

THE WORLD'S TOUGHEST

HARD ENDURO RALLYE

24-28

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Service Point (SP) Red Bull Romaniacs 2018

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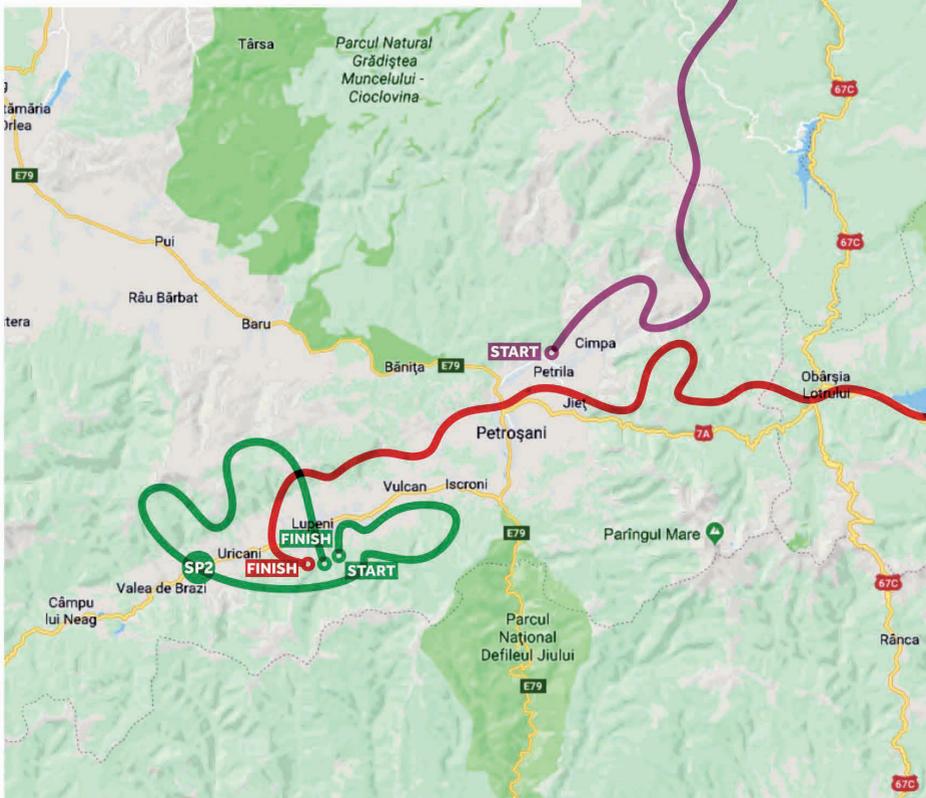
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SP2**SP DAY 2****Valea de brazi - N45° 19' 25" E23° 05' 52"**

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SP3**SP DAY 3****Mărtinie - N45° 48' 18" E23° 37' 18"**

racetrack

SP4**SP DAY 4****Arena Platoș - N45° 40' 32" E23° 56' 08"**

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RED BULL ROMANIACS 2018

EVENT PROGRAM

Sunday, July 22

10:00 – 22:00

Administrative checks & scrutineering at Ramada Hotel & riders paddock Vointa Stadium

Monday, July 23

10:00 – 22:00

Administrative checks & scrutineering @ Ramada Hotel & riders paddock Vointa Stadium

16:30 – Parade ceremony at Piata Mare, Sibiu city center, followed by a demo ride on the prologue track (Coposu Boulevard, Sibiu)

18:00 – Autograph session, at the prologue track (Coposu Boulevard, Sibiu)

21:00 - Competitors & service crew Prologue briefing in the "Atlas' conference room in the Ramada Hotel

Tuesday, July 24

Prologue

08:00 – Bronze Class, Qualification Prologue, Coposu Boulevard, Sibiu

10:45 – Silver Class, Qualification Prologue, Coposu Boulevard, Sibiu

12:00 – Gold Class, Qualification Prologue, Coposu Boulevard, Sibiu

12:45 – Iron Class, Qualification Prologue, Coposu Boulevard, Sibiu

17:00 – Prologue Finals, Coposu Boulevard, Sibiu

Wednesday, July 25 - Saturday, July 28

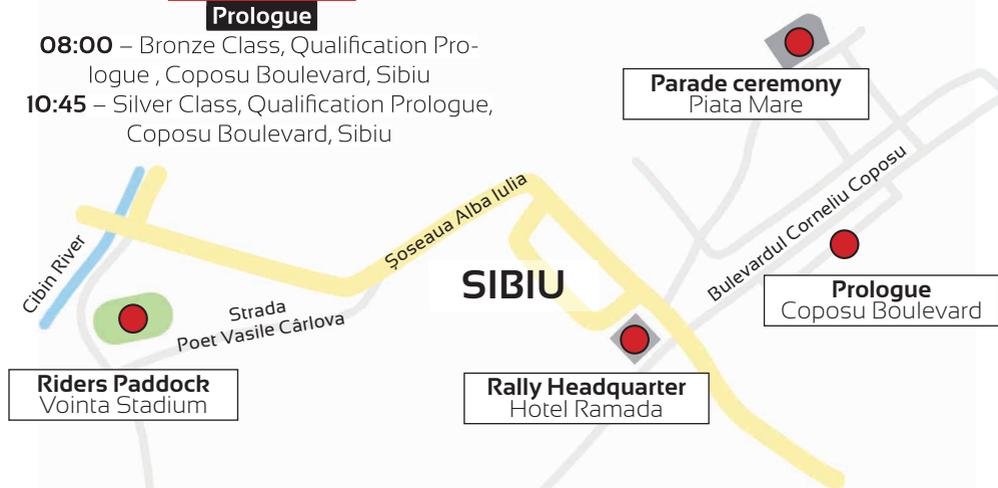
Off-road Days 1-4

Wednesday the rally will head to Straja for the 2 nights bivouac. Friday it will be back in Sibiu. For highlights please check out our "Spectator points".

