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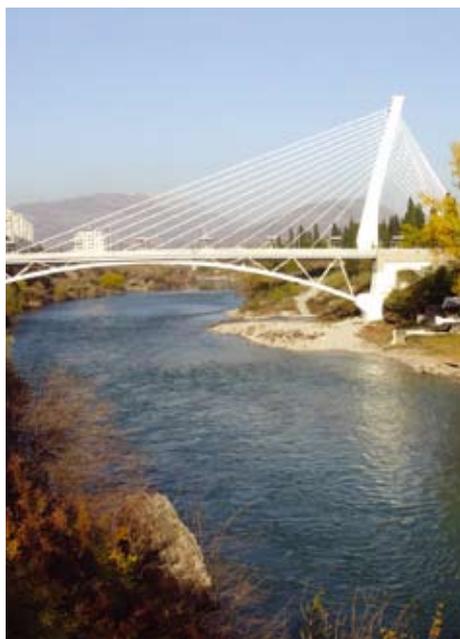
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A statue outside the National Museum

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Every year around this time, Podgorica sinks away into a blissful summer siesta. As the temperatures rise and the crickets creak louder, many locals escape the city to cool down on Montenegro's glorious beaches and in its mountain landscapes. The city's nightlife calms down considerably too, with all the students preferring to party their nights away at the seaside. As a result, traffic noise in the city is reduced to a minimum and it's quite pleasant to wander around town in the cooler mornings and evenings. In September and October life – and bearable temperatures – return to the city, and when the cultural scene starts up for the new season.

Podgorica is a good base for exploring Montenegro, and many sights are just a short trip away; Ostrog Monastery for example, in the mountains to the west (see page 27). Or head to the coast for the day – we recently launched the Budva In Your Pocket city guide that covers much of the beautiful coast, including Kotor; download the free PDF at www.budva.inyourpocket.com or look for the print guide at the Podgorica tourism office and hotels.

We'd be happy to hear back from readers; post your comments about hotels and restaurants online, or simply email us at podgorica@inyourpocket.com Enjoy Podgorica.

Cover story



Podgorica's 18th century clock tower is one of the few remaining structures from the Ottoman era. Dominating a small square with kiosks near to the train station in the original old town district, it was once used to indicate the market and prayer times. Unfortunately, the tower is not open for visitors.

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Podgorica and Montenegro in general remain expensive destinations to fly to. If you're counting pennies, do what smart people do and fly into Dubrovnik just over the border in Croatia. Buses filter in from everywhere, and the train journey from Belgrade through the mountains is a delightful introduction to the country.

By plane

Podgorica's small but modern airport (*aerodrom*) is 8km southwest of the city along the road to Bar. There is no public transport to town, but Montenegro Airlines runs a bus service to Trg Republike, the main square, departing a short while after each of their flight arrivals. Tickets cost €3 and can be bought on the bus. Taking a taxi from outside the terminal to the city centre will cost around €20, but just €5-10 if you call one of the local companies. If you're arriving at Tivat airport, a taxi to Podgorica will take about 80 minutes and costs €40-50, depending on your bargaining skills. You can also wait along the road for buses going south (to your right) to Budva and on to Podgorica, though you may need to wait a while.

By train

Train travellers from Belgrade or Bar disembark at Podgorica's train station, on the eastern edge of the city. The station building only holds ticket offices and a restaurant, so for ATMs, kiosks and other services walk across the street to the bus station. To get to the city centre, hail a taxi for about €2 or hop on bus N°6 which trundles to the Crna Gora hotel. Alternatively, it's a 15-minute walk along Oktobarske Revolucije, then right down Bratsva-Jedinstva. Buses N°7 and 4 run to the Novi Grad district.

By bus

Located right in front of the train station, Podgorica's bus station is a marvellous arrival point. Equipped with ATMs, a minimarket, a superb little buffet restaurant, a post office and a *garderoba* for leaving luggage (open 05:00-22:00, €2 per item), it has all you need to get ready for your assault on the city. See *Arriving by train* for directions to the city centre.

Tourist information



The national tourism information number, tel. 1300, is a handy one to save on your mobile. They can answer questions on all aspects of travel and tourism for all of Montenegro, 24 hours per day. Normal telephone costs apply.

Tourism Board of Podgorica (TOP) E-2, Slobode 47, tel. +382 20 66 75 35, fax +382 20 66 75 36, pgto@t-com.me, www.podgorica.travel. Right next to the Carine restaurant, the city's friendly tourist information office does its best to inform you about all three sights in town and the plethora of interesting trips in the surroundings. They have informative brochures and a good city map and can help book you a city tour or daytrip. ▶ June-Oct: open 08:00 - 20:00, Sat 09:00 - 13:00, closed Sun. Nov-May: open 08:00 - 16:00, closed Sat, Sun.

Street smarts

Below is a list of Montenegrin street and place names. In this guide we've left the word *ulica* (street) out of addresses, as is common practice locally. You'll often see bb written in addresses, this means *bez broja*, 'no number', and it's probably an obvious building along the street.

Autoput	Highway
Bulevar	Boulevard
Most	Bridge
Put	Road
Trg	Square
Ulica	Street



Podgorica's train station

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City districts

Although small, Podgorica has several distinct districts. **Nova Varoš** (New Town) is the modern city centre, a regular grid of streets set between the Morača and Ribnica rivers. This area has the densest concentration of shops, restaurants and nightlife options, and various streets and squares have been pedestrianised or otherwise upgraded in recent years. **Stara Varoš** (Old Town), south of the two rivers' confluence, is the city's original old town area – although little remains of the bustle of yesteryear. Ottoman-era landmarks here include the Clock Tower surrounded by a small bazaar, the fortress and two small mosques. A kilometre west of the city centre, the **Novi Grad** (New City) district, informally and better known as **Preko Morače** (Across the Morača), is Podgorica's brand new business district. Originally a residential suburb with uniform highrise apartment buildings, in the last decade it's seen massive investment and now has various new developments including offices, hotels, upmarket restaurants and shops. Finally, the leafy **Pod Goricom** (Below the hill) district, curled around Gorica hill east of the city centre, is home to many embassies.



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Basic data

Population

Montenegro **620,029** Podgorica **156,169** (2011)

Ethnic composition

Montenegrins **45%** Serbs **29%** Bosniaks **9%**
Albanians **5%** other **12%**

Territory

13,812 square kilometres

Borders

Adriatic **293km** Albania **172km** Bosnia **255km**
Croatia **14km** Kosovo **60km** Serbia **143km**

Longest river

Tara (Drina) **144km** (**110km** in Montenegro)

Largest lake

Skadar **370-530 square kilometres** (shared with
Albania. Size depends on water level)

Highest point

Bobotov Kuk (Durmitor) **2,523m**

Longest beach:

Velika Plaža, Ulcinj **13km**

UNESCO World Heritage sites

Durmitor National Park, Kotor old town, Kotor Bay,
Tara Canyon

Local time

GMT+1 Daylight saving time between the last Sundays
of March and October.

Communism

The communist era was a dark age for many countries in Europe, but many older people in Montenegro fondly tell stories of how good it was when called each other comrade (*družé*) and lived in the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, a country with something to say on the world stage. But apart from some statues and buildings, the visible communist legacy is disappearing fast. Even Tito had his boulevard renamed after a saint.

Disabled travellers

Public transport is not equipped for disabled travellers yet, but most pedestrian crossings in town now have sloped kerbs, and the main crossings in the centre have sound signalling systems for the blind. Many restaurants and cafés are unfortunately still inaccessible for wheelchair users. Hotels with facilities for the disabled are marked with the wheelchair symbol in this guide.

Driving

Getting around the country by car is fast and efficient, though driving can be manic; beware for dare-devils overtaking in bends. Montenegro's roads are generally well-kept and easy to navigate, though a good map is handy if you're headed to remote destinations. The maximum speed in Montenegro is 50km/hr in towns and villages, 80km/hr on other roads unless indicated otherwise. There are no highways in Montenegro. Headlights must be switched on at all times. Unleaded petrol and diesel cost about €1,40 and €1,35 per litre respectively. Parking your car in Podgorica is perfectly safe (if you can find a spot). There are several guarded car parks, the best ones are close to the city centre along Stanka Dragojevića (€0.20-0.50 per hour).

Eco-tax

In a marvellous scheme to milk foreigners, all vehicles entering Montenegro are subject to a so-called eco-tax. Passenger vehicles are charged €10 at the border, and receive a sticker valid for one year. Motorbikes are exempt. Funds raised are used for reforestation, protecting the environment and related things like building sports grounds and lining people's pockets. For more information see www.ecotax-montenegro.gov.me. Insist on getting a receipt to make sure the funds actually reach the state.

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International Herald Tribune

Purchasing power

How far does your euro, pound or dollar go?

Taxi from airport to city centre	€10
Cinema ticket	€3.50
Espresso	€0.70-1.10
Glass of local beer (0.5 litre)	€1.5-2.5
Mineral water (1.5 litre)	€0.50
Mars bar	€0.45
Public transport ticket	€0.80

Exchange rates

£1 = €1.26, US\$1 = €0.81 (August 2012)

Electricity

Montenegrin domestic electricity is 220V AC, 50 Hertz, supplied through standard European two-pin sockets.

Gay & Lesbian

The Balkan paternalistic macho culture is strong in Montenegro, with men expected to be chunky and manly, and women to be elegant and dependent. Public displays of homosexuality are not tolerated and gay visitors should be careful to avoid hostile reactions. Even in big-city Podgorica there's little tolerance, and there are as yet no gay bars or clubs.

Money

Montenegro's official currency is the euro (€), which is divided into 100 cents. Euro bills come in denominations of €5, €10, €20, €50, €100, €200 and €500 euros. Coins come in denominations of €2, €1, €0.50, €0.20, €0.10, €0.05 and €0.01. Montenegro unilaterally decided to switch from the Yugoslav dinar to the German mark in 1999 for fear of economic destabilisation by Serbia. It adopted the euro when the currency was introduced in 2002. Although Montenegro doesn't have a monetary agreement with the European Central Bank and does not have issuing rights, the EU recognises the stabilising influence of the currency, and does not object to Montenegro using it. Euros are best obtained from ATMs where EU account holders should be charged the same transaction fees as in their home country. Alternatively, change at a bank (ID required).



The minaret tower of a mosque in the old Stara varoš district. JvM



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Registration

Foreigners spending the night in Montenegro officially need to be registered. Most hotels take care of this for you, but people staying at hostels, guesthouses and with locals may need to register themselves to avoid trouble when leaving the country. You can buy a registration card (*Prijava boravišta stranaca*) at the Tourist Information Office or at any office supply shop for €0.50. Your host needs to fill this in.

Religion

The major religion in Montenegro is Orthodox Christianity. Other important religious communities are Islam, especially in the Albanian-inhabited area around Ulcinj, and Catholicism.

Safety

Podgorica is a peaceful place and visitors should take no more precautions than for other European cities. With a prevalent and youthful café culture, coffee poisoning and falling in love with a local are currently the biggest threats to foreigners.

National holidays

January 1	New Year's Day
January 7	Orthodox Christmas
May 3 (2013)	Good Friday
May 5 (2013)	Easter
May 1	Labour Day
May 21	Independence Day
July 13	Statehood Day

Smoking

Visitors to restaurants and bars will see plenty of no-smoking signs and a number of non-smoking areas, but unfortunately the locals' rebellious spirit and tobacco addictions mean that these are widely ignored. We've indicated which places have (nominal) no-smoking areas in this guide.

Toilets

There are few public toilets in Podgorica. One can be found in the park by the Crna Gora hotel. In case of emergency, most bars and restaurants will let you use theirs if you ask nicely.

Visas

For stays of up to 90 days, visas are not required for citizens of the EU, Western and many other countries. All others need a visa, although those with valid Schengen (EU) visas or US visas may stay visa-free for up to seven days.

Water

Tap water can safely be consumed in Podgorica. Bottled water is widely available, and you can support the local economy by buying good Montenegrin brands like include Aqua Bianca, Aqua Monta and Suza.

Vice

Prostitution and drug use are illegal in Montenegro. Plain-clothes police will have no second thoughts about arresting and charging foreigners.



The Partizan Memorial

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Ancient history

The oldest known inhabitants of what is now Montenegro were the Illyrian tribes who were subdued by the Romans in **9AD** and then marginalised by the mass immigration of Slavs in the **fifth and sixth centuries**. The principality of Duklja that the Slavic newcomers founded became independent from the Byzantine Empire in **1042** and soon became a kingdom, expanding to incorporate surrounding areas. In the early medieval era the region was ruled alternatively by local families and the medieval Serbian state until the Ottomans occupied the region in **1499**.

The Ottoman era

Montenegro remained relatively autonomous within the Ottoman empire, with local noble families allowed to rule the area with little interference. Despite this, the occupation was never accepted and several uprisings occurred until the Ottomans were finally defeated in the late **17th century**. Under Prince-Bishops Petar I and II Petrović-Njegoš, Montenegro unified and became a theocracy.

20th century

Nicholas I greatly expanded and modernised the principality in the **20th century**, winning recognition of independence from the Ottoman Empire in **1878**. The constitution is signed in **1905**, the country becomes a kingdom in **1910**, and Cetinje quickly became more important as Montenegro's capital, with a succession of embassies established there. Montenegro started the Balkan Wars of **1912** and **1913** to definitely expel the Ottomans from the region, and joined Serbia in the First World War. In **1918**, the country was added to Serbia and remained so until the country was invaded and declared independent by the Nazis in **1941**. After liberation by Yugoslav partisans in 1944, during which Podgorica was heavily damaged, Montenegro became a republic within the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.

Podgorica became Titograd in honour of President Josip Tito and the city was rebuilt.

The end of Yugoslavia

Yugoslavia's collapse in **1992** meant that Montenegro was left alone with Serbia in the new Federal Republic of Yugoslavia. An unmonitored referendum at the time showed great support among Montenegrins for this, though turnout was low due to boycotts. During the Bosnian and Croatian wars of **1991-1995**, the Yugoslav army was involved in various campaigns from Montenegrin territory against Croatia, including the bombing of Dubrovnik. Prime Minister Milo Đukanović started to cut ties with Serbia in **1996**, replacing the dinar with the German Mark (and later the euro) to loosen economic ties with Belgrade and becoming much more independent. During NATO's **1999** Kosovo campaign, Montenegro was also targeted though damage was limited.

To independence

While tensions with Serbia remained, Montenegro continued on the path towards separation. The Federal Republic of Yugoslavia was replaced by the union of Serbia and Montenegro in **2003**, but soon enough the peaceful and fair EU-monitored referendum in **2006** showed a 55% majority in favour of complete independence from Serbia. Montenegro subsequently became independent on **June 3, 2006**. Tensions remain as Montenegrin and Serbian identity are closely interwoven. Since independence Montenegro has seen great economic growth, particularly in the tourism and construction sectors as a liberal land ownership policy allowed foreigners to buy land with few restrictions. Especially Russian investors took advantage of the opportunity, and Budva and other coastal resorts see many Russian tourists in summer. The economy took a hit during the world financial crisis and tourism numbers dropped, though long-term prospects are still good.

Podgorica has a modest but good set of venues for cultural events, and a handful of annual festivals, the main ones in July and in December. Like many countries in this part of Europe, events are planned and announced haphazardly - keep an eye on posters and local papers and ask around to find out what's on during your visit.

Cinemas

Cineplexx G-2, Cetinjski put bb (Delta City mall), tel. +382 20 41 44 24, www.cineplexx.me. Montenegro's only modern cinema has six screens showing local films and subtitled Hollywood hits in 2D and 3D. There are also occasional live screenings of New York and Moscow opera and ballet performances. ▶ Open 10:00 - 01:00. Tickets €3,40-5, live screenings €7-9. Discounts for students (Mon-Thur) and disabled people. 

Concert halls

Karver E-3, Obala Ribnice, Cvijetin brijeg bb, tel. +382 20 60 26 25, fax +382 20 60 26 26, karver@t-com.me, www.karver.org. A small concert hall and performance space above the Karver bookshop. Entrance is to the left of the main building. ▶ Open 09:00 - 22:00.

Cultural centres

American Corner E-1, Vaka Đurovića 12 (KIC Budo Tomović), tel. +382 20 66 70 65, amcorner@t-com.me, www.kicpodgorica.com. The US information centre, where you can browse magazines and newspapers. ▶ Open 11:00 - 18:00. Closed Sat, Sun.

Banja Cultural Centre E-3, Obala Ribnice, Cvijetin brijeg bb, karver@t-com.me. The former Turkish bath, wedged under a bridge, now houses a bookshop, café, and internet café. ▶ Open 18:00 - 20:00.

British Council K-1, Ulcinjska 8, tel. +382 20 61 84 10,

fax +382 20 61 84 11, pginfo@britishcouncil.me, www.britishcouncil.me. Promoting English language, arts and the UK. ▶ Open 09:30 - 17:30. Closed Sat, Sun.

French Cultural Centre (Centre Culturel Français) D-2, Njegoševa 26, tel. +382 69 27 61 81/+382 69 34 53 05, contact@ccf.co.me, www.ambafrance-me.org. Organises French language courses and many cultural events such as French film nights, literary workshops and concerts. ▶ Open 09:15 - 18:15, Sat 10:00 - 13:00. Closed Sun.

KIC Budo Tomović (Dom Omladine Budo Tomović) E-1, Vaka Đurovića 12, tel. +382 20 66 42 35/+382 20 22 55 87, info@kicpodgorica.com, www.kicpodgorica.com. Podgorica's main youth culture centre, with a neat rooftop terrace for films and concerts. ▶ Open 08:00 - 21:00.

Libraries

National Library (Narodna Biblioteka Radosav Ljumović) D-2, Trg Republike bb, tel. +382 20 66 47 15, info@nbp.me, www.nbp.me. A small collection of English-language books. A €5 annual membership allows you to browse and lend. ▶ Open 08:00 - 20:00, Sat 08:00 - 15:00. Closed Sun.

Theatres

City Theatre (Gradsko Pozorište) D-2, Bokeška 2, tel. +382 20 66 50 85/+382 20 66 50 87, info@pgpozoriste.me, www.pgpozoriste.me. Regular plays as well as performances aimed at children.

