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# VIA TRANSILVANICA – A JOURNEY THROUGH WILD ROMANIA

2 × 52' (ENG, GER), 2 × 45' (GER)

**Romania, a country rich in history and untouched nature, invites you to discover its secrets – step by step.**

The Via Transilvanica, a 1,400 km hiking path that crosses Romania, was established in 2022. Each stage offers a unique adventure, catering to culture enthusiasts, nature lovers, and adventurers alike. The journey begins at the Ukrainian border in the Bukovina region, known for its lovely hilly landscapes and medieval monasteries, and continues through the historic “Land of the Szeklers”. Here, people live from and with nature, breed the ancient Hutsul horses, make medicine from plants, build traditional instruments, and care for the region's wild animals. Further south, the Via Transilvanica continues through Transylvania, home to the historical role model of Dracula, Vlad Țepeș. The region is known for its unique biodiversity, with over 600 species of butterflies. Traditional agriculture contributes to the preservation of this biodiversity. The trail ends at the impressive Danube Delta.



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## **1. Bukovina and the Highlands**

The northern part of the Via Transilvanica trail passes through Bukovina and the historic “Land of the Szekler.” Hikers encounter scenic landscapes, medieval monasteries, and traditional villages. The trail highlights the Hutsul horse, hat-making, and other traditional crafts, as well as unique wildlife and a unique bird sanctuary in Romania's coldest region.

## **2. From Transylvania to the Danube**

The central and southern sections of the Via Transilvanica trail lead hikers through the heart of Transylvania and down to the Danube. Along the way, they encounter unspoiled nature, fortified Saxon churches, and the ancient lands of the Dacians. The trail offers a deep dive into Romania's history and culture, with vibrant traditions and breathtaking landscapes at every turn.