Saturday, July 28

11.30 – Finish of the rally at the Gusterita Hill near Sibiu

22:00 – Prize giving ceremony and Red Bull Romaniacs race party at Independenta, Hala de forja, Stefan cel Mare Street no. 152-154, Sibiu



BRIEFLY ABOUT EACH OFF-ROAD DAY

The Red Bull Romaniacs celebrates the 15th anniversary this year and pushes things a notch further, again... The rally will explore a completely new area on off-road days 2 and 3, delivering trails with some of the highest altitudes covered so far in the history of the event. This will manifest in insanely long up and downhills that will bring the phrase "Red Bull Romaniacs steep" to mind. In order to reach and utilize this region near the Petroșani mining area, the Red Bull Romaniacs will go back to its roots and feature two overnight

bivouacs outside Sibiu. Besides "highs" the track will also bring riders to new "lows" - literally and figuratively: going indoor and even underground for some "Urban Warfare Enduro" while making competitors face their physical and technical limits. Sections such as the "Goat Gully" and "Parallel Slalom" will ensure riders are kept on the ball both physically and mentally and will separate the tough from the weak.

New, untouched trails will add to the mix, together with abandoned farmer

trails, the mining environment and real "out there" wilderness. There will also be historical sections like the original Ziggy Zaggy from the first edition of the Red Bull Romaniacs. This section will illustrate how the skill level has evolved over the last 15 years, helpers will no longer be needed.

Maximum track distances will vary each day between 100 and 220 km with estimated hours on the bike to be around 5 to 11 hours. Off-road Day 1 will throw riders in at the deep end as it will be one of the longer days.



OFF-ROAD DAY 1:

On this first off-road day the start is going to be near Sibiu, the Service Point near Ciungetu (Vâlcea County) and the finish in Straja. A tough and long stage for all the classes.

Signature Sections: Better stay dry, Switchback heaven, Switchback hell

Gold: 219 km, best estimated riding time: approx. 6 h 30 mins. with a maximum riding time of 11 h.

Silver: 209 km, best estimated riding time: approx. 6 h 45 mins. with a maximum riding time of 10 h.

Bronze: 198 km, best estimated riding time: approx. 6 h 30 mins with a maximum riding time of 9 h.

Iron: 187 km, best estimated riding time: approx. 6 h with a maximum riding time of 8 h 30 mins.

OFF-ROAD DAY 2:

The start is in Straja, the Service Point is near Valea de Brazi at the spectator point Soso's Office, on the second day the finish will also be in Straja. It is a short stage but really tough.

Signature Sections: America's cup, Tele moto, Bikini hill, Lupeni zoo, Direct

injection

Gold: 121 km, best estimated riding time: approx. 5 h 25 mins, maximum riding time 10 hours.

Silver: 113 km, best estimated riding time: approx. 5 h, maximum riding time 9 hours.

Bronze: 106km, best estimated riding time: approx. 5 h, maximum riding time 8 hours.

Iron: 90 km, best estimated riding time: approx. 4 h 25 mins. maximum riding time 7 hours.

OFF-ROAD DAY 3:

The start is near Petrila, in Hunedoara County, Service Point is located near Mărtinie, in Alba County, while the finish is near Gura Râului, in Sibiu County. This is going to be a long and tough day and the competitors will cross three counties on their way back to Sibiu.

Signature Sections: Galindo ridge, Babysitter, Parallel slalom, Trial trail.

Gold: 158 km, best estimated riding time: approx. 6 h 30 mins, with a maximum riding time of 10 hours.

Silver: 146 km, best estimated riding time: approx. 5 h 25 mins, with a maximum riding time of 9 hours.

Bronze: 158 km, best

estimated riding time: approx. 5 h 40 mins, with a maximum riding time of 8 hours.

Iron: 133 km, best estimated riding time: approx. 4 h 45 mins, with a maximum riding time of 7 hours.

OFF-ROAD DAY 4:

The start of the last day of this epic edition is in Tocile, the Service Point is hosted by the Arena Platoș the ski & snowboard resort, which also has a great fun park during the summer. As the tradition requires the finish will be on Gușterița hill, near Sibiu, and this year we prepared a series of epic surprises.

Signature Sections: Whiskey throttle, Steroid, One day hill, Pull me up

Gold: 128 km, best estimated riding time: approx. 5 h 15 mins, maximum riding time 10 hours.

Silver: 127 km, best estimated riding time: approx. 5 h 20 mins, maximum riding time 9 hours.

Bronze: 113 km, best estimated riding time: approx. 4 h 30 mins, maximum riding time 8 hours.

Iron: 96 km. Best estimated riding time: approx. 4 h 15 mins, maximum riding time 7 hours.



SPECTATORS PLANNING GUIDE

Here is some information that will help you to get the most out of your visit to Red Bull Romaniacs 2018:

The race starts on the 24 July (Tuesday) in Sibiu with the inner city Prologue and finishes on the 28 July (Saturday) with the party.

We do not recommend booking a hotel for the whole time in Sibiu as two of the days will be a 2-3 hours' drive to reach the "hot-spots".