National Theatre (Cmogorsko Narodno Pozorište) D-2, Stanka Dragojevića 18, tel./fax +382 20 66 40 82, tel. +382 20 66 40 75, cnp@t-com.me, www.cnp.me. A very active theatre with local and regional plays performed on most nights. ▶ Box office open Mon-Sat 09:00-13:00, also daily from 17:00 to the start of the performance.

Language

The locals have recently decided to officially name the language they speak Montenegrin. This is a dialect of Serbian that has been promoted as the national language since independence in 2006, though many locals still declare they simply speak Serbian. Whatever you want to call it, it's a south Slavic language closely linked to others in the region, but with small variations and an alphabet that has two extra letters.

As in Serbia, both the Latin and Cyrillic can be used to write Montenegrin, though nearly all texts, street names and newspapers are in Latin script.

Pronunciation

Č č	like ch in church
Ć ć	similar to č, but softer
Dž dž	like g in George
Đ/DJ đ/dj	like j in jaw
J j	like y in yes
Š š	like sh in show
U u	like oo in roof
Ž ž	like x in luxurious

Niceties & Necessities

Yes	Da	No	Ne
Hello	Zdravo	Goodbye	Do videnja
Good	Dobro	Please	Molim
Thank you	Hvala	Here you are	Izvolite

Good morning	Dobro jutro	Good day	Dobar dan
Good evening	Dobar večer	Good night	Laku noć
Cheers!	Zivjeli!	All the best!	Sve najbolje!
Excuse me	Oprostite	Sorry	Izvinite
How are you?	Kako si?		

Practicalities

My name is...	Moje ime je...
I'm from...	Ja sam iz...
...UK/...USA	...Velika Britanija/...Amerika
I don't understand	Ne razumijem
What's your name?	Kako se ti zoveš?/Kako ti je ime?
A ticket, please	Kartu, molim
I have...	Ja imam...
I am...	Ja sam...

Signs

Open	Otvoreno	Closed	Zatvoreno
Entrance	Ulaz	Exit	Izlaz
Push	Guraj	Pull	Vuci
No smoking Zabranjeno pušenje			

Numbers

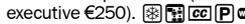
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4 - četiri	5 - pet	6 - šest	7 - sedam
8 - osam	9 - devet	10 - deset	20 - dvadeset
50 - pedeset		100 - sto	1000 - hiljadu

Despite rapid developments along the Montenegrin coast, Podgorica's accommodation scene is still lacking truly cheap and truly charming places to stay, though several new hotels have recently raised the bar. The limited range of accommodation ranges from merely adequate to luxurious. Our hotel reviews are categorised by the number of stars awarded by the local tourism authorities - though this may not always correspond with the foreign star rating system, or your own sense of what's good or not.

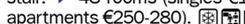
Upmarket

Ambasador D-1, Vaka Đurovića 5, tel. +382 20 27 22 33, fax +382 20 27 22 44, vbambasador@t-com.me.

A great location by the river, the fully renovated rooms all come with lovely wooden floors, stainless steel ceilings in the bathrooms, cable television and a three-piece suite in the apartments. Knowing full well that the attraction lies with the location, the owners haven't exactly splashed out on facilities, making it a little expensive considering what you get, but the in-house riverside restaurant makes up for its deficiencies. Charming. ▶ 9 rooms (3 doubles €95, 6 apartments €150).  ★★★★★

Apart Hotel Premier A-1/2, Bul. Mihaila Lalića 1, tel. +382 20 40 99 00, fax +382 20 40 99 99, office@aparthotelpremier.com. For those who want more privacy and space than a regular hotel can offer, yet including breakfast and room service, the three types of luxury apartments at the Apart Hotel in the Novi Grad district are a solution. Spread over six floors, each is fitted out with a sitting area, closeted kitchenette, hydromassage shower and cable internet. ▶ 48 apartments (18 studio €180, 12 junior €210, 18 executive €250).  ★★★★★

Bambis Franca Rozmana 10a, tel./fax +382 20 61 10 06, tel. +382 67 61 10 06, hotel-bambis@hotmail.com, www.bambis-hotel.com. A good choice for business visitors or those en route to or from Belgrade, the spotless rooms at Bambis were decorated using eco-friendly paint and have extra wide and long beds and triple glazing to ensure a good night's sleep. The large conference room downstairs seats 300 people. Complimentary laptops are available for workaholics and addicted surfers. Along the road to Belgrade, near the Eko petrol station. ▶ 13 rooms (singles €60-70, doubles €70-80, 10 apartments €65-110).  ★★★★★

Best Western Premier A-2, Bul. Svetog Petra Cetinjskog 145, tel. +382 20 40 65 00/+382 20 40 65 10, fax +382 20 40 65 99, montenegro@bestwestern.at, www.bestwestern-ce.com/montenegro. Just in case you needed more proof that Podgorica is now a city of some importance, here it is in the shape of Best Western. Their hotel in the heart of the capital's Novi Grad business district offers, as you'd expect, top class facilities including immaculate rooms with all the trimmings, an intimate bar with large terrace, top notch business and conference facilities and highly polished staff. ▶ 48 rooms (singles €135-175, doubles €195-205, apartments €250-280).  ★★★★★

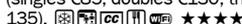
Bojatoours D-3, Kralja Nikole 10, tel. +382 20 62 12 23/+382 20 62 12 40, fax +382 20 62 11 53, autoboja@t-com.me. A friendly hotel-cum-travel-agent between the train station and the city centre, with classic-style interiors with the obligatory clashing colours. The smallest rooms all have PCs for internet browsing, but lack central heating in winter. Choose a room facing the back to avoid traffic noise. ▶ 18 rooms (13 singles €60, 4 doubles €86, 1 apartment €180).  ★★★★★

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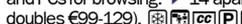
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 Casino	 Conference facilities
 Child friendly	 Facilities for the disabled
 Fitness centre	 Guarded parking
 Internet	 Non-smoking rooms
 Restaurant	 Wi-Fi
 Sauna	 Swimming pool
 Animal friendly	

City D-4, Crnogorskih Sedara 5, tel. +382 20 44 15 00, fax +382 20 44 15 01, recepcija@cityhotelmn.com, www.cityhotelmn.com. South of the centre, at the foot of a dainty hill, the City is a large renovated Yugo-era hotel that now offers competent staff and decent-sized cream-coloured rooms. There's a business centre, café and a large sheltered terrace at the back of the building. ▶ 79 rooms (singles €88-108, doubles €113-133, 9 apartments €138-170).  ★★★★★

Crna Gora D/E-3, Bul. Sv Petra Cetinjskog 2, tel. +382 20 44 34 43, fax +382 20 63 42 94, recepcija@hotelcg.com, www.hotelcg.com. Set to be renovated by the Hilton group, the Crna Gora was built the year Stalin breathed his last and was last renovated just after Gorbachev began steering Socialism into a brick wall. It still represents the pinnacle of communist luxury. For now expect a choice of unrenovated amusements and one or two rooms that appear to have been decorated by a committee of low-budget television makeover gurus, all of them with balconies. Avoid using the overpriced wifi. ▶ 135 rooms (singles €60-96, doubles €92-117, apartment €143-291).  ★★★★★

Eminent D-2, Njegoševa 25, tel. +382 20 66 46 46, fax +382 20 66 42 70, eminent@t-com.me, www.eminent.co.me. The best little city centre hotel can be found right beside the cafés on Njegoševa, and for that reason it's best to avoid the two front rooms on summer evenings. The business apartments have funky Art Deco style wooden furniture. Nice touches include fresh fruit in the rooms. ▶ 13 rooms (singles €85, doubles €130, triples €175, apartments €95-135).  ★★★★★

Keto K-1, Skopska 1, tel. +382 20 61 12 21, fax +382 20 61 12 24, hotelketo@t-com.me, www.hotelketo.com. Just east of the centre, Keto is a small and modern business hotel with top-notch services that prides itself on its collection of striking Montenegrin paintings, hung throughout the building. In summer, there's a pleasant terrace to relax on. ▶ 9 rooms (3 singles €49, 3 doubles €79, 3 apartments €99-139).  ★★★★★

Kosta's K-2, Bul. Pete Proleterske, tel. +382 20 65 67 02/+382 20 61 00 00, hotelkostasprodaja@hotmail.com, www.hotelkostas.com. Located in the dreary eastern suburbs, or as the brochure puts it 'between a sea and snowing mountain half and hour from', the glam Kosta's is a self-declared VIP apartment hotel. Beyond the reception area that looks like an antique shop, the apartments on offer are decent and spacious and come in a gay variety of colours, and with in-room kitchens and PCs for browsing. ▶ 14 apartment rooms (singles €69-89, doubles €99-129).  ★★★★★

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Mahala bb, Podgorica | Tel: +382 20 87 25 70 | info@hotelaria.me | www.hotelaria.me

Philia G-2, Cetinjski put bb, tel. +382 20 24 29 12/+382 20 60 19 70, info@phillahotel.com, www.phillahotel.com. Podgorica's best-looking hotel can be found on the western fringes of the city, near the Delta City mall. Its neo-Baroque façade hides a very stylish lounge area and a small selection of modern rooms and suites, the latter with large opening windows offering rural views. The meeting rooms and fast wifi make it well-equipped for business travellers. ▶ 15 rooms (4 singles €51, 8 doubles €72, 3 apartments €100-130).

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Plavnica Golubovci bb, tel. +382 20 44 37 01, fax +382 20 44 37 18, info@plavnica.info, www.plavnica.info. The top floor of this Tuscan-style 'eco-resort', 20km from town by Lake Skadar, has four deluxe apartments, named Jelena, Ksenija, Vjera and Zorka. Each has a sitting room, kitchenette, Jacuzzi and big screens with satellite TV. ▶ 4 apartments €130-180. ☎ ☑ ☒ ☓ ☔ ☕ ★★★★★

Podgorica C-2, Bul. Sv. Petra Cetinjskog 1, tel. +382 20 40 25 00/+382 20 40 25 01, fax +382 20 40 25 01, recepcija@hotelpodgorica.co.me, www.hotelpodgorica.co.me. Built in 1967 and resembling the lair of a Bond film villain, this is one of the best hotels in town. Perched on the riverbank opposite the centre, using rounded river stones to decorate the concrete structure, the renovated rooms have large balconies with river views and are well-appointed with modern conveniences. The restaurant is known for its fish dishes and has a lovely terrace. ▶ 44 rooms (3 singles €125-135, 33 doubles €140-180, 8 apartments €190-200). ☎ ☑ ☒ ☓ ☔ ☕ ★★★★★

Mid-range

Ambiente G-2, Cetinjski put 34, tel./fax +382 20 23 55 30, ambiente@t-com.me, www.hotelambiente.me. Right next to the Delta shopping mall and a short drive to the Novi Grad district, Ambiente features simple rooms with wooden floorboards and reasonable bathrooms (showers only) in two buildings surrounded by a lush garden. The restaurant serves good local cuisine, and a kiwi plant on the terrace provides fresh fruit in summer. ▶ 14 rooms (singles €40, doubles €60, triples €75, 2 apartments €50-80).

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Aria J-3, Mahala bb, tel. +382 20 87 25 70, fax +382 20 87 25 73, info@hotelaria.me, www.hotelaria.me. Just a hop, skip and jump away from the airport, the traditional-style Aria is an excellent option for late arrivals and early departures. All rooms are modern and spacious and there's a gym, bar, conference room and a fine restaurant. While a good 15 minutes from Podgorica proper, the hotel does provide free transport to town and the airport. ▶ 13 rooms (singles €54-84, doubles €74-89, suites €130-170).

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Evropa F-4, Orahovačka 16, tel./fax +382 20 62 34 44, shole@t-com.me, www.hotelevropa.co.me. A hotel next to a bus and train station that prides itself on its budget price simply shouldn't be this good, but once again the good people of Podgorica have torn up the rule book and given us something altogether unexpected. Sure the rooms are small, agreed they're not exactly bursting with trouser presses, but hey, it's clean, quiet, and best of all it stands head and shoulders above many others when it comes to service. Recommended. ▶ 22 rooms (€ 35-55 per person).

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Holiday K-1, Prve Proleterske Brigade 11, tel. +382 20 61 14 11, fax +382 20 61 16 99, recepcija@hotelholidaypg.com, www.hotelholidaypg.com. A clean and cheerful out-of-town hotel featuring a range of singles and doubles with basic pine furniture, colourful bedspreads, minibars, the occasional balcony, basic showers, and one rather fancy room with an enormous bed. It's short on bells and whistles, but if you don't need them and aren't bothered about the trawl in and out of the city then this place is a rather nice option.  ★★★

Ideal K-2, Žrtava Fašizma bb, tel. +382 20 62 70 67, fax +382 20 62 79 99, hotelideal@t-com.me, www.hotelideal.me. Selling itself as a business hotel, Ideal is a functional place with adequate, basic rooms, unideally located out of town. ▶ 30 rooms (singles €30, doubles €45, triples €60).  ★★★

Kerber E-2, Novaka Miloševa 6, tel. +382 20 40 54 00, fax +382 20 40 54 06, hotelkerber@t-com.me, www.hotelkerber.co.me. A marvellous location just a few seconds from the central square and hidden away inside a small shopping centre, facilities include plain and simple rooms all coming with crisp white bedding, cable television, DSL cable internet and minibars. Among the other good things in store are a mediocre restaurant, small fitness room and the possibility to hire laptops, DVD players and camcorders. The mind boggles. ▶ 20 rooms (2 singles €56, 11 doubles €69-110, 7 apartments €89-120).  ★★★

Laguna G-3, Vojislavljevića 72, tel. +382 20 64 17 77/+382 67 52 97 77, msi.invest@t-com.me, www.hotel-laguna.me. Several well-appointed rooms located beside an interior decoration showroom on the outskirts of town. Laguna also has a smart, rustic restaurant that's

popular with locals from the surrounding area. ▶ 7 rooms (singles €35-45, doubles €50-60, apartments €60-90).  ★★★

Lovćen Zetskih vladara bb, Petrovački put, tel./fax +382 20 62 52 19, tel. +382 20 64 21 32, bracasofranc@t-com.me, www.hotellovcen.co.me. Along the main road to Bar past the airport, this travellers' hotel has good clean rooms with classic brown furnishings and a guarded car and truck parking area. ▶ 24 rooms (8 singles €40-60, 13 doubles €60-95, 3 triples €90-130).  ★★★

Piramida Nikole Tesle 126, Zagorič, tel. +382 20 61 16 08/+382 69 43 39 33, piramidahotel@gmail.com, www.piramida.me. This wonderful little hotel, located just north of town, has lovely rooms with lively colours and plenty of comfort. There's a family room, as well as a room with a bathroom across the hall (the cheaper rate in the price list). Both floors have living room style foyers. ▶ 10 rooms (doubles €20-63, singles €15-42).  ★★★

Ramada Podgorica J-3, Blv. Save Kovačevića 74, tel. +382 20 62 26 23, reservation@ramadapodgorica.me, www.ramadapodgorica.me. Near the station, this modern box has stylish interiors with plenty of wood and light. Rooms range from modern doubles and Asian-style garden suites to the huge Diplomatic Suite with its Jacuzzi and terrace. The top floor Panorama restaurant has views over town; downstairs relax at the spa and fitness centre. ▶ 110 rooms (98 doubles €110, 13 suites €230-700).  ★★★

Rene Pljevaljska 10, tel. +382 20 66 05 99/+382 67 80 80 10, hotel_rene@t-com.me. Way out along the Belgrade road and suffering from the traffic noise, the decent rooms at Rene are no cheaper nor better than those in the city centre. A taxi here from the centre costs about €2.50. ▶ 5 rooms (1 single €25, 4 doubles €45-55).  ★★★



Lively Hercegovačka street

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While it's no gourmet destination, Podgorica has plenty of decent places to eat - and above all it's often very affordable. The prices in brackets refer to the average cost of a main course.

Symbol key

 Air conditioning	 Credit cards accepted
 Live music	 Take away
 Guarded parking	 Facilities for the disabled
 Wi-Fi	 Outside seating
 Home delivery	

Buffet express

Express Restoran F-4, Trg golootočkih Žrtava (bus station), tel. +382 69 62 07 84. Clearly never having received the information that bus station food should be appalling and overpriced, the people who run this delightful discovery churn out a wide range of fabulous, ready-to-eat food from huge slabs of meat to goulash to delicious fresh salads. Express Restoran is pure class. ▶ Open 08:00 - 20:00.  

Chinese

Shanghai D-2, Stanka Dragojevića 14, tel. +382 69 12 01 20, www.kineski restoran.me. Chinese chef Mr. Li runs the kitchen of Podgorica's first Asian eatery, serving a wide range of popular *Kineski* dishes, toned down in intensity for Balkan tastes. The narrow, double-level restaurant has lavish Chinese decorations and plinky-plonk music to synchronise your chopstick skills to. ▶ Open 11:00 - 23:00. (€6-12).   

Fast food

Colombia D/E-1, Bul. Ivana Cmojevića 143, tel. +382 67 69 07 28/+382 67 61 14 03. Locals come here to order *el sandwich*, stuffed pancakes eaten like a wrap, and named after any of a dozen Latin American countries. Also at Bul. Sv. Petra Cetinjskog 71. ▶ Open 08:00 - 24:00. Closed Sun. 

Mimi E-2, Trg Republike 31, tel. +382 20 66 52 88. A frequently hectic affair involving much dashing about by dark young ladies in aprons, the deal here is a good one. Part patisserie, part burger joint and part shop, drop by for takeaway treats such as sticky buns and savoury Turkish pastries, sit outside with a snack and watch the world drift by, or take advantage of their superb range of ultra-cold soft drinks. ▶ Open 07:00 - 01:00.  

Bakeries

Dion G-3, Voislavljevića bb. A small selection of sticky buns and soft drinks with the opportunity of digesting on the hoof, or at one of the tables outside. ▶ Open 24hrs. 

Inpek E-2, Trg Republike 29. A small selection of sweet and savoury pastries with outside seating overlooking the main square. ▶ Open 06:00 - 22:00, Sun 06:00 - 14:00. 

