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Review

MMIG46 Fly-In Montenegro 2019

from Thursday 6th – Monday, 10th June 2019 - Whitsun



The *Klappa Maestrali*, well-known from TV and radio, came specially from Dubrovnik to provide a fantastic musical accompaniment for our Gala Dinner.

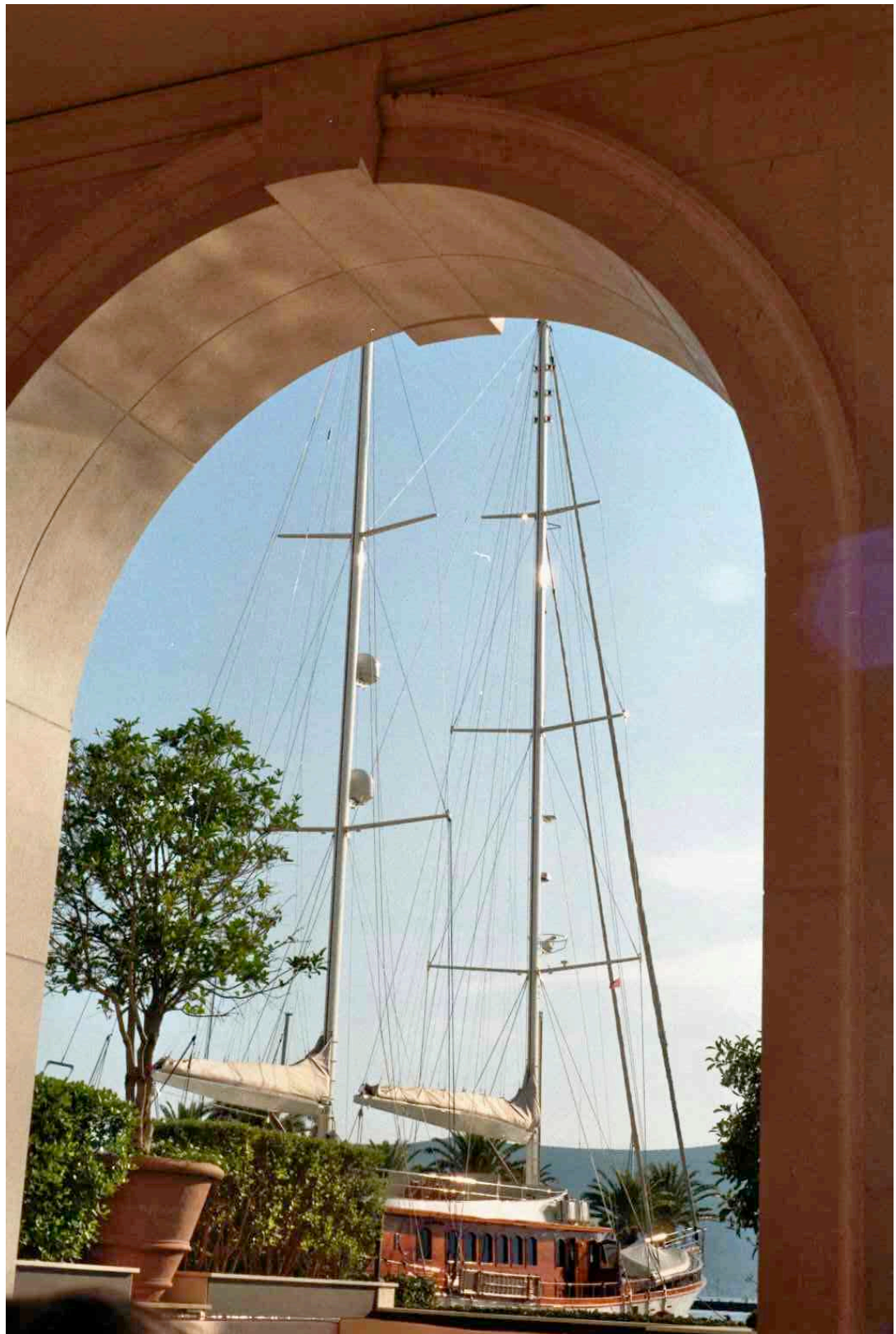
Our destination airports were Tivat **LYTV** and Dubrovnik **LDDU**.

The “small” airport Tivat has a very strict policy regarding parking spaces for General Aviation. This was why only 10 of our aircraft were allowed to park there. The other members had to make do with Dubrovnik.