The rally will head out of Sibiu to the Petroșani area and feature two overnight bivouacs, this will include everything: the competitor paddock, accommodation, headquarter, off-road start and off-road finish.

We recommend finding a room in the Petroșani area on Wednesday, where you still have some "city infrastructure" and approximately 30 mins away from the various points of interest.

For Thursday we recommend to relocate to the Șugag/Martinie area, see details below.

23 July, Monday

There will be a presentation of the 53 competing nations in the historical city center of Sibiu, (location: Piața Mare) starting in the

afternoon at 16:30 and going into the evening. It will feature competitors interviews followed by Prologue test runs for the Gold Class and an autograph session.

Prologue, 24 July, Tuesday

In the heart of Sibiu (Coposu Boulevard), the Prologue runs all day. Watch the action as competitors tackle daunting obstacles in front of thousands of spectators, TV crews, media and live streaming. The qualifications start at 08:00 followed by the finals at 17:00.

Off-road days

Starting times during the four off-road days: first competitor per class usually starts around 06:30 - 07:00, Iron class around 09:00; first competitors are expected to finish around lunch time.

Each day features an off-road start, a mandatory Service Point and an off-road finish for the competitors. In between there are also many Spectator Points for visitors to view - however not all of them can be

reached during the day - so you'll have to pick them wisely...

Please check the Spectator Points section.

Off-road Day 1, 25 July, Wednesday

Early morning Off-Road Start just outside Sibiu, this first stage is leading the rally over to the Petroșani area.

Driving time for spectators from Sibiu to the Service Point is around 1:45, 95 km. There are some Spectator Points around there. Travel time to the Off-road Finish is 2:30, 105 km over some high mountains.

There are many Spectator Points in the Off-road Finish area, Straja village. This is the first night (Wednesday to Thursday) that visitors are advised to spend outside Sibiu, in this case in the Petroșani/Lupeni area.

Off-road Day 2, 26 July, Thursday

Early morning Off-road Start just outside Petroșani, this stage of the rally will stay in the Petroșani area.



Driving time for spectators from Petroșani to the Off-road Start is about 45 mins, 28 km. To the Service Point it is around 30 mins, 29 km.

There are great Spectator Points around the Off-road Start, the Service Point and the Off-road Finish, in Straja village. The drive back from the Off-road finish to Petroșani is about 45 mins, 28 km.

For the next day, Off-road Day 3, most of the Spectator Points are in the Sebeș Valley. We recommend finding accommodation (Thursday to Friday) in the Șugag/Mărtinie area as the travel time and distance would mean a very early starting time from Petroșani to get to the Spectator Points.

Off-road Day 3, 27 July, Friday

Early morning start just outside Petroșani (Petritla), this third stage is leading the rally back over to the Sibiu area.

The travel time from Șugag/Mărtinie area to the Service Point is about 10 mins, 5 km.

From the Service Point to Sibiu, travel time is approximately 1h 15 min, 83 km.

Friday night onwards, visitors are advised to stay in Sibiu for the final off-road day, awards ceremony and party.

Off-road Day 4, 28 July, Saturday

Early morning Off-road Start just outside Sibiu. This fourth stage takes

place in the Sibiu area and will lead the competitors to the spectacular "Gușterița" Off-road Finish just outside Sibiu (even more action than in previous years!).

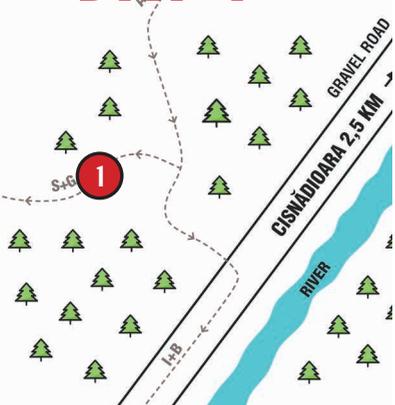
The travel distance from Sibiu to the Service Point is about 45 mins, 30 km, there are plenty of Spectator Points around Sibiu, travel time from the Service Point to the "Gușterița" Off-road Finish is about 1 h 40 mins, 40 km.

The podium and award ceremony will happen here at "Gușterița" Off-road Finish around mid-day.

The evening will be dominated by the legendary Red Bull Romaniacs finisher party, starting at 22:00 at Independența, Hala de Forjă, Ștefan cel Mare Street no: 152-154, Sibiu.

SPECTATOR POINTS

OFF-ROAD DAY 1



Point 1

Frog Valley

GPS coordinates (NE DD MM SS): N45° 41' 36" E24° 05' 04"

Driving time from Sibiu: 30 min

Distance: 15 km

Action between 06:40 & 10:00

Class: Gold, Silver, Bronze, Iron

Check out the first downhill for all riders on your right and take some tips from the Silver and Gold class riders on how to ride the bike easily uphill on your

left side.

How to get there: Drive out of Sibiu on the 106A road towards RASINARI and PALTINIS, 2 km after you exit Sibiu turn left towards CISNADIOARA on 106D road. 1 km after you entered CISNADIOARA turn right and go down the road, cross the bridge over the river and turn right. Stay on this road going along the river and in the valley 2 km to reach the spectator point on your right.

