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# 1. Introduction

## 1.1 The second step: Touring Romania

The Carpathian 2 Wheels Guide project has reached the second volume: Touring Romania. Now it proposes 28 routes (over 8,100 km/5000 miles), presents 70 sights and covers the entire territory of the country. In contrast to the 1st edition, this one is addressed exclusively to the riders who prefer tarmac roads.

The motivation behind this edition was given by the enthusiastic reactions of the first edition readers and the desire to continue our idea of promoting Romania as a tourist destination.



Besides the printed edition we decided to transpose the guide into a mobile application. Details and the free version of the application can be found on our website:  
[www.carpathian2wheelsguide.com](http://www.carpathian2wheelsguide.com)

The project will not stop here. At this point we are planning at least one other volume: *Romania Off-Road*, which will be nationwide and will include only unpaved roads and trails. We hope that in the spring of 2017 this will get out from under the printer.

The C2WG team wishes you a pleasant reading!



## 1.2 Romania in a single page

A country with a millennial history, with a wide variety of natural beauty and traditions, so many *“as much as leaves and grass”* is difficult to summarize in one page.

The same difficulty arises when we tried to choose routes that deserve to be recommended. For simplicity we chose to divide the routes by historical regions of the country, each lasting one or two days. Those who wish to travel for a longer period through Romania will find at the end guide a chapter on the subject.

Another important fact is that the state of roads is generally bad and an increased attention it is recommended. The statistics and classical details about Romania will not be noted here. We prefer to urge you to follow the routes proposed in these pages and discover everything that this country has to offer.



## 4. Regional routes

We chose to divide the routes based on the historical regions or by the mountain group in which they are located: Transylvania, Apuseni Mountains, Banat, Oltenia, Muntenia, Dobrogea, Maramureş and Bucovina.

The troubled past and various sights have made **Transylvania** the region with the most routes: 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21. Near these are the **Apuseni Mountains** routes 1 and 2. **Banat** region is crossed from the mountains to the Danube and to Timișoara by routes number 3, 4 and 5.

**Muntenia, Oltenia** and **Dobrogea** each have two tracks, **Maramureş** and **Bucovina** are each covered by a route, but a slightly longer one.

The last seven proposed circuits no longer follow the previous classification, but highlight the mountain passes of Romania. Routes 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26 and 27 have fewer stops (and sights) impelling the rider to enjoy the ascents, descents, landscape and the adventure on two wheels.



The Metaliferi Mountains start this series (route 21), the Făgăraş Mountains (route 22) literally elevates the routes on the highest tarmac roads in the country. The Curburii Carpathians are crisscrossed by the following routes (23 and 24) but also overlap with some national crowded roads. The last three proposals are in the Eastern Carpathians, route number 25 in their south while routes 26 and 27 go through many mountain passes of Bucovina and Maramureş.

### 3. Details about the maps and routes

#### The maps

The routes are represented on the map with a bold line, parallel to the road that it follows. The name, the length, the difficulty and the duration are noted on the map pages. The sights are numbered, following the direction of the route and correspond to the number on the images in the route description. At least one accommodation is recommended on every route, contact details can be found on the footer. Other accommodation units can be found in the Index chapter of the guide. Other elements of the map can be found in the legend below.

#### Legend

 Motorcycle Services	<b>Urban settlements</b>	<b>Road network</b>
 Gas station	 Bucharest	 Highways
 Mountain passes / Passes	 Big cities	 National roads
 Accommodation	 Other cities	 Secondary roads
 Campings	 Big villages	 Other roads
 Natural reserves	 Villages	
 Romanian border	 Sights	 Proposed routes
 Hydrographic network		

#### Route description

In order to simplify the decision of which route is worth trying, each one has a number of tourist attractions recommended and a short description.

Recommended sights, mountain passes, portions of bad road and the recommended accommodation are noted in tabular form at the beginning of the route description. The order of cities indicate the recommend direction, but is also a useful tool for navigation without electronic devices.

Besides the photograph, each sight has on the side a text which contains short information about it's history, legends or other superlatives.

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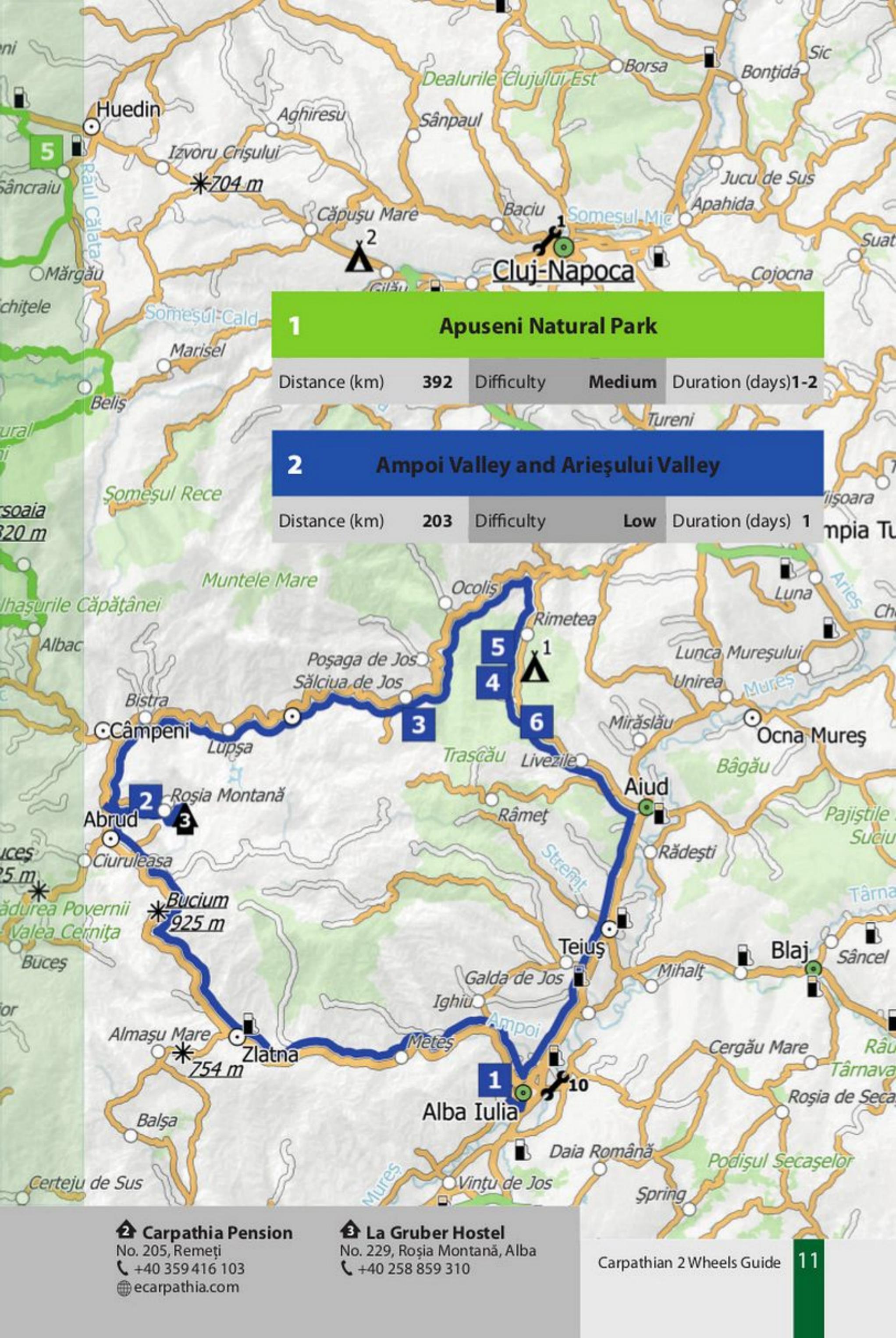


