



# BAR

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## LOCATION AND CLIMATE

Bar is a coastal city and a major harbour in Montenegro, connected to the rest of the coast of Montenegro by the Adriatic Highway, which extends on to the Albania. It is situated in the western part of Montenegro, between Budva and Ulcinj.

Bar has approximately 270 sunny days per year, and is considered to be one of the sunniest destinations in the southern part of Europe. The climate is Mediterranean, characterized by long, warm summers and mild winters.

The average annual temperature is 15,5°C, whereas the average temperature in July amounts to 23,4°C, and in January to 8,4°C.

## HISTORY AND SIGHTS

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### BAR TODAY

In the last century Bar experienced architectural and urbanistic revival due to its favourable location. It is one of the biggest harbours on the Adriatic, and traffic, trade, tourism as well as food industry are quite developed here.

Apart from that, Bar is extremely attractive to nature explorers due to the vicinity of the Skadar Lake (one of the biggest bird reserves) and rich biodiversity of the marine ecosystem. It is also an attractive destination for sailers and nautical enthusiasts as well as for people who just want to enjoy sun and sea.

Bar is also well known for the olive tree that is over 2000 years old and is the fourth oldest tree in the world.

The cultural life in summer offers various manifestations, such as Bar annals (during which many theatre, concert and literary performances take place), meetings under the old olive tree as well as International television festival.

### HOW TO ARRIVE?

#### By plane

You can use the Tivat airport (30 km far away from Bar) and Podgorica airport (45 km far away from Bar).

#### By car and bus

Bar is via highway connected with the capital of Montenegro, Podgorica, and if using the Adriatic highway, you should go through Virpazar, and then continue via the old route, along the Skadar Lake, toward Bar.





**By ship**

There are regular ferry lines to Bar (Bar-Bari-Bar; Bar-Ancona-Bar and Bar-Drac-Bar), and during the summer season there are extra ferry lines from Bar as well as Kotor. Small and medium yachts are more than welcome in all the marinas along the coast.

**By train**

There is a direct train connection Beograd-Bar, and the railway is then further connected to the European railway network.



Distance / km	Zagreb	Rijeka	Split	Dubrovnik	Trieste	Ljubljana
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