Point 2

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GPS coordinates (NE DD MM SS): N45° 25' 48" E23° 59' 04"

Driving time from Sibiu: 2 h 5 min

Distance: 106 km

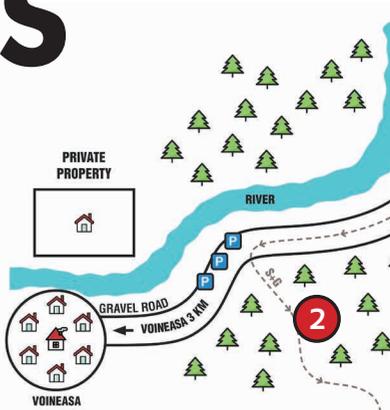
Action between:

08:15 & 11:00

Class: Gold & Silver

Watch the Silver class riders go up this hill climb. Full throttle skills are needed here.

How to get there: Drive South out of Sibiu direction BUCHAREST on road E81DN7. You will drive through several small



villages and after 65 km you will arrive in BREZOI. There turn right towards VOINEASA on road 7A. In VOINEASA turn right on the 105G road and continue into the valley on the gravel road for about 3 km to reach the spectator point on your right.

Point 3

Service point in Voineasa

GPS coordinates (NE DD MM SS): N45° 22' 54" E24° 00' 23"

Driving time from Sibiu: 1 h 45 min

Distance: 96 km

Action between:

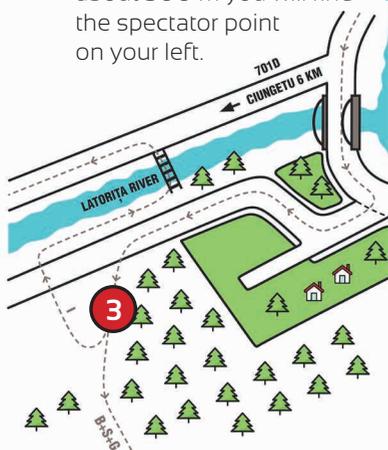
08:40 & 13:00

Class: Gold, Silver, Bronze, Iron

More or less at the half way point of the day the riders will come into the service

point for a mandatory 20-min break, just enough time to eat a little bit and a quick check of the bike before heading into the wild again.

How to get there: Drive South out of Sibiu direction BUCHAREST on road E81DN7. You will drive through several small villages and after 65 km you will arrive in BREZOI, where you will turn right towards VOINEASA. Drive to the village MALAIA and 7 km after MALAIA turn left into the road 701D towards CIUNGETU. After about 500 m you will find the spectator point on your left.



Point 4

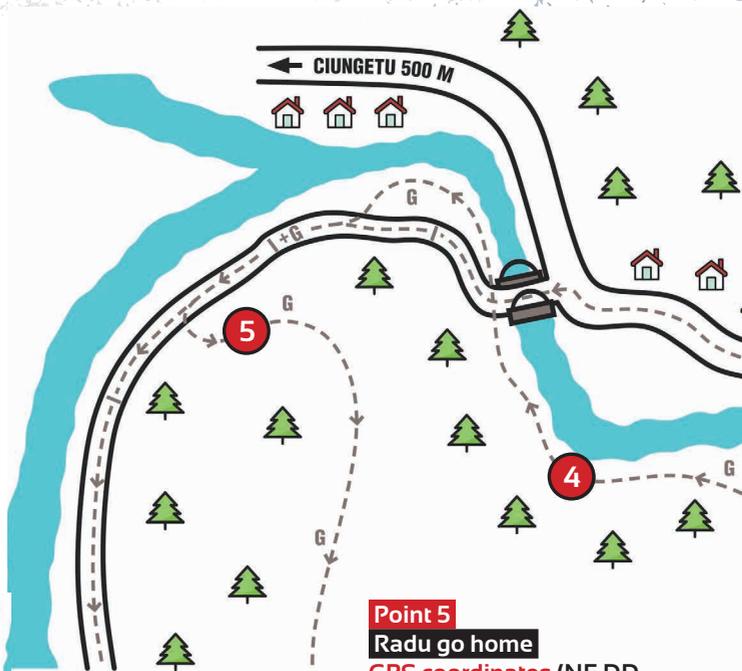
Better stay dry

GPS coordinates (NE DD MM SS): N45° 22' 47" E23° 57' 59"

Driving time from Sibiu: 1 h 45 min

Distance: 99 km

Action between: 09:05 & 10:30



Class: Gold

The Gold class riders have to pass down a rockslide before they drop into the river bed.

How to get there: Drive South out of Sibiu direction BUCHAREST on road E81DN7. You will drive through several small villages and after 65 km you will arrive in BREZOI, where you will turn right towards VOINEASA. Drive to the village MALAIA and 7 km after MALAIA turn left into the road 701D towards CIUNGETU. Follow that road for about 4 km until you reach the village CIUNGETU. At the beginning of the village you will find the spectator point on your left.

Point 5

Radu go home

GPS coordinates (NE DD MM SS): N45° 22' 55" E23° 57' 33"

Driving time from Sibiu: 1 h 45 min

Distance: 100 km

Action between: 09:05 & 10:30

Class: Gold

There are just two options for the Gold class riders at this hard uphill traverse: "Go hard or go home!"

How to get there: Drive South out of Sibiu direction BUCHAREST on road E81DN7. You will drive through several small villages and after 65 km you will arrive in BREZOI, where you will turn right towards VOINEASA. Drive to the village MALAIA and 7 km behind MALAIA

turn left into the road 701D towards CIUNGETU. Follow that road for about 4 km until you reach the village CIUNGETU. At the beginning of the village you will find the spectator point on your left.

Point 6

Switchback heaven

GPS coordinates (NE DD MM SS): N45° 26' 48" E23° 27' 50"

Driving time from Sibiu:
3 h 45min

Distance: 175 km

Action between:
11:45 & 15:00

Class: Gold & Silver

Watch how the Gold-class riders have some fun using their skills while the Silver-class riders struggle to get their bikes up the hill.