Krisma E-2, Balšića 5, tel. +382 20 65 87 10. A very good bakery and café in the city centre; pop in for a croissant or linger for a light lunch. ▶ Open 07:00 - 22:00.

Školjiera (Voda u Kršu) D-2, Bul. Ivana Cmojevića 151, tel. +382 69 54 43 75. An immensely popular hole-in-the-wall pancake place, dishing out cheap sweet and savoury pancakes. ▶ Open 09:00 - 01:00, Sun 17:00 - 01:00.

Voda u Kršu D-1, Bul. Ivana Cmojevića 149, tel. +382 20 66 42 09. Hamburgers, *pljeskavica*, kebabs and french fries sold till late. ▶ Open 08:00 - 24:00, Fri, Sat 08:00 - 02:00. Closed Sun.

Fish

Jezero J-3, Petrovački put, Vranjina, tel. +382 20 87 91 06, www.plantaze.com. Along the main road to the coast, 25km from Podgorica, Jezero overlooks its namesake, Lake Skadar. Fish such as carp and eel are naturally the main item on the menu, though there's also grilled meat and interesting dishes like *podgorički popeci* - rolled meat with prosciutto and cheese. Besides being served, Plantaže's wines are sold in a shop here too. ▶ Open 09:00 - 23:00.  

Lupo di Mare D-2, Trg Republike 22, tel. +382 67 90 92 999. Run by a real fisherman, Podgorica's newest seafood restaurant has a bright two-floor interior with a seafaring theme, and is named after Jack London's shipwreck story *Sea-Wolf*. All fish and seafood is caught fresh and although there's a menu, it's probably best to point out your preferred fish from the display, or let the cook do what he does best with the catch of the day - excellent results guaranteed. ▶ Open 08:00 - 24:00.   

Maša B-2, Bul. Sv. Petra Cetinjskog 31, tel. +382 20 22 44 60, radenko-masa@t-com.me. Featuring both a great outdoor terrace and a classy upstairs restaurant, Maša's reputation for fresh seafood is a worthy one indeed. The vast English menu also includes truffles, veal and lobster, all served in majestic surroundings by friendly and attentive gentlemen. Highly recommended for the full blow out or as a decent venue for informal business meetings over a good cup of coffee. ▶ Open 07:00 - 24:00.    

Plavnica Golubovci bb, tel. +382 20 44 37 00/+382 20 44 37 01, info@plavnica.info, www.plavnica.info. This fabulous eco-resort is at the edge of Lake Skadar, a short drive south of the airport. In summer, the lakeside pool is great for spending a day (€10 gets you a sun bed and towel) or for partying by night, but most visitors will be interested in its upmarket restaurant, serving a variety of lake and sea fish. ▶ Open 09:00 - 24:00, Sat 09:00 - 04:00. (€10-26).   

International

Crna Gora Restaurant D/E-3, Bul. Sv. Petra Cetinjskog 2 (Crna Gora hotel), tel. +382 20 44 34 66, www.hotelcg.com. In keeping with the hotel's ostentatious leanings, Crna Gora's in-house restaurant is both vast and posh. True it isn't as grand as it once was, but the National Tourism Association of Montenegro deem it good enough to slap a recommendation sticker on the door for its authentic national cuisine. Among the dishes on offer find wild boar, hare and roe deer. ▶ Open 06:00 - 24:00.  

Dali A-2, Bul. Džordža Vašingtona 87, tel. +382 69 23 45 67/+382 69 01 90 20, rezervacije@dali.co.me, www.dali.co.me. Ask a local for a good restaurant and it's likely they'll send you here, in the Novi Grad area. Dali's menu features very well-made local and international fish, pizza and pasta dishes served by friendly staff. The interior could have been a tad much more Salvadoresque, but thankfully the

Sempre D-2, Stanka Dragojevića 14, tel. +382 69 55 16 61. Small and unassuming, the owner of the *Ristorante Italiano Sempre* has gone to great efforts to concentrate on the food rather than the décor. This is allegedly the only restaurant in Podgorica that makes its own pasta, including some fine ravioli and gnocchi. It also serves plenty of meat and has a few decent wines to compliment the food. ▶ Open 12:00 - 23:00. Closed Sun. ☎ ☑ ☒

Venom C-1, Svetozara Markovića 52a, tel. +382 67 80 87 08. Naming your restaurant after something that will kill you may not seem smart, but the locals munching away at the pizzas and pasta dishes here certainly don't seem to mind. The large and light two-level space attracts plenty of students from the nearby campus. ▶ Open 08:00 - 24:00. ☎ ☑

Mexican

Blues Bar E-2, Novaka Miloševa 44, tel. +382 67 20 24 44. The Blues Bar offers a touch of Mexico in Montenegro; the rear dining room is used for serving local versions of *faita*, *kvasadija*, *burito*, *encilada* and *gvakamolja sos*. Tex-Mex lovers better stick to drinking in the section at the front, with events posters and local paintings on the walls. ▶ Open 08:00 - 24:00. ☎ ☑ ☒ ☓

Montenegrin

The local food is widely known as 'National cuisine' - even though it's rather similar to that of surrounding countries. Montenegrins love grilled fish and meat, vegetables and simple, fresh salads.

Anovi A-2, Spomen park Kruševac, blok 9, tel. +382 20 51 10 40. A delightfully designed restaurant near the park at the southern end of Moskovska street. It has an upmarket rustic interior with wooden floors covered by traditional carpets, two large rooms, intimate corners and a calm garden area - even a separate VIP entrance. On your plate, expect perfectly prepared Montenegrin favourites, international dishes, and especially some great desserts. Anovi is well set up for business meetings too, with a soundproofed conference room with all the technology you'd need. ▶ Open 09:00 - 24:00. ☎ ☑ ☒ ☓ ☑ ☒



Eating out in a modern corner of Podgorica

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Burek

The international dish of the Balkans, eaten from Montenegro all the way to Turkey and beyond, burek is a delicious pie made with flaky pastry, and stuffed with fillings like cheese, meat, potato, *zeljanica* (vegetables), spinach or mushrooms.

Sarajka K-2, Bul. Pete Proleterske, Zgrada Čelebic, tel. +382 69 83 08 31. Just what you need after an evening in the pub - fabulous cheap and greasy burek. Down it all with yoghurt like the locals do, and have a fresh cherry strudel pie for dessert. The friendly girls working here don't speak a word of foreign but are all smiles. ▶ Open 07:00 - 01:00. ☎ ☑

Bakina Kuća A-2, Trg Vektre 12, tel. +382 20 23 43 38. Conveniently located off Rimski Trg in the Novi Grad business district, 'Grandma's Cooking' offers diners well-prepared traditional dishes, including tasty pork medallions and Montenegrin polenta, at very reasonable prices. The rustically styled indoor dining area is invitingly pleasant, with brick archways and warm lighting and there's friendly staff. ▶ Open 08:00 - 24:00. ☎ ☑ ☒

Dvor D-3, Kralja Nikole 36, tel. +382 20 62 22 65, restoran.dvor@gmail.com. The only real traditional-style restaurant in Podgorica is located in the 18th century Cukuranovici house in the old town. There's lots of grilled meat and fish, excellent local salads, and live music to listen to. Find it set back from the street, behind the Bojatoours hotel building. ▶ Open 08:00 - 24:00. Closed Sun. ☎ ☑ ☒ ☓ ☑ ☒

Imanje Knjaz G-1, Mareza bb, tel. +382 69 02 30 34, rezervacije@imanje-knjaz.me, www.imanje-knjaz.me. *The Duke's Estate* serves traditional Montenegrin dishes and a few surprises including Wellington beefsteak, gourmet burgers and a decent vegetarian menu. The exceedingly scenic outdoor garden along a leafy turn of the Mareza River also has a small playground. ▶ Open 24hrs. ☎ ☑ ☒ ☓ ☑ ☒

Kužina (Кужина) D/E-3, Trg Božane Vučinić 2, tel. +382 67 45 00 00/+382 69 11 22 33, restorankuzina@gmail.com, www.restorankuzina.com. Set on a modern square, the rustic interior of Kužina is something of a surprise, albeit a pleasant one. Characterised by stone walls, heavy wooden furniture, photos of old soldiers and books, the traditional restaurant excels in local meals such as Durmitor-style lamb and polenta. In winter the cosy basement room is the place to be. ▶ Open 07:00 - 24:00. ☎ ☑ ☒ ☓ ☑ ☒

La Buena Vida B-4, 8 marta 13, Čepurci, tel. +382 69 55 01 70. Traditional food, with daily performances of *sevdalinkas*, romantic songs from the times that Podgorica was ruled by the Ottomans. ▶ Open 07:00 - 03:00. ☎ ☑ ☒ ☓ ☑ ☒

Laterna E-2, Marka Miljanova 41, tel. +382 20 23 23 31/+382 69 40 26 55. A delightful barn-interior restaurant lavishly decorated with wooden beams, lamps and other such rusticities. The pizzas are good, but have a look at the rest of the menu too. Meat loaf, plum-stuffed kebab, steaks, seafood, home made pasta and sandwiches are all possible and delicious. Our only gripe is the location of the terrace next to a busy road. ▶ Open 09:00 - 24:00. Closed Sun. ☎ ☑ ☒ ☓ ☑ ☒

Have you ever had a meal for
5€ in a 5-star restaurant?



Anovi
Spomen park Kruševac, blok 9
Tel: +382 20 51 14 04

Mareza G-1, Mareški put bb, tel. +382 20 28 10 09, www.plantaze.com. A large restaurant beside Plantaze's ponds stocked with Californian trout, six kilometres west of the city, is the perfect place to let fish swim in wine. Try the chowders or soups, grilled meat, traditional roast meat under a metal bell, or the sea and river fish. Reservation required. ▶ Open 10:00 - 24:00. Closed Mon. ☎ ☑

Nijagara Cijevna bb, Kuće Rakića, tel. +382 20 87 01 06/+382 69 02 23 99. Beside a cascading weir in the Cijevna river and quirkily named after another waterfall, it may not live up to the name, but the restaurant with its breezy terrace and shaded tables on the lawn is lovely for a relaxed lunch of national food and drinks. Find it 5km southeast of Podgorica. ▶ Open 10:00 - 24:00. ☎ ☑ ☐ ☑ ☑

Pod Volat D-4, Trg Vojvode Bećir Beća Osmanagića 1, tel. +382 69 61 86 33. Goulash and grilled meat are served beneath photos of old Podgorica at the busy Pod Volat, the only eatery on the city's old town square, by the clocktower. Popular with older locals as well as with students for cheap boozing before a night out, it's certainly authentic. In summer there's a large terrace behind the building. ▶ Open 06:00 - 24:00. ☎ ☑ ☑ ☑

Skadarlija E-1, Vaka Đurovića bb, tel. +382 68 88 75 55. A lovely traditional restaurant that looks very nice inside despite the dodgy setting in the stadium. Skadarlija has pleasantly pompous waitstaff, and the full set of grilled meat, fish and beef steak meals. For a local speciality, order the *Podgorički popeci*, meat with cheese and ham. ▶ Open 07:00 - 02:00, Sun 12:00 - 20:00. (€5-8). ☎ ☑ ☑

Stara Kuća Iva Andrića 5, Zagorič, tel. +382 69 03 02 04, www.starakuca.me. The location of 'the Old House', in a quiet residential neighbourhood, makes for a soothing evening of dining, and provides visitors with an opportunity to see how the locals live. This exclusive restaurant serves only national Montenegrin dishes, so fresh that the fish on your plate was happily swimming laps in one of the pools just minutes earlier. Guests are welcomed by live local music daily except Sundays. Stara Kuća can be found just north of Gorica hill. ▶ Open 10:00 - 24:00, Sun 11:00 - 19:00. ☎ ☑ ☐ ☑ ☑

Pizza

Sidro A-1, Bul. Džordža Vašingtona 27, tel. +382 20 23 45 15. Sixteen reasonably priced pizzas and a number of other dishes including mediocre hamburgers, omelettes and hot sandwiches inside a pretty gingerbread house complete with gingham curtains and a small cast of exotic waitresses. If you can't stand the décor, find four small tables parked on the pavement outside. ▶ Open 07:00 - 24:00. ☎ ☑

Yugoslav

Nostalgija G-2, Cetinjski put bb, tel. +382 69 09 09 99, info@nostalgija.me, www.nostalgija.me. A delightful Yugoslav kitsch heaven, Nostalgija capitalises on the socialist days of yore, with a variety of dishes, wines and assorted curio like faded postcards, paper notes and film footage from the good old times. The restaurant is just south of the Delta City Mall in the Milić building. ▶ Open 08:00 - 24:00. ☎

Coffee is the most popular daytime drink and every single deal in the city is made over an espresso or cappuccino at a café. Do try the Turkish coffee, though indicate how sweet you want it beforehand and wait with sipping till the gunk has sunk. Expect drinks and second-hand smoke, but no food or snacks.

Alpe Bar B-2, Bul. Sv. Petra Cetinjskog 88, tel. +382 67 51 52 53. Chain-smoking waiters, modern art and a terrace full of thugs seem to be what this place is all about. Handy for people watching, munching pizza and a quick injection of espresso but little else. ▶ Open 07:00 - 01:00. ☎ ☑ ☒ ☓ ☔ ☕

Astoria G-2, Cetinjski put bb (Delta City), tel. +382 20 29 03 01, www.astoriamontenegro.com. Bright, modern and overlooking the shops inside the mall, the Astoria is a good place to interrupt your shopping spree for some coffee or a meal; breakfast, salads, soup and hot food and even cocktails are all available. Try one of the freshly made risottos. ▶ Open 10:00 - 22:00, Sun 10:00 - 20:00. ☎ ☑ ☕

Benz E-2, Miljana Vukova 31, tel. +382 67 52 24 44, caffebenz@t-com.me. Run by a former Partizan Belgrade footballer, Benz isn't quite sure what it is. What it isn't, however, is bad. Whether you want to tip back a quick espresso on a chrome barstool, drink a beer in front of the television or demolish an ice cream among the palm trees in the back garden, pop along to rudimentary Benz and your dreams will all come true. ▶ Open 07:00 - 23:00. ☎ ☑ ☓ ☔ ☕

Bummba E-2, Novaka Miloševa 46, tel. +382 67 56 35 51. Clearly owned by an artist, this café is different from the catalogue 'designer' places elsewhere in town. Comfy chairs and sofas are strewn around, there's a sunken area beside some Fawley Towers steps, and the walls are hung with mirrors, paintings and assorted artworks. Drinks include coffee specialities and 100% natural fruit cocktails, and snacks and light meals are available from the kitchen. Visit on Wednesdays for live local *sevđalinka* music. ▶ Open 07:30 - 23:00. ☎ ☑ ☒ ☕

Caffe Caffe B-2, Bul. Sv. Petra Cetinjskog 19, tel. +382 67 54 25 04. What's in a name, indeed. One of a handful of large and popular cafés along this stretch of road, this one attracts a slightly older crowd sitting in leather seats on the two floors of the light, glass-walled space. ▶ Open 07:00 - 01:00. ☎ ☑ ☒ ☕

Caffe L'Angolo B-1, 13 Jula 13, tel. +382 67 41 65 11. "Illusion is the first of all pleasures", indeed. A decadent café opposite the law school, L'Angolo has candelabras, walls splattered with Wilde's words of wisdom, rich tapestries, one really tall couch and a decent menu of drinks, salads, sandwiches and pizzas. ▶ Open 08:00 - 24:00, Sun 09:00 - 24:00. ☎ ☑ ☕

Corto Maltese D-2, Njegoševa 21, tel. +382 68 74 07 30. Another venue named after and illustrated with blow-ups from an Italian 1970s comic series, in this case one about a valiant captain defending the weak. This café is more mainstream and family-orientated than the Alan Ford, serving snacks like pancakes, omelettes and salads. During the summer, there's a pleasantly shaded terrace. ▶ Open 07:00 - 24:00. ☎ ☑ ☒ ☕

Costa Coffee G-2, Cetinjski put bb (Delta City mall), tel. +382 68 84 01 01, podgoricad@deltacoffee.rs. Confusing the locals, this is the first self-service café in Montenegro where you need to queue up at the counter to

select your coffee and point out the delicious *mafin*, brownie or pannini sandwich of your desire. Also at the airport. ▶ Open 09:00 - 23:00. ☎ ☑ ☒ ☓ ☔ ☕

Crna Gora Café D/E-3, Bul. Sv. Petra Cetinjskog 2 (Crna Gora hotel), tel. +382 20 44 34 66, www.hotelcg.com. Overpriced drinks and cakes in Communist opulence inside a massive banquet-style hall, Crna Gora's monster indoor café is best left alone. Its fabulous terrace on the other hand, complete with lots of wicker chairs and a prime view of one of Podgorica's more sparkingly amusing crossroads, is really rather good indeed. ▶ Open 06:00 - 24:00. ☎ ☑ ☒ ☓ ☔ ☕

Duhovni Centar (Spiritual Centre) D-2, Njegoševa 27, tel. +382 20 66 55 19. Food for the soul is served at this delightful church-run café, an island of peace amidst the hedonistic bars along Njegoševa. The wooden tables and benches in the simple interior are overlooked by beautiful photos of Orthodox monasteries. Set up as a meeting place as well as a café where Orthodox believers can eat food adhering to the prescribed diet (no meat, eggs or dairy products on Wednesday, Friday and certain other days), the friendly staff is just as pleased to serve cheese pies, sausages, hamburgers, cakes and pancakes to foreign travellers. Specialities of the house are the wholesome wheat-with-cream dessert, and the freshly made fruit juice. Best of all, it's very cheap. Recommended. ▶ Open 08:00 - 24:00, Sun 10:00 - 14:00. ☎ ☑ ☕

Fab Live Cijevna bb, tel. +382 69 37 41 11, info@fablive.com, www.fablive.me. This café has a petrol station attached to it, rather than the other way round. Along the road to the coast, Fab Live has deep leather seats, a bar with huge whiskey bottles, a semi-enclosed terrace with garden views, screens for sports and a menu with decent sandwiches, toast, pizza and pancakes. If you're into aviation, this is where you can hook up with Montenegro Airlines staff having a coffee away from work. At the UPM petrol station, 100 metres past the airport road. ▶ Open 07:00 - 23:00. ☎ ☑ ☒ ☕

Forum E-2, Miljana Vukova 1/3, tel. +382 67 81 07 77, forum@forumcg.com, www.forumcg.com. A café with dazzlingly lit modern interiors, composed of everything between red bamboo and gleaming stainless steel. Head here for a drink, light snacks or to watch everyone else being watched. ▶ Open 08:00 - 01:00. Closed Sun. ☎ ☑ ☒ ☓ ☔ ☕

Grand B-2, Bul. Sv. Petra Cetinjskog 23, tel. +382 69 33 32 21/+382 20 24 23 21. A small but refined café along Podgorica's coffee boulevard, busy with animated discussions all day long. ▶ Open 07:00 - 01:00. ☎ ☑ ☒ ☓ ☔ ☕

Hahaha D-2, Njegoševa 18, tel. +382 67 52 27 37. One of the few places in Montenegro with decent banana splits on the menu, Hahaha sets itself apart from the rest in at least one respect. The outdoor seating area on the newly renovated section of Njegoševa is nice draw too. ▶ Open 08:00 - 24:00. ☑

Haos E-2, Hercegovačka 29, tel. +382 20 66 52 24. This second edition of Haos has a lively atmosphere, matched in degree by its eclectic music and décor. During the summer months, the café opens up onto the pedestrian street, allowing the breeze to waft in. The cakes here (with eat-in, made-to-order and home delivery options) are tasty too. ▶ Open 07:00 - 24:00, Sun 08:00 - 24:00. ☎ ☑ ☒ ☕

Kaktus D/E-2, Njegoševa 47, tel. +382 67 53 29 07.