The drive from Dubrovnik Airport to Tivat generally takes 1.5 to 2 hours since an external EU border has to be crossed. Consequently a Heli-shuttle was of course laid on to and from Tivat.



Here in *Porto Montenegro* the 5* Hotel *Regent*, familiar from the TV series *Dream Hotels*, became our home for a few days (behind the red and white crane).





Under the arcades of the *Library Bar* our participants arrived one by one at the Welcome.



In the evening we enjoyed our first dinner in the *Italian Garden* at our *Hotel Regent*. A very special atmosphere from the beginning!



Breakfast was served under the arcades at the Hotel Restaurant *Murano* or in the open air – right next to the pier with its impressive yachts. An unadulterated holiday feeling!



June 7th was the day of the olive.



It is a poor, laborious life.

In spite of or maybe because of that a farming family was pleased to proudly present us with their products. Don't worry! The round building is a stall for goats or donkeys and not intended for our use during our visit!



One can hardly believe one's eyes – donkeys at the side of the road! t

About a 45 minute bus ride through the spectacular region of *Boka Kotorska* to the family owned business in Lustica, one of the most well-known olive oil producing areas of Montenegro. This was where our olive oil tour, with the chance to taste, began, followed by a typical local snack, juice and wine.

The ancient olive press has been half in the cellar for ages. Originally, the heavy mill-stone was moved by one or two donkeys. Nowadays it's just a reminder of days gone by.

In the meantime the business has invested in a relatively expensive modern oil press.

In the family's other building, where the new press is to be found, the oil tasting for the Fly-In participants took place.





One or two of the group then bought a small bottle of olive oil or olive oil soap to take home with them.



In the afternoon there was time to discover Porto Montenegro or cool down among the pools at the hotel or in the Yacht Club.

In the evening we drove to a former water mill at *Catovica*.

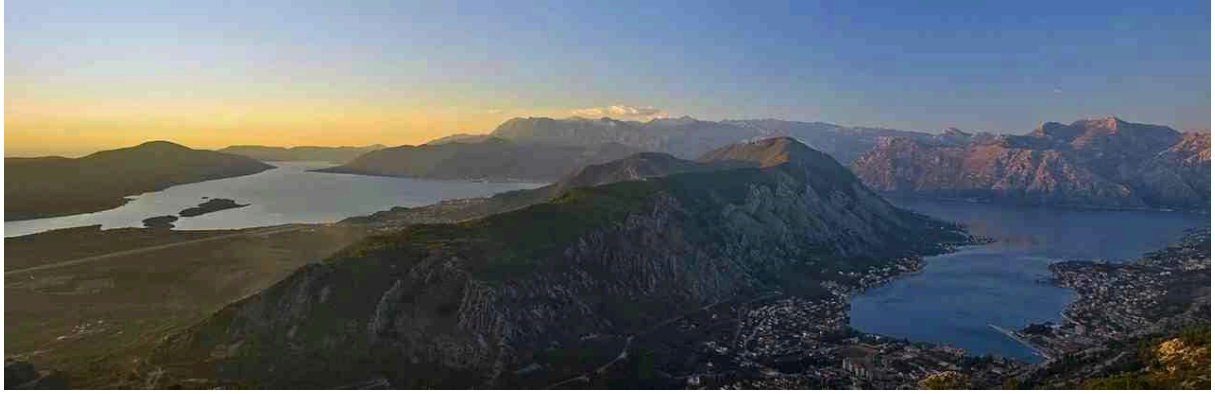
This mill, *Catovica Mlini*, is idyllically located in a valley through which the crystal clear waters of a stream flow, full of trout.



And that was practically next to the tables where we were spoiled with excellent food. The restaurant is considered to be one of the best in Montenegro!







Saturday, June 8th 2019 took us to *Boka Bay* (UNESCO World Heritage Site) and a tour on an old ship which had been exclusively chartered for us.