How to get there: Drive South out of Sibiu direction BUCHAREST on road E81DN7. You will drive through several small villages and after 65 km you will arrive in BREZOI, where you will turn right

towards VOINEASA-PETROSANI for the next 99 km. Before you reach PETROSANI, turn right on the 709H to JIET and you will reach PETRILA after 3 km. In PETRILA turn right onto the road 68 to CIMPA. In the small village CIMPA, look for the spectator point sign, as there are no other indications on that road and turn right. The sign is located just before a small river crossing. Stay on that gravel road for about 2 km until you arrive at the spectator point on your right side.

Point 7

Switchback hell

GPS coordinates (NE DD MM SS): N45° 26' 47" E23° 27' 47"

Driving time from Sibiu:
3 h 45 min

Distance: 175 km

Action between:
11:55 & 13:30

Class: Gold

Just next to Switchback Heaven, the Gold-class riders are challenged by long and difficult climb in the forest: this is a good place to be if you want to see the worlds elite suffer.

How to get there: Drive South out of Sibiu direction BUCHAREST on road E81DN7. You will drive through several small villages and after 65 km you will arrive in BREZOI, where you will turn right towards VOINEASA-PETROSANI for the next 99 km. Before you reach PETROSANI, turn right on the 709H to JIET and you will reach PETRILA after 3 km. In PETRILA turn right onto the road 68 to CIMPA. In the small village CIMPA, look for the spectator point sign, as there are no other indications on that road and turn right. The sign is located just before a small river crossing. Stay on that gravel road for about 2 km until you arrive at the spectator point on your right side.

Point 8

Please no rain 2

GPS coordinates (NE DD MM SS): N45° 26' 01" E23° 21' 28"

Driving time from Sibiu:
3 h 40 min

Distance: 173 km
Action between:





12:00 & 16:30

Class: Gold, Silver and Bronze

Interesting point for Bronze class, some of them will need to push their bikes up the hill.

How to get there: Drive South out of Sibiu direction BUCHAREST on road E81DN7. You will drive through several small villages and after 65 km you will arrive in BREZOI, where you will turn right towards VOINEASAPETROSANI for the next 104 km. You will reach the city center of PETROSANI by passing straight at first roundabout. Use the first exit of the second roundabout on main road E79 in direction to PETRILA. After 1.5 km you will pass the river JIUL DE EST. Turn right after the bridge, drive another 200 m and make a U-turn to your right into the small street. Park your vehicle

after the bridge which you crossed before. Walk to the stone tower and continue for another 200 m, the riders will be on your left side. Please let the competitors pass between the tower and the spectator sign.

Point 9
Aninoasa Mining

GPS coordinates (NE DD MM SS): N45° 24' 35" E23° 18' 44"

Driving time from Sibiu:
3 h 55 min

Distance: 184 km

Action between:

12:15 & 16:45

Class: Gold, Silver, Bronze, Iron

Nice spot to take some legendary photos of all classes in an abandoned mine.

How to get there: Drive South out of Sibiu direction BUCHAREST on road E81DN7. You will drive

through several small villages and after 65 km you will arrive in BREZOI, where you will turn right towards VOINEASAPETROSANI for the next 104 km. You will reach the city center of PETROSANI by passing through the first roundabout. Turn left at the second roundabout onto the main road E79 for 6 km. You will pass several gas stations and an airplane in a roundabout. At the exit of PETROSANI you will pass a railway bridge, shortly afterwards keep right towards LUPENI. After 2.5 km you will arrive in the small village ISCRO-NI. There is a church and shortly after a monument on your right. Turn right and continue for 5 km on the 666B road until you reach the mine in the center of ANINOASA.

Point 10
Graveyard

GPS coordinates (NE DD MM SS): N45° 23' 47" E23° 16' 02"

Driving time from Sibiu:
4 h

Distance: 187 km

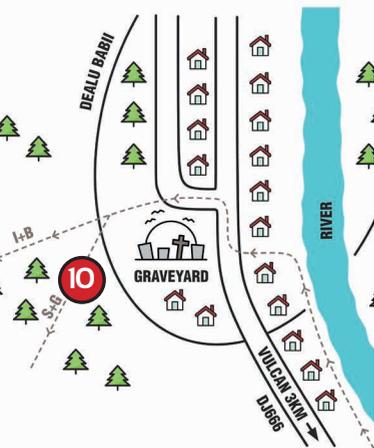
Action between:

13:00 & 16:00

Class: Gold and Silver

The Gold class riders will not have too many problems here but the Silver class may need a helping hand at this steep and





nasty uphill.

How to get there: Drive South out of Sibiu direction BUCHAREST on road E81DN7. You will drive through several small villages and after 65 km you will arrive in BREZOI, where you will turn right towards VOINEASAPETROSANI for the next 104 km. You will reach the city center of PETROSANI by passing through the first roundabout. Turn left at the second roundabout onto the main road E79 for 6 km. You will pass several gas stations and an airplane in a roundabout. After 6 km drive right towards VULCAN. Follow the main road for 2 km in VULCAN until you reach an I M VULCAN monument. Turn right and drive another 3 km on the DJ666 road to find the spectator point on your left.

