

# Pracula Ride 2026



"To travel is to discover that many people are wrong in what they think about other countries" - Aldous Huxley knew. And Bram Stocker was so fascinated that the incredible beauty and mystical Carpathians, with all their legends, inspired him to write "Dracula".

Experience Romania - the home of Dracula - up close with us. Our ride takes us through the south of Hungary with its vast plains, crosses the Danube by ferry and dives into the wild forests of the Carpathian Mountains. On winding pass roads, along rivers, through gorges and pristine villages, we follow in the footsteps of Vlad III Dracula - better known as Dracula.

We cross some of the most impressive regions of Eastern Europe: Banat, Transylvania, Wallachia, Bukovina, and Maramureş. The program includes legendary passes such as the Transfăgărăşan, the Transalpina and the Transrarăul - all over 2,000 m above sea level.

From Dracula's birthplace Sighişoara to the famous Törzburg castle in Bran, to the island of Snagov, where his presumed burial place is located - the scent of Dracula will be omnipresent. The program is complemented by many highlights, such as the "Thorenburg Gorge" (Cheile Turzii), the "little Paris" of Bucharest, wooden churches in the north and historic monasteries.

At the end of the trip, we return to our starting point through the Hungarian Pusz-ta National Park - with many new impressions, friends, and stories in our luggage.

### "Bună ziua și bine ai venit în România"

#### Tour dates

The tour with your own bike lasts 13 days and covers around 3,200 kilometers - starting in Graz. It is made for experienced and fit bikers who not only want to ride but also experience the country and its people. For the journey to Graz, we offer you a guided transfer or recommend the comfortable car train from Feldkirch. Don't you have your own bike? No stress - we have suitable solutions for you!





Termin: 2026

16. August – 29. August 2026

Prices from, based on double room:

Biker CHF 3'330
Passengers CHF 2'850
Single room surcharge CHF 580

Transfers to / from Graz CHF 490

(incl. 4 nights, breakfast)

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Registration: join – sign up here

#### Included services:

- - Road Captain
- 13 guided travel days from Graz
- - 12 overnight stays
- 12 breakfasts
- - 9 dinners
- 5 lunches
- - Support vehicle with drinks
- Luggage transportation
- Tolls on planned routes
- City tour & entrance fees
- Routes (electronic)
- - Vampire & bear protection
- - Dracula Circle certificate / pins

Our convoys: We travel in convoys of approx. 14 bikes (big twins only...). Our groups are not split up; we travel and experience together. Nevertheless, you have free time - the evenings and the day off are yours.

Prices are subject to exchange rate fluctuations and changes in hotel and fuel costs.

we make it real...





#### Day 1 Graz - Pécs

We start our ride in Graz at the loading terminal. After a first



coffee to get to know each other, off we go: through the beautiful Steiermark, via

330 Km



Slovenia to the Hungarian border. Our journey takes us through western Transdanubia, a vast

plain, to Pécs (German: Fünfkirchen), where we spend our first night in Hungary.

#### Day 2 Pécs - Timisoara

320 Km

A flat, relaxed stage awaits us today. We cross the Danube at Mohács by ferry and visit the world's largest statue of the Virgin Mary (almost 11 meters high!). We continue across the Hungarian lowlands, past Szeged, towards the Romanian border. In the evening, we reach Timişoara, the cultural capital of the West.



# welcome to the land of "Dracula"

#### Timisoara - Hunedoara Day 3

240 Km

Today we get to know the hilly southwestern foothills of the Southern Carpathians and reach Transylvania. We touch the north of the Semenic National Park. Passing the special buildings in Hășdățel, we catch our first glimpse of the magnificent Corvinilor Castle, which we will visit.



#### Hunedoara - Rânmicu Vâlcea Day 4 280 Km

Today, the legendary Transalpina - also known as King's Road - is on the program.

A short stretch of highway takes us to Sebeş. From there, a dream route with dense forests, winding roads and spec-





tacular reservoirs awaits us. We cross the highest point of the Urdele Pass at 2.127 m above sea level.

Views and riding fun guaranteed. Overnight stay in Râmnicu Vâlcea.

#### Day 5 Rânmicu Vâlcea – Bucharest

200 Km

After a rather short stage, we reach the capital Bucharest today. On the way, we visit our local Harley dealer -

and



afternoon

maybe someone will treat them-



selves to the legendary shirt as a souvenir. Lunch is planned at the largest Hard Rock Café in Europe. The later evening are free

for you to explore **Bucharest** individually - from the historic center to modern bars and restaurants.

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# THE WALLES

#### Day 6 Bucharest - Bran

#### 250 Km

#### "Dracula here we come".

The day starts with a mystical visit: the presumed burial place of Dracula on the monastery island in Lake Snagov. We then drive through the picturesque Teleajen Valley, over the Cheia Pass and the Pârâul-Rece Pass - a scenically magnificent route.





Our destination is Bran, where we visit the famous Törzburg,

known as Dracula's Castle.

#### Day 7 Bran - Sighişoara

310 Km



A winding dream day for all bikers:

Over the narrow Rucăr Pass, we reach the legendary Transfăgărășan - one of the most beautiful high mountain roads in Europe. We follow the Vidraru reservoir, visit Lake Bâlea at

2,034 m above sea level and stop at Poenari Castle, the real fortress of Vlad the Impaler. In the evening, we reach Sighişoara the medieval castle town of Dracula.

# Day 8 Free Day in Sighișoara

0 Km

Today we enjoy a free day in one of the most beautiful cities in Romania - a UNESCO World Heritage Site. On a guided tour of the city, we immerse ourselves in history, legends, and the medieval flair of Transylvania. The rest of the day



is yours - for a coffee in the old town, a visit to Dracula House or simply to relax.

#### Day 9 Sighișoara - Bicaz See

220 Km

Today, the focus is on lakes and gorges. Our route takes us to the Zetea Reservoir, then over the Liban Pass, on to Pasul Panarati and finally to Lacul Roşu - the legendary "Murder Lake". A spectacular highlight awaits us in the afternoon: the winding drives through the narrow Bicaz Gorge with its high,

steep rock faces. Our day's destination is right next to the Bicaz reservoir - in good weather, it is even an inviting place to



#### Day 10 Bicaz See - Vișeu de Sus

220 Km

Today we reach the easternmost point of our journey and then follow the motto: Go West!

Over the Tarniţa Pass, the legendary "Gemenea Trail" and the Transrarăul panoramic road, we head back into the heart of Maramureş. After the Rislop Pass, we reach Vişeu de Sus - surrounded by nature, wooden architecture, and rural tranquility.

# Day 11 Vișeu de Sus - Carei

210 Km

Maramureş is known for its wooden monasteries and churches. We visit the impressive Bârsana Monastery, one of

> the most beautiful in the country.



We then continue to Săpânţa, where we visit the famous Cheerful Cemetery - a place with humor and poetry. Over the last pass in Romania, the Huta Pass, the landscape becomes flatter. Destination of the day: Carei.

#### Day 12 Carei - Kecskemet

320 Km

We leave Romania and ride through the Banat region, past Oradea, back to Hungary. The last section of the ride takes us through

the Puszta National Park - with vast



plains, horses, and windmills. In the evening, we reach Kecskemét - our last night together on tour.



Goodbye to the land of "Dracula"

# Day 13 Kecskemet - Graz

390 Km

On the last day - we travel along the northern bank of the Balaton to Graz. If possible we round off the trip with dinner at the Clock Tower restaurant in Graz.

We reminisced and made plans for the next ride...



It is planned that those who wish to travel back by car-train will also arrive on time.

The ride ends - the impressions and stories remain. ...see you on the next tour...

we make it real...





#### Traveling safely in a convoy - that is our credo.

Our groups consist of participants with the same philosophy: enjoying motorcycling together, starting the day with curiosity, discovering countries, experiencing landscapes, getting to know places, and hearing stories. These experiences make our rides unforgettable. We want you to go home with lasting memories and unique pictures.

But community also means meeting new people, making friends, laughing, riding, and experiencing together. Combining driving dynamics and the magic of curves - but only with respect, consideration, and a portion of generosity.

Our rides are neither driving training nor a race camp. The speed is determined by the road captain - his goal: to lead the group safely to its destination.

Consideration is a matter of course - if the convoy works. We expect you to prepare yourself for this challenging tour:

physically fit, mentally ready, and open to adventure. Our aim is to offer you a perfectly organized tour with lasting experiences.

We do our best - but not everything is in our hands. Sometimes the weather does not play ball, sometimes conditions change spontaneously. The consequences are unpredictable.

In such cases, we reserve the right to adjust.

#### Our safety

We attach immense importance to safety. This includes your riding style and your personal protective equipment, which must be safe and suitable for all weather conditions. For your own safety and the protection of the group.

#### Our travel conditions

The General Terms and Conditions of Kamber SE, Bike Competence apply. These are available on the website www.road-captain.ch or can be requested. We recommend that you read our preamble in the GTCs.

We travel fully booked. If this is not possible, we reserve the right to cancel the trip in accordance with the GTC. The routes, stops and highlights are planned. Special requests can be made, if possible, in accordance with the GTCs. If you have any ideas or requests, please contact us before booking.

The "first come, first booked" principle applies to registrations.

Registrations are valid once we have received the 25% deposit. The remaining amount must be received 60 days before the start of the course.

#### Insurance

All participants are responsible for their insurance. Good cover is an absolute must:

- Vehicle insurance with assistance
- Personal assistance,
- health and accident insurance
- and liability insurance
- ...

Please note that the insurance policies are valid in the countries traveled to. Insurance is listed in detail in the General Terms and Conditions.

#### Our bikes

We are on the road for several thousand kilometers.

- Your bike must be fit enough to outlast the ride by about 1,000 kilometers for tire changes and service.
- R Tire changes and service are not scheduled during the rides
- ☑ Daily checks (air / oil...) provide safety.
- If a bike must go to the workshop, the Road Captain arranges it, but continues with the group