Drinks only are served at this small café/bar along the main nightlife strip, where live Rock 'n Roll is played on Thursdays and DJs fill the floor on weekend nights. ▶ Open 08:00 - 01:00.

**Karver E-3, Obala Ribnice, Cvjetin brjieg bb, tel. +382**

20 60 26 25, www.karver.org. Taking up three renovated floors of Podgorica's former Turkish bathhouse, this distinctly different café by the river under the bridge sells a range of soft drinks, beer and coffee and is most remarkable for stocking a large range of (albeit rather out of date) English language newspapers and magazines. Buying a book in the bookshop next door entitles you to a free cup of coffee. ▶ Open 08:30 - 23:30. Closed Sun.

La Scala Fashion Café D/E-2, Hercegovачka 42, tel.

+382 20 66 45 68, lascala@t-com.me. Emulating the glamour of the eponymous theatre in Italy, the La Scala Fashion Café is a classical local venue that attracts all the beautiful and indeed fashionable people. It's see and be seen here. ▶ Open 08:00 - 01:00.

Maxim B-2, Bul. Sv. Petra Cetinjskog 98, tel. +382 20

22 83 34/+382 67 84 84 89. A pleasant café on the ground floor of a modern building along the Novi Grad's main drag. A sunny terrace allows you to warm your bones on sunny autumn days. ▶ Open 07:30 - 01:00.

Nero E-3, Vuka Karadžica bb, tel. +382 68 60 08 02.

The link between the Roman emperor and the large photos of Prague's main square in the hallway leading up to Nero is vague, but the bar is well worth a visit for the jazz concerts that take place every Friday and Saturday from 21:00. At other times, it's a decent place for a quiet drink amidst a classic wooden interior with bookshelves and photos. ▶ Open 08:00 - 24:00.

Pad Café Bratstva i Jedinstva 85 (Mall of Montenegro),

tel. +382 20 62 18 50, www.padcafe.me. In a brilliant move, this café on the first floor of the mall has iPad devices (firmly attached to each table) that guests can use for free game playing and internet browsing. If that isn't enough to keep you seated, there's a range of coffees, liquors and soft drinks, and a delicious menu of homemade cakes, muffins and cookies. ▶ Open 09:00 - 23:00.

Pinta Cetinjski put 1-3 (City kvart), tel. +382 69 88 88

08, loungebar.pinta@gmail.com. In a sunny spot in a modern housing estate, Pinta is named after one of Columbus's ships and has colourful furniture, and a pleasant terrace away from the traffic. There's a menu with salads, snacks, breakfasts, pasta and meat too. ▶ Open 08:00 - 00:00.

Prague E-1, 19 Decembra 1 (City Stadium), tel. +382

20 66 47 17/+382 67 24 07 77, prague@t-com.me. Another bar that has the Golden City as its theme - do we sense some jealousy for its good looks here? You can wash away all thoughts of intercity animosity with the snacks, pancakes and pizza served at this spacious L-shaped café on the sunny side of the stadium. ▶ Open 07:00 - 24:00.

Rakija Bar E-2, Novaka Miloševa 46, tel. +382 69 89 97

69/+382 68 60 46 16. Brimming with pastel shades, lots of fancy trimmings and what appears to be a small collection of unemployed young professionals, there are basically two options here. First you could go to the back and sit and watch the television. Second (at least if the weather is good) you could opt for a seat at the front of the café, which rather charmingly turns into a terrace with the help of a lot of clever hinges. ▶ Open 08:00 - 01:00, Sat, Sun 09:00 - 01:00.



Under the bridge: Karver

Rembrandt D-2, Njegoševa 9, tel. +382 69 67 82 22,

rembrandt@t-com.me. Reproductions of works by the Dutch master grace the walls of this modern/classic restaurant and café, with a small basement room. The menu lists a variety of snacks and meals, including cake, salads, pasta and fish. On warm days, join the locals on the terrace along the newly pedestrianised street for a coffee. ▶ Open 08:00 - 24:00.

Stari Sat C-1, 13 Jula bb, tel. +382 20 23 71 33.

A modest café on the ground floor of a residential block, serving coffee and other drinks to students from the nearby faculties. ▶ Open 07:00 - 24:00.

Taleia D-2, Bokeška bb (Montenegrin National Theatre),

tel. +382 20 66 40 86. Operating a thoroughly agreeable outdoor café in summer, in winter Taleia retreats into the theatre. Head through the door and up the stairs on your right to be greeted by a rather vulgar bar complete with Hollywood legends on the walls and a mirror ball. ▶ Open 09:00 - 24:00.

T'ien Caffe A-2, Trg Sv. Petra Cetinjskog, tel. +382 67

30 00 50. T'ien is a pleasant low-key hangout where you can sip coffee and soft drinks, and have a light snack or two. The café is a quaint two stories, refreshingly devoid of the usual Podgorica bling, and with outdoor seating overlooking the square. ▶ Open 08:00 - 24:00.

Titograd D-2, Njegoševa 41.

A Commie-retro bar that pokes subtle fun at the time when Podgorica was called *Tito City*. The bar's logo is adorned with Zastava cars and bulldozers, while old TG car license plates with red stars decorate the walls. Interestingly, the bar is the only place in town with a good selection of 1950s city photos on display. And on top of all that they serve drinks too, comrade. ▶ Open 08:00 - 01:00, Fri, Sat 08:00 - 02:00, Sun 08:00 - 24:00.

Trendy E-2, Slobode 43, tel. +382 20 40 24 00, carine@t-

com.me, www.carine.co.me. Part of the Carine complex, the café section facing Trg Republike square has decorations looking like ribbons of pasta and the exact same food and drinks menu as on the mothership. Due to the busy corridor linking to Carine it lacks the intimacy and calm of the other cafés along the square. ▶ Open 07:00 - 24:00.

Sod school and work, most Podgoricans spend all their lives sitting in one of the many cafés and bars. Open for first coffee early in the morning until the last beer or cocktail late at night, these places are where life happens. In Montenegro, they can make alcohol out of any fruit and recommended local drinks include *lozova rakija* and *šljivovica*. Youngsters may need to prove they are over 18 before being served alcohol.

Bars

Alan Ford D-2, Stanka Dragojevića 10, tel. +382 69 38 89 87/+382 20 66 47 77. A modest bar along Podgorica's main nightlife strip is dedicated to a 1970s Italian cartoon about a set of blundering secret agents that became immensely popular in Yugoslavia. A shelf of comics is available for browsing, there's Guinness, Kilkenny and Pilsner to drink and a good variety of people to chat to. ▶ Open 08:00 - 02:00, Sun 09:00 - 02:00. ☎ 📱 📺 🍷

Bočara E-1, 19 Decembra 21, tel. +382 67 56 02 70. A fabulous little place at the entrance to the Gorica Šuma Park. The small space is hung with old photos of completely unknown local tennis players and some rock stars. The place livens up in summer with a pleasant terrace under the pine trees, live soul and blues music on Tuesdays and DJs playing on Fridays and Saturdays. ▶ Open 08:00 - 24:00. ☎ 📱 📺 🍷

Buda Bar D-2, Stanka Dragojevića 26, tel. +382 67 34 49 44. A very popular and friendly choice facing the park, the Buda Bar has an oversized statue of the deity, Indian decorations, a covered terrace and sandwiches for nourishment. It gets hard to find a spot to sit at lunchtime and especially after dark, when DJs liven up the place. ▶ Open 08:00 - 03:00. ☎ 📱 📺 🍷

Cheers D-2, Njegoševa 33. This city centre bar with its familiar name functions as a café by day, but changes to a popular bar at night, when bands perform rock and pop music. A good place to party along with the locals. ▶ Open 08:00 - 01:00. ☎ 📱 📺

Crna Gora Bar E-3, Bul. Sv Petra Cetinjskog 2 (Crna Gora hotel), tel. +382 20 44 34 46. As with several other bars and cafés in Podgorica, there are separate summer and winter venues here. During the warmer months the bar moves into the restaurant with its large terrace, in the colder months a small bar opens next to the reception, which is hardly worth commenting on unless you appreciate 1980s communist design or are interested in what Podgorica looked like before it was flattened by the Allies and the Nazis during WWII. The photographs of the pre-war city on the walls speak volumes. ▶ Open 06:00 - 24:00. ☎ ☎ 📱 📺

Diamond A-1, Blv. Sv. Petra Cetinjskog 130, tel. +382 67 41 18 88, nebojsapopovic79@gmail.com. The Italian-designed Diamond exudes luxury; there's even a separate VIP area with access via the underground car park. Mortals can enter through the front door to enjoy cocktails at the bar or seated in high-backed sofas, or good Italian and Mediterranean food in the restaurant upstairs. ▶ Open 08:00 - 24:00. ☎ 📱 📺 🍷

Dr. Brajer A-1, Bul. Sv Petra Cetinjskog 122, tel. +382 20 51 25 02, www.dr-brajer.me. In the stylish part of town near the major hotels, this very chic café serves good coffee and food by day, but also transforms into a club at night. There's regular live music performed by local artists, and people generally dress to impress here. ▶ Open 07:00 - 01:00. ☎ 📱 📺 🍷

Greenwich D-2, Njegoševa 27, tel. +382 67 34 49 45. One of the more sophisticated bars along the street, Greenwich has a long bar, photos and mirrors on the ceilings and a variety of mismatched furniture. The place positively rocks during the regular live acts, which range from Jazz and Blues to Latino. ▶ Open 08:00 - 03:00. ☎ ☎ 📱

Inter City D-2, Njegoševa 27, tel. +382 67 66 56 69. A cool designer bar attracts students and other loafers with its central terrace, soft seats and high stools at the bar. Amidst all the sharp Scandinavian lines, just to remind you where you are again, a portrait of an Orthodox saint hangs on the wall. ▶ Open 08:00 - 02:00. ☎ 📱

Nice Vice E-2, Slobode 82, tel. +382 20 23 03 94/+382 67 20 32 22. The vice here is certainly nice enough to make the venue one of the best bars in Podgorica. The L-shaped pub's interior has leather seats, books and bottles, and although the daytime atmosphere is calm enough for a quiet coffee, on weekend nights the live music from 23:30 turns it into a great dance venue. ▶ Open 07:00 - 03:00. ☎ ☎ 📱 📺

Pub 111 E-2, Bul. Ivana Crnojevića 99, tel. +382 68 30 08 88. One of the funkiest interiors in town, a high two-storey white-stone saloon lined with booths, is host to a crowd of young revellers on weekend nights. ▶ Open 08:00 - 03:00. ☎ ☎ 📱 🍷

Soul II Soul D-2, Njegoševa 34, tel. +382 67 33 00 01. A landlocked beach bar with a terrace at the front and a picture of golden sands inside. Twirling fans overhead keep the punters cool in summer, while in winter DJs drop by to heat things up with disco and house music. ▶ Open 08:00 - 02:00. ☎ ☎ 📱 🍷

The Nag's Head D-2, Bokeška 12, tel. +382 69 67 16 68/+382 68 23 38 13. The UK television series *Only Fools and Horses* was immensely popular in Yugoslavia. This bar was named in honour of Del and Rodney's local pub, and the informal dark wooden interior is filled with pictures of the two anti-heroes. ▶ Open 07:30 - 01:00. ☎ ☎ 📱 📺



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Tropicana D-2, Bokeška 16, tel. +382 69 50 46 38. Simply furnished and with some fine modern art on the walls, Tropicana pulls a decent crowd of arty types and business professionals before and after performances at the Montenegrin National Theatre across the street. Extras include a music policy that refuses to play anything other than 1970s soft rock and a small screen for showing big sporting events. ▶ Open 08:00 - 03:00. ☎ 📺 📺 📺

Underhill E-2, Slobode bb, tel. +382 68 41 31 21. Quirkyly playing with the literal translation of the city's name, Underhill is a spacious double-level bar decorated with large black and white posters, and with a balcony for comfortable peoplereading. The atmosphere is relaxed - until one of the regular live music acts starts up. ▶ Open 08:00 - 03:00. ☎ 📺 📺 📺

Pubs

Four Leprechauns E-2, Hercegovačka 71, tel. +382 67 54 52 95/+382 69 49 82 97. The only pub in the city and perhaps the whole country to proudly serve Guinness on tap (at Western prices), this Irish Pub also has plenty of whiskeys available in bottles as well as all the prerequisite scruffy Irish paraphernalia clinging to the walls. Expects can also often be found clinging to the bar, and it's a good place to hear foreign accents. ▶ Open 08:00 - 02:00. ☎ 📺 📺 📺

Irish Pub Saint Patrick E-2, Slobode 73, tel. +382 69 78 08 88/+382 67 40 32 63, lumaka@t-com.me, www.prvilrskipab.me. Proudly established in 1997, the country's first Irish Pub is Irish in name only when they run out of Guinness and Kilkenny. The locals don't really care, and are happy to drink Danish lager instead, filling the small place up on rowdy weekend nights regardless. ▶ Open 08:00 - 01:00. ☎ 📺 📺 📺

Clubs

Admission to Podgorica's modest clubs is usually free. A charge of €5-10 may apply on nights when bands or big-name DJs play.

Cruiser E-4, Bratstva i Jedinstva 85 (Mall of Montenegro), tel. +382 69 02 50 28. Podgorica's newest club simply consists of a large blue space with padded creme-coloured seating along the walls, fleur-de-lis logos, and tables to stand at. The partygoers cram in three nights a week to hear foreign hits played until midnight, followed by raucous Balkan style partying. There are regular performances by local artists too. ▶ Open 21:00 - 03:00. Closed Mon, Tue, Wed, Sun. 📺 📺

Green Garden D-2, Stanka Dragojevića 26a, tel. +382 68 55 50 20, green.garden.pg@gmail.com. "We play whatever people want us to play," says the owner of Green Garden, and that means they mainly play loud, fast turbo folk, all night long. The energy in the club gets really infectious, especially on a Saturday night, when the place is packed - and you can party till you drop. ▶ Open 22:00 - 03:00. ☎ 📺

Insomnia D-2, Stanka Dragojevića 26, tel. +382 69 63 21 00. Another typical Podgorica night club - small and often packed to its 150-person capacity. Techno music runs until 23:00, after that the tune changes to home-made pop, folk and whatever else the crowd wants to hear. DJs from the area are regular guests, welcomed by ecstatic hand waving. ▶ Open 22:00 - 03:00. ☎ 📺

Mint Club 19 Decembra 5 (City Stadium), tel. +382 68 65 65 65/+382 20 66 48 48, sonic@t-com.me. By day a nice restaurant, by night a wild party place with a lot of room to dance and have fun. This club can comfortably fit 600 people, which makes it one of the largest night clubs in Podgorica. Mint plays mostly top hits, though they regularly

have live shows with Balkan stars and DJs that really get the locals in a frenzy. ▶ Open T hu-Sat 22:00-03:00. ☎ 📺

Od svitanja do sumraka E-2, Njegoševa 58, tel. +382 68 80 28 88. An unassuming bar moonlighting as a raucous nightclub on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, the *From dusk till dawn* is packed with locals and foreigners alike from morning till a little past midnight. If your ears need a break from the turbo folk music so ubiquitous at Podgorica's other clubs, stake out a spot here and enjoy the (somewhat) more subdued tunes on offer. ▶ Open 08:00 - 02:00, Thu, Fri, Sat 08:00 - 03:00.