Point 11

Direct injection

GPS coordinates (NE DD MM SS): N45° 22' 34" E23° 13' 48"

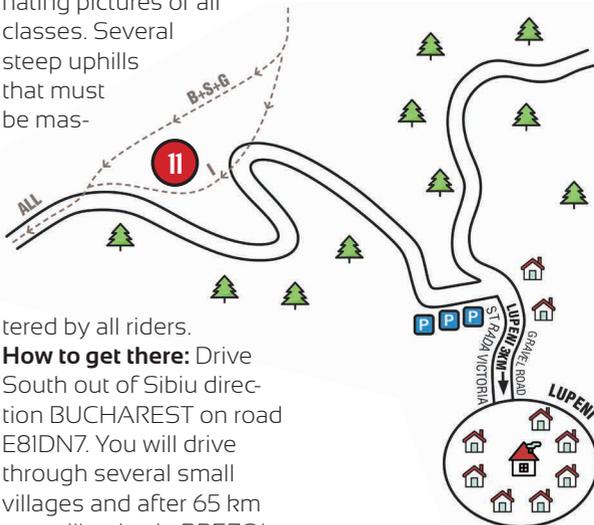
Driving time from Sibiu:
4 h

Distance: 191 km

Action between:
12:45 & 17:30

Class: Gold, Silver, Bronze, Iron

A mining area that invites you to take many fascinating pictures of all classes. Several steep uphill that must be mas-



tered by all riders.

How to get there: Drive South out of Sibiu direction BUCHAREST on road E81DN7. You will drive through several small villages and after 65 km you will arrive in BREZOI, where you will turn right towards VOINEASAPETROSANI for the next 104 km. You will reach the city center of PETROSANI by passing through the first roundabout. Turn left at the second roundabout on main road E79 for 6 km. You will pass several gas stations and an airplane in a roundabout. At the

exit of PETROSANI you will pass a railway bridge, shortly afterwards keep right towards LUPENI. You will reach the entrance road sign of LUPENI after 10 km and after another 800 m turn right over the railway at the road sign SPRE STRAND. Turn right again after the bridge and follow the road VICTORIA for 3 km. On your way up there are three small

intersections. Keep straight on the main road until you reach the parking space and walk 300 m to reach the hill climb action on your right.

Point 12

Straja road

GPS coordinates (NE DD MM SS): N45° 19' 55" E23° 13' 39"



Driving time from Sibiu:

4 h 5 min

Distance: 195 km

Action between:

13:00 & 18:00

Class: Gold, Silver, Bronze, Iron

All riders firing up the hill crossing the road to Straja. Especially the Iron class will need your help at this long and steep uphill to finally reach the finish.

How to get there: Drive South out of Sibiu direction BUCHAREST on road E81DN7. You will drive through several small villages and after 65 km you will arrive in BREZOI, where you will turn right towards VOINEASAPETROSANI for the next 104 km. You will reach the city center of PETROSANI by passing through the first roundabout. Turn left at the second roundabout onto the main road E79 for 6km. You will pass several gas stations and an airplane in a roundabout. At the exit of PETROSANI you will pass a railway

bridge, shortly after turn right towards LUPENI. When you reach the center of LUPENI after 13 km, drive left onto the 664A road to STATIUNEA STRAJA. After 4 km you will reach the spectator point on your right.

Point 13

Finish in Straja

GPS coordinates (NE DD MM SS): N45° 19' 16" E23° 14' 12"

Driving time from Sibiu:

4 h 15 min

Distance: 199 km

Action between:

13:10 & 19:00

Class: Gold, Silver, Bronze, Iron

Meet the riders at the off-road finish after a long and hard first day of racing in Romania.

How to get there: Drive South out of Sibiu direc-

tion BUCHAREST on road E81DN7. You will drive through several small villages and after 65 km you will arrive in BREZOI, where you will turn right towards VOINEASAPETROSANI for the next 104 km. You will reach the city center of PETROSANI by passing through the first roundabout. Turn left at the second roundabout on main road E79 for 6 km. You will pass several gas stations and an airplane in a roundabout. At the exit of PETROSANI you will pass a railway bridge, shortly after drive right towards LUPENI. When you reach the center of LUPENI after 13 km on the 66A road, turn left onto the 664A road towards STATIUNEA STRAJA. After 8 km you will reach the finish on top of the bridge at STATIUNEA STRAJA.



OFF-ROAD DAY 2

Point 1

Start in Straja

GPS coordinates (N/E

DD MM SS): N45° 19' 07"

E23° 14' 17"

Driving time from Straja:

5 min

Distance: 1 km

Action between:

