

PRESENTATION NATACHA ROMANIA

The 2nd national challenge has its launch, the 27th of June in the year 2016. Thank to Claudiu Moga and a great help from the newlist group, a magnificent list of 125 climbs is available in this splendid mountaineous country. Clic on the menu "nat-rom-list-125" to see them and eventually begin to claim them.

Hungary had 75 climbs in its list, Romania, with more mountains in the Carpathes, has 125 climbs in its list.

If you manage holidays in the region or if you are romanian members, you'll be interested by what follows.

Romania includes 9 big topographic regions :

3 mountainous (Occidental, Meridional and Oriental Carpathians – 95 climbs),

4 hilly (the Transylvanian Plateau in the middle of the Carpathians, the Subcarpathian foothills and, in the east, the Moldavian and Dobrogea Plateaus – 30 climbs)

and 2 fully flat and ineffective plains.



Pasul Urdele



Pasul Bicz



The Meridional Carpathians are the « richest » :

3 high mountain roads at 2000 (or almost) : Transfăgărașan (Balea), Transalpina (Urdele) and Transbucegi.



Transbucegi



Transfăgărașan (Balea)

A lot of resorts (Muntele Mic, Straja, Rusu, Paltinis, ...), among which the new road to Pasul Vâlcan and its 2km at 15%. For the tourism, the capital of the ancient Dacian Kingdom (Sarmizegetusa Regia), the Retezat National Park (Râușor) or the Sohodol gorges.



Pasul Vâlcan



Sohodol (gorges)

In the west, the biggest climbs lie between 1000 and 1500m, between Beius and Cluj-Napoca : Buscat, Stâna de Vale and Semenice, the Beliș-Fântânele and Drăgan lakes, Padiș plateau or the Urșoia and Vârtope passes.



Stana de Vale



Semenice



Dragan Lakes



Buscat

A few touristic climbs : Scărișoara caves, two viewpoints on the Danube (Sfânta Elena and Valea Ponicevei) and Vălișoarei and Turzii gorges. You'll find the steepest sections towards Scărișoara, Feredeou and Călugăra monasteries, and Șiria fortress.



Feredeou Manastir



Șiria (forteresse)

In the Eastern Carpathians, many passes from 800 to 1500m, amongst which some unpaved (Predelus, Barcani, Stânișoara, Păltiniș, ...). The steepest sections belong to Rarau and Soveja, the most beautiful landscapes to Bicz and Sfânta Ana crater lake, and the best design to the Pasul Gutâi hairpins.



Pasul Rarau



Pasul Bicz

The list also includes two resorts in Harghita, Slănic-Moldova spa and some lakes (Tarnița, Colibița).



Harghita



Lac Colibița

A few climbs are used in the Tour of Szeklerland (Harghita-Băi, Șicas and Ghimeș, Cașin and Calonda passes) or in the Cycling Tour of Romania.



Tour de Szekerland



Tour de Roumanie

In the hilly regions, the promotion of the Romanian heritage has compensated for the lack of elevation, cultural heritage (monasteries and fortresses) and natural (Danube Delta, Siret valley, gorges, vineyards).

On the Transylvanian Plateau, besides the cobbled streets in the historic centre of Sighișoara and the Nicula monastery in Gherla, a few climbs used in the Tour of Sibiu (Dealul Dăii, Pelișor and Ruși) have been selected, as well as the Cheile (gorges) Babei towards Coroieni.



Pavés de Sighisoara



Gorges de Cheile

The Subcarpathians are represented by a fortress above Târgu Neamț, three monasteries (Ciolanu, Dealu and Probota at the foot of Tătăruși), a road from the Danube (Ghelnegioaia), Tohani vineyards (in Jugureni) or a climb of the very first Tour of Romania in 1935 (Petricica on the outskirts of Bacău).

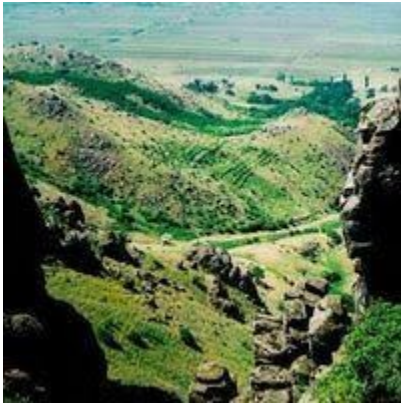


Citadelle de Târgu Neamț



Petricica

In the north-east, on the Moldavian Plateau, two climbs lie near to the Siret valley (Gorovei with its monastery and Petrești-Găiceana), Strunga is a « King of the Mountain » in the Tour of Romania and Dealul Mare is above a vineyard (Odobești). Finally, close to the Danube Delta and the Black Sea, Niculițel has a beautiful elevation (300m) and a vineyard. Cheile Dobrogei gorges are worth seeing thanks to their natural beauty and Șipotele shows an amazing 10%, close to the Bulgarian border.



Colline de Niculițel



Monastère de Gorovei

The obvious will of the Romanian authorities to develop the road network in order to increase the touristic supply allows to envisage increasing the number of paved climbs and, therefore, enriching the list.