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# 1 Apuseni Natural Park

Distance (km)	392	Difficulty	Medium	Duration (days)	1-2
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# 2 Ampoi Valley and Arieşului Valley

Distance (km)	203	Difficulty	Low	Duration (days)	1
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Sights	Alba Carolina Citadel, Roșia Montană, Ethnographic Exhibition of Valer Butură, Colțești Fortress, Rimetea village, Aiud's Gorges
Mountain Passes	Pasul Bucium (925 m)
Accommodation	Roșia Montană - Gruber Hostel
Direction	Alba-Iulia - Baia de Arieș - Sălciua de Jos - Abrud - Rimetea - Aiud - Alba-Iulia

The water courses draining the eastern Apuseni Mountains, Ampoi and Arieș Rivers, define this circuit. In addition to the landscape, there are all the attractions from Rimetea basin and Citadel Alba Carolina. The city of Alba Iulia begins this route and the main objective of the city is the bastionary citadel equipped with three defence systems, shaped like an irregular heptagon, with 7 bastions bestowing the star shape.

The Valley of Ampoi is followed closely by DN 74 national road, while the white cliffs of Pietrele de la Ampoița (Rocks of Ampoița) and Calcarele din Valea Mică (Limestones of the Little Valley) are scattered through the countryside landscape. Bucium Pass (925 m/3035 ft) marks the crossing to Arieșului

Valley, where the village of Roșia Montană can be visited with a short detour from the track (DJ 742).

The Arieș River is traversed before the crossroad with DN 75 national road, and can be admired from many angles up to the village of Buru. The village of Sălciua has a unique charm, both because of the exposed slope of Bedeleu Plateau as well as the Ethnographic Exhibition of Valer Butură. The museum is housed in a building with straw roof, right in the centre of the settlement.

The last part of the track goes across the Rimetea basin (DJ 107M), a place where the steep cliffs of Colții Trascăului (Fangs of Trascău) and Piatra Secuiului (Secklar's Stone) are bordering the villages of Râmetea and

Colțești. Cetatea Trascăului (Trascău Fortress) and Cheile Aiudului (Aiud's Gorge) complete the list of spectacular attractions and the accommodation facilities or Hungarian traditional cuisine persuades any traveler to spend the night here.

The national artery DN 1 closes the loop of the circuit across the towns of Aiud and Teiuș, with the last stop on the route being Aiud's Citadel. Its thick walls are hiding one of the oldest urban fortresses in Transylvania.

**Alba Carolina (White Caroline)** is a citadel built in a Vauban style and was built in the place of Germina Roman Castrum (image at page 71).

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**Roșia Montană** - Since the time of the Dacians (Romanian ancestry), significant quantities of gold ore have been extracted from here, thus attracting more and more wealth aspirants along with time.



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Straw-roof homes still can be found all over the Apuseni Mountains and the **Ethnographic Exhibition of Valer Butură** is hosted in one.

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**Colțești Fortress** - Although only a few portions of the inner walls and towers are still standing, the fortress is extremely picturesque, being located on an isolated and steep limestone cliff. (image at page 58).

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The effort of conserving the local heritage of the people in **Rimetea village**, was rewarded in 1999 with the *Europa Nostra* Prize.

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**Aiud's Gorges** are a botanical and geological natural reserve which impresses with 250 meters limestone cliffs.

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## To get started

If you have used an universal oil such as **MOTUL E. Z. Lube** in order to conserve the metal or chromed surfaces of the motorcycle, wipe the oil strip with a soft dry cloth. Check the depth of the tires profile and the air pressure from them and add pressure if necessary. If the tires have more than 4-6 years, it is appropriate to change them at the beginning of the season. Check the functioning and clearance of the acceleration shaft, of the brake and clutch handles, of the back-brake pedals and the gearbox. Check the functioning of the lights.

Start the engine, let it heat up and give it a short turn around the house, in order to test the motorcycle. Check the engine oil level and the cooling and brake liquids.

## During the season

1. **Oil** - Check the oil level at least every 1,000 km (620 miles) travelled. For the check, the engine should be at normal operating temperature and the motorcycle should be on a flat surface, ideally on the central crank. If necessary, top up with the recommended oil so the level won't drop below minimum. MOTUL product range includes oil suitable for any kind of motorcycle and any usage mode (street, circuit, off road). Be careful! Also oil level should never exceed maximum! This may damage the engine or shorten the life of the catalyzer.

2. **Chain** - Check the stretching and lubrication of the chain at every 500 - 1000 km (300 - 620 miles), depending on the style of steering, weather conditions, and charging. The chain must be lubricated after each rainy trip. For a longer journey, you may take along a dose of 100 ml of **MOTUL Chain Lube Road Plus**. It fits easily inside your pocket.

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Warning! Do not apply any cleaning solution as long as the surfaces are still hot or when they are directly exposed to sun light! Use only the special cleaning product for the operation in question and rinse it thoroughly with clear water.