06:30 & 11:20

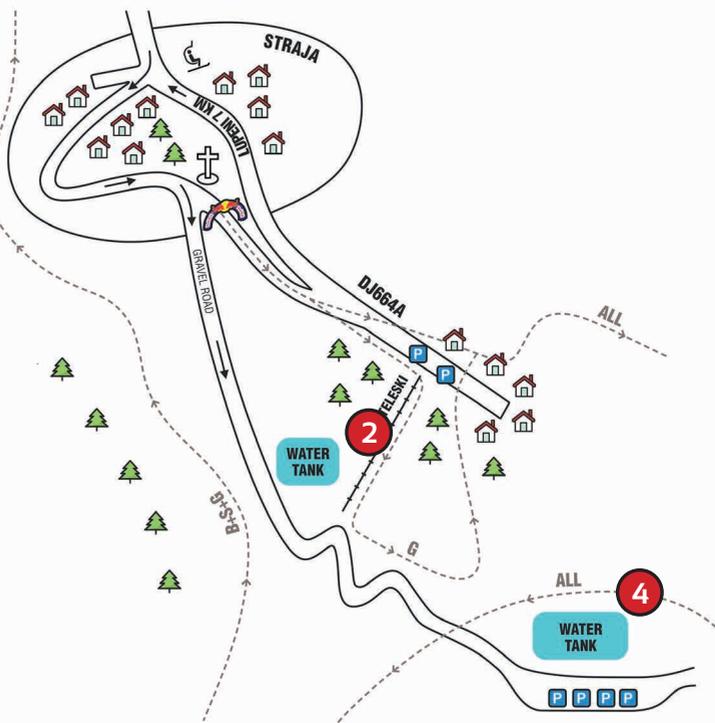
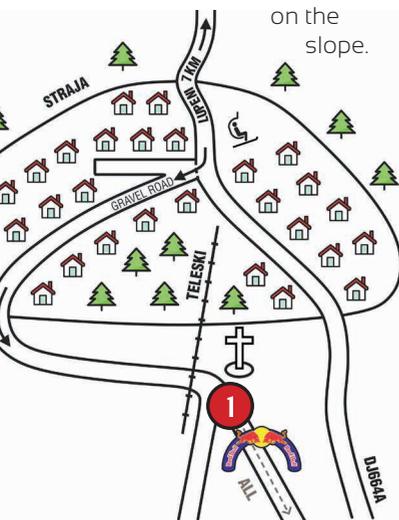
Class: Gold, Silver, Bronze, Iron

Meet the riders at the Off-road Start and wish them good luck before they head into the mountains.

How to get there: On your way up to STRAJA at the beginning of the village turn right at the ski lift station onto the gravel road.

Follow the gravel road for 750 m. The start of day 2 is next to the monument

on the slope.



Point 2

Tele Moto

GPS coordinates (N/E DD

MM SS): N45° 18' 51" E23°

14' 39"

Driving time from Straja:

5 min

Distance: 1 km

Action between:

06:30 & 07:00

Class: Gold

Close to the start, the Gold class riders will battle a difficult "straight into your face" climb with slippery rocks. Bikes and riders will be "warmed-up" after this.

How to get there: Drive until the end of the asphalt road in STRAJA. You will reach the second ski lift

station of STRAJA after 1 km. Park your vehicle and walk up to the spectator point at the ski lift.

Point 3

Dragon spikes

GPS coordinates (N/E DD

MM SS): N45° 19' 06" E23°

18' 04"

Driving time from Straja: 1 h

Distance: 23 km

Action between:

07:15 & 11:00

Class: Gold & Silver

An almost 1,500 altitude uphill is on the menu for the Gold and Silver class riders. They will pray for it to end!

How to get there: Head



out of Straja towards PETROSANI. After 15 km you will reach the first roundabout of VULCAN. Turn right onto road 664 towards CAPRISOARA. After 6 km you will pass PASUL VULCAN and after another 2 km you will find the spectator point on your right.

Point 4
Straja rock garden

GPS coordinates (N/E DD MM SS): N45° 18' 33" E23° 15' 09"

Driving time from Straja: 15 min

Distance: 2,5 km

Action between: 07:55 & 14:00

Class: Gold, Silver, Bronze

The competitors will

come through a very rocky and tricky section.

How to get there: On your way up to STRAJA at the beginning of the village turn right at the ski lift station onto the gravel road. Follow the gravel road for another 1.5 km. Park your vehicle at the second big water tank and walk to the stone field in front of you.

Point 5
Bikini hill

GPS coordinates (N/E DD MM SS): N45° 20' 11" E23° 12' 53"

Driving time from Straja:

25 min
Distance: 8,5 km



Action between: 08:10 & 13:00

Class: Gold, Silver, Bronze
Watch the Gold and Silver class and especially the Bronze class riders as they twist the throttle on this beautiful incline into the mountains.

How to get there: Head out of Straja and drive down into the valley towards LUPENI for 7 km. Before reaching Lupeni, make a sharp left turn to the Straja chairlift TELESKAUN. You will reach the parking areas after 1.5 km. To get the best action, walk up the slope opposite to the chair lift.

Point 6
America's cup

GPS coordinates (N/E DD MM SS): N45° 18' 03" E23° 08' 28"

Driving time from Straja: 50 min

Distance: 21 km

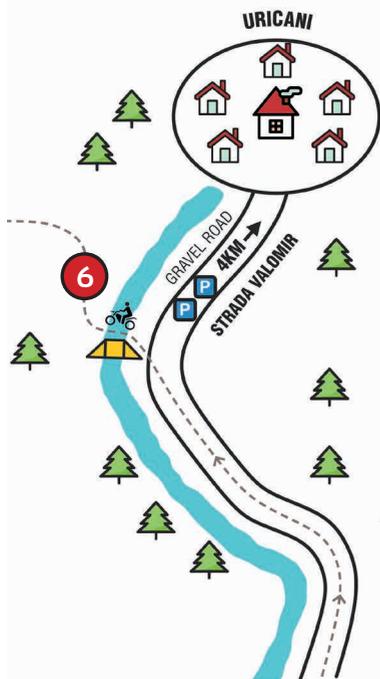
Action between: 08:25 & 10:00

Class: Gold

Watch the pro's climb this steep hill with tricky roots and rocks.

How to get there:

Head out of Straja and drive down into the valley towards LUPENI. Turn left towards CAMPULUI NEAG. After 7 km turn left over the bridge towards the city center of



URICANI. Turn left after the bridge again on STRADA UNIRII and left once again after 300 m onto ALEEA BRAZILOR, turn right onto STRADA VALOMIR. Follow the road into the valley for another 5 km to reach the spectator point on your right hand side.