Porto D-1, Stanka Dragojevića 34, tel. +382 67 33 08 88. The classic Podgorica club featuring cramped and sweaty conditions for vertical drinking amidst rampant, ear-blasting local DJs. If this isn't torture enough, squeeze your way up the rickety stairs and see if you can find any air to breathe in the small attic space over the bar. Often devastatingly hot and loud. ▶ Open 21:00 - 03:00. ☎ 📺

Riter E-2, Bul. Ivana Crnojevića 23, tel. +382 67 88 67 88, riterclub@yahoo.com. Down an alley and down some stairs, this small, medieval-themed knight club has booth seating with upholstered green seats and shields on the wall. If the crowd won't make your day, the cheerful bar staff certainly will. ▶ Open Tue, Thu, Fri, Sat 23:00-03:00. ☎ 📺

Velvet D-2, Bokeška 24, tel. +382 69 88 48 84. When it comes to quality clubs in Podgorica, size clearly does not matter. This most sleek of local clubs is a real looker, with a gleaming white interior and a central bar island. But it's the guests that are the real lookers - dress to impress here. ▶ Open T hu-Sat 19:00-03:00. ☎

Sports bars

And1 A-2, Moskovska bb, tel. +382 20 23 44 22/+382 69 88 45 55, vujacompany@t-com.me. Podgorica's best sports café, owned by a pro basketball player, is a pavilion set at the edge of the new part of town, in a sliver of park shaded by fragrant pines. The large and bright interior has plenty of screens for watching a wide variety of sports, while eating an even wider variety of snacks, sandwiches, salads and main courses. ▶ Open 07:00 - 24:00. (€8-15). ☎ 📺 📺 📺

Hidromoland E-1, Vaka Đurovića bb, tel. +382 20 66 44 10/+382 67 25 07 36, bowling@hidromoland.me, www.hidromoland.me. Hands-down the most convenient locale for beer, bowling, billiards plus spa treatment. At the northern end of the stadium, Hidromoland has a full service restaurant, spa and fitness center, four bowling lanes, and some pool tables and darts. ▶ Open 08:00 - 01:00. 📺

Casinos

Crna Gora Casino E-3, Bul. Sv Petra Cetinjskog 2 (Crna Gora hotel), tel. +382 20 63 48 23. Make your way up the carpeted staircase past the *No guns* sign and find a small, classy room with astonishing chandeliers, small bar, and ample opportunities to lose your shirt over a few games of black jack, roulette and poker. Free entrance for hotel guests. ▶ Open 24hrs.

Wine bars

Fufluns C-1, 13. Jula bb, tel. +382 68 48 06 00/+382 68 48 05 20, vinoteka.pg@gmail.com. More than 200 wines are available from the cellar of this pleasant traditional restaurant, served with snacks such as prosciutto, cheese and figs, or with one of the many grilled meat, fish or vegetarian dishes. ▶ Open 08:00 - 24:00. ☎ 📺 📺

People will tell you that Podgorica is Europe's most boring capital. That it has no museums, churches or sights of note. They are all wrong. The wonderfully situated Banja bathroom and the wacky concrete Catholic church are worth the trip alone.

Antiquities

Doclea (Duklja) Rogami bb, 4km north of Podgorica, tel. +382 20 24 26 05. The city of Doclea, also known as Duklja or Diokletija, is Montenegro's foremost ancient site. Founded in the 1st century AD, the city was built on a plateau near the confluence of the Zeta and Moraca rivers and had a forum, temples, basilica, thermal pools and a necropolis. Becoming the provincial capital around 300AD and housing some 40,000 people, it lost power after the 4th century invasions and was eventually ravaged by a lethal combination of Goths, Slavs and earthquakes. A low wall, medieval defence towers, a partially uncovered road and some other scattered remnants are visible today. It's possible to walk to Doclea by following the east bank of the river north from the City Stadium and crossing the railway bridge.

Bridges

Millennium Bridge (Most Milenijum) C/D-1, Bul. Ivana Crnojevića. Ironically finished five years after the new millennium, this 140 metre-long cable-stayed bridge has become Podgorica's landmark structure (for lack of better). The eye-catching bridge has a 57-metre high pylon which holds 36 elegantly splayed cables. The landscaped area has benches and is lit up very nicely at night.

Churches

Cathedral of the Resurrection (Saborni Hram Hristovog Vaskrsenja) A/B-1, Bul. Džordža Vašingtona bb, tel. +382 20 22 50 30, info@sabornihram.org, www.sabornihram.org. The massive new Orthodox cathedral, under construction in the Novi Grad area for several years now, is almost finished. The exterior is an intriguing mix of rough stone at bottom of the building and polished stone with elaborate carvings further up. Inside, the crypt and dome paintings are quite stunning, and can be viewed.



The ceiling of the Cathedral of the Resurrection

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Church of the Holy Heart of Jesus (Crkva Presvetog Srca Isusovog) K-2, Zagrebačka 3, tel. +382 20 60 72 30/+382 20 62 82 10, www.donbosko.si/podgorica. In a suburb east of the centre, Podgorica's Catholic church is an amazing work of modern architecture. Replacing the city centre church that was destroyed in the war, the bold and brutal concrete building was built in 1969 to look like a ship. The facade was never finished, so it looks a bit like a disused factory. From the dark interior, an ingenious 25-metre high tower sticks up, filtering light to illuminate the main altar. There's a 40-metre high freestanding bell tower too, as well as smashing concrete spiral staircases.

St. George's Church (Crkva Svetog Dorda) E-1, 19 Decembra. Podgorica's oldest and prettiest church is placed between fragrant trees at the foot of Gorica hill. Inside the simple structure, the dark 16th century nave is adorned with 19th century icons and frescoes. The front room has a small shop where religious trinkets, magnetic icons and candles are sold. For some spookytme, walk into the overgrown derelict cemetery directly behind the church - the sadly vandalised crypts allow you to peek inside graves.

Museums & Galleries

Modern Art Gallery (Centar Savremene Umjetnosti) B-3, Ljubljanska, tel. +382 20 24 35 13. Podgorica's most elegant building, the pretty white Petrović Palace that formerly belonged to King Nikola, is home to the modern art collection of the city museum. The museum features a lot of African and Asian paintings and sculptures, but also has rooms with Montenegrin 20th century art with works by Risto Stijović, Milo Milunović, Filo Filipović and others. If they're not on display, ask to be shown the collection of gifts made to Tito by presidents and dictators including Gaddafi and Saddam Hussein. Find the palace up the stairs in the lush park behind the US embassy. ▶ Open 07:00 - 14:00, 17:00 - 21:00, Sat 10:00 - 13:00. Closed Sun. Admission free.

Natural History Museum (Prirodnjački Muzej) D-3, Trg Vojvode Bećir Bega Osmanagića 16, tel. +382 20 63 31 84/+382 20 62 35 44, prmuzej@t-com.me, www.pmcg.co.me. A biologist's dream, this museum houses all knowledge there is about algae, plants and animals in Montenegro. The small exhibition room often hosts temporary shows on things like pelicans. ▶ Open 09:00 - 17:00. Closed Sat, Sun.

Podgorica Museum (Muzeji i Galerije Podgorice) E-3, Marka Miljanova 4, tel. +382 20 24 25 43. The city's main museum has a good collection of archaeological, religious icons, books and other historical objects. Especially the elegant Copper age, Illyrian and Roman items from nearby ancient Doclea are worth looking up. A special section is dedicated to Božidar Vučković, a very productive 16th century printer. ▶ Open 09:00 - 20:00, Sat, Sun 09:00 - 14:00. Closed Mon.

Ottoman Podgorica

Wars and time have left little to remind you of the Ottoman's five-century domination of Podgorica and the surrounding region. The beautiful arched Veziriv Most bridge spanning the Morača was blown up by the retreating Germans in 1944.

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The old St. George's church

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Clock Tower (Sahat Kula) D-3, Trg Vojvode Bećira Osmanagića. Every Ottoman-ruled town had a clock tower to indicate the Muslim prayer times, and Podgorica's 18th century tower is one of the few remaining structures from the time. The tall stone tower hasn't actually got a clock, but that doesn't seem to bother anyone. The tower isn't open for visitors.

Old town (Stara varoš) D-3. A warren of quiet residential streets between the Morača river and Kraja Nikole is all that remains of Podgorica's old town. Wandering around here, you'll come across the small Osmanagići and Glavotovići mosques, some old residential houses and the Clock Tower.

Ribnica Bridge (Most na Ribnici) D-2, Stara Varoš. A cute 15th century Ottoman arched bridge spans the Ribnica river near the confluence with the Morača. Best reached via the steps going down near the Blaža Jovanovića bridge.

Ribnica Fortress (Tvrđava na Ribnici) D-3, Stara varoš. Erected at the confluence of the Ribnica and Morača rivers by the Turks when they invaded in 1474, Ribnica Fortress was once a massive castle. Nowadays, all that remains are some rubbish-strewn fields and the crumbling tower walls on the cliff overlooking the two rivers.

Turkish Bathhouse (Tursko Kupatilo) E-3, Obala Ribnice, Cviljetin brijeg bb, tel. +382 20 60 26 25. The old Turkish bath complex, Podgorica's largest remaining historical building, can be found hidden in the Ribnica river gorge east of the centre. It was unfortunately decapitated by city planners who apparently insisted on building a bridge following the grid structure of the city, even if it meant ruining this building. Roofless, it is now stuck underneath the Novi Most bridge, and has been transformed into a rather wonderful cultural centre. Nothing remains of the original interior.

Cetinje & Mount Lovćen



The view from Mount Lovćen

Sco

High up in the mountains, 30 kilometres west of Podgorica, Cetinje (www.cetinje.me) was Montenegro's capital city from the 15th century until 1946. It's an important cultural, religious and historical centre for Montenegrins and even though it never had more than a few thousand inhabitants throughout its chequered past, Cetinje is still regarded as the country's true capital by many. In the 19th century the town boomed and many impressive embassy buildings were erected along with palaces. Some national institutes such as the president's palace and the national library are still located here, it's very much a backwater, with the real decisions being made downhill in Podgorica. Nowadays, Cetinje has a calm spa resort feeling to it, with fresh mountain air and people strolling aimlessly all over the place, eating pizza and ice cream or buying tourist tat from the stands on the main square.

Cetinje lives in the past, and there's a multitude of museums to visit grouped around the main square. All are open 09:00-17:00 except on Mondays and admission costs €3-5. The **National museum** (Državni Muzej) inside King Nicholas' palace can only be visited on guided tours, but it's worth the effort as it has beautiful period rooms from 1867, filled with paintings and ferocious-looking swords. The **Ethnographic Museum** (Etnografski Muzej), set in the former Serbian embassy, is a good place to learn about Montenegro's colourful traditional clothing and the development of national art. The large **History Museum** (Istorijski Muzej) is a rambling complex of rooms with exhibits including Turkish flags and old weapons, while the **Art Museum** (Umjetnički Muzej) has a good collection of icons and modern art. Finally, the **Cetinje Monastery Museum** (Manastirska Riznica) has valuable items from the treasury on show.

Cetinje is the gateway to the **Lovćen National Park** (Nacionalni Park Lovćen, admission €1 in summer, mausoleum €2), the 62 square kilometres of stunning mountain scenery area that forms the backdrop of the Bay of Kotor. It's a short drive from town to the park entrance, and as you wind your way uphill you pass weird rock formations, forests and meadows. There's good hiking here, though most visitors continue to make the steep ascent to the mountain's Jezerskom Vrh (Lake Peak, 1,660m), 21km from Cetinje. This barren mountaintop not only offers fantastic views of much of Montenegro and the Bay of Kotor, it also is where **Petar II Petrović Njegoš' Mausoleum** (Njegošev Mauzolej) stands and where Montenegrins come to pay respect to the great statesman and poet. The 1974 building and the viewpoint are reached up a long flight of stairs tunnelled into the mountainside.

Parks

Walk or drive through Podgorica and you can't help but notice how green the city is. There are small parks and flower beds between suburban buildings, a tradition started during the post-war rebuilding of the city. From 1951 to 1954 a large-scale campaign to plant trees in the suburbs was carried out, with mainly cypress and Aleppo pines planted which could thrive in Podgorica's poor, stony soil and long dry summers.

Gorica Forest Park (Park šuma Gorica) E/F-1.

Not a park but a good place to stroll and sniff up the pine-scented air nevertheless, this forested hill overlooks the city centre and can be reached by the road leading past the City Stadium. The Partizan monument is reached after a few minutes, and from there various paths loop up the hillside, offering views over town between the trees.

Ivana Milutinovića Park D-3, Bul. Sv. Petra Cetinjskog. Split in two parts south of the city centre along Bulevar Svetog Petra Cetinjskog, the small 1.26ha Milutinovića park was designed in 1953. It's always busy with pedestrians and traffic flowing between the centre and the Stara Varoš and station districts, and is home to the statue of King Nikola.

Karadordev Park E-3. The greenest corner of the city centre grid, beside the Crna Gora hotel, was laid out in 1927 and reconstructed after wartime damage in 1954. The most varied of the city's parks, it has a wide variety of flowering plants, pine trees and conifers.

Njegošev Park D-2. One of the first landscaped green areas in Podgorica, this park between the city centre and the river was opened in 1925. The Second World War thoroughly ploughed it up, but it was reinstated in original form in 1951.

Monuments & Memorials

Bird of Peace (Ptica Mira) D-1, Serdara Jola Piletića.

The extraordinary Bird of Peace statue outside the Palada shopping centre is made from old guns, as are the seats around the statue. Unveiled in 2005, this is the result of the "Weapons in Art" initiative by the government in collaboration with UNDP. The sculpture is made of 500 weapons that were voluntarily handed in by the local population after the 1990s Balkan wars during the successful "Respect life - give back weapons" campaign. Artists from Montenegro, Serbia, Macedonia and Bosnia Herzegovina collaborated on the artworks.

Karadorde Petrović Monument E-3, Karadordev Park.

The 3.5 metre high bronze monument for Karadorde Petrović (1768-1817), depicts the famed general and politician with a sword. He's best known as a national leader of the First Serbian uprising against the Ottomans in 1804. The statue was made by sculptor Sreten Stojanović in the 1960s and stands in the Karadordev Park named after him, beside the Crna Gora hotel.

King Nikola Petrović Monument D-3, Bul. Sv. Petra Cetinjskog.

King Nikola (1841-1921) was the last king of Montenegro, a general, politician and poet. His impressive four-metre high statue, made by Risto Radmilović and situated in the park opposite Parliament, was unveiled in 2005 and shows Nikola seated on a horse on a red granite pedestal.

Partizan Memorial (Spomenik Partizanu borcu) E-1, Gorica Hill Park.

Podgorica's most impressive memorial is this gleaming white mausoleum flanked by fierce-looking Partizan fighters on Gorica Hill. Built by architect Vojislav Đokić and sculptor Dragan Đurović after a suggestion in 1953 by the Republican Alliance of Fighters, the grave and monument to national heroes was finished in 1957, when the mortal remains of the Partizans were laid to rest in the crypt. Above the crypt stands a grey marble slab with Partizanu Borcu in golden letters, with the inscription "They loved freedom more than life" above it. The columns on either side have text reading "In the war of national liberation from 1941-1945, 6,780 fighters from Montenegro fell", and "7,479 sons and daughters of Montenegrin people were killed by fascist occupiers and domestic traitors", followed by the names of the national heroes.

Petar II Petrović Njegoš Monument (Spomenik Petru II Petroviću Njegošu) D-2, Stanka Dragojevića.

The grand-looking figure sculpted in a seated position with a pensive look and a book in his hand is Petar II Petrović Njegoš, the bishop, ruler, writer and philosopher. Located in the park that bears his name, it was made by Sreten Stojanović in 1954 and depicts the national hero in traditional Montenegrin ceremonial costume.

St Petar Cetinjski Monument (Spomenik Svetom Petru Cetinjskom) A-2.

Petar I Petrović Njegoš (1747-1830), later known as Saint Petar Cetinjski was the bishop and founder of modern Montenegrin state. His three tonne, 6.8-metre-high statue in the Novi Grad district was sculpted by Nenad Soškić and unveiled in 2006, and shows the saint in his modest bishop's gown.

The Bomb (Bomba) E-2, Miljana Vukova.

The "Memorial to the Innocent Victims of the Bombing of Podgorica in World War I and II", known locally simply as 'The Bomb', was placed in the open courtyard of this building in 1994, and commemorates the 4,100 citizens killed during the 70 Allied bombing raids between 1943 and 1945, as well as the local casualties of the First World War. Architect Basil Knežević designed the monument, consisting of a triangular steel support holding up a large black bomb, with a bronze plaque.

Vladimir Vysotsky Monument (Spomenik Vladimiru Visockom) C-1, Jovana Tomaševića.

A wacky statue on the western side of the Moskovski pedestrian bridge commemorates this Russian poet, signer and actor. From the 1960s until his mysterious death in 1980, he wrote over 700 songs, many of which were translated into the Slavic languages of the other Eastern European countries. The hidden political satire in the lyrics made his songs all the more appealing. He toured through Yugoslavia and various other countries. His statue in Podgorica shows him barefoot and barechested, clutching his guitar, and surrounded by a mirror frame and a skull, reminding of his last part in Hamlet, a few days before his death.



The church at Ostrog

Set within sheer vertical rock overlooking the Zeta Valley, Ostrog Monastery offers striking views for visitors and a sacred experience for pilgrims. The monastery, founded by Metropolitan St Basil (Vladika Sv Vasilije) of Hercegovina in the 17th century, is the most visited Orthodox Christian site in Montenegro, and just 45 minutes from Podgorica.

The Ostrog Monastery complex consists of the Lower Monastery (Donji manastir) and the Upper Monastery (Gornji manastir). The main draw of the Lower Monastery is the Holy Trinity Church (Crkva Sv Trojice), which dates from 1824. It's delightfully colourful, with vivid wall paintings covering every inch of the interior and a beautiful and equally colourful iconostasis.

For the pious (and fit), a very steep 2km footpath up to the main destination, the Upper Monastery, is de rigueur. However, for tourists with wheels there's a nicely paved road that leads to an upper car park. Along the way up you will come to the Church of St Stanko the Martyr (Crkva Sv Mučenika Stanka). Built in 2004, this stone church contains both the relics of St Stanko and the remains of 27 WWII Yugoslav soldiers.

The pearl of the entire complex is the Upper Monastery. Constructed in two caves, the Upper Monastery is striking from the outside, as this white man-made structure seems to be nestled flawlessly within the vertical rock face. The interior contains a number of aesthetic and religious pleasures too, including a smattering of colourful tile icons and a cave-chapel (Church of the Holy Cross; 1665) painted with scenes from the New Testament. The other

cave-chapel, which was constructed in 1774, contains the wrapped bones of St Basil. If you are seeking intercession, this is the place to be. To enter you should be appropriately dressed: covered shoulders and trousers or jeans for men, and covered shoulders and legs for women.

To get to Ostrog Monastery, take the Podgorica – Nikšić highway 20km north until you reach the clearly marked turnoff for Ostrog (if taking the Podgorica – Nikšić bus, asked to be dropped off here and then take a readily available taxi to the top). From the highway turnoff you will ascend a part asphalt, part dirt road that winds along the cliff sides for a rather slow-going and treacherous 8km. There are also many tourist buses that organize trips to the monastery from the coast and Podgorica.

