



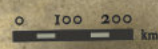
Guided Motorhome Tours



Southeast Europe

A PHANTASMAGORICAL
ADVENTURE

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*Now and then adventures
are epic, unique and
inspiring...*

Duration: 38 days

Driving distance overall: about
5800 kilometres / 3600 miles

Countries visited: Germany,
Austria, Slovenia, Croatia, Hungary,
Romania, Czech Republic





Detailed Itinerary

Day 1 We pick you up at the Frankfurt airport and escort you to your hotel located in a wonderful medieval village near Mannheim. Enjoy a stroll through its ancient alleyways. Did you know that the very first car was invented nearby? Look forward to local cuisine as a welcome dinner in the evening.

Day 2 In the morning we have time to do some sightseeing of the area. This could include a visit to world-famous Heidelberg and its mighty castle. In the afternoon we introduce you to your motorhome and prepare it for the big adventure ahead.

Day 3 Your road adventure begins with an easy drive to Upper Bavaria.

Our campsite at the lakeshore views the awe-inspiring silhouette of the Alps standing out against the afterglow of sunset. And Romania behind them is still far, far away...

Day 4 Take that, motorways! Be amongst those who master lesser-known parts of the German Alpine Road (Deutsche Alpenstraße). You cannot feast your eyes enough on the magnificent mountain views and typical Bavarian and Austrian villages. We spend the night in the middle of the majestic Austrian Alps.

Day 5 If the weather allows we take the Grossglockner High Alpine Road. Maximum altitude: 2,504 m (8,215 ft). A spectacular route including a side trip to the longest glacier in the Eastern Alps. Today's destination is a magical place in Slovenia. A relaxed afternoon walk with superb views from the local castle completes this day.

Day 6 We go deep underground into the Postojna Caves, the world's second largest karst cave system. Your visit to this bizarre world starts with a spooky train ride. Another highlight of this day is Predjama Castle nearby, a castle built within a cave with an astonishing layout. And a lethal lavatory.

Day 7 We visit the birthplace of the Lipizzan, bred here since the 16th century. Get acquainted with today's residents, who welcome petting and scratching. Next stop: Croatia. Walk along the coast of the Adriatic to explore the historical alleyways of today's destination, then savor a delicious dinner at the beach with stunning views.

Day 8 Carpe diem! No driving today. Instead we take a relaxed bus ride to explore more of the history of the Is-

trian peninsula with its rich Roman heritage. On our list is an ancient village centre with several Roman buildings and one of the best preserved amphitheatres worldwide, built around 30 BC. Now that's what we call quality.

Day 9 We drift through the Croatian hinterland and charming villages, travel the road high above the sparkling sea, swap the mainland for an island, stroll along a harbour promenade, immerse in the life of one of the oldest cities in the Adriatic sea and spoon a famous Croatian sundae (only 50 different types to choose from). Sound like a plan?

Day 10 Ship ahoy! We embark on an excursion boat for a cruise to several enchanted islands of the area with lovely views of the villages along the coast. We explore quiet coves, observe the local wildlife and maybe dolphins will accompany us.

Day 11 On a winding pass road we head for the world-famous Plitvice Lakes National Park. We cross the mythical Velebit mountains, the barrier between the coast and the inland - barren on one side, densely wooded on the other. In the afternoon we arrive at our campsite - well, it's more the lovely backyard of our host family.

Day 12 A day out at the Plitvice Lakes. Arranged in cascades, the lakes really are an area of natural beauty with a rich diversity of flora and fauna. And countless waterfalls. Although one of the main tourist attractions in Croatia, we show you how to enjoy your day mostly away from the hustle and bustle.



Pepper house at the Balaton

Day 13 Hungary. Near Lake Balaton, our destination is one of the best known traditional spas. Even the Romans cherished its thermal lake. Want to relax after a driving day? Then let yourself drift through the lake with floaties. Expect water temperature of around 30 °C (86 °F). Too warm? What about a bath in revitalizing mud?

Day 14 We do an easy tour around Lake Balaton enjoying the view and exploring some gems, such as a 13th century castle towering high above the country, a 1000-year-old Benedictine abbey and a traditional village with lovely thatched-roof houses. After a ferry ride we enjoy a peaceful sunset at the shore.

Day 15 An extraordinary day at a horse ranch in the Hungarian Pusztá! Flying hooves, cracking whips, wild rides...just another working day in the life of a csikós. We will see all of the excitement of the herdsmen and their horses and hear their stories. Work up an appetite, because dinner will be almost as spectacular.

Day 16 First glimpses of Romania. A driving day takes us into Transylvania (German: Siebenbürgen) with our first sight of the Carpathians. This area was

settled by Germans during the 12th century. Our host tonight is well-informed - he not only runs the campsite but also the clergy office for the German speaking (now) minority.

Day 17 Your first castle in Transylvania and Huniazilor is one of the biggest in Europe. Wooden stairs lead you up to halls, ballrooms and chambers and down into dungeons - this place radiates a unique and quite spooky atmosphere. Our final destination today is the completely unspooky and picturesque town of Sibiu.

Day 18 Sibiu is both lively and idyllic. You will be entranced by the majestic churches and fortifications and will be charmed by the town square surrounded by narrow lanes with their own tiny squares in between. Our campsite is situated in a traditional village with one of the oldest churches of Transylvania on a perfectly cone-shaped hill.