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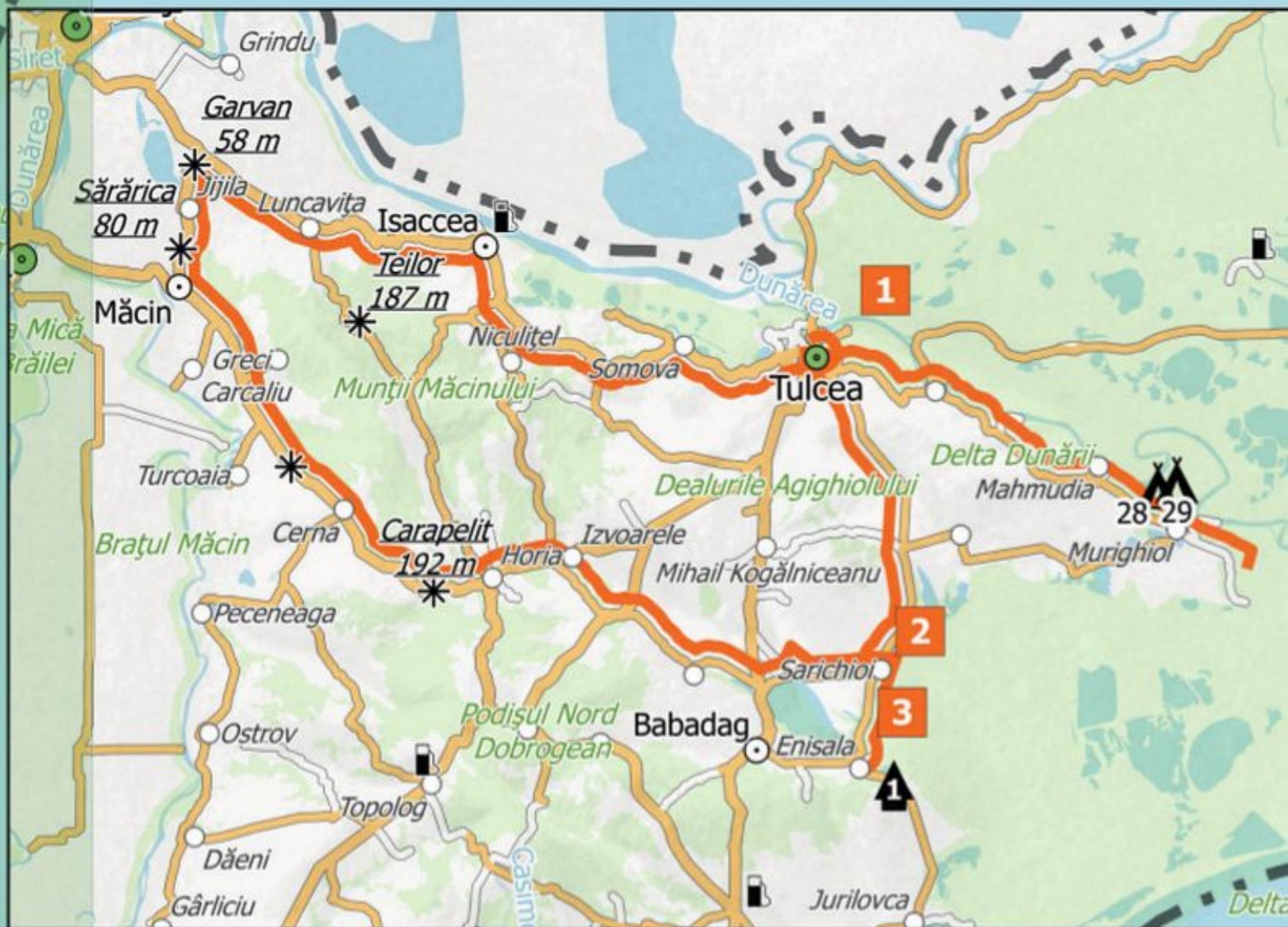


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**Transfăgărășan** - details at page 85.





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### North of Dobrogea

Distance (km) **283** Difficulty **Low** Duration (days) **1**

**13**

### The Black Sea Coastline

Distance (km) **244** Difficulty **Low** Duration (days) **1**



Sights	Danube Delta, Enisala Fortress, Sarichioi Church
Accommodation	Enisala - Safari Village
Pass	Priopcea (152 m)
Direction	Tulcea - Murighiol - Măcin - Izvoarele - Enisala - Tulcea

Even if it seems most unlikely, the northern part of Dobrogea features a mountain ensemble: Măcin Mountains. These mountains have a particular charm and their vicinity to the Danube Delta contribute to an interesting day-trip.

The circuit starts from the city of Tulcea along Danube's river-arm Sfântul Gheorghe (Saint George), on a recently refurbished road. Boat trips through the Delta can be made from the villages of Murighiol or Dunavățu de Jos (Lower Dunavatz), the ideal starting points for such a tour. The circuit is coming back the same road to the city of Tulcea, in order to continue along the river Danube up to the town of Măcin. This European road E87 is not so crowded and offers remarkable views over the Danube here and there.

Măcin Mountains are the reason for which the Danube River is flowing northward parallel with the Black Sea shore. These are the oldest mountains in Romania and for that matter they have reduced heights. The circuit goes through the village of Jijila (road DN 22) and a few passes, but none exceeding the altitude of 200 m / 650 ft. From the town of Măcin, the circuit continues southward on roads DN 22D and DJ 229 (from Izvoarele) up to lake Babadag (Turkish: Father's Mountain).

This lake and Razim-Sinoe are the biggest lakes in Romania. The Danube has brought alluvial deposits that have been layered along with time because of the circular Black Sea currents, parallels with the shore. This is how these anchors were formed, that today enclose the lagoon compound.

The Enisala Fortress (southern part of Lake Razim) has been built by the Byzantine imperial power and Genovese merchants at the end of the 13th century. Subsequently, it was included in the defence system of Țara Românească (Wallachia), and afterward converted into a garrison of the Ottoman Empire. It's the only medieval fortress that has survived the armed confrontations being carried upon the territory of Dobrogea between the Russian and Turkish armies.

After the Fortress of Enisala, the route continues toward Sarichioi, one of the villages populated by the Lippovan community. The ethnic group of the Lippovans is of Slavic origin, coming to Dobrogea after the reform of the Russian Orthodox Church under Tsar Peter the Great. The reluctance of some believers to follow this reform resulted in additional taxation of those who wished to keep the Old Rite faith. These measures made life unbearable, thus many have chosen to wander abroad and some being fishermen, settled in the Danube Delta. At the village of Sarichioi, there is a Lippovan Orthodox church worth visiting. The circuit continues northward of Sarichioi, through the village Agighiol (road DJ 222) in order to close the loop at the starting point: Tulcea.



**Enisala Fortress** (Cetatea Enisala) was built for a military, defensive and surveillance purpose, watching over the land road and especially the water ways, in a time when the mouths of Cerneț and Dunăvaț were not yet blocked, and the current lake Razim was still a golf of the Black Sea.



**The Danube Delta** (Delta Dunării) is a reserve of the biosphere, second largest in Europe and the most well preserved. We find it hard to choose the right words for a description, so we recommend to extend one day of your trip in order to discover it.

