

## CROATIA AND MONTENEGRO

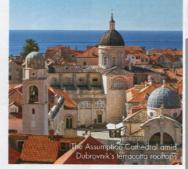
The six-day tour of the Western Balkans made by the Prince of Wales and the Duchess of Cornwall in March took in these two wonderfully beguiling countries. Beaches, historic cities, turquoise lakes and lush forests – they're all there waiting to be explored...

## Croatia

Brimming with natural beauty and peppered with captivating city sights, Croatia ticks all of the boxes. Outdoors aficionados can hike and bike in the mountains or dive from the cliffs into the calm sapphire waters; then there's the seemingly endless fortresses and museums to be explored. Get to know Dubrovnik, with its baroque buildings and cobblestone streets, then head inland to Zagreb to retrace Prince Charles and Camilla's journey. Ride the 125-year-old funicular for views of the city below, then head to the Croatian National Theatre for a culture hit.

WHERE TO STAY Thanks to its cracking location, Hotel Bellevue is the ultimate base from which to take advantage of Dubrovnik's historic charms. Its design is simple yet stylish with floor-to-ceiling windows and clean lines aplenty. Carved into the cliffside, this elegant residence aims to please – think amiable staff, two tempting restaurants and a great little private pebble beach. After a day of getting to know the Old Town, head to the hotel's Spice Lounge for sundowners – you will be glad you did.

THE DETAILS Classic Collection Holidays offers seven nights at Hotel Bellevue from £1,140 per person based on two adults sharing a classic sea-view room on a B&B basis including return flights from London Gatwick to Dubrownik and private transfers. Tel: 0800-294 9315 or visit classic-collection.co.uk.





## Montenegro

Small but perfectly formed, Montenegro is a jewel in the Adriatic's crown. The coast is quiet happen across a lesser-known stretch before midday and chances are you'll have it all to yourself – but down at the harbour there's a burgeoning beach club scene, superyachts and all. Take a leaf out of Charles and Camilla's book and set aside an afternoon to visit Cetinje, the beautiful old capital and a veritable treasure trove of history.

WHERE TO STAY Regent Porto Montenegro has got neoclassical style by the bucket-load. Right on the waterfront, it's a good-looking and pleasingly cool address with a nod to all things nautical. Here, the terraces look out across the glittering marina and the clubby Library Bar makes for the perfect spot to sink an Old Fashioned or two. The trump card, however, has to be the sleek gem of a spa, a tranquil space with plenty of room to kick back and relax.

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