

## 10 Day Romania - Round trip (M-ID: 4576)

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**from €1,232.50**

Dates and duration (days)

On request

10 days

07/22/2024 - 07/31/2024 10 days

08/13/2024 - 08/22/2024 10 days

09/18/2024 - 09/27/2024 10 days

10/14/2024 - 10/23/2024 10 days

**Early Bird discount of 15% on bookings of 2024 dates until 15.02.2024!**

**Experience the real Romania with us - wonderful country, fantastic natural landscape, rich history, pleasant continental climate and hospitable people.**

We start from our APUSENI LODGE in Avram Iancu (Vârful) at the foot of the Apuseni Mountains and even on this first stage we can already happily guess what awaits us in the next few days. The well-paved road winds its way up to the Vârtopu and into the first secret valley. Passing the Belis Fântânele reservoir, we then ride along the flank of the Munte Blidarului to the Turda region, where we spend the first night.

There is hardly any other place in Transylvania, which is rich in historical places, where the past can be traced as well as in the upper town of Sighișoara (Schäßburg), which is characterized by colorful authenticity. Sibiu (Hermannstadt) is no less attractive, ideal for strolling on the beautiful market square and for shopping in the numerous shops. We visit these two important cities on the second and third day of our trip and especially at our stage destination Sighișoara there is enough time to visit the old town or the eponymous Schäß Castle. Now it's off to the Bicz region and through the magnificent Cheile Bicazului (Bicaz Gorge) to Brașov (Kronstadt). We spend the well-deserved rest day (subject to availability) in a great wellness hotel & spa. Depending on your mood, you can use the day to relax, visit the Black Church in Brașov, the Peasant Castle in Râșnov, or take a trip to the nearby Bran Dracula's Castle or visit the Brașov Zoo. The Prejmer Fortified Church, built in the 13th century in the village of the same name, is also easy to reach.

Voluntary supporting program on the rest day:

- On the rest day you can join us for a day trip to Băile Seiche. There is the 'Mini Transylvania Park' where you can see more than 90 models of historical monuments and medieval castles in Transylvania. You can also take a tour on the Mini Szekler Steam Locomotive and visit the Orbán Balázs Visitor Center. (Cost of fee: EUR 15.00/person; entrance ticket to the park RON 30.00/person, approx. EUR 6.00)

- Or we can visit together the world's largest bear sanctuary, a little closer by, where over 100 bears rescued from adverse circumstances and from captivity have found a new home in a huge free-roaming enclosure. Separated from them only by an electric fence, you are here on foot in the kingdom of the bears. Visits to the reserve are only possible with a guide. We donate the contribution towards expenses that you pay to us in full to the bear sanctuary, which is supported exclusively by donations and depends on them. (Cost contribution: 10.00 EUR/person; entrance ticket to the park 65.00 or 70.00 RON/person, approx. 13.00 or 14.00 EUR)

Finally, the Transfăgărășan awaits us as another highlight of our trip and of course we have planned enough time for photo stops and hopefully also bear pictures. In the further course of our journey we visit an orthodox monastery, touch Râmnicu Vâlcea and finally ride over the Transalpina pass road into the historical region of small Wallachia in the foothills of the Southern Carpathians near Târgu Jiu. Via a wonderfully winding road, which hardly any motorcyclist knows and rides, we reach Sebeș, where we

spend the night one last time before we return to the Apuseni Mountains on the last day of our journey and finally return to our starting point Avram on the usual winding roads lancu goes.

By the way, we do not charge for arrival and departure days, but guarantee you a full 10 days of pure Romania! With this top arrangement, we give each participant two nights for free, which is why an additional group discount cannot be granted here.

You will receive detailed information on motorcycling in Romania with the booking confirmation.

- We reserve the right to make program, hotel and route changes. -

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#### Tour itinerary:

Day 1: We start at 09:30 from APUSENI LODGE Romania® and ride through the Apuseni Mountains on winding roads. Even this first 270 km long stage gives an idea of what we can look forward to in the next few days. With a view of the Cetatea Trascăului, a fortress built in the 13th century, we end the first day of our adventure.

Day 2: We continue through the Apuseni mountain range, past Alba Iulia to charming Sibiu (Hermannstadt), today's stage destination and geographical center of Romania. In recent years, Sibiu has developed into one of the most beautiful cities in Romania. With its medieval city center, long history and important monuments, Sibiu is one of the most popular tourist attractions in Romania. Numerous shops invite you to go shopping and on the beautiful market square you can stroll and take in the atmosphere.

Day 3: Today we ride the southern Carpathian belt on our right to the second historically important city of our trip: Sighișoara (Schäßburg). There is hardly any other place in Transylvania, which is rich in historical places, where the past can be traced as excellently as in the upper town of Sighișoara, which is characterized by colorful authenticity. That's why we have planned enough time here and reach our destination for the day after a 3-hour ride. This gives you the opportunity, for example, to visit the city's landmark, the Schäßburg, one of the best-preserved medieval fortifications in the world and a UNESCO World Heritage Site, or to explore the winding streets of the colorful upper town, some of which are still paved with medieval creek stones. Schäßburg is often associated with Dracula, who may have been born here. He is even said to have lived here between 1431 and 1436. What is certain, however, is that his father, Vlad II Dracul (the dragon) lived in Sighișoara for years. His house can still be found near the city tower and can be visited.