**3 Sarichioi Church** (Biserica Sarichioi) - Lippovan church, where Old Rite Eastern confession is practised.

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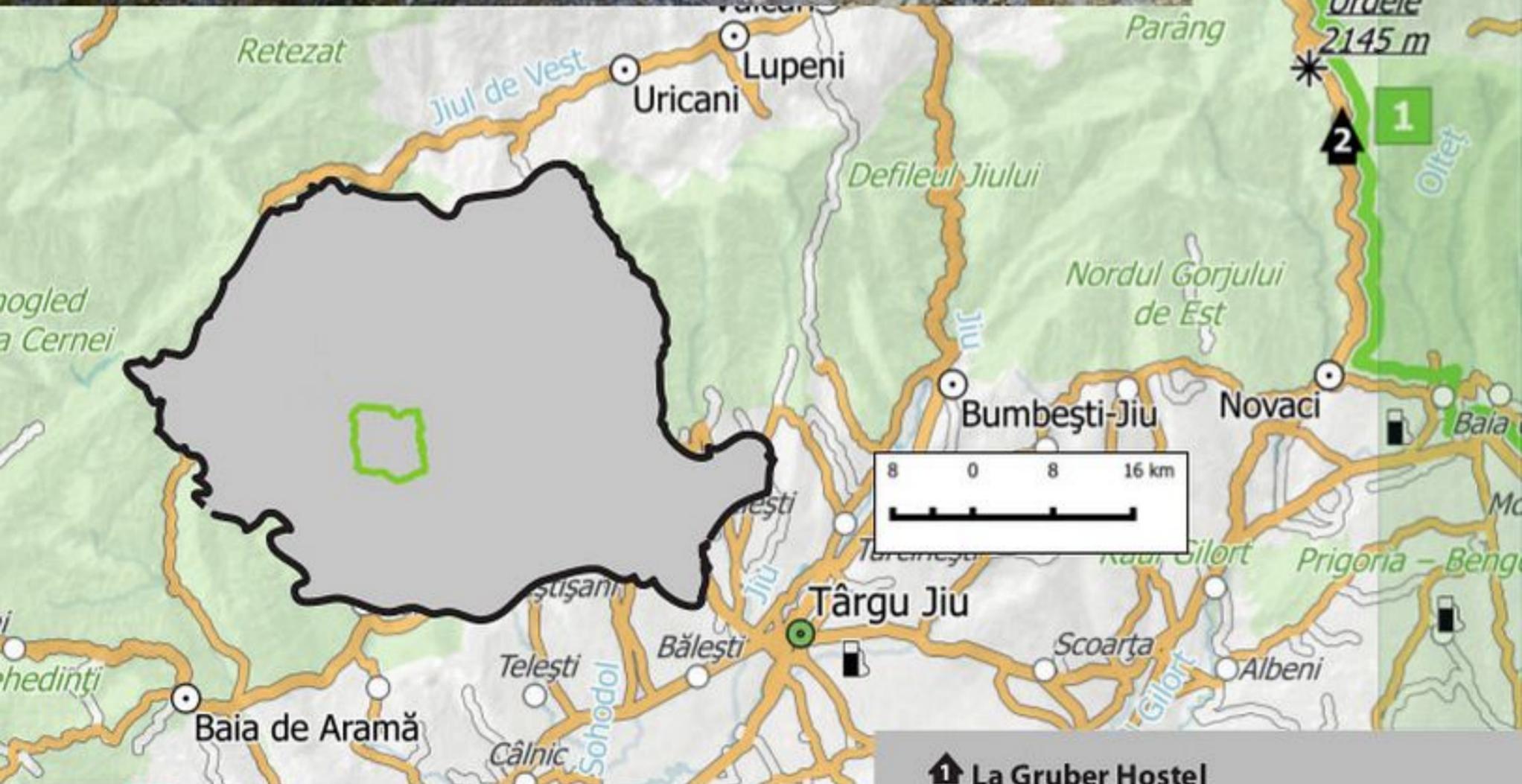
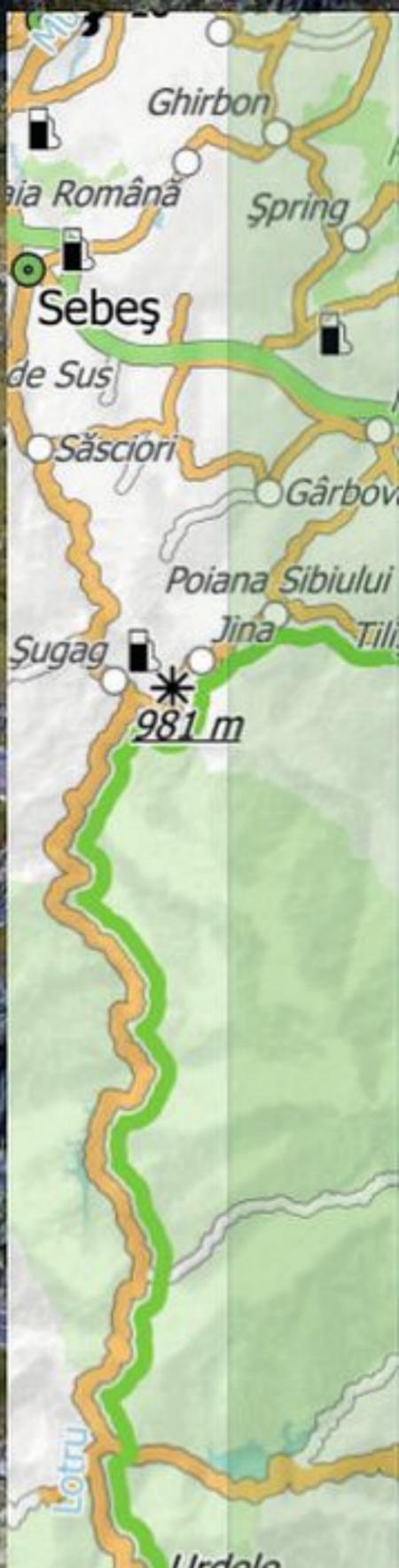
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**Bigär waterfall** - details at page 19



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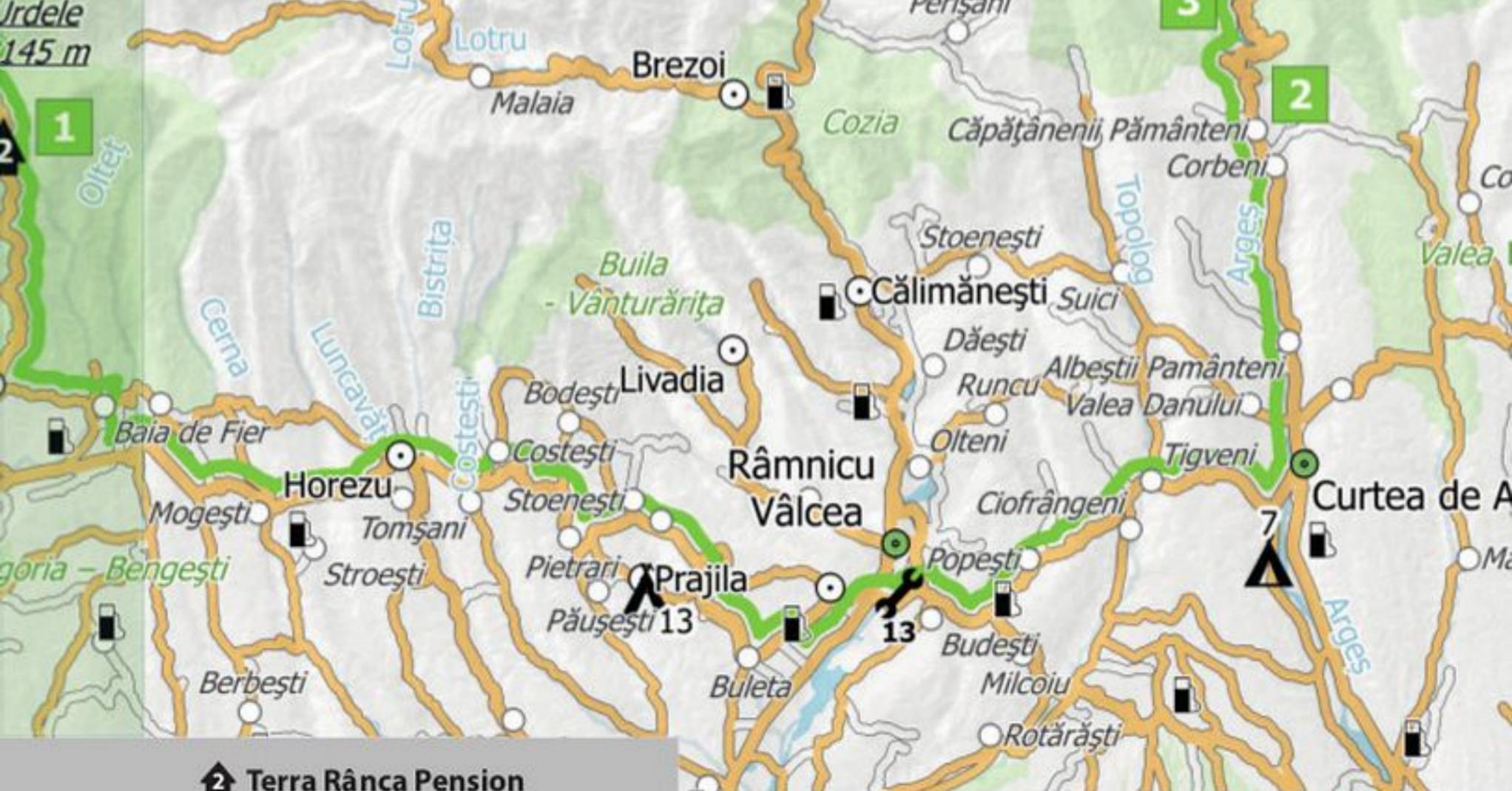


