



## European Kendo Championship 2026

Montenegro June 2026



The EKC 2026 will take place in Podgorica, the capital of Montenegro, in June 2026. Situated in the central part of the country, Podgorica boasts its own international airport with numerous connections to major European cities. Additionally, several low-cost airlines operate flights to Podgorica. The airport is conveniently located just 10 kilometers, or a 15-minute drive, from the city center.

Alternatively, travelers can use Tivat Airport, which also offers international connections. Tivat is located 80 kilometers, or a 90-minute drive, from Podgorica. While these two cities are not fully connected by highway, the road infrastructure between them is very good and well-maintained.



Podgorica offers a wide range of accommodation options, including numerous high-quality hotels, such as the Hilton, along with many other 4- and 5-star hotels. Room rates start at €50 per person per night. Since it's a small city with a population of 200,000, most hotels are within walking distance of the sports center. Additionally, transportation will be organized between the official hotels and the sports center for convenience.

Morača Sports Center is the largest sports facility in Podgorica, with a seating capacity of 6,000 spectators. It also features a smaller auxiliary sports hall, where the local Kendo club

trains, which can be used for competitor warm-ups. The main hall is spacious enough to accommodate four shiai-jo in a row.



The kendo community is highly respected in Montenegro and Podgorica. We maintain excellent relations with neighboring kendo federations, particularly those of Serbia and North Macedonia. These federations are eager to assist in organizing this championship by sharing their previous successful experiences and providing personnel support.

Prices in Montenegro are comparable to those in other European countries, so EKC participants should not expect any financial surprises. Although there is some inflation, predicting exact price movements until 2026 remains challenging. The currency in Montenegro is the Euro (€). Taxi rides around the city typically cost an average of 5 euros, and dining out ranges from 7 to 15 euros. Tap water is safe to drink, and the city is very safe, even at night.



Montenegro is a modern tourist destination offering both seaside tourism in the south and mountain tourism in the north. The sea is easily accessible from Podgorica, less than an hour's drive away. The summer tourist season begins at the end of May, allowing many EKC participants to extend their stay and enjoy a few extra days on the Montenegrin coast or in the mountains.



## We look forward to seeing you in Montenegro in 2026