Day 4: Today's stage takes us a total of 227 kilometers in northeastern Romania to the Ceahlău National Park in the mountains of the same name and to the 40 km long and 2 km wide Izvorul Muntelui reservoir, where we spend the night right on the edge of the national park.

Day 5: Along the left flank of Lacul Izvorul Muntelui we ride towards Bicăz and into the Hășmaș Mountains and through

the magnificent Cheile Bicazului (Bicăz Gorge), past Lacul Roșu (Red Lake) over the Pângărași Pass to Gheorgheni (Niklas Market) and down to Brașov. In the Bicăz-Chei we will probably meet a few other bikers for a change, it is a magnet for motorized two-wheelers because of its impressive beauty and the wonderfully winding road. Arrived in Brașov, a nice hotel awaits us as a good starting point for excursions on the coming rest day.

#### Day 6: Rest day

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Depending on your mood, you can also use the day to relax, visit the Black Church in Brașov, the Peasant Castle in Râșnov, take a trip to the nearby Dracula's Castle Bran, or try to find your way through Thread Alley (Strada Sforii), one of the narrowest streets in all of Europe. The Prejmer fortress church, which is well worth seeing, is also easy to reach.

Day 7: It lies ahead, the Transfăgărășan! In total, the road measures 148 km and is the second highest road in Romania. Hopefully the bears got up early enough and are waiting for us at the roadside. In any case, we keep our eyes open and if we see a vehicle with its hazard lights on, we can almost be sure that we will see a Carpathian bear shortly afterwards. On the Transfăgărășan you have to be careful, stay behind the tour guide and strictly follow his instructions! Because even if the bears only sit here to be fed from passing vehicles, they remain wild, unpredictable, fast and extremely strong original inhabitants of the Romanian forests.

Day 8: The Transalpina, also known as Drum național 67C, is the highest mountain pass in Romania. It crosses the Transylvanian Alps, connects Gorj County in Lesser Wallachia with Alba County in Transylvania and reaches an altitude of just over 2100m. We ride this magnificent panoramic road today! It can stay chilly up here even in summer, so don't just dress warm for the amazing experience. In the evening we reach the Târgu Jiu region and end the day as usual in comfortable accommodation.

Day 9: After two impressive days, things continue to be no less impressive. Today we cross the Carpathians a third time at a different point and ride across the Defileul Jiului National Park to Sebeș.

Day 10: The adventure is not over yet as today we pay a farewell visit to the beautiful Castelul Corvinilor (Hunedoara Castle) before heading back to APUSENI LODGE Romania. Due to its imposing beauty, the castle is now often used as a film set for national and international productions. For example, some scenes from Ghost Rider 2 starring Nicolas Cage were filmed here.

Back at the APUSENI LODGE Romania, and if you have the time at leisure, review the past few days around the campfire.

Countries	Romania
Category	Motorcycle Tour
Terrain	Onroad
Vehicle	your own motorcycle
Tourguide / Coach	yes (guided)
Accommodation	Hotel / B&B or similar
	3 star hotel
	4 star hotel
Flight to / from	no, not incl.
Ferry	no, not incl.
Support vehicle (luggage/service)	no
Level of difficulty	easy
	medium
	difficult
Customer payment protection	yes
* PRICING	Minimal without optional extras, see pricing

## Pricing

Prices for dates 2024 if booked until 15.02.2024:

per rider in double or single room €1,232.50

per pillion passenger in shared twin/double room (pillion passengers can only book along with an accompanying rider) €1,232.50

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Prices for dates 2024 if booked from 16.02.2024:

per rider in double or single room €1,450.00

per pillion passenger in shared twin/double room (pillion passengers can only book along with an accompanying rider) €1,120.00

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In this tour it makes no difference in price whether you stay in a double or single room. The overnight stay can be in a double room, where single occupancy is also possible, or in a single room, depending on the availability of the hotels. The participant cannot choose the type of room. If you want to stay with someone in a double room (partner, etc.), please indicate this and we will definitely book a double room.

## Included

10 day riding on-road trails through different regions (~210km a day)

9 night accommodation (Twin-Shared or Single)

9 breakfasts

Romanian, English, German and French speaking local tour guides with first-aid knowledge

Free luggage depot at APUSENI LODGE Romania® if desired

Security certificate according to § 651r BGB for package tours

## **Not included**

All services, meals and drinks not specified in the included service description

Toll and motorway fees

Gasoline, operating materials, parking fees incurred

Meals during the trip

Travel cancellation/travel interruption insurance

Optional overnight stay near the meeting point before and after the start of the trip

## **More details**

Minimum number of participants: 6

Maximum number of participants: 12

Required riding experience: Suitable for all riding levels, beginners with riding experience.

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On-road tires are sufficient.