**22 Metaliferi Mountains**

Distance (km)	<b>238</b>	Difficulty	<b>Low</b>	Duration (days)	<b>1</b>
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**23 Transfăgărășan and Transalpina**

Distance (km)	<b>435</b>	Difficulty	<b>High</b>	Duration (days)	<b>1-2</b>
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Sights	Transalpina, Lake Vidraru, Poienari Fortress, Transfăgărășan, Historic Centre of Sibiu
Accommodation	Rânca - Terra Rânca Pension
Mountain Passes	Urdele (2145 m), 981m
Direction	Sibiu - Cisnădie - Gura Râului - Șugag - Novaci - Râmnicu Vâlcea - Curtea de Argeș - Sibiu

The main attractions of this route are the most famous crossing passages of the Carpathian Mountains in Romania: Transfăgărășanul and Transalpina. Each of these roads has a story and a charm of its own.

For the beginning, the circuit covers the region called Mărginimea Sibiului, an area culturally enclosed by the sheep herds over the pastures at the foot of Cindrel Mountains. After the villages of Jina and Poiana Sibiului the circuit goes into Valea Frumoasei at the village of Dobra. Road DN 67C, also called Transalpina will be the path followed for a good period of time.

For start, Lake Oașa is reached, the largest from Valea Sebeșului. Immediately after the artificial lake, begins the ascension toward the first mountain pass of Transalpina's roadway: Tătarau Pass. After lowering towards the resort Obârșia Lotrului, there comes a pronounced ascension toward the alpine area of the Parâng Mountains.

After the adventurous turns of the highest section of Transalpina, the circuit reaches the mountain resorts of Rânca and Novaci from the foot of the mountains. Transalpina has been rediscovered after the recent renovation from the year 2000. Initially, this route had been known only by the shepherds from Mărginimea Sibiului area, under the name of Devil's Path. King Carol the 1st decided to build a military strategic road over the Devil's Path. At the inauguration, the road has been transited by a "off-road" automobile driven by the king himself.

The circuit continues from Novaci towards the village of Baia de Fier and then on road DN 67 through Horezu, a renowned town for painted pottery. Râmnicu Vâlcea and Curtea de Argeș are the following cities on the way, where one can visit Mănăstirea Curtea de Argeș. The legend claims that this would be the church in which stonemason Manole build in his wife so the walls would

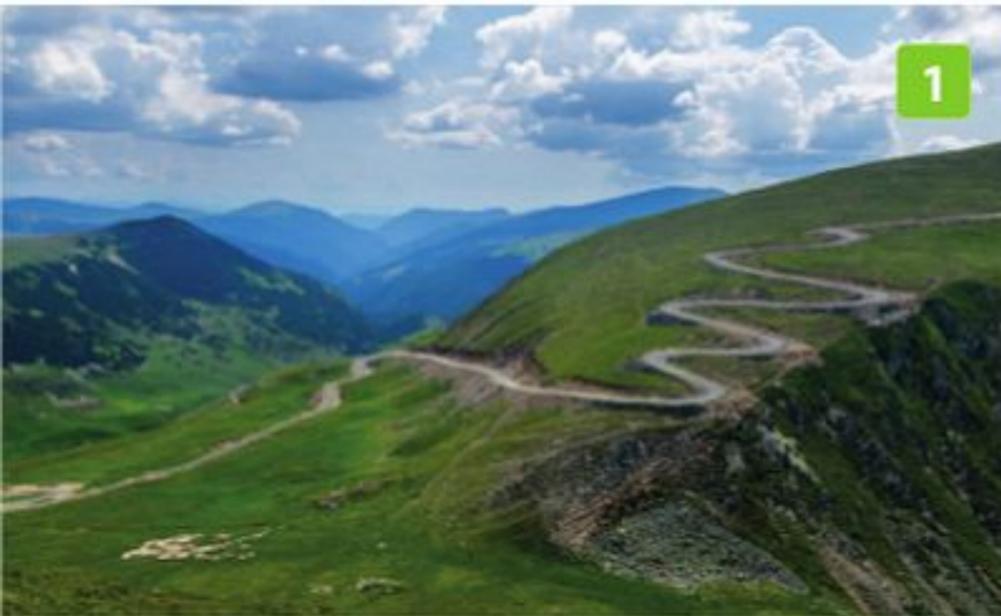
not crumble.

After the town of Curtea de Argeş, begins the ascension of another already famous passage of the Carpathians: Transfăgărăşanul. In the first portion, the road climbs smoothly up to Vidraru's hydroelectric plant, which is buried in the mountain. From this point, an ascent to Poienari Fortress could be done.