Eating options are few, but surprisingly good. In the town of Bogetići near the bottom of the mountain, Kolibe (tel. +382 67 88 81 89, www.kolibe.me) serves tasty Montenegrin dishes in a scenic restaurant overlooking the valley; accommodation is available too. In the immediate area of the monastery, hemmed in between shops selling religious nicknacks, Kafe Restoran Sv Petka Ostrog has traditional food, salads, and burgers while Restoran Tvrdoš offers diners a pleasant outdoor seating area and grilled dishes. If you fancy staying the night in Ostrog proper, the monastery has clean, single-sex dorm beds (tel. +382 20 81 11 33).

► The monastery is open daily (May – Sep 06:00 - 17:00 and Oct – Apr 05:00 – 16:00) and admission is free. During the winter months, many of the shops and restaurants around the monastery are closed.



Ostrog monastery

Public transport

The centre of Podgorica is relatively small, making walking a good option for most journeys with the occasional affordable taxi ride for longer trips. Brave visitors could also try running the gauntlet of the city's public transport system, a fleet of dilapidated albeit good value buses. Bus N°6 runs from the bus and train stations to Hotel Crna Gora, the main bus hub in the city centre. Buses N°4, 5, 8 and 9 run from there to the city hospital, while buses N°7 and 4 run west to the Novi Grad business area. Buses N°1, 7, 8 and 9 run to the market. Buses depart from their terminus every 30 minutes or so, starting at the top and bottom of the hour. Buy a ticket on board for €0.80.

Long-distance buses

Bus station (Autobuska stanica) F4, Trg Golootočkih žrtava, tel. +382 20 62 04 30/+382 20 62 12 87, intoursad@t-com.me, www.intours.me. ▶ Open 24hrs. Ticket office open 05:00-24:00.

Trains

Train station (Željeznička stanica) F-4, Trg Golootočkih žrtava 7, tel. +382 20 44 12 11/+382 20 44 12 10, putnicki@zcg-prevoz.me, www.zcg-prevoz.me. ▶ Open 24hrs. Ticket office open from 06:00-22:00.

Car rental

Car rental is affordable in Montenegro. Count on paying from €40-45 per day for a small car.

Contact A-2, Bul. Džordža Vašingtona bb, tel. +382 20 23 51 41/+382 67 45 04 50, contact.rentacar@t-com.me, www.contact-rentacar.com. ▶ Open 08:00 - 20:00. Closed Sun.

Delta Car D-3, Gojka Radonjića 31, tel. +382 67 64 08 00/+382 67 25 98 00 (Podgorica and Tivat airports), reservations@rentacar-delta.com, www.rentacar-delta.com.

Ideal Bulevar Ivana Crnojevića 49, tel. +382 68 00 10 01, idealcar@t-com.me, www.idealcar.me.

Meridian A-2, Bul. Džordža Vašingtona 85, tel. +382 20 23 49 44/+382 69 31 66 66, www.meridian-rentacar.com. Also has an office at Dubrovnik airport in Croatia, for easy transfers into Montenegro. ▶ Open 08:00 - 20:00.

Razvršje J-3, Bracana Bracanovaća 40c, tel. +382 20

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Buses to Croatia and Albania

Taking a bus to Serbia or Bosnia is easy, but travelling to Croatia or Albania is slightly more complicated. To get from Podgorica to **Dubrovnik** at the southernmost tip of Croatia there's a direct bus departing at 06:00 three times per week, arriving at 10:45. The return service leaves Dubrovnik at 15:00. Alternatively, take any bus to Kotor or Herceg Novi and change for the Ulcinj-Budva-Dubrovnik bus, which departs from Budva at 13:30 daily, and additionally around 07:15 on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday. Buses can drop you off at **Dubrovnik airport** along the way. Buses from Dubrovnik to Montenegro depart at 10:30, 15:00, 15:30 daily plus 20:30 on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday, passing Dubrovnik airport 20-30 minutes later. The Dubrovnik timetable can be found at www.libertasdubrovnik.com/voznired.pdf. A ticket costs €10 plus €1 for bags. Before heading north, be sure to read and download the free *Dubrovnik In Your Pocket* city guide and our other Croatian guides, at www.croatia.inyourpocket.com.

Travellers to **Albania** have it less easy. There are no direct buses or trains between Podgorica and the Albanian city of Shkodra, 60 potholed kilometres to the south. A taxi can drop you off at the border for €15-20, and taxis waiting on the other side may be able to drive you to Shkodra where there are ample onward connections. Taxi companies like Red Line can drop you off in Shkodra for €35. Alternatively and cheaper, take a bus to Ulcinj and hop on the bus to **Shkodra** from there, departing from the messy main market square at 06:30 and 13:00 and taking three hours (bookings tel. +382 69 330482, +382 30 41 11 05). You'll find travel information about Shkodra and Tirana at www.albania.inyourpocket.com.

64 72 22/+382 69 26 82 68, razvršjerentacar@t-com.me, www.razvršjerentacar.me. ▶ Open 08:00 - 20:00. Closed Sat, Sun.

Renault Podgorica airport, tel. +382 69 01 23 25/+382 20 65 30 67, www.renaultrenttme.com. ▶ Open 08:00 - 20:00.

Rokšped K-3, Josipa Broza Tita 30, tel. +382 20 44 55 55/+382 69 32 72 71, fax +382 20 44 55 32, www.rokšped.com. ▶ Open 08:00 - 20:00, Sat 08:00 - 18:00. Closed Sun.

Taxis

Podgorica's taxi companies are in general refreshingly reliable at switching on their meters. There's no flagfall charge, and all companies charge about €0.40-0.50/km with a waiting rate of €0.10/minute. Ordering a taxi by telephone or SMS costs nothing extra, and all companies should have someone available who can speak English. A taxi to the airport should cost €5. Ordered in advance, a ride to Cetinje is €13, Budva €25, Kotor €35, Dubrovnik (HR) €90, Shkodra (AL) €35, Belgrade (RS) €200.

City Tel. +382 197 11, www.citytaxi.com.

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Elite Tel. +382 197 08.

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1 2 3 4 5 6 7	ČAČAK, UŽICE, ZLATIBOR	20:45	03:45
1 2 3 4 5 6 7	ČAČAK, UŽICE, ZLATIBOR	21:35	04:35
1 2 3 4 5 6 7	ČAČAK, UŽICE, ZLATIBOR	22:30	05:30
1 2 3 4 5 6 7	ČAČAK, UŽICE, ZLATIBOR	24:40	07:40

Airports

Podgorica Airport (Aerodrom Podgorica) Golubovci, tel. +382 20 44 42 44/+382 20 44 42 33, fax +382 20 44 42 21, info@apm.co.me, www.montenegroairports.com. Podgorica's gleaming modern airport is 8km from the city centre, and still carries the TGD code from its Titograd glory days. To get to the airport, hop on the Montenegro Airlines bus (tickets €3) that departs 90 minutes before each of their flights from in front of the Dialogue Café on Trg Republike. A taxi will cost about €5-10 if you order it in advance.

Tivat Airport (Aerodrom Tivat) Tivat, tel. +382 32 67 09 60, fax +382 32 67 09 50, dispatch@aptivat.com, www.montenegroairports.com. Montenegro's other airport, coded TIV, is four kilometres south of Tivat on the Adriatic coast, close to Kotor, and about 90km from Podgorica. It mainly receives Belgrade flights and charter airlines, but is a candidate for budget flights.

Airlines

Adria Airways B-2, Ivana Vujoševića 46, tel. +382 20 12 01/+382 67 24 11 54, fax +382 20 24 11 54, oklairtgd@com.me, www.adria-airways.com. ▶ Open 09:00 - 16:00. Closed Sat, Sun.

Austrian Airlines Golubovci bb (airport), tel. +382 20 65 33 50, office.tgd@austrian.com, www.austrian.com. ▶ Open 08:00 - 16:00, Sun 12:00 - 16:00.

Croatia Airlines B-2, Ivana Vujoševića 46 (Oki Air), tel. +382 20 12 01/+382 67 24 11 54, fax +382 20 24 11 54, oklairtgd@com.me, www.croatiaairlines.com. ▶ Open 09:00 - 16:00. Closed Sat, Sun.

Flight schedule

From Podgorica			To Podgorica			
Dep.	Arr.	Days	City	Dep.	Arr.	Days
06:15	07:15	1 2 3 4 5 6 7	BELGRADE (JU)	07:50	08:50	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
09:25	10:25	1 2 3 4 5 6 7	BELGRADE (JU)	17:40	18:40	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
19:15	20:15	1 2 3 4 5 6 7	BELGRADE (JU)	20:45	21:45	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
7:15	8:00	1 2 3 4 5 6 7	BELGRADE (YM)	8:35	9:20	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
18:30	19:15	1 2 3 4 5 6 7	BELGRADE (YM)	19:50	20:35	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
11:45	13:55	1 - 3 - 5 - 7	FRANKFURT (YM)	14:40	16:30	1 - 3 - 5 - 7
15:50	16:50	---- 5 - 7	LJUBLJANA (YM)	17:30	18:30	---- 5 - 7
15:15	16:30	1 - 3 - 4 ---	LJUBLJANA (JP)	13:30	14:45	1 - 3 - 4 ---
15:50	16:50	---- 5 - 7	LJUBLJANA (JP)	17:30	18:30	---- 5 - 7
10:00	15:20	--- 4 -- 7	MOSCOW (YM)	17:20	18:40	--- 4 -- 7
10:20	13:00	- 2 --- 6 -	PARIS (YM)	14:00	16:25	- 2 --- 6 -
10:50	12:00	- 2 ----	ROME (YM)	14:00	15:10	---- 5 --
10:45	11:55	---- 5 --	ROME (YM)	15:00	16:10	- 2 ----
17:30	18:40	----- 7	ROME (YM)	19:40	20:50	----- 7
17:15	18:00	1 2 3 4 5 6 7	NIŠ (YM)	08:15	9:00	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
8:05	9:35	1 - 3 -- 6 -	VIENNA (YM)	10:50	12:05	1 - 3 -- 6 -
15:00	16:30	1 2 - 4 5 - 7	VIENNA (OS)	12:50	14:25	1 2 - 4 5 - 7
8:00	9:30	-- 3 -- 6 -	VIENNA (OS)	10:30	12:00	-- 3 -- 6 -
15:55	17:05	1 - 3 - 5 --	ZAGREB (OU)	14:10	15:20	1 - 3 - 5 --
10:30	12:30	-- 3 - 5 - 7	ZURICH (YM)	13:30	15:20	-- 3 - 5 - 7
12:30	15:15	- 2 - 4 -- 7	ISTANBUL (THY)	11:30	10:45	- 2 - 4 -- 7

Airline codes: Adria Airways JP, Austrian Airlines OS, Croatia Airlines OU, Jat Airways JU, Montenegro Airlines YM, Siberia Airlines S7, Turkish Airlines - THY

Jat Airways E-2, Njegoševa 25 (Hotel Eminent), tel. +382 20 66 47 40/+382 20 66 47 50, fax +382 20 66 53 30, podgoricato@jat.com, www.jat.com. ▶ Open 09:00 - 17:00, Sat 09:00 - 14:00. Closed Sun.

Montenegro Airlines E-2, Slobode 23, tel. +382 20 66 44 33/+382 20 44 51 05 (airport), office.podgorica@mgx.me, www.montenegroairlines.com. Flights to Belgrade, Frankfurt, Ljubljana, Paris, Pristina, Rome, Vienna and Zurich. ▶ Open 08:00 - 20:00, Sat 08:00 - 14:00. Closed Sun.

Turkish Airlines E-4, Bratstva i Jedinstva 85 (Mall of Montenegro), tel. +382 20 63 48 49/+382 20 65 31 08 (Airport), mivanovic@thy.com, www.turkishairlines.com. Flights to Istanbul. ▶ Open 09:00 - 17:00, Sun 09:00 - 14:00. Closed Sat.



The Novi Grad district

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Bicycles

Podgorica is small and flat - and two wheels are all you really need to get around. Rent them here.

Tempo Rent-a-Bike E-4, Bratstva i Jedinstva 57, tel. +382 20 62 36 32, tempobike@t-com.me, www.tempoco.me. Bicycles for rent for €5-10 per day. Near the Mall of Montenegro. ▶ Open 09:00 - 21:00. Closed Sun.

Travel agencies

Atlas Tours C-2, Bul. Svetog Petra Cetinjskog 15, tel. +382 20 20 31 11, fax +382 20 20 31 10, atlastours@t-com.me, www.atlasmne.com. ▶ Open 08:00 - 16:00. Closed Sun.

Gallileo A-1, Džordža Vašingtona bb, tel. +382 20 22 95 90, fax +382 20 22 95 92, gallileo@t-com.me, www.gallileo.travel. ▶ Open 09:00 - 20:00, Sat 09:00 - 14:00. Closed Sun.

Gorbis A-2, Bul. Revolucije, Poslovni Centar Kruševac, tel. +382 20 20 52 15, fax +382 20 20 52 35, office.pg@gorbis.com, www.gorbis.com. ▶ Open 08:00 - 16:00. Closed Sat, Sun.

Grand E-1, 19. Decembra 5, tel. +382 20 66 76 70/+382 20 66 76 71, fax +382 20 66 46 66, grand@grand.me, www.grand.me. ▶ Open 08:00 - 18:00, Sat 09:00 - 13:00. Closed Sun.

Laketours B-2, Ivana Vujoševića 20, tel. +382 20 24 22 42/+382 69 32 04 04, fax +382 20 20 28 00, laketours@kingsmn.me, www.kingsmn.com. ▶ Open 09:00 - 19:00, Sat 09:00 - 13:00. Closed Sun.

Montenegro Adventures B-1, Jovana Tomaševića 35, tel. +382 69 31 56 01/+382 20 20 80 00, info@montenegro-adventures.com, www.montenegro-adventures.com. ▶ Open 08:00 - 20:00, Sat 09:00 - 15:00. Closed Sun.



Old-style shops in central Podgorica

JvM

How to get in touch with the loved ones you left behind or came to meet.

Express mail

If you want your mail to arrive fast and for sure, use express mail.

City Express Sergeja Jesenjina 7, tel. +382 20 64 11 66, fax +382 20 63 35 19, backoffice@cityexpress.me, www.cityexpress.me. ▶ Open 08:00 - 16:00.

DHL E-2, Marka Miljanova 52, tel./fax +382 20 63 39 22, www.dhl.rs. ▶ Open 09:00 - 17:00, Sat 09:00 - 13:00. Closed Sun.

FedEx G-3, Vojislavljevića 66, tel. +382 20 64 34 26, fax +382 20 64 34 25, www.fedex.com/me. ▶ Open 08:00 - 17:00. Closed Sat, Sun.

Montenomaks G-1, Ćurilac bb, tel. +382 20 60 12 35/+382 69 04 01 97, fax +382 20 62 22 83, podgorica.montenomaks.co.me, www.montenomaks.com. ▶ Open 08:00 - 18:00, Sat 08:00 - 16:00. Closed Sun.

TNT Cijevna bb, tel. +382 20 60 64 50, tnt.timkop@t-com.me, www.timkop.me. ▶ Open 08:00 - 17:00, Sat 09:00 - 12:00. Closed Sun.

UPS Cijevna bb, tel. +382 20 60 64 30, fax +382 20 64 31, www.ups.com. ▶ Open 08:00 - 16:00.

Internet cafés

Internet cafés in Podgorica are not as widespread as in the coastal resorts, but once you've located one you'll only pay around €1 per hour. Note that in 2009 Montenegro's country domain changed from *.cg.yu* to *.me*, offering the global porn industry wonderful new URL opportunities.

Foto Riva D-2, Njegoševa 38, tel. +382 20 66 55 99, fax +382 20 66 46 82, rivapg@t-com.me. ▶ Open 09:00 - 21:00, Sat 09:00 - 15:00. Closed Sun.

Karver E-3, Obala Ribnice, Cvjetin brijeg bb, tel. +382 20 60 26 25, fax +382 20 60 26 26, karver@t-com.me, www.karver.org. Paid access above the café of the same name, inside the old Turkish bath complex. There's free wifi too. ▶ Open 09:00 - 23:30.

WWW Club D-2, Bokoška 4, tel. +382 69 45 20 69. A lively bar with several PCs for surfing. ▶ Open 08:00 - 02:00.

Laptop login

Travellers will find many cafés, restaurants and hotels in Podgorica offering free wireless internet, for which you only need WLAN on your laptop, and possibly an access code from the waiter or reception. 3G (HSDPA) internet is now available in 20% of Montenegro, including all of Podgorica, with the rest of the country adequately covered by UMTS, EDGE and GPRS. Wireless USB modems are sold by all three mobile phone operators. Recharge vouchers cost €20

for 2GB of data. Residents can contact T-Com and M:tel for WIMAX and ADSL home packages. Dial-up services are still offered by T-Com for remote areas.

Mobile phones

Montenegrins are as mobile phone mad as anyone in the Balkans, and the network coverage in cities, main roads and along the coast in Montenegro is good. Anyone can buy a local prepaid SIM card for about €5 to avoid paying high roaming charges when calling or being called, and you can use them abroad too. They're for sale at mobile phone shops, post offices and kiosks, and no ID or registration is required.

m:tel E-2, Vuka Karadžića 8, tel. +382 68 98 68, www.mtel-cg.com. ▶ Open 08:00 - 21:00, Sat 08:00 - 14:00. Closed Sun.

Telenor A-1, Bul. Džordža Vašingtona 83, tel. +382 20 23 50 00, info@telenor.me, www.telenor.me. ▶ Open 08:00 - 16:00. Closed Sun.

T-Mobile E-2, Slobode 80, tel. +382 67 15 00, callcenter@telekom.me, www.t-mobile.me. ▶ Open 08:00 - 20:00, Sat 08:00 - 14:00. Closed Sun.

Post

Stamps are for sale at post offices and at the kiosks near the main post office. Sending a postcard or a 20g letter from Podgorica costs €0.25 within Montenegro, and €0.50 to any destination abroad.

