



## Bucharest bike tour

1 day

This trip will show you the best gems of « the city of the joy » or Bucharest ("bucur" meaning joy in Romanian). Its story began about 5 centuries ago when Bucharest was a just a little village located straight on a commercial road by Dambovita river. Not too long after, Prince Vlad Tepes (the Wallachian prince, native from Transylvania, who inspired the Dracula character) transformed it into the capital. At the beginning of the 1800, Bucharest had around 60.000 inhabitants, but by the end of the century, it managed to develop so much that it reached the 1 million markers just before the beginning of the Second World War. It was around that time that Bucharest earned its nickname as the "Little Paris" thanks to its beautiful, French-inspired architecture. Nowadays, Bucharest is a wonderful mixture of medieval (influenced by the Ottoman Empire), neo-classic, the communist and modern architecture.

### YOUR PROGRAM

#### Day 1 - Bucharest by bike

We will meet our guide in the city centre by the metro station. We will then begin our tour, first by going to be impressed by the Parliament Palace ("Palatul Parlamentului") which is the second biggest administrative building in the world after the Pentagon. Here we will hear more about Bucharest's communist history. Next, we'll visit the best hidden parts of old Bucharest. We will go back to its roots and learn more about how surprisingly cosmopolitan this city used to be before its industrialisation. On our checklist, we have the Mihai Voda Monastery, "Curtea Veche", Hanul Lui Manuc (Manuc`Inn) and more. We will visit historic monasteries and old inns along the Dambovita river which served as commercials meeting grounds for traders, writers, politicians and other important personalities. We will also visit spectacular monuments such as the History Museum and the Art Museum (which gave Bucharest its nickname of the "Little Paris") before we continue to Cismigiu park, Bucharest's charming central park. There, we will have our picnic and enjoy a hot drink in this relaxing atmosphere. End of the trip at the metro station where we started.

### Additional information

#### TARIFFS

35 euros per person.

GPS tracks on USB stick : 25 euros per person.

#### INCLUDED

English speaking Guide

Bike rental (hybrid bikes, back rack, 21 gears, helmet, lock)

Maps

**NOT INCLUDED**

drinks, tips, items of personal nature.

**LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY**

1 day of cycling.

**ACCOMMODATION**

Please contact us for extra nights.

**SIZE OF GROUP**

Minimum of two people.

**DEPARTURES**

Every Sunday from May to September.

**DEPARTURE**

Bucharest center, our bike deposit in 97 Icoanei street.

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