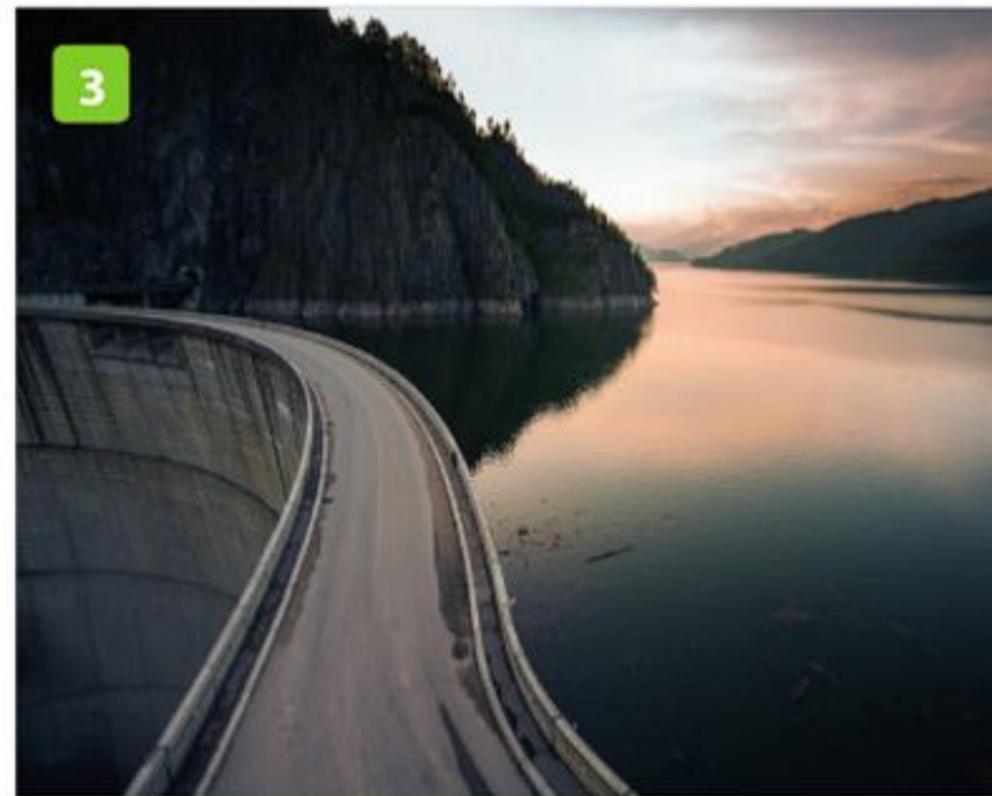
The road goes over the 307 m/336 yds long Vidraru Dam. Throughout Valea Capra, the circuit arrives at the tunnel that facilitates

the access from under the ridge. At the other side of the tunnel, there is a touristic complex with numerous mountain cabins and restaurants, but also an impressive sight over the glacial U shaped valley. The road was built between 1970-1974, at the initiative of Nicolae Ceauşescu and 6520 tonnes of dynamite were used for its construction. Along its length, the route includes 830 bridges and 27 viaducts. These impressive constructions were not completed without victims. During the construction, 40 soldiers and workers died here. We recommended this route during the week to avoid the tourists.

Both mountain routes, Transalpina as well as Transfăgărăşanul are closed to the public during the winter season. The loop is completed by following the Valley of river Olt until just after the town of Avrig, then back towards the city of Sibiu.



The highest road in Romania reaches the attitude of 2145 m / 7,040 ft at the Urdele Pass, thus **Transalpina** has a ridge section of almost 20 km / 12 miles. Its origins are unclear, but it has received the name of King's Road because during the time of King Carol the 2nd, it has been completely restored.



**Lake Vidraru (Lacul Vidraru)** was created by the 166 m / 544 ft arch-dam and is the second tallest in Romania. Due to this aspect, the highest bungee-jumping platform in the country has been installed here.



The legends of Vlad the Impaler are also connected to **Poienari Fortress**, a 5 tower fort, located on a mountain peak. Access to the fortress can only be made on the stairs, and they count no less than 1,480 the steps.

**4** The 91 km / 56 miles of the road **Transfăgărăşan** (DN 7C) have been built in 4 years and pass through the highest mountain group in Romania, the Făgăraş Mountains. During an episode of the TV show Top Gear, Jeremy Clarkson said this is 'the most beautiful road in the world'.

## 5. National Routes

A motorcycle journey is much more exciting if the road does not bring you home after a day or two. Using the 28 routes presented so far, we have prepared a series of recommendations on how a ride in Romania can be prolonged. The routes have a duration of between 4 and 8 days, but this may vary depending on the preferred riding style. Circuits that make up these long routes do not have to be completed, you may choose the sections that seem more interesting.

A general recommendation is still needed: if a place looks particularly remarkable, stay there another day, and investigate the surroundings. There is a big chance you will discover new places and people that will impress you with their stories.



Region

**Transylvania**

Routes

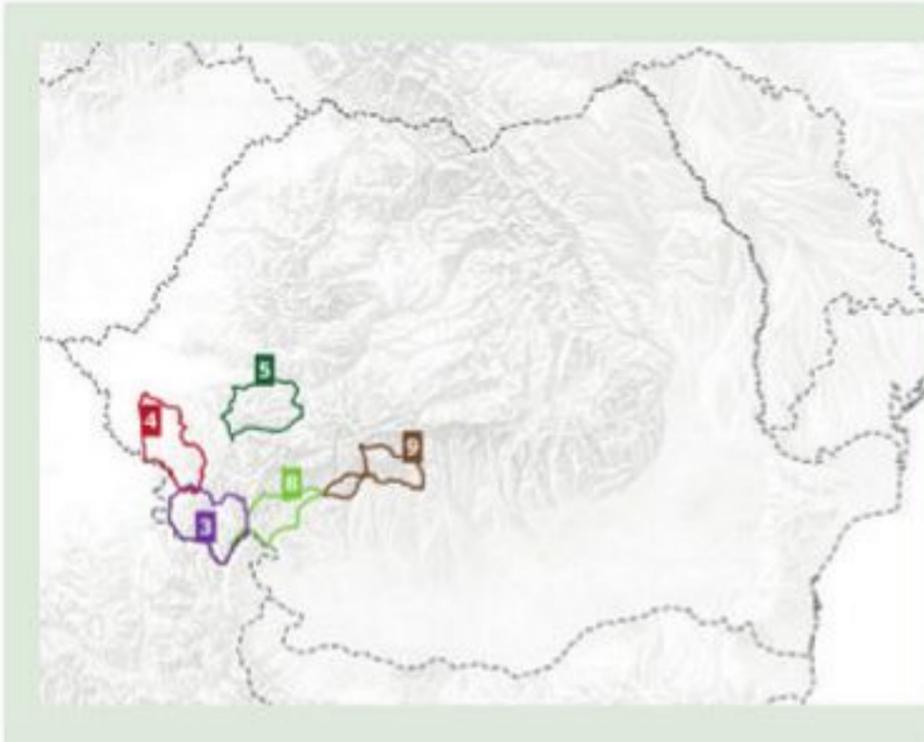
**1\* -> 15 -> 19 -> 17->21->20->16**

Estimated duration

**7 days**

This western part of the Carpathian Mountains has been inhabited for thousands of years and crossed by numerous cultures, each leaving their mark. Roman ruins, medieval castles or old villages have a specific charm which complement the wonderful natural scenery dotted with caves, salt mines and high mountains.

