



## Transylvania on horseback

9 Days / 8 Nights

Immersed in the Romanian country side you will discover a rural world long gone from the west. Here, you will be permanently in contact with a rich peasant culture and a pristine nature.

Step back in time and come and visit Transylvania, Europe's beautiful trail riding destination. Here you can still see horses pulling wagons, ploughing the fields or dragging woods from the forests.

### YOUR PROGRAM

#### Day 1 - Arrival in Bucharest/Cluj

Reception at the Northern Train Station in Bucharest/Airport. Depending on your arrival time, you'll get a chance to discover the Romanian capital. Bucharest, "the Eastern Paris" will surprise you with a mix of 18th and 19th-century buildings, socialist blocks, and modern buildings. The gigantic "House of the People", second biggest building in the world will also be a part of the program. Night in a 3\*\*\* hotel in the city centre (~180km)

There also the possibility of arriving in Cluj Napoca and spending a night there.

#### Day 2 - Transfer to the horse farm

After the breakfast, you will have free time in the morning to visit the city and to discover the Romanian capital, its old city, the balcony where Ceausescu, the Romanian communist dictator, had his last speech, the "House of the People", the second biggest building in the world after the Pentagon, and so many other treasures. Departure by train for Sighisoara at 12.15. Your host will pick you from the Sighisoara train station and drive you to the farm. Dinner and accommodation at the farm for the next 5 nights.

#### Day 3 - Beautiful plateau

This morning the track will take us after a small climb to a very beautiful plateau. We will ride across the plateau and will stop to enjoy a nice view at its edge. We ride next to vineyards, from here we slowly descend via a beautiful forest and head back to the farm for lunch. This afternoon the ride takes us first through the village of Prod where the time seems to be standing still. A group riding through the village is always considered a big event and you can immediately feel the warm hospitality of the charming, relaxed inhabitants. After a short forest ride the track takes us over some soft rolling hills and down to a quiet long valley. From there we will slowly start to climb up through an untouched mysterious forest where we can, if we are lucky, meet a deer or two. (about 5,5h of riding).

#### Day 4 - Through the Transylvanian hills

Today we will ride through the typical Transylvanian landscape. We will cross hill by hill on small dirt roads surrounded by the silence of nature. In the evening you could ramble on the hills or enjoy the local atmosphere in Prod's pub. (about 5-6h riding).

#### Day 5 - Saxon villages

This track will take us to the village of Cund where we will stay in a small nice guest-house over the night. During the ride we will pass the Saxon villages Viisoara and Santioana. The ride takes us over some spectacular high hills with a nice view and through beautiful green fields. In the afternoon, we will have the opportunity to visit a cheese dairy and taste delicious traditional



cheeses. In the evening we will have a shorter ride over the hills around Cund village. (about 5 hours of riding).

#### **Day 6 - The citadel of Sighisoara**

After the breakfast, we will ride 3-4 hours to reach again the farm where we will have the lunch. In the afternoon we will visit the citadel of Sighisoara. This medieval citadel, one of the best preserved in Europe, will give you the feeling of travelling back in time, while you will walk through the narrow cobbled streets. Tailor's tower is a real wonder of the medieval architecture. (about 3-4 hours of riding).

#### **Day 7 - Seleus**

Today we will first ride through the village of Prod. We begin with a valley and then start climbing uphill via an extraordinary green tunnel. We'll ride on sandy roads and in beautiful green valleys. Soon we will reach the highest point on the hill endowed with a magnificent view over not only Seleus but also far away. We start to descend on green slopes covered with wild flowers. Here is a good chance to meet some friendly shepherds. We will head downhill for Seleus village. In the village we will pass by the local fortified Saxon church. From Seleus we start to climb until we end up in an extremely beautiful forest which is the perfect place for galloping. After exploring the forest we slowly head downhill back to the farm. (about 3h riding).

#### **Day 8 - Green valleys**

For our last day of riding, the track takes us along green valleys and over small hills in the nearby surroundings. Then we come back to the farm where we will have the lunch. Transfer to the Cluj Napoca. Night in a 3\*\*\* hotel in city centre. (about 2h riding)

#### **Day 9 - Cluj Napoca**

The last day of the trip is reserved for exploring Cluj Napoca: the most important university city of Romania, with a cosmopolitan culture and Hungarian heritage. You will definitely be seduced by this city and surprised by the immense difference with Bucharest. You can also choose to go to Bucharest and spend an extra night.

Transfer to the airport. End of the trip.

## **Additional information**

### **TARIFFS**

895 euros per person.

Single supplement : 59 euros per person.

### **INCLUDED**

Nights, meals (8 breakfasts, 6 lunches, 6 dinners), transfers, English speaking local guide.

### **NOT INCLUDED**

Transfer to the meeting point and from the drop off point, the insurances, the drinks, entry fees to museums and monuments, the personal expenses.

### **LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY**



9 days / 7 days of riding. Medium level. Maximum weight: 95 kg. Some rides could change depending on the group level or the weather conditions.

#### **ACCOMMODATION**

Double occupancy with private facilities. 5 nights in the horse farm in Prod village. 1 night in a rural pension in Cund village. 1 night in a 3\*\*\* hotel in Bucharest's centre. 1 night in a 3\*\*\* hotel in Cluj's centre

#### **SIZE OF GROUP**

Minimum of 4, maximum of 6 people.

#### **DEPARTURES**

If you are at least 4 riders you can choose the date of your departure.

#### **DEPARTURE**

Bucharest train station/Cluj Napoca

#### **DISPERSION**

Bucharest train station/Cluj Napoca

#### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

The horses are thoroughbreds with English type saddles.