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Slowly sailing in on a large ship, the view that unfolds before your eyes is the Bay of Kotor, "the most beautiful encounter between land and sea" in the words of poet Byron. Located in the farthest reaches of Kotor Bay and surrounded by tall mountains and clear water sits the ancient city with its tall and thick wall guarding its long history. In many years of its existence, it has been ruled by Rome, Venice, and Napoleon's armies. Although it's a World Heritage Site, its history appears hazy. It is now no longer controlled by any external power and has become the most beautiful ancient city in Montenegro that is worth a visit.

Despite not being independent for a long time, Montenegro, with its geographical advantage, excellent relations with EU countries, and as a WTO member, has been ranked 50th in the world by the World Bank's Doing Business Report. At the same time, as a candidate member of the European Union, it is highly likely to join the European Union in the future, with an optimistic outlook on its economy. In addition, Montenegro, with the advantage of its natural landscape, 120 mountains towering over 2,000 meters, a coastline along the Mediterranean Sea of 293 kilometers, and 117 beaches has attracted thousands of tourists making tourism one of its main industries driving its economy.

The American travel magazine "Travel & Leisure" described Montenegro as "the most attractive tourist destination in Europe having isolated beaches cut off from the world and medieval villages that go back in time." Of its myriad tourist attractions, the largest and deepest fjord outside of Norway, Kotor Bay, is where travelers from all over the world love to visit. It is also one of the 25 most beautiful bays in the world, attracting tens of thousands of tourists, with many luxury yachts of the super-rich parked here every year.

The ship, accompanied by the gentle blowing of the sea breeze, slowly advances toward the beautiful town hidden in the depths of the bay, like sailing into a long river that takes one back in time. Setting foot on land is like stepping into Europe of the Middle Ages. The sea water glitters with an emerald-like brilliance, a brilliance that has not changed in thousands of years. Kotor is the same, maintaining the feel of a thousand years ago, quietly waiting for travelers to explore it.