*\* Route 1 can be excluded if time does not permit completion because it is away from other routes.*



Regions

### **Banat and Oltenia**

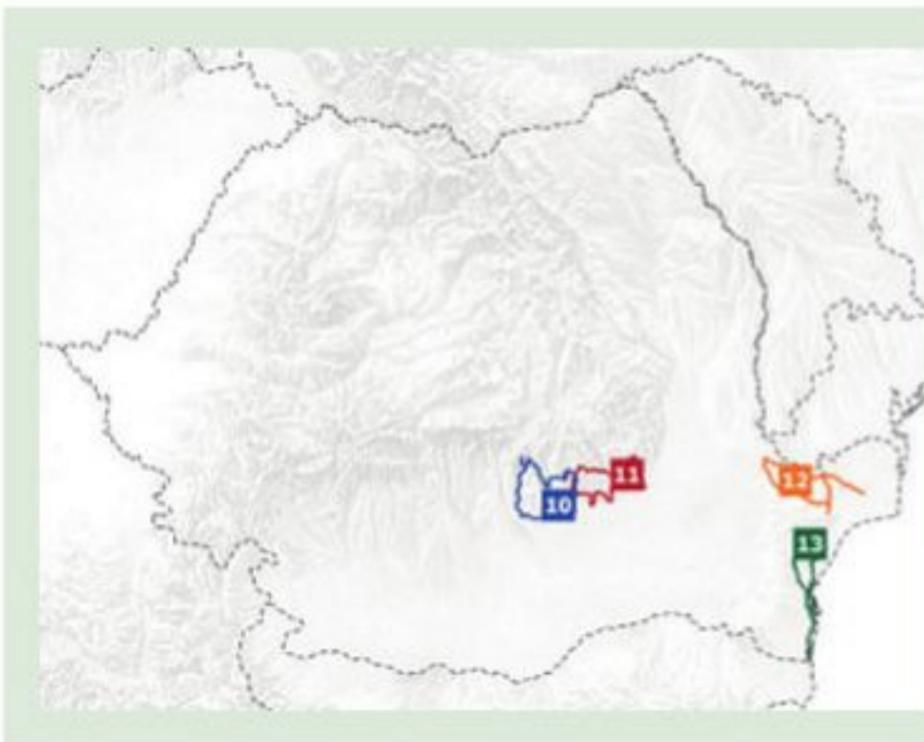
Routes

**5 -> 4 -> 3 -> 8 -> 9**

Estimated duration

**5 days**

The Danube's Boilers, a waterfall quoted one of the most beautiful in the world and the highest mountain pass in Romania are the most interesting sights of Banat and northern Oltenia. The art works made by Constantin Brancusi and the ceramics from Horezu are the main cultural sights of regions mentioned.



Regions

### **Muntenia and Dobrogea**

Routes

**10 -> 11 -> DN 28 (Buzău - Brăila) 12 -> 13**

Estimated duration

**4 days**

The contrast between the Curburii Carpathians, Danube Delta and the Black Sea coast offers a spectacular addition to this proposal. The sub-mountainous area is auspicious to vineyards, wineries and grape cultures are common all along the route. The crowded Black Sea coast is close to several sights less known and the Danube Delta is a unique place in Europe to be visited.



Regions

## Maramureş and Bucovina

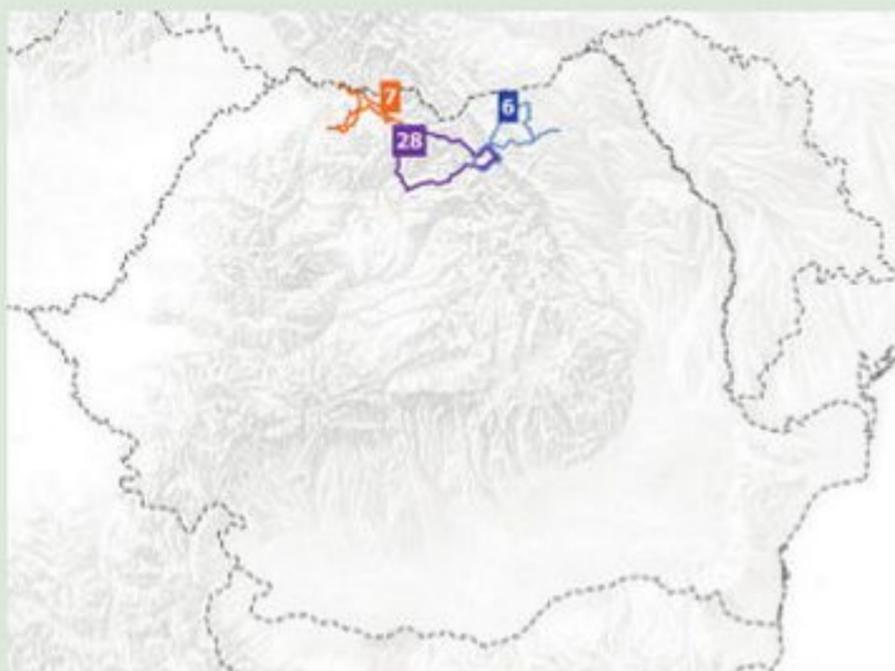
Routes

**7 -> 28 -> 6**

Estimated duration

**4 days**

The north of the country has something unique, the landscape grabs you like a spell, and the people are that kind that still invite travelers in their homes and put them at their table. Bucovina and Maramureş lie on these story lands. There is a saying that tells us that those who come here are definitely going to come back.



