



LUSTICA PENINSULA **MONTENEGRO**

Montenegro is booming. Its rugged, mountainous interior is threaded with wild hiking and biking trails, but it's the sparkling coast that's attracting sunseekers. The Luštica Peninsula conceals many secluded coves and its stretch of the Adriatic lays claim to some of Montenegro's best beaches. Zanjice beach, once home to pirates and smugglers, is now the perfect spot for swimming, diving and sailing. Nearby is Mirastar beach, from where the water taxi chugs over to the historic town of Herceg Novi and also to Dobrec, a delightful hidden bay. Dobrec is a perfect base from which to explore the surrounding coastline's undeveloped bays by kayak, and it's a short boat ride to the famous Blue Cave, named for its luminous azure water.

Porto Montenegro in Tivat is a super-yacht marina tipped as the new Monte Carlo. Jetsetters hang out on daybeds around the pool at its Purobeach or watch the world go by at One café.

More-casual options include Giardino restaurant next to St Roch's church in the stone village of Donja Lastva, a short walk from the marina. Decorated with fishing nets, it serves *brodet* (Dalmatian fish stew) – the local speciality.

Head south, past the town of Budva, and you'll come to Aman Sveti Stefan Village. This resort is housed in a 15th-century fortified hamlet that clings to the islet of Sveti Stefan. Its rooms, cottages and suites are set among cobbled lanes and courtyards with remarkable sea views. It also has eight suites across the bay at Villa Milocer, while an Aman Spa opens this month at nearby Queen's Beach. **JA THE DETAIL** Rooms at Aman Sveti Stefan (amanresorts.com) from £765 per night, including complimentary transfers from Tivat. Montenegro Airlines (montenegroairlines.com) flies direct to Tivat from London Heathrow, for £806.