

## Romania – Transylvania Highlights 21<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Sept 2004

### Overview

A moving on road tour taking in the highlights of Transylvania and the Carpathian Mountains. Whilst Bucharest undergoes its post communist era transformation, the rural scene we pass through is still very much locked into 19th century tradition, with preserved medieval towns and villages where horse-drawn carts outnumber cars and tourists on cycles are a rarity. Romania is a living rural museum.

### Day 1 London / Bucharest

Depart London Heathrow direct flight to Bucharest Otopeni airport; Transfer by coach to hotel.

*Dinner and overnight accommodation in Bucharest*

### Day 2 Bucharest

Vehicle transfer to Rucar. Cycle to Poiana Brasov via Castle Dracula at Bran

*Dinner and overnight accommodation in Bucharest*

### Day 3 Bucharest / Baraolt

Cycle to Brasov city, onto Baraolt Village via medieval villages Prejmer and Harman

*Dinner and overnight accommodation in Baraolt*

### Day 4 Baraolt / Sovate

*Dinner and overnight accommodation in Sovate*

### Day 5 Sovate / Luca Rosa

*Dinner and overnight accommodation in Luca Rosa*

### Day 6 Luca Rosa / Poiana Larguilui

Cycle to Poiana Larguilui via the spectacular Bicz Gorge

*Dinner and overnight accommodation in Poiana Larguilui*

### Day 7 Poiana Larguilui / Gura Humorului

Cycle to Gura Humorului

*Dinner and overnight accommodation in Gura Humorului*

### Day 8 Rest day

**Including minibus tour of the World Heritage Painted Monasteries**

*Dinner and overnight accommodation in Gura Humorului*

### Day 9 Gura Humorului / Ciocanesti

Cycle to picturesque Ciocanesti Village for village home-stay experience

### Day 10 Ciocanesti / Borsa

Ascent of Prislop Pass to Borsa Tourist Complex

### Day 11 Borsa / Bistrita

Cycle to Bistrita

*Dinner and overnight accommodation in Bistrita*

### Day 12 Bistrita / Sibiu

Vehicle transfer from Bistrita to Sighisoara (100 kms). Cycle from Sighisoara to Sibiu (66 kms)

### Day 13 Sibiu / Transfagarasan Pass

Morning at leisure in Sibiu City. Afternoon minibus transfer to start of

Transfagarasan Pass. Cycle to top of pass – optional. Overnight at the summit.

**Day 14                      Transfagarasan Pass / Curtea d'Arges**

Descend Transfagarasan Pass (60 kms). Vehicle transfer to Curtea d'Arges.  
Time at leisure before minibus transfer to Bucharest hotel (stay one night)

**Day 15                      Curtea d'Arges / Bucharest**

Day at leisure with included guided tour of Bucharest

**Day 16                      Bucharest / London**

Morning at leisure in Bucharest. Transfer to Bucharest Otopeni airport to London Heathrow.

**Back-up vehicle**

A back-up vehicle will be travelling with the group for the purpose of taking luggage, giving assistance to riders en route and helping riders over difficult or long stretches of the route.