## The Mountain passes of Romania

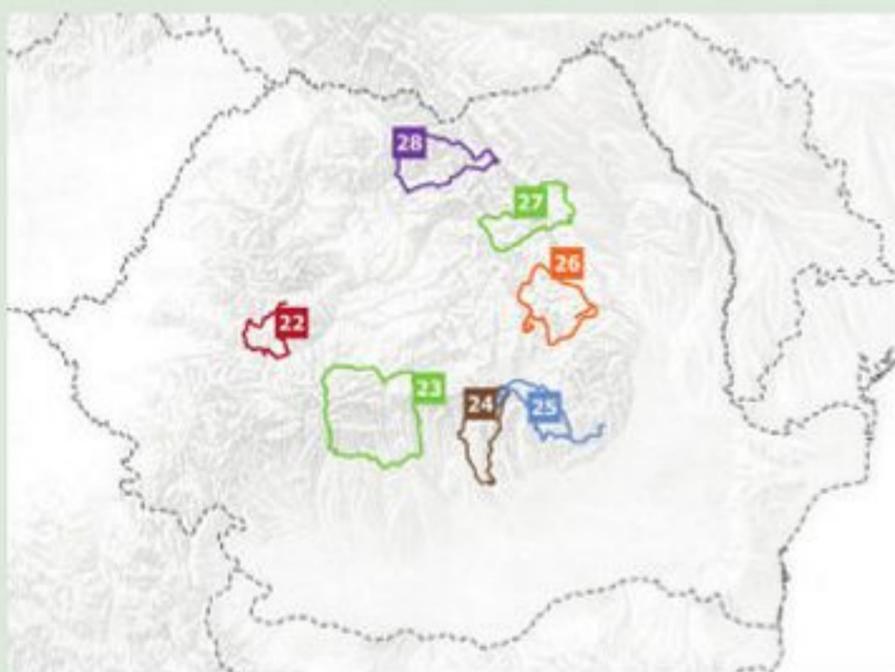
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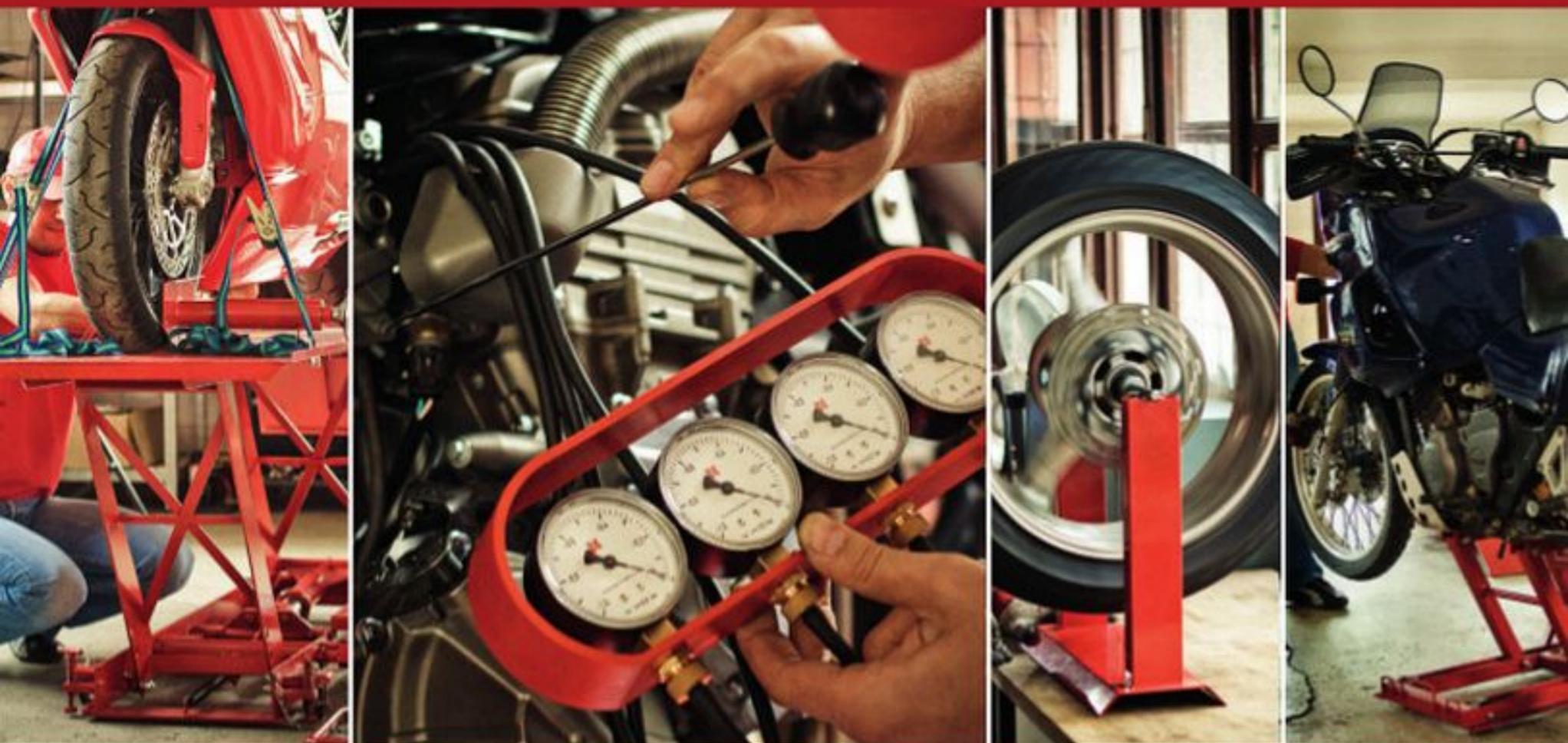
**22 -> 23 -> 24 -> 25 -> 26 -> 27 -> 28**

Estimated duration

**8 days**

There is no doubt when it is said that the mountain passes are highly sought by most motorcyclists. A journey of at least 8 days in which all major mountain passes in Romania are to be travelled is a very good plan for an adventure. Adding several citadels, chic towns or gorges, which can be admired on breaks, we believe that this proposal is one of the most complete journeys on two wheels that can be made in Romania.





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1	Cabana Brădet	Principală, No. 10, Padiș	-	(+4) 0740 043 678
1, 14	Cuib de Barză	No. 176, Sâncraiu	-	(+4) 0742 773 833
2	Pensiunea Primadona	Alexandru Ioan Cuza, Alba Iulia	-	(+4) 0746 057 954
2	Pensiunea Poarta Zmeilor	No. 9A, Sălciua de Jos	www.poartazmeilor.ro	(+4) 0744 656 029
2	Ecotur Ardeal	DJ 107M, No. 172, Vălișoara	www.ecotour-ardeal.com	(+4) 0728 137 718
3	Happy Fish	DN 57, Coronini	www.happy-fish.ro	(+4) 0742 011 262
3	Cabana OGradena	Dunării, No. 1024, Eșelnița	www.ogradena.ro	(+4) 0728 370 709
4	Pensiunea Brândușa	Brândușelor, No. 2, Stațiunea Secu-Reșița	www.infopensiuni.ro	(+4) 0721 064 429
4, 3	Popasul Căprioarei	No. 669, Pădureni	www.popasul-caprioarei.ro	(+4) 0722 691 705
5	Pensiunea Aurmar	No. 415A, Glimboca	www.pensiuneaurmar.ro	(+4) 0742 026 270
5	Pensiunea Diana	Bucovina, No. 15, Cristur	www.pensiuneadiana deva.ro	(+4) 0749 115 004
7	Pensiunea Elisabeta	22 Decembrie, Cavnic	-	(+4) 0742 270 561
7	Frații Pașca	DJ 186, No. 1338A, Bârsana	www.frațiipasca.ro	(+4) 0742 427 402
7	Romina	No. 31, Vișeu de Sus	-	(+4) 0752 672 405
8	Hotel Tudor	Calea Timișoarei, Nr.180, Drobeta-Turnu Severin	www.hoteltudor.ro	(+4) 0352 405 653
8	Pensiunea Fagilor	DN 17A, No. 583, Sucevița	www.pensiuneafagilor.ro	(+4) 0230 417 555
8, 28	Hotel Maestro	Republicii, No. 1, Vatra Dornei	www.hotelmaestro.ro	(+4) 0740 106 868
8	Hotel Casa de Piatră	Humorului, No. 961A, Suceava	www.hotelcasadepiatra.ro	(+4) 0230 526 854
9	Casa Mariflor	DN 67C, Rânca	www.pensiuneamariflorraca.blogspot.ro	(+4) 0724 507 722
9, 8	Pensiunea Jiul	DN 66, No. 116A, Târgu Jiu	www.pensiunea-jiul.ro	(+4) 0253 214 454



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