Point 7

Service point at Soso's office

GPS coordinates (N/E DD MM SS): N45° 19' 25" E23° 06' 00"

Driving time from Straja: 40 min

Distance: 18 km

Action between:

09:10 & 16:00

Class: Gold, Silver, Bronze, Iron

Before all the riders reach the service point they have to ride through "Soso's office". A lot of fun things to see there when they race

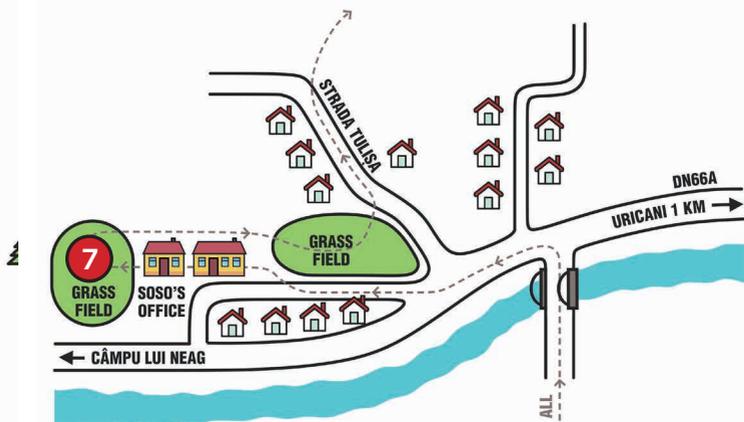
Action between:

10:50 & 14:00

Class: Gold & Silver

Check out the skills of the Silver and Gold class riders and how they jump over a natural gully.

How to get there: Head



through this abandoned building to get to the service point.

How to get there: Head out of Straja and drive down into the valley to LUPENI. Turn left towards VALEA DE BRAZI. After 10 km you will find an old abandoned building on your right. This is spectator point 8 and also today's Service Point.

Point 8

Wheelspin gully

GPS coordinates (N/E DD MM SS): N45° 21' 32" E23° 12' 06"

Driving time from Straja: 35 min

Distance: 12 km

out of Straja and drive down into the valley towards LUPENI and turn right onto road 66A. After 1.2 km you will pass an orthodox church on your right. After another 200 m turn left at the catholic church onto street MI-HAIL SADOVEANU. Drive straight after the bridge on street VITOS GAVRILA. Follow the street to the end and park your vehicle. Walk up on your right to reach the spectator point.

Point 9

Lupeni zoo

GPS coordinates (N/E DD MM SS): N45° 21' 56" E23°

12' 10"

Driving time from Straja:

40 min

Distance: 13 km

Action between:

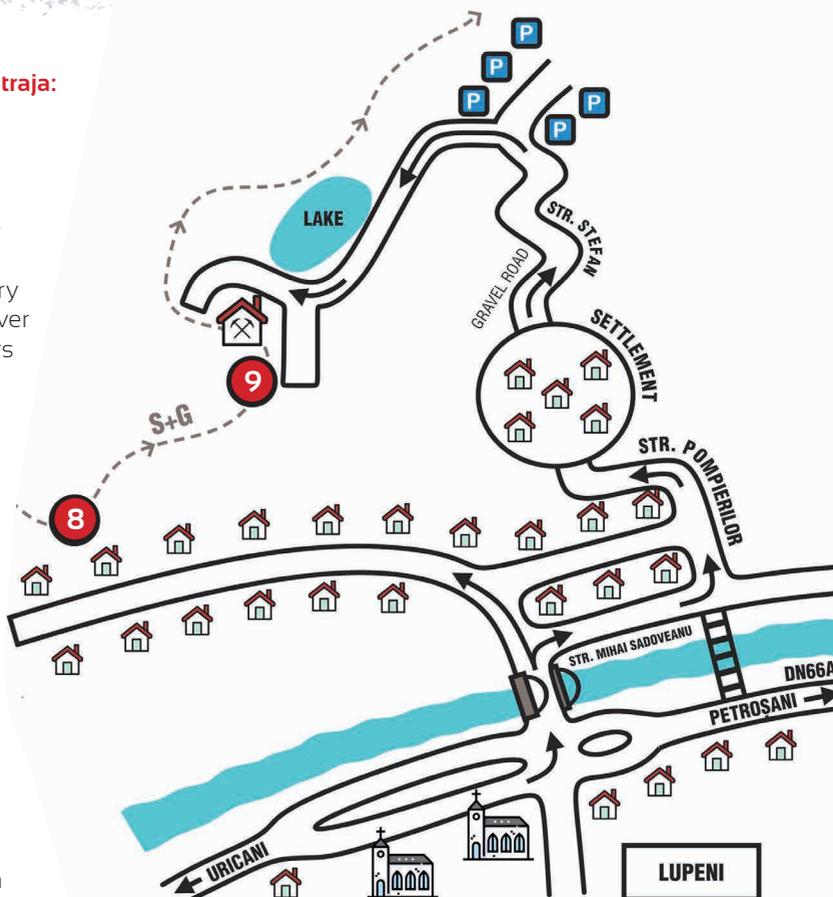
11:00 & 14:15

Class: Gold & Silver

Really nice spot to take some legendary photos of all the Silver and Gold class riders in an old mine. True to the motto "Epic Edition 15".

How to get there:

Head out of Straja and drive down into the valley towards LUPENI and turn right onto road 66A. After 1.2 km you will pass an orthodox church on your righthand side. After another 200