Additional night(s) at APUSENI LODGE Romania® (subject to availability) or near the meeting point before and after the start of the trip can be arranged at a reasonable extra cost.

Start/End: Meeting point APUSENI LODGE Romania®, Avram Iancu (Vârfurile), Arad, Romania, Coordinates: 46°20'52.4 "N 22°28'34.3 "E, Start: 09:00 (UTC +2)

Travel duration: 10 days in Romania

Total distance: approx. 2,100 km

Daily riding distance: 120 - 270 km (average approx. 210 km)

Route profile: Paved roads in good to average condition. The route includes mountain roads with many curves and partly narrow sections.

Difficulty level: Suitable for all riding levels; beginners and returning riders should have at least one year's riding experience or 10,000 km ridden and have a secure cornering technique. Safe control of the motorcycle is required. You must be physically and mentally able to ride 270 challenging km per day.

Riding time per day: about 5 hours

Daily riding time: approx. 8 hours incl. lunch/coffee breaks and photo stops; since we will be traveling in remote areas for the most part, breaks will be situational. Shorter breaks can be taken at any time.

We ride in all weather conditions.

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Good to know:

Individual arrival: The distance to the meeting point in Avram Iancu is very long for you? No problem: we will be happy to help you plan your journey. The way to get to us: The journey usually takes place via Vienna (Austria). Ride via Győr past Budapest and Szolnok (Hungary) over the border crossing at Borş to Oradea (Romania) and further via Beiuş, Ştei and Vaşcău on the DN76/E76 to Vârfurile. At the traffic circle there, turn onto the DN79A and follow the signs "APUSENI LODGE Romania". If you are coming from the north of Germany, it is best to ride via the Czech Republic and Slovakia to Romania. We will be happy to give you individual travel tips.

Group size: up to 12 motorcycles (max. 12 people) plus guide

Minimum number of participants: 6 people

Refueling: There is a Petrom gas station in Vaşcău and a Lukoil gas station in Vârfurile; please fill up your motorbike at one of these gas stations.

Food - Break: Since much of our riding is in remote areas, you should always have some food and sufficient beverages with you. Sufficient hydration is essential when riding a motorcycle for long periods of time.

Passport and visa requirements as well as health and customs regulations: EU citizens may travel to Romania without a visa for the period of up to 90 days. Upon entry, a passport valid for six months, temporary passport, identity card or temporary identity card must be presented. Travel documents must be valid for the entire duration of the stay including the day of departure and three months beyond. It is not possible to leave Romania with an expired travel document.

Road toll: Passenger cars, motor homes and caravans using the Romanian national road network must pay a road toll, which requires the purchase of a vignette (Rovinietă). Motorcycles do not need a Rovinietă.

Important traffic regulations: The blood alcohol limit is 0.0. Speed limits for motorcycles: urban 50 km/h, extra-urban 90 km/h, expressways 100 km/h, highways 130 km/h. Motorcyclists must ride with dipped headlights all year round during the day.

Road condition: Romanian roads can be surprising. There are perfectly paved and well-maintained mountain passes, stretches with perfect asphalt, spotlessly clean village crossings, but also main roads with deep holes.

Local currency: The Romanian local currency is the Lei or RON. We recommend that you carry some local currency with you.

Changing tires: Touring motorcycling is not yet the order of the day in Romania. It is not easy to find a (motorcycle) workshop for a tire change. We therefore recommend all our participants to put on tires with still good tread groove depth before the trip.

Support: Support in case of emergency can be guaranteed only on the planned route. In the case of self-planned route changes or excursions "on your own", the participant himself is responsible.

Protection and insurance: We recommend for all motorcycle tours a motor vehicle protection insurance, such as the ADAC offers. Health insurance: We recommend for all international motorcycle tours the conclusion of a separate foreign health insurance with medical repatriation. We recommend for all our motorcycle tours the conclusion of a travel cancellation / travel interruption insurance.

Language: This tour is usually suitable for German, English and/or French speaking participants; however, we also speak Romanian, Old German, Swiss German, Luxembourgish, Flemish and some Spanish. We will be happy to give you binding information upon request.

Motorcycling with your dog: You always have your four-legged friend with you and he also likes to ride with you? Wonderful! Unfortunately, this tour is not specifically designed for motorcycling dogs. But since we also like to ride with our biker dogs, contact us and we will find a possibility.

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Notes:

No base lodge, we ride a round trip (start at our APUSENI LODGE Romania in Avram Iancu, return to our APUSENI LODGE Romania in Avram Iancu). Those who wish can stay overnight at APUSENI LODGE Romania before and/or after the tour (booking possible from mid-May 2023 via Booking.com). For participants who do not want to/can not stay with us before and/or after the tour, there are several hotels, guesthouses and B&Bs in the vicinity. We can make recommendations in this regard if desired.

The daily stages start in the morning between 09:00 and 10:00. The riding time of the daily stages is approx. 5 hours each, so that one arrives with several shorter and longer breaks distributed over the day around 17:00 o'clock at the daily stage goal (depending on the travel speed of the group).