



Introduction: Under Ottoman control beginning in 1496, Montenegro was ruled by bishop princes until it became a secular principality in 1852. In 1918, Montenegro was absorbed by the Kingdom of Serbs, Croats, and Slovenes, which became Yugoslavia in 1929. When the latter dissolved in 1992, Montenegro first federated with Serbia but voted for independence in 2006. Montenegro became an official EU candidate in 2010 and joined NATO in 2017.

Cultural Practices: Conversations in Montenegro may involve more physical touching than in the US, with light touches and taps on the shoulder being common. Montenegrins value politeness, respect, and formality in professional settings. Building personal connections is important, and punctuality is generally appreciated in business contexts. Family bonds are important and celebrating together with large number of people is normal. Start eating your dish when served.

Tipping Guidelines: Service charges are generally not included in restaurants and hotel bills, so a tip of 10% is appreciated. Taxi drivers do not expect tips, but a small gratuity is appropriate.

Climate: Montenegro has a Mediterranean climate along the coast, with hot, dry summers and mild, wet winters. Inland areas have a more continental climate, with cold winters and warm summers, particularly in the mountainous regions.

Religion: Orthodox 72.1%, Muslim 19.1%, Roman Catholic 3.4%, other 5.4%

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General Facts:

Regional Division	Southeastern Europe
Capital	Podgorica
Airport Code / Airport Name	TGD / Podgorica Airport
Country Code 2 digits / 3 digits	ME / MNE
Population	599.849
Language (Major Languages)	Montenegrin, Serbian

Travel Facts:

Telephone Code / Code Dial	382
Local Emergency Phone	112 + 94
International Driving Permit	Recommended
Road Driving Side	Right
Time Zone / Time Difference	UTC +01:00
Currency Code / Exchange Rate \$->€	Euro (EUR) / 1\$: 0.95€
Electricity / Voltage / Plug Type(s)	230 V / 50 Hz / F
Passport / Visa Requirements	Yes / 90 days in 180 days
Working Permits for US Citizens	Necessary

Filming incentives:

Film Commission National	25% cash rebate
Film Commission Federal	No
VFX Grant	No

Working conditions:

Working hours per day	10 + break
Working hours per week	50
Working days per week	5
Overtime	+50%
Breaks	60 min after 5 th hour
Turnaround	11 hours
Fringes / self-employed	self-employed
Unions	common but not mandatory

Filming infrastructure:

Crews	internationally experienced, English speaking
Equipment	essential equipment available
Studios in the following cities	-
Themed backlot sets include	-
Specials	-

Landscape & Architecture: Coastline (Adria), Mediterranean Sea, Historic, Mountains, medieval Monasteries, Venetian Fortresses; Metropolitan, Landscapes. Architecture includes Mediterranean, Ottoman, and Venetian influences.