



CycleTrek in Transylvania / Romania

Detailed itinerary (land only)

Hike & Bike - 11 days / 10 nights; grade: medium; guided

a wonderful cycling and hiking holiday over the Carpathians / Transylvania with visits at medieval towns, fortified churches and castles and with time to observe the local's culture and customs

Day 1: Arrive and transfer to hotel

Pick up from Bucharest Otopeni Airport and transfer north to [Sinaia](#) or [Busteni](#), in the heart of [Prahova Valley](#). At dinner in a beautiful hotel, the guide will present a briefing of the whole trip, together with a short introduction of Romania.

*Accommodation: 4**** hotel in Sinaia or Busteni.*

Day 2: Short hike in Bucegi Mountains

A cable car will take us up to ~2000meters (~6600 feet) high. From there we start with an easy walk to the [very peak of Bucegi mountain](#), about 5-6 hours easy walk, on the Bucegi Plateau. Return with the cable car. In the evening, transfer to Brasov, dinner and short orientation tour

Accommodation: minihotel in Brasov

Distance by bus: 20 min in the morning, 60 min in the afternoon

Distance hiking: 5-6 hours, grade: easy. Altitude gain only 500m.

Day 3: Cycling out of the Town of Brasov

Morning tour of [Brasov](#), [Black Church](#) and [The First Romanian School](#), transfer by car to the city limits, and visit to the medieval fortified church of [Harman or Prejmer](#). Then start the cycling day towards another old German fortified church from the Medieval Transylvania.

Accommodation: small guesthouse in the village, people will share the same bathroom/restroom, separated for women and men.

Distance by car/minibus: 20 min in the morning, to avoid the city traffic

Distance by bike: ~70km, grade easy, flat, no major hills

Day 4: Cycle to the heart of Transylvania

Continue cycling through the Transylvanian Plateau, passing by the famous fortified churches (some listed in the UNESCO World Heritage List) up to [Sighisoara](#), the place where Vlad Dracula was born. Is the best preserved medieval town. Afternoon/evening time to explore the place.

Accommodation: hotel in middle of old Medieval town.

Distance by bike: ~ 60 km

Starting from:

1349 Euro / person

For a minimum of 6 participants

What's included ... see below !





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Day 5 A touch of culture, Sibiu

After a visit to the well known [Clock Tower](#), short transfer to visit [Biertan](#) (car/minivan), the largest fortified church and the former bishop seat. Continue cycling to [Sibiu](#), the largest medieval town in Transylvania. It is designated to be the [European Capital of Culture](#) in 2007.

Accommodation: Hotel in Sibiu

Distance by bus: 30 min in the morning

Distance by bike: ~ 70 km



Day 6: Up, up the mountain ...

Transfer by car/minibus to the heart of the mountains at 2000m high. Optional, the last few miles uphill can be cycled – it is a winding road, vertical drop is about 2500 feet, [superb views](#). Medium hike around the [glacier lake](#). If lucky, we can spot chamois running on cliffs and slopes.

Accommodation: beautiful chalet in the heart of the mountains

Distance by bus: up to 1h30min in the morning

Distance by bike: optional to climb to Balea = 10 km,

Distance hiking: about 3 - 4 hours.



Day 7: ... and down we go

We continue the next day with the descent on bikes - optional (the same way we came up, if not, we can take the car/minibus). Then biking at the foot of the mountains, and visiting some old villages and old tools used in the villages.

Accommodation: for the next 3 days will be in a family run guesthouse.

Distance by bike: ~ 50 km, optional descent on bikes=max 30km



Day 8: Hike the mountain

A very nice walk into the heart of the [Piatra Craiului National Park](#) (King's Rock Mountains). On the way back we walk through an impressive gorge (used as a filming set for the film "Cold Mountain"). You can get in touch with the locals.

One of the next days we will [spend the evening out, by the fire](#), eating grill and singing international and Romanian songs.

Distance hiking: 5 - 6 hours





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Day 9: Dracula's stories and a nice hike

Morning transfer to [Bran Castle](#) (well known as [Dracula's Castle](#)). After the visit start an extremely nice walk into the [mountain villages](#) from the area. Stopping for a break at one of the homes nicely located and with an wonderful view, we will be served a traditional Romanian dish: polenta with melted cheese made only for us, using pure organic products from the farmers.

Distance by bus: 30 min in the morning to Bran Castle

Distance hiking: 5 - 6 hours



Day 10: Transfer to Bucharest

On the way stop to visit the [Pearl of The Carpathians](#) which is [The Peles Palace - The Royal Summer Residence](#). Continue to [Bucharest](#) for a city tour. Optional visit to the [Palace of Parliament](#) building – the second largest administrative building in the world after Pentagon, built in communism time. Accommodation in very nice hotel.

Spend the evening watching a [folklore show](#) while eating Romanian [traditional food](#).

*Accommodation: very nice 4**** stars hotel in central Bucharest*

Distance by bus: 3-4 hours, but enough stops on the way



Day 11: Time to say goodbye

Morning at leisure in Bucharest; transfer for the flight back.

Transfer time by bus: approx 30 minutes from the hotel in Bucharest.

Tour will include:

- all meals will be: Breakfast, lunch pack, dinner
- all transfers - land only
- one day - a short horse and cart ride
- visit to a Sheppard camp (subject to accessibility of location)
- all accommodation as specified in the itinerary
- one night will be in a guesthouse with shared bathroom
- entrances to all sites mentioned in the itinerary
- daily transfer of the luggage, from one hotel to the next one
- support vehicle during the cycling days
- transfer off all bikes on non cycling days
- service of an experienced / professional English speaking guide



Tour will NOT include

- flight tickets, insurance
- drinks, personal expenses, visa cost if necessary
- gratuities