Main Post Office (Pošta Crne Gore) D-3, Slobode 1, tel. +382 20 66 54 34/+382 19 801, info@postacg.me, www.postacg.me. There are secondary post offices with more limited opening hours at ul. Orahovačka bb, Moskovska 32, Bul. Sv. Petra Cetinjskog 121 and ul. Bratstva i Jedinstva bb. ▶ Open 07:00 - 20:00. Closed Sun.

Telephones

Payphones

Card-operated payphones are scattered throughout town. Cards worth €3 to €5 can be purchased at kiosks and post offices.

Making calls

To phone abroad from Montenegro, dial the international access number (00), the country code (382), the area code and the subscriber's number.

For calls within Montenegro, dial the city code and the subscriber's number. Podgorica numbers have six digits. Mobile telephone numbers start with 063, 067, 068 or 069.

To call to Montenegro from abroad, dial the international access number (usually 00), the country code (382), the city or mobile phone number (dropping the initial 0; Podgorica is 20) followed by the subscriber's number.

Montenegro telephone codes

Bar	030	Kotor	032
Berane	051	Nikšić	040
Bijelo Polje	050	Pjeverlja	052
Budva	033	Podgorica	020
Cetinje	041	Rožaje	051
Herceg Novi	031	Ulcinj	030
Kolašin	020		

Shopping in Podgorica can be a delightfully old-world experience, as it is full of small shops and boutiques that require plenty of strolling around. The arrival of the large Delta City mall on Podgorica's outskirts has certainly effected the city centre shops, but the city centre struck back with newly lit and pedestrianised streets, so it's uncertain what its lasting effect will be. Many upmarket fashion boutiques can be found along Bulevard Džordža Vašingtona in the Novi Grad district.

Art

AI Gallery D-2, Karadordeva 6, tel. +382 20 66 46 08, algallery@t-com.me. Montenegrin paintings and sculptures from the 20th and 21st centuries. ▶ Open 09:00 - 14:00, 17:00 - 20:00. Closed Sun.

Miki D-2, Njegoševa 60, tel. +382 20 66 41 07/+382 67 32 11 11. Modern, traditional and magic realism paintings. ▶ Open 09:00 - 20:00. Closed Sun.

Books & Magazines

Bega Press E-2, Novaka Miloševa 10. Local books and stationery supplies. ▶ Open 07:00 - 21:00, Sun 07:00 - 13:00.

Gradska Knjižara E-2, Trg Republike 40, tel. +382 20 21 03 75, knjizara@t-com.me. The main city centre bookshop only has a small selection of tourism-related books in English. ▶ Open 08:00 - 22:00. Closed Sun.

Karver E-3, Obala Ribnice, Cvjetin brljeg bb, tel. +382 20 60 26 25, karver@t-com.me, www.karver.org. The funkier bookshop in town, worth a visit for the atmosphere. Located inside Podgorica's old Turkish bath house, find a rather meagre selection of English-language books under the dome in the middle. ▶ Open 09:00 - 22:00. Closed Sun.

Mamut G-2, Cetinjski put bb (Delta City mall), tel. +382 20 29 00 04, www.ips.rs. The only reasonable bookshop in town, with a tiny English section. Ordering foreign books via Belgrade takes up to six weeks, enough time to write a novel yourself. ▶ Open 10:00 - 22:00, Sun 10:00 - 20:00. [€]

Sv. Jovan Vladimir D-2, Njegoševa 27, tel. +382 20 66 40 03. In the midst of all the cafés and bars belting out loud music, this small Orthodox Christian shop sells religious books, icons, cards and crosses. Lest you forget where we all end up. ▶ Open 08:00 - 20:00. Closed Sun.

Computers

Jabbuka D-2, Njegoševa 9, tel. +382 20 66 56 63, www.jabbuka.com. Sales and repair of all Apple items. ▶ Open 10:00 - 20:00. Closed Sun. [€]

Tagor C-2, Svetozara Markovića 18, tel. +382 20 23 84 31, www.tagor.co.me. Quite possibly the best place in the city to come and have your laptop fixed, or for any other computer-related issues. ▶ Open 07:00 - 15:00, Sat 09:00 - 15:00. Closed Sun.

Electronics

Technomarket K-3, Josipa Broza Tita 18, tel. +382 78 11 31 14, www.technomarket.me. Toasters to televisions, hi-fi to hairdriers. ▶ Open 08:30 - 21:00. Closed Sun.

Fashion & Shoes

Bata E-2, Slobode 15, tel. +382 20 66 76 00, batakatar@t-com.me. Affordable shoe fashion. ▶ Open 09:00 - 21:00. Closed Sun. [€]



Podgorica's market hall

Benneton E-2, Novaka Miloševa 14, tel. +382 20 23 15 44, beneton@t-com.me. A small shop selling genuine gear. Smashing coloured suitcases too. ▶ Open 08:30 - 21:30. Closed Sun.

Beretta E-2, Bašiča 37, tel. +382 20 21 50 30, milanju@t-com.me. Outdoor gear inside the Ražnatović mall. ▶ Open 09:00 - 21:00. Closed Sun.

Diesel A-2, Bul. Džordža Vašingtona bb, tel. +382 20 23 46 35, www.diesel.com. Diesel denim and other clothing. ▶ Open 09:00 - 21:00. Closed Sun. [€]

DVD Sport Open Trade E-2, Slobode 72, tel. +382 20 66 42 54, opentrade@t-com.me. Puma sport fashion. ▶ Open 08:30 - 22:00. Closed Sun. [€]

Ermeneildo Zegna A-2, Bul. Džordža Vašingtona bb, tel. +382 20 22 83 36, www.samms.co.me. Stylish Italian men's clothes. ▶ Open 09:00 - 21:00. Closed Sun. [€]

Esprit (Sportina) G-2, Cetinjski put bb (Delta City mall), tel. +382 67 26 33 97, esprit.deltacitypg@sportina.rt, www.sportina.si. Upmarket fashion for young people. ▶ Open 09:00 - 22:00, Sun 09:00 - 20:00. [€]

Haos E-2, Čelebić A/14, tel. +382 69 33 19 01. Alternative, trendy fashion. ▶ Open 09:00 - 21:00. Closed Sun.

Lacoste A-2, Bul. Džordža Vašingtona bb, tel. +382 20 23 49 03, samms@t-com.me, www.samms.co.me. Selling the stylish French brand with the croc. ▶ Open 09:00 - 21:00. Closed Sun. [€]

Marina Rinaldi A-2, Bul. Džordža Vašingtona bb, tel. +382 69 07 37 59, www.marinarinaldi.com. Upmarket ladies' fashion. ▶ Open 09:00 - 21:00. Closed Sun.

Navigare E-2, Hercegovačka 46, tel. +382 20 66 56 40, lombardia@t-com.me. Look like a sailor with bright Italian Yachting brand clothes. ▶ Open 09:00 - 21:00. Closed Sun.

Nikola'S E-2, Marka Miljanova 17, tel. +382 20 23 07 41. Leisure and business clothing. ▶ Open 09:00 - 21:00, Sat 09:00 - 18:00. Closed Sun. [€]

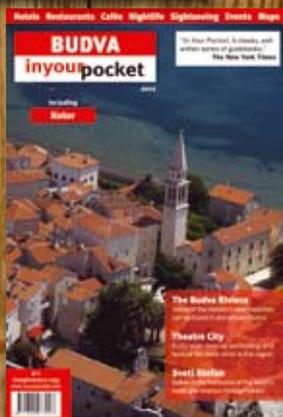
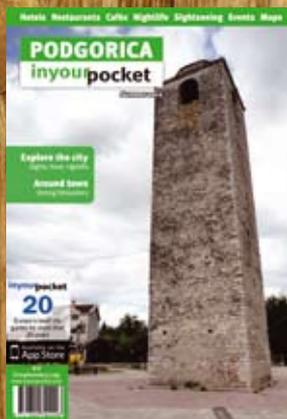
Orsay (Sportina) G-2, Cetinjski put bb (Delta City mall), tel. +382 67 26 33 96, www.orsay.de. Affordable ladies' fashion. ▶ Open 10:00 - 22:00, Sun 10:00 - 20:00. [€]

Oviesse G-2, Cetinjski put bb (Delta City), tel. +382 69 30 31 13. Italian fashion for men and women. ▶ Open 10:00 - 22:00, Sun 10:00 - 20:00.

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Pal Zileri D-2, Njegoševa 16, tel. +382 20 66 45 34.

Upmarket clothes. ▶ Open 09:00 - 21:00. Closed Sun. [CE]

Paul & Shark A-2, Bul. Džordža Vašingtona bb,

tel. +382 20 23 49 01, www.samms.co.me. Yacht-

ing-themed clothing. ▶ Open 09:00 - 21:00. Closed

Sun. [CE]

PS Fashion D-2, Hercegovačka 52, tel. +382 68 11

17 63. The Serbian Mango; trendy young women's clothes.

▶ Open 08:30 - 22:00. Closed Sun. [CE]

Replay E-2, Slobode 25, tel. +382 20 66 42 44,

replaycg@t-com.me. Jeans and other hip clothes. ▶ Open

09:00 - 21:00. Closed Sun. [CE]

Six G-2, Cetinjski put bb (Delta City mall), tel. +382 20

26 33 95, www.sportina.si. Trendy ladies' fashion. ▶ Open

10:00 - 22:00, Sun 10:00 - 20:00. [CE]

S. Oliver B-2, Moskovska 33, tel. +382 20 22 83 28,

soliver@t-com.me, www.soliver-montenegro.me. Stylish

womenswear, also at Džordža Vašingtona 77 for men. ▶ Open

09:00 - 21:00. Closed Sun. [CE]

Tally Weijl (Sportina) G-2, Cetinjski put bb (Delta

City mall), tel. +382 20 26 33 98, www.tally-weijl.com. Interesting ladies' fashion. ▶ Open 10:00 - 22:00, Sun

10:00 - 20:00. [CE]

Terranova E-2, Trg Republike 4. Trendy clothes for young

men and women. Inside the Podgoričanka building. ▶ Open

09:00 - 21:00. Closed Sun.

XYZ (Sportina) G-2, Cetinjski put bb (Delta City mall),

tel. +382 67 26 33 94, xyz.deltacity@sportina.me,

www.sportina.si. Trendy, multibrand high fashion. ▶ Open

10:00 - 22:00, Sun 10:00 - 20:00. [CE]

Food & Drink

Roda Market E-2, Slobode 43, tel. +382 20 66 48

10. Perhaps a tad overhyped, Carine has a small but handy

supermarket in the basement of its popular food emporium.

Also on Skopska. ▶ Open 06:30 - 22:00.

For the home

Habitat A-3, Bul. Džordža Vašingtona 11, tel. +382 20

22 80 09/+382 69 06 63 50, habitatcg@t-com.me.

▶ Open 08:00 - 21:00. Closed Sun.

Gifts & Souvenirs

Tabacco Shop E-3, Bul. Sv Petra Cetinjskog 2, tel. +382

69 39 90 15. The tobacco and souvenir shop inside the Crna

Gora hotel sells Montenegro T-shirts (€15), postcards, CDs

and photo books. ▶ Open 07:00 - 22:00, Sat 08:00 - 16:00,

Sun 08:00 - 14:00. [CE]

Jewellery & Watches

Monte Jewellery & Watches D-2, Hercegovačka, tel.

+382 67 64 39 70, montejw@t-com.me. ▶ Open 09:00 -

22:00. Closed Sun. [CE]

Mobile phones

GSM Planet D-2, Vučedolska 9, tel. +382 20 66 52

96/+382 69 88 81 55, batogsm@hotmail.com. ▶ Open

09:00 - 21:00. Closed Sun.

Musical instruments

Gloria E-1, Vaka Đurovića bb, tel. +382 20 66 44 14,

gloria-music@hotmail.com. Music shop with a wide range

of instruments, amps and expert advice. In the stadium.

▶ Open 09:00 - 21:00.

Photography

Foto Boni D-3, Slobode 5, tel. +382 20 66 75 05/+382 20 66 74 04, office@fotoboni.net, www.fotoboni.net.
 ▶ Open 07:00 - 21:00, Sat 09:00 - 17:00. Closed Sun.

Foto Nikić Digital E-2, Bul. Ivana Crnojevića 107, tel. +382 20 66 41 04, radnja@fotonikic.com, www.fotonikic.com. Photo and business card printing, DVD burning, films, camera repair. ▶ Open 07:00 - 21:00. Closed Sun.

Shopping centres

Alexandar Business Centar D-2, Hercegovačka 12, tel. +382 68 80 04 10, bcalexandar@t-com.me, www.bcalexandar.com. Shopping gallery with Cotton men's fashion, Diva women's fashion and Euphoria jewellery shops. ▶ Open 09:00 - 21:00. Closed Sun. [CE]

Atlas Centar A-2, Cetinjski put bb, tel. +382 20 40 98 22, office@c21cre.me, www.atlascentar.com. Opening in 2012, this large development with shops, offices, apartments and a hotel is set to become a new focal point in the Novi Grad district.

Centar Milenium E-2, Hercegovačka 31, tel. +382 20 66 52 16. A small shopping gallery, home to fashion and shoes shops. ▶ Open 09:00 - 21:00. Closed Sun. [CE]

Delta City G-2, Cetinjski put bb, tel. +382 800 200 30 01 00/+382 68 87 86 31, mall@deltacity.me, www.deltacity.me. Montenegro's first proper *SoPing-Mol* lives up to expectations, with a Super Maxi supermarket (open from 08:00), a good range of shoe and clothing shops (OVS, Mango, Zara, Aldo, Nike, Bershka, Pull and Bear, XYZ), Neptun electronics, Mamut books, the Ster cinema complex, a Costa Coffee outlet and a sports café. Buses N°2 and 5 pass by. ▶ Open 10:00 - 22:00, Sun 10:00 - 20:00.

Mall of Montenegro E-4, Bratstva i Jedinstva 85, tel. +382 20 62 53 14, www.mallofmontenegro.com. Opened in early 2010, this is the largest mall in the country, with the large Mercator supermarket and the lively adjoining fresh produce market (*zelena pijaca*) as anchors, as well as a pharmacy, bank, fashion and sports shops, a bowling alley, fitness centre and virtual shooting range. Near the train and bus stations, and reached on buses N°1, 7, 8, 9. ▶ Open 09:00-22:00, supermarket 07:00-22:00.

Podgoričanka E-2, Trg Republike 4, tel. +382 20 23 08 64. Furniture in the basement, footwear, perfume, ladies clothes and souvenirs on the ground floor and even more wonderful surprises at the top of the escalator. It'll be interesting to see how long this wonderful communist-era shopping treat can hold out against the creeping claws of international capitalism. ▶ Open 08:00 - 21:00. Closed Sun. [CE]

RM Centar D-2, Hercegovačka 10, tel. +382 69 01 35 18. Shopping gallery with MNT watches and a Stylos stationary and suitcases shop. ▶ Open 08:00 - 21:00. Closed Sun. [CE]

Speciality shops

Havana Cigar Shop E-2, Slobode 28. Cuban Cohiba cigars, smoking accessories, rum and other liquor. ▶ Open 09:00 - 21:00.

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Baby Trend 1 E-2, Trg Republike bb, tel. +382 69 32 69 49. ▶ Open 08:30 - 21:00. Closed Sun.

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McCann Erickson B-1, Moskovska bb, tel. +382 77 27 30 00, fax +382 77 27 30 12, office@mccannpr.co.me, www.mccann.co.me. ▶ Open 09:00 - 17:00. Closed Sat, Sun.

Montimprex C-4, Crnogorskih serdara bb, tel. +382 20 60 14 20, montimprex@t-com.me, www.montimprex.co.me. ▶ Open 08:00 - 16:00. Closed Sun.

Strawberry Montenegro J-1, Malo brdo N3/4-9, tel. +382 69 31 08 48, office@strawberry-mne.com, www.strawberry-mne.com.

Banks

Atlasmont Banka B-2, Bul Svetog Petra Cetinjskog 117, tel. +382 20 40 79 16, fax +382 20 40 79 76, www.atlasmontbanka.com. ▶ Open 08:00 - 16:00, Sat 08:00 - 13:00. Closed Sun.

Hipotekarna Banka K-3, Josipa Broza Tita 67, tel. +382 20 44 43 01, hipotekarna@hb.co.me, www.hb.co.me. ▶ Open 08:00 - 16:00. Closed Sun.

NLB Montenegrobanka D-1, Stanka Dragojevića 46, tel. +382 20 40 20 00, fax 382 20 40 22 12, info@montenegro-banka.com, www.nlb.me. ▶ Open 08:00 - 20:00, Sat 08:00 - 13:00. Closed Sun.

Podgorička Banka E-2, Novaka Miloševa 8a, tel. +382 20 40 51 00, fax +382 20 40 51 07, info.pgbanka@socgen.com, www.pgbanka.com. ▶ Open 09:00 - 17:00. Closed Sat, Sun.

Beauty & Wellness

Gala Wellness Club B-2, Moskovska 65, tel. +382 20 22 84 13, gala@t-com.me. ▶ Open 13:00 - 21:00.

Salon Orijente E-1, Bul Ivana Crnojevića (stadion pod Goricom), tel. +382 20 66 58 50, salon.orientepodmail.com. Holistic healing therapy with a wide range of massage techniques such as Swedish, Ayurvedic, forearm, elbow, four hand, foot and sports. ▶ Open 09:00 - 21:00. Closed Sun.

Business connections

Adria Management Group B-2, Moskovska 16, tel. +382 69 52 99 83, marketing@adriamanagementgroup.com, www.adriamanagementgroup.com.

Chamber of Economy of Montenegro Novaka Miloševa 29-II, tel. +382 20 23 05 45, fax +382 20 22 04 93, pkcg@pkcg.org, www.pkcg.org.

Dentists

Suljević E-2, Slobode 63/3, tel. +382 69 01 42 58.
 ▶ Open 11:00 - 18:00, Sat 11:00 - 14:00. Closed Sun.

Foreign representations

Many consulates have been converted into embassies since Montenegro's independence, though not all offer consular services, referring to the larger embassies in Serbia. A full list of embassies in Belgrade can be found at www.belgrade.inyourpocket.com.

