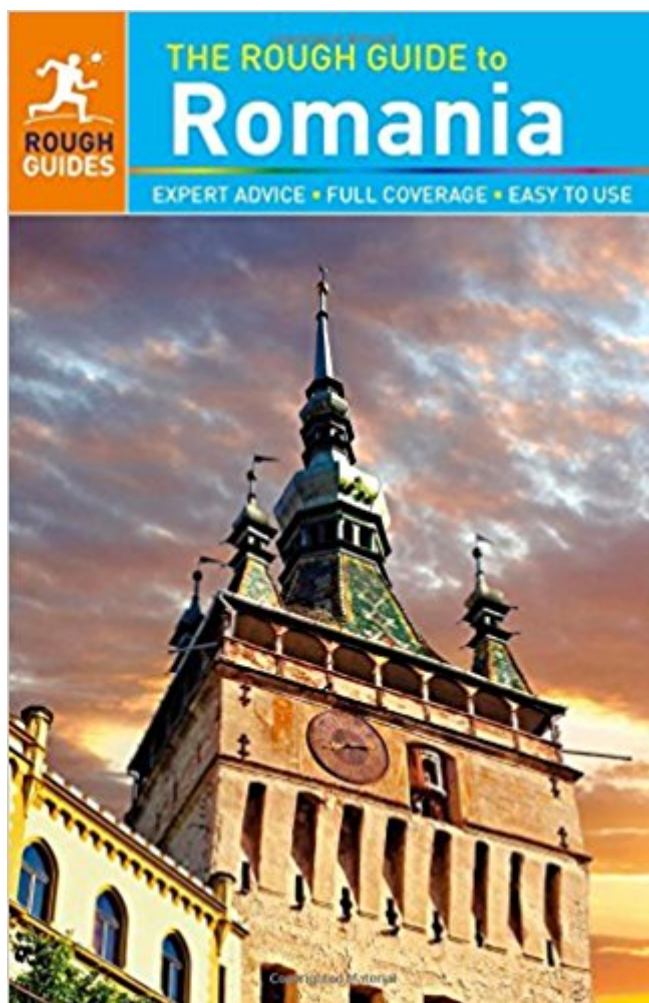


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The Rough Guide To Romania



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The Rough Guide to Romania is the definitive guidebook to one of Europe's most fascinating, scenic, and enigmatic countries. A full-color introduction highlights all the must-see sights, from the wilds of the Carpathian mountains to the marvelous Delta wetlands, and references the country's many unique festivals. Two full-color sections describe the country's extraordinary religious architecture and its many outdoor activities – from mountain hikes and skiing to bear and wolf tracking. This comprehensive guide includes informed background on Romania's history, wildlife, literature, music, and, of course, Dracula. Reviews of top hotel and restaurant options cover every taste and budget. Accurate maps and comprehensive practical information help you get under the skin of Romania, while stunning photography makes this your ultimate traveling companion. Make the most of your time with The Rough Guide to Romania. Series Overview: For more than thirty years, adventurous travelers have turned to Rough Guides for up-to-date and intuitive information from expert authors. With opinionated and lively writing, honest reviews, and a strong cultural background, Rough Guides travel books bring more than 200 destinations to life. Visit RoughGuides.com to learn more.

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Lots of great info! excited to bring along with me to my upcoming Romania trip!

A good detailed guide of the country.

While acceptable as a somehow quick guide to Romania, and while covering in general most destinations in this country, it could be easily observed by a Romanian-born reader that the author is not a Romanian and does not have any real knowledge about Romania. I never understood why travel guides are not written exclusively by people that were born and lived in the country they want to advertise. The book is ok as a quick guide and a average informational package for a visitor to Romania, and the author(s) had probably help with basic advice from Romanians. However, there are omissions that are bothersome in what regards certain touristic areas and even social or historical information. Just one, for example, inadmissible mistake - naming the city of Cluj as "Magyar city", along with Targu-Mures and Oradea! The city of Cluj does not even have a majority of Hungarian population (about 17%). Targu-Mures has about half population of Hunagrians and Oradea about 25%. Regarding the touristic objective, many omissions as well... Transalpina road is mentioned and "described" in only 4-5 lines, while it is one of the most scenic and one of the most attractive roads in Romania and Europe. The Ranca resort on Transalpina is not even mentioned at all. While describing the Sibiu region and presenting the Marginimea Sibiului area, the description is at best superficial. While one of the most ethnographically significant in the area and in Romania, the author introduces the reader to hardly two towns, and none of them the most significant. The village of Poiana-Sibiului, which is the "jewel" of Marginimea Sibiului, with a huge cultural contribution in the area and beyond, with a wooden church from 1766, is not even mentioned. Accomodations in turistic areas are presented really superficially, just two or three names in each area, and even those are not by far the most representative. Casa Humor, in Gura Humorului, one of the best lodges in town, is not even mentioned, for example. However, the author made a real effort to be objective and accurate (as far as his knowledge about Romania would allow him) and all in all this is a good guide, well informed and educational on most topics, but don't expect to get the full Romania out of it. Do your own homework if you travel, find out more about the destinations, and then couple it with this guide.

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