

# A trip around Romania

Romania is such a wonderful country with beautiful sceneries and wonderful places to visit. From wild, unspoiled places in the middle of the Carpathian Mountains to busy city streets in some big cities like Bucharest and Cluj, Romania has it all.

There are a lot of places to choose from, but today we only chose six of them that are, in our opinion, the most beautiful of all. These six locations are:

## Balea Lake

Balea Lake is a glacial lake placed at a height of 2034 meters, in the Fagaras Mountains. The surface of this lake is 46568 sq meters and the view from the highest near the lake is absolutely amazing.

## Merry Graveyard

Located in Sapanta, Maramures it was founded in 1935 by Stan Ioan Patras who took a different approach on people's lives and the way they died by making their graves colored and decorated with a lot of colors thus making this place joyful rather than gloomy.

## Endless Column

Being located in Targu Jiu and standing at a height of 40 meters, this monument was made by Romania's greatest sculptor Constantin Brancusi. It was classified as one of the great works of the 20<sup>th</sup> century outdoor sculptures, so be sure you are going to be impressed.

## The Black Church

The Black Church is the most representative monument of the gothic architecture in Romania dating from the XIV century. It has a height of 89 meters making it the tallest Church in Romania.

## The Bran Castle

The Bran Castle, also known as Dracula's Castle is a national monument in Romania, near Brasov. Vlad the Impaler (Dracula) won his name because he would impale his enemies on huge spikes. That scared the attackers numerous times.

## The Rock Sculpture of Decebalus

The sculpture is 43 meters in height and 31.6 meters in length and was finished in 2004 after 10 years of building. It was built by 12 sculptors after being commissioned by businessman Iosif Constantin Dragan. It honors Decebalus, a Dacian emperor who fought against the romans.

Presuming you will land at the International Airport of Bucharest and presuming you will travel by car and consume 5.5 L of fuel per 100 km we will find out what's the shortest route to visit all six monument and return to Bucharest safely whilst consuming the lowest amount possible of gasoline.

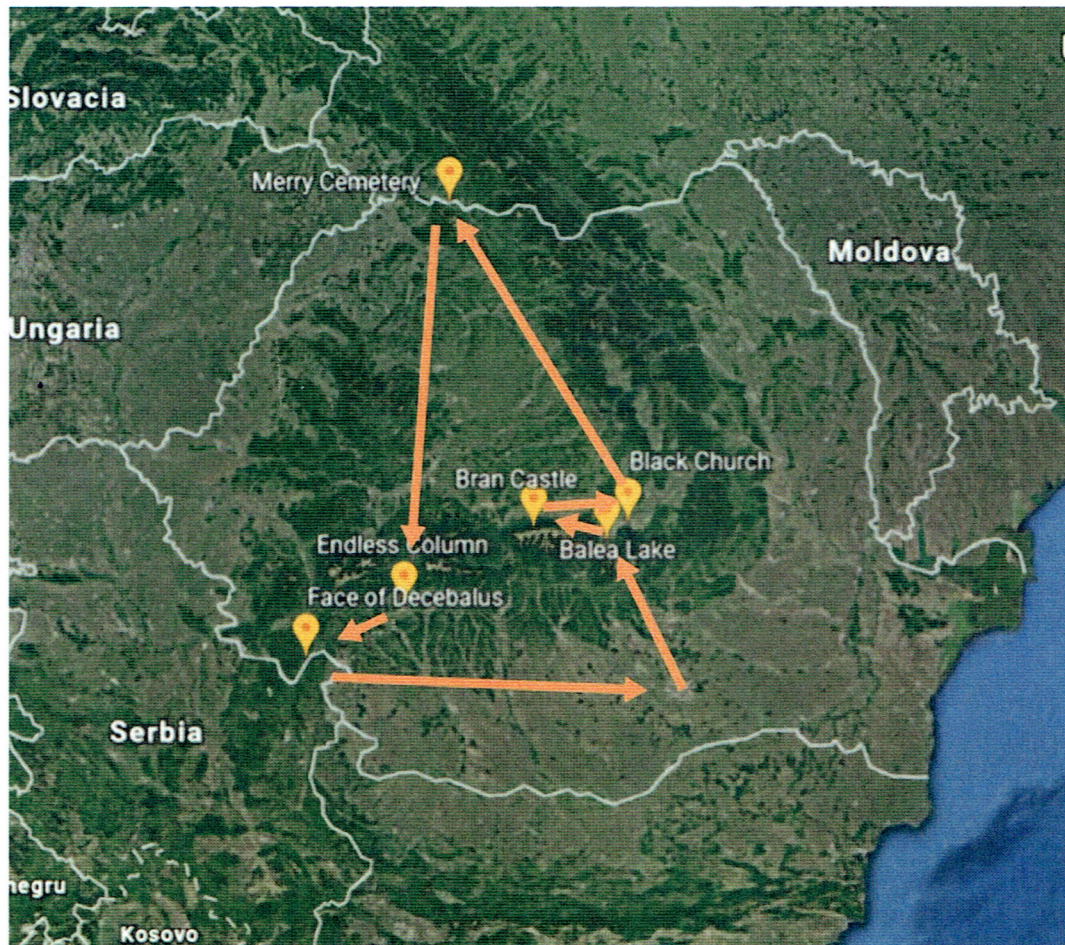
First you will travel from Bucharest to Balea Lake, the distance being 226km. Secondly, you will go to the Bran Castle. The distance is 77km. Then you will go to the Black Church. The distance is 28 km. Travelling to the Merry Cemetery, you will go for 385 km. Going from the Merry Cemetery to the Endless Column, to the Rock Sculpture of Decebalus, you will travel for 435 km, respectively 125km. Finally, you will go back to Bucharest, travelling for 389 km.

In total you traveled for  $226+77+28+385+435+125+389=1665$ km

Considering you spent 5.5 L of fuel per 100 km, you will consume 1665 divided by 100 and multiplied by 5.5 equals 91.5 L of fuel.

If you were to buy a liter of fuel for 6 lei you would've payed 550 lei. In Euros that is almost 115.





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