Albania K-3, Stanka Dragojevića 14, tel. +382 20 66 73 80, fax +382 20 66 73 81, embassy.podgorica@mfa.gov.al. ▶ Open 08:00 - 16:00. Closed Sat, Sun.

Austria D-4, Bul Svetog Petra Cetinjskog 1/A VI, tel. +382 20 20 11 35, fax +382 20 24 35 44, podgorica-ob@bmaa.gv.at. ▶ Open 08:00 - 16:00. Closed Sat, Sun.

Bosnia & Herzegovina K-1, Atinska 58, tel. +382 20 61 80 15, fax +382 20 61 80 16, amb.podgorica@mvp.gov.ba. ▶ Open 09:00 - 17:00. Closed Sat, Sun.

Bulgaria K-1, Vukice Mitrovića 10, tel. +382 20 65 50 09, fax +382 20 65 50 08, bg.embassy.me@abv.bg.
 ▶ Open 09:00 - 15:30. Closed Sat, Sun.

China J-3, Radosava Burića 4a, tel. +382 20 60 92 75, fax +382 20 60 92 96, chinaemb_me@mfa.gov.cn.
 ▶ Open 08:30 - 15:00.

Croatia G-1, Vladimira Četkovića 2, tel. +382 20 26 97 60, fax +382 20 26 98 10, croemb.podgorica@mvpel.hr. ▶ Open 09:00 - 17:00. Closed Sat, Sun.

France K-1, Atinska 35, tel. +382 20 65 53 48, fax +382 20 65 56 43, ambafrance@ambafrance.co.me, www.ambafrance-me.org. ▶ Open 09:00 - 17:00. Closed Sat, Sun.

Germany D-2, Hercegovačka 10, tel. +382 20 44 10 00, fax +382 20 66 72 85, deutsche.botschaft@t-com.me, www.podgorica.diplo.de. ▶ Open 09:00 - 17:00. Closed Sat, Sun.

Greece K-1, Atinska 4, tel. +382 20 65 55 44, fax +382 20 65 55 43, gremb.pod@mfa.gr. ▶ Open 08:30 - 15:30. Closed Sat, Sun.

Hungary D-4, Kralja Nikole 104, tel. +382 20 60 29 10, fax +382 20 62 52 43, mission.pdg@kum.hu, www.mfa.gov.hu/emb/podgorica. ▶ Open 08:00 - 16:30. Closed Sat, Sun.

Italy A-2, Bul. Džordža Vašingtona 83, tel. +382 20 23 46 61, fax +382 20 23 46 63, segreteria.podgorica@esteri.it, www.conspodgorica.esteri.it/ambasciata_podgorica. ▶ Open 09:00 - 17:00, Fri 09:00 - 14:00. Closed Sat, Sun.

Macedonia E-2, Hercegovačka 49/3, tel. +382 20 66 74 15, fax +382 20 66 72 05, podgorica@mfa.gov.mk.
 ▶ Open 09:00 - 17:00. Closed Sat, Sun.

Poland K-3, Kozaračka 79, tel. +382 20 60 83 20, fax +382 20 65 85 81, podgorica.amb.sekretariat@msz.gov.pl, www.podgorica.polemb.net. ▶ Open 09:00 - 16:00. Closed Sat, Sun.

Romania K-1, Vukice Mitrović 40, tel. +382 20 61 80 40, fax +382 20 65 50 81, ambs.romania.mne@t-com.me. ▶ Open 09:00 - 13:00, Wed 14:30 - 16:00. Closed Sat, Sun.

Russia Velšhe Muškoje 1, tel. +382 20 27 24 60, fax +382 20 27 23 17, info@ambarus.me. ▶ Open 08:00 - 16:15. Closed Sat, Sun.

Serbia D-2, Hercegovačka 18, tel. +382 20 66 73 05, fax +382 20 66 43 01, embassy.podgorica@mfa.rs.
 ▶ Open 09:30 - 13:30. Closed Sat, Sun.

Slovenia K-1, Atinska 41, tel. +382 20 61 81 50, fax +382 20 65 56 71, kpg@gov.si, www.podgorica.embassy.si. ▶ Open 08:00 - 16:00. Closed Sat, Sun.

Turkey J-3, Radosava Burića bb, tel. +382 20 44 57 00, fax +382 20 44 57 77, podgorica.be@mfa.gov.tr. ▶ Open 10:00 - 16:00. Closed Sat, Sun.

Ukraine C-1, Serdara Jola Piletića 15, tel. +382 20 22 75 21, fax +382 20 22 71 81, emb_me@mfa.gov.ua, www.mfa.gov.ua/montenegro. ▶ Open 09:00 - 18:00. Closed Sat, Sun.

United Arab Emirates A-2, Bul Svetog Petra Cetinjskog 147, tel. +382 20 41 14 01, fax +382 20 41 14 02.
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United Kingdom K-1, Ulcinjska 8, Gorica C, tel. +382

20 61 80 10, fax +382 20 61 80 20, podgorica@fco.gov.uk, www.ukinmontenegro.fco.gov.uk. ▶ Open 08:00 - 16:00, Fri 08:00 - 12:00. Closed Sat, Sun.

USA B/C-3, Džona Džeksona 2, tel. +382 20 41 05 00, fax +382 20 24 13 58, podgoricaacs@state.gov, <http://podgorica.usembassy.gov>. Visits by appointment only.

Hairdressers

Zoran Hair Academy D-2, Njegoševa 29, tel. +382 20 66 56 46, www.frizerzoran.co.me. Unisex hairdresser. Five other outlets in Podgorica. ▶ Open 08:00 - 20:30. Closed Sun.

Hospitals & Clinics

Codra Medica J-3, Radosava Burića bb, tel. +382 20 64 83 34/+382 20 64 83 35, fax +382 20 64 89 69, codramed@t-com.me. ▶ Open 08:00 - 22:00. Closed Sun.

Klinički Centar Crne Gore A-3, Ljubljanska bb, tel. +382 20 41 24 12, fax +382 20 22 52 84.

Insurance

Lovćen Osiguranje E-2, Slobode 13a, tel. +382 20 40 44 04, fax +382 20 40 44 01, info@lo.co.me, www.lovcenosiguranje.co.me. ▶ Open 08:00 - 20:00, Sat 08:00 - 14:00. Closed Sun.

Sava Montenegro Osiguranje A-2, Rimski trg 70 (Poslovni Centar Kruševac), tel./fax +382 20 23 40 08, tel. +382 20 23 44 07, info@sava.co.me, www.sava.co.me. ▶ Open 08:00 - 20:00, Sat 08:00 - 14:00. Closed Sun.

Swiss Osiguranje E-2, Novaka Miloševa 6/2, tel. +382 20 23 07 34, info@swiss-osiguranje.com, www.swiss-osiguranje.com. ▶ Open 08:00 - 16:00. Closed Sun.

International organisations

European Union Delegation E-3, Vuka Karadžića 12, tel. +382 20 44 46 00, fax +382 20 44 46 66, delegation-montenegro@ec.europa.eu, www.delimne.ec.europa.eu. ▶ Open 09:00 - 17:00. Closed Sat, Sun.

OSCE C-2, Bul. Sv Petra Cetinjskog 1a, tel. +382 20 40 64 01, fax +382 20 40 64 31, omim@osce.org, www.osce.org/montenegro. ▶ Open 08:30 - 17:00.

Laundry

Pulito Omladinskih brigada 7, tel. +382 20 23 11 01, pulito@t-com.me. Laundry and dry cleaning. ▶ Open 08:00 - 20:00. Closed Sun.

Lawyers

Čupić C-2, Svetozara Markovića 19, tel. +382 20 24 83 77, branoccupic@yahoo.com. ▶ Open 09:00 - 17:00. Closed Sun.

Prelević E-2, Bul Svetog Petra Cetinjskog bb, tel. +382 20 23 23 48, fax +382 20 23 23 58, dp@prelevic.com, www.prelevic.com. ▶ Open 09:00 - 17:00. Closed Sat, Sun.

Municipality

Town Hall (Opština) D-2, Njegoševa 13, tel. +382 20 66 50 77, fax +382 20 66 50 42, gp@opstina.t-com.me, www.podgorica.me. Podgorica's mayor is Dr. Miomir Mugoša.



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Monokl E-2, Vijećac Kosovskih Junaka 1, tel. +382 20 21 92 09/+382 20 21 92 10, optika-monokl@t-com.me. Podgorica, Blok V ▶ Open 08:00 - 20:00. Closed Sun.

Pharmacies

Vita E-2, Vuka Karadžića 4, tel. +382 20 23 10 07/+382 20 23 09 96. ▶ Open 08:00 - 02:00. Closed Sun.

Real estate

Century 21 Capital Real Estate Bulevar Džordža Vašingtona bb, tel. +382 20 40 98 22, fax +382 20 40 98 08, office@c21cre.me, www.c21cre.me. Responsible for the new Atlas Century development in Novi Grad. ▶ Open 08:00 - 20:00. Closed Sat, Sun.

Sports

City Cyber E-4, Bratstva i Jedinstva 85 (Mall of Montenegro), tel. +382 69 75 72 42. A virtual shooting range with guns and virtual targets. 10 shots for €1. ▶ Open 09:00 - 22:00, Sun 09:00 - 20:00.

City Stadium (Gradski stadion) E-1, Vuka Đurovića 2/14b, tel. +382 20 66 42 94. The city-centre football stadium is used by the local Budućnost football club and Montenegro's national team. ▶ Tickets up to €8.

Montenegro Squash Centar K-3, Put Radomira Ivanovića bb, tel. +382 20 65 83 40, montenegro-squash@t-com.me, www.montenegrosquash.com. A modern squash centre with 2 courts as well as aerobic, pilates and yoga sessions. ▶ Open 08:00 - 23:00, Sat, Sun 09:00 - 23:00.

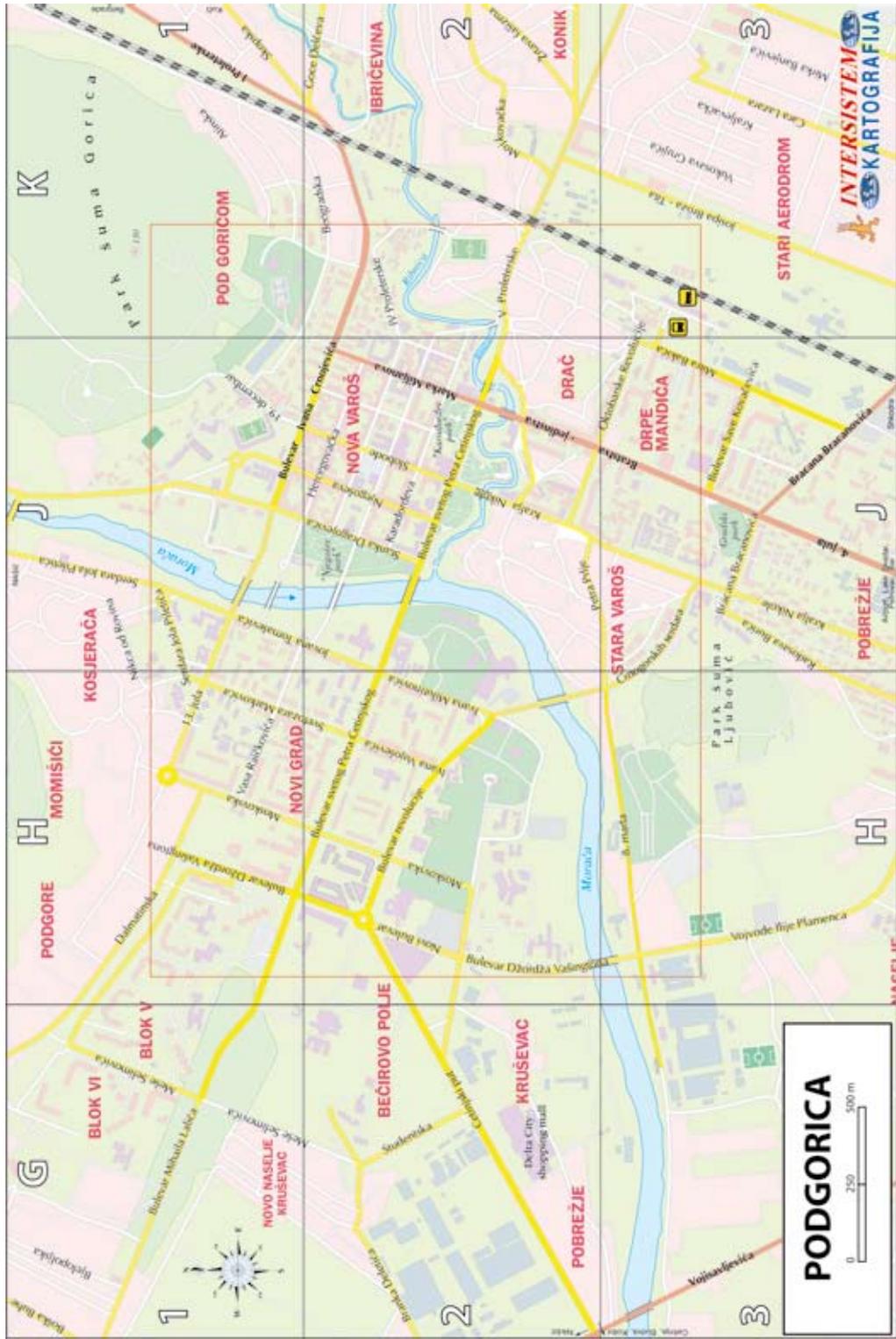
Planet Bowling E-4, Bratstva i Jedinstva 85 (Mall of Montenegro), tel. +382 20 62 47 98. A new bowling centre with 12 bowling lanes, 12 pool tables, a café/restaurant and video games. ▶ Open 09:00 - 01:00. Bowling €3.50-4 per game. Pool tables €7/hr.

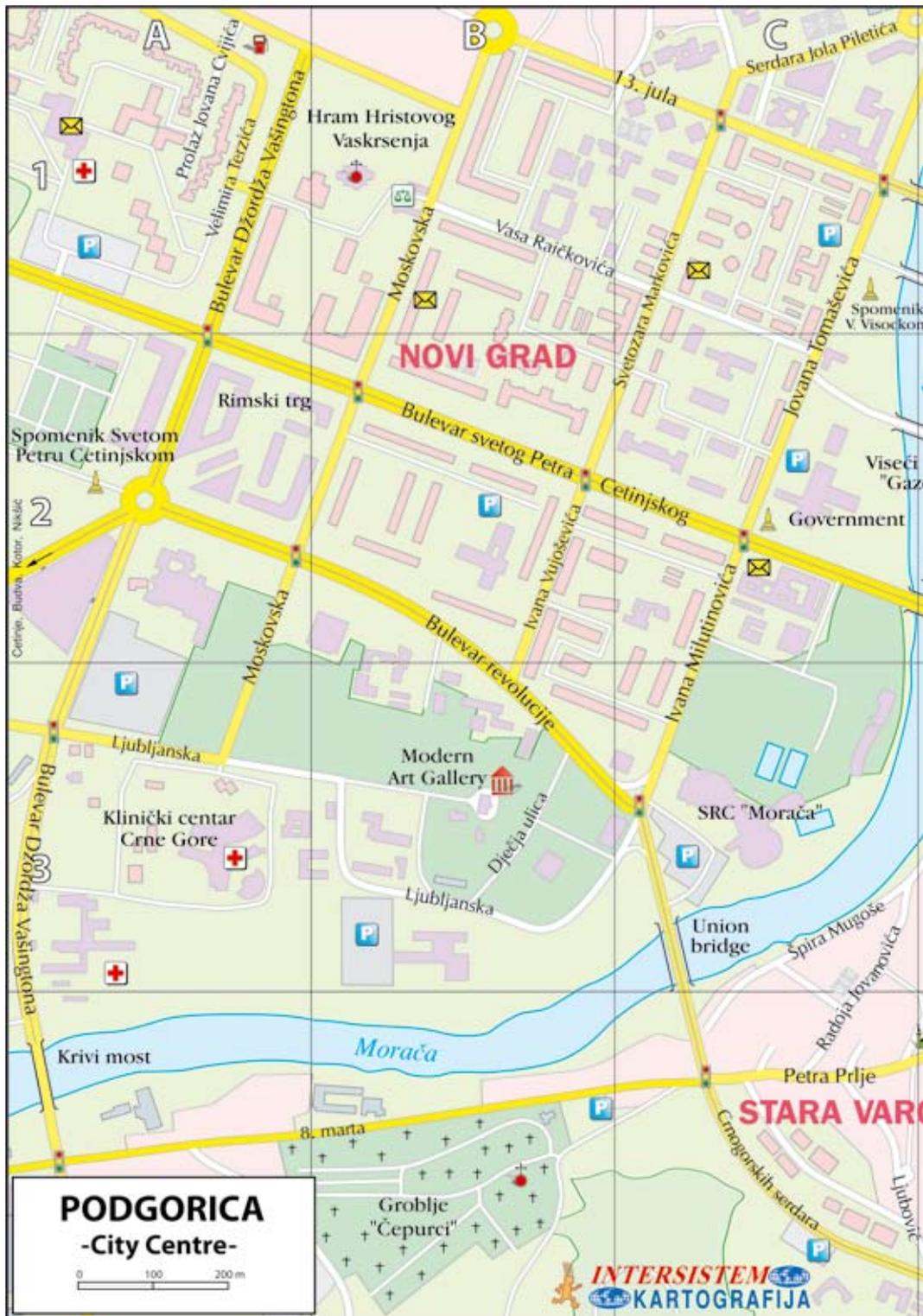
Sportski Centar Morača C-3, Ivana Milutinovića bb, tel. +382 20 24 43 26/+382 20 20 18 00, jpcmoraca@t-com.me. The pride of the nation. The indoor arena with 4,200 seats is the largest in the country, and there's also two large outdoor swimming pools and a gym.

XL Sport Studio F-4, Mitra Bakića bb, tel. +382 20 62 45 60, info@xlsportstudio.me, www.xlsportstudio.me. ▶ Open 08:00 - 22:00. Closed Sun.

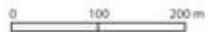


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