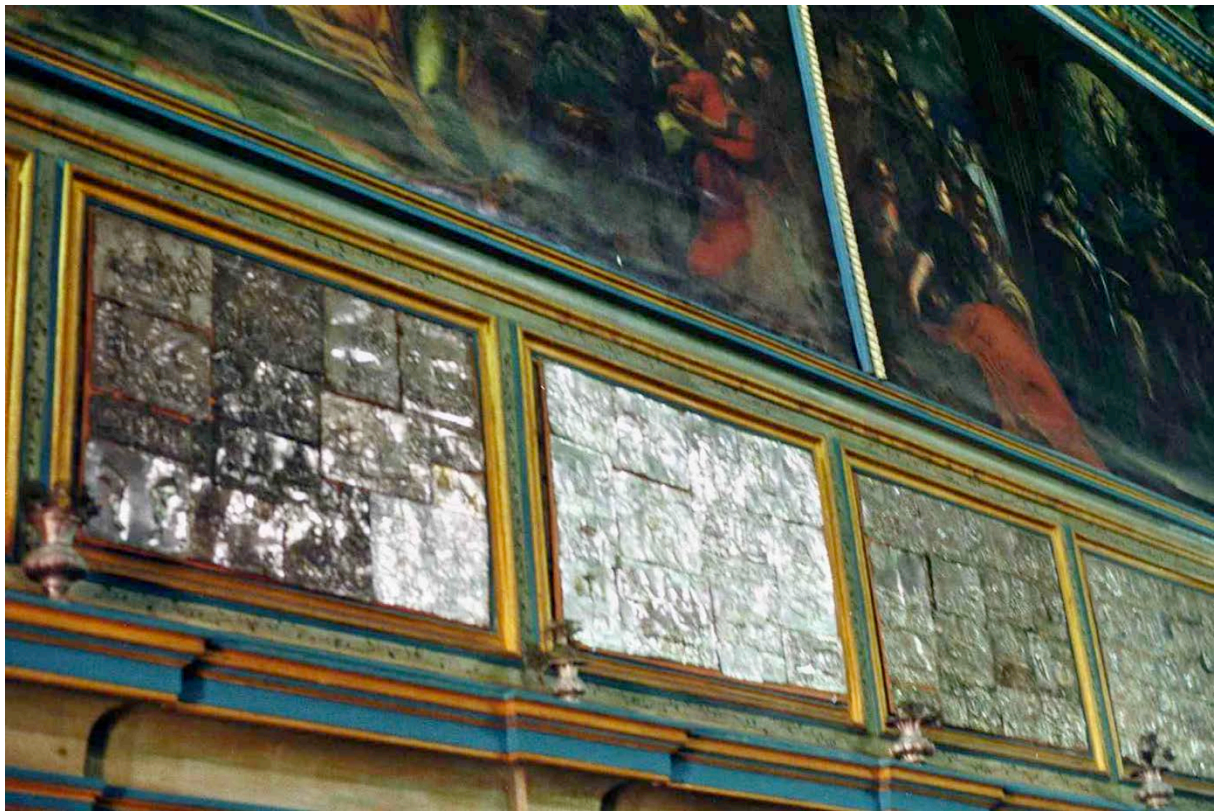
We sailed into the fjord, past a designer-yacht and *Perast*, (from the Nautical Centre to the Tourist Centre) -



where numerous boats were already being “loaded” with tourists who were heading to the same destination as we were -



the island “*Lady of the Rocks*” or *Gospa od Škrpjela*. We visited the chapel and the adjoining building –



but in view of the number of tourists were pleased to be able to get back onto our ship. Then it was time for lunch in the *Forza Mare*, where we could moor right next to the terrace.



This little Boutique-Hotel with its excellent restaurant was the right place to go.



Then it was planned to visit the Venetian style UNESCO World Heritage Site *Kotor*, to discover this medieval town. The city wall, built between the 9th and 18th Century is 5 miles long and surrounds the town as a triangle and even goes up the slope to St. John's Fortress.

Kotor looks like a smaller version of *Dubrovnik*.

However, our meal lasted somewhat longer than expected, so there wasn't much time to visit *Kotor*.

At 5 pm we were back in the Hotel *Regent* again.



So there wasn't long to wait until it was time for our aperitif at 7.30.



8 pm: Very fine Gala Dinner in the Hotel-Restaurant *Murano* accompanied by the famous *Klappa Maestrali*. They went from table to table and impressed us, not only with their instruments, but in particular with their fantastic voices





And then there was a full moon over the pier, lined with palm trees – unique!

Sunday, June 9th 2019, the day with the free morning which everybody could use as they chose .

At 1 pm we met for lunch at the restaurant *One*, just a few minutes walk from the hotel.

We sat outside at long tables and enjoyed an excellent lunch.

And after lunch, everybody could decide for themselves what they wanted to do.

In the evening there was another aperitif at 7.30, followed by a delicious evening meal in the Hotel *Regent*.

Whit Monday, June 10th 2019 the official departure day.



And once again there were some participants who not only had arrived early, but stayed a day longer.

Now we are looking forward to our MMIG46 Jubilee Celebrations (20 years MMIG46) at the end of September 2019 on Sylt.