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Day 19 Not just "a" pass road - this one is often declared the most spectacular road in the world. Hairpin turns, viaducts, tunnels, lakes and waterfalls - you get it all. The distance of this tour is just a little bit more than 100 km (65 mi), but with all the photo stops and the slow pace we easily spend the day on it.

Day 20 Another wonderful drift through the Carpathian Mountains. This time you get to know the more soft and hilly side and browsing through typical villages gives an awesome impression of local life. Our final destination is linked to Vlad the Impaler, the inspiration for a mean guy called Dracula and his castle...

Day 21 Bran village is allegedly the home of Dracula's castle and we give the vampires three nights to seduce us. During the day we have an excursion with local guides, who introduce us to Dracula's castle itself, some nice local bears, and Peleş Castle, which is more a fairytale-like palace than a castle.



Day 22 Our second day tour is dedicated to more attractions typical for the local culture. Romania is famous for its fortified churches and life within walled ancient towns. Our tour guides have a lot of stories to tell about the UNESCO World Heritage Sites we visit. What does Charles, Prince of Wales, have to do with it? We'll find out.

Day 23 We turn north-east to the Moldavia region which borders the Ukraine. On our way we stay at a natural lake surrounded by dramatic mountain scenery. Like arms, tree trunks stick out of the lake's reddish water; local shepherds call it the "killer lake". By candlelight we tell you

the legend of the beautiful Eszter Fazekas.

Day 24 300 m (1000 ft.) high limestone rock formations to the left and right - our road cuts through a spectacular gorge. In the afternoon we arrive in Moldavia - world-famous for its eight Orthodox churches, listed by UNESCO. Today's campsite is situated right in the middle of this area.

Day 25 Guided day tour of the painted monasteries. These one-of-a-kind churches are remarkable for their painted exterior walls decorated with elaborate 15th and 16th century frescoes. Our local guide will show us round and take us to visit local handcraft businesses and a museum of the famous painted Romanian eggs.

Day 26 Maramureş - a region in the North-West, famous for its unique wooden churches and carved gates with symbols to protect against evil. Visiting a "merry" cemetery sounds strange - but the locals consider death as a beginning, not the end. By the way: our host produces one of the best home-distilled schnapps we've ever tasted.

Day 27 Farewell Romania! Welcome back to Hungary. Today's destination is a small city famous for its historical sites and especially for its wines like the Red Bull. We should taste some in the Valley of the Beautiful Women.

Day 28 Budapest is ahead. Before we arrive there we will visit a living traditional settlement of the Palócz subgroup within the Hungarian nation, a



Castelmania in Romania

UNESCO site. Look forward to a leisurely stroll through its ancient cobblestone lanes and enjoy the very pleasant atmosphere. The local arts and crafts make nice souvenirs.

Day 29 A day out in Budapest, without a doubt one of the most attractive capitals in Europe. It's just a short hop to the city centre and there are many easy ways to explore the city. We provide you with tips and ideas to keep you entertained for the entire day.

Day 30 The Czech Republic is within grasp. But before we cross the border we stop over in the beautiful Wachau region in Austria. We've crossed the Danube so many times, now it's time to linger at its shores. We end the evening on a cosy note at the campsite's restaurant, famous for its extensive selection of local wines and craft beers.

Day 31 Ever heard about 2747 Český Krumlov? It's an asteroid named after our first destination in the Czech Republic. The asteroid itself is invisible but the town of Český Krumlov shines with its historical heritage. It is situated at the river Vltava (as is Prague)



Marketplace with fortified church

and a guided night tour will reveal all the secrets of this UNESCO site.

Day 32 One of the most beautiful castles in the Czech Republic, and two villages - one typical Bohemian and the other built in gingerbread style (both are UNESCO sites) - are planned for today. Combined with the driving experience through the historical region of Moravia, this is a perfect motorhome day.

Day 33 The city centre of Prague is only a stone's throw away from our camp. We have a guided tour tomorrow, but if you just can't wait to get started, take the nearby ferry to the historic fort of Vyšehrad. The Vyšehrad cemetery is the last resting



place of many artists such as the composers Antonín Dvořák and Bedřich Smetana.

Day 34 Guided tour of Prague's Old Town, which includes a number of major monuments such as the Old Town Square, the Theatre of the Estates, the Powder Tower, the Municipal House and the Charles Bridge. There's plenty of time to explore the city on your own.

Day 35 The Belle Époque spa town Františkovy Lázněour is our last stop in the Czech Republic. Do you trust the taste of Johann Wolfgang von Goethe? He was here several times and fell in love, also with the town. Before we saunter through its elegant lanes, we stop en route in Pilsen to visit the brewery.

Day 36 A driving day back to Germany. Our campsite is very close to the motorhome rental company where you have to say farewell to your travel buddy the next morning. So this might be a good opportunity to sort all your things. In the evening we have a stroll through the quaint village nearby.

Day 37 After returning the motorhome we escort you to your hotel. In the evening we celebrate our adventures with a modest farewell dinner.

Day 38 This is your departure day. For our flight passengers, transport to Frankfurt airport is included.

*Bohemian rhapsody:
Český Krumlov in the
Czech Republic*



Roman remains in Croatia



Roller coaster mountain pass in the Carpathians

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