphere and varied menu offer delicious main courses and an excellent selection of wines. Zheng He is the perfect place to enjoy authentic Chinese dishes in a stylish setting for foodies and tourists alike.
Masala Art - Indian cousine restaurant. Masala Art restaurant offers exquisite authentic Indian cuisine from which one will take back flavors and tastes of the diverse Indian subcontinent. An upscale Indian restaurant that serves popular Indian dishes and presents them with style, flare and most importantly with lots of love.

Winter Attractions in Montenegro:

Ski Resorts (Winter Sports):

- Kolašin 1450 and Kolašin 1600 Located near the town of Kolašin, this ski resort offers great facilities for skiing, snowboarding, and other winter sports. It's one of the most popular winter destinations in Montenegro. Kolašin is the main ski center in the country, with more than 40km of ski trails and it can be reached by car or by train.
- Žabljak and Durmitor National Park The Durmitor mountain range offers excellent skiing and snowboarding, along with stunning winter scenery. It's famous for its natural beauty, with picturesque landscapes and hiking trails that can be enjoyed in the winter.

Explore the Coast:

- While Montenegro's coast is generally less active in winter, it offers a more peaceful experience. Towns like **Budva**, **Kotor**, and **Tivat** can still be quite charming during the winter months, with fewer tourists and a calm atmosphere.
- Explore Old Town Bar and the Ancient Olive Tree Discover the charm of Old Town Bar, a historic old town with a rich cultural heritage. Just a short trip away, you'll find one of the world's oldest olive trees, over 2,000 years old, a symbol of timeless beauty and resilience. Bar is accessible by train from Podgorica.

Winter Hiking:

• **Durmitor National Park** – Aside from skiing, Durmitor offers a range of winter hiking trails. The frozen lakes and snow-capped peaks are a winter wonderland for trekkers and nature lovers.

Thermal Spas and Wellness:

• If you prefer a more relaxing winter experience, consider visiting wellness centers, such as the **Hotel Splendid Spa** in **Bečići** or the **Hotel Maestral** in **Pržno**, known for their therapeutic thermal waters. These places remain open even in the colder months and provide a great way to unwind.

Culture and Events in Winter:

• **Podgorica** offers various cultural events, festivals, and performances in winter, so be sure to check the local event calendars. Concerts, theater performances, and local exhibitions are common.



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Concert in KIC Budo Tomović on 28th January - International Holocaust Remembrance Day "A concert for the end of time"- Olivije Mesijano

For all additional information about Montenegro, you can visit webiste of National tourist organisation of Montenegro <u>https://www.montenegro.travel/en</u>

This should help facilitate a more enjoyable and smooth stay in Podgorica and Montenegro, offering a blend of urban, historical, and natural experiences!

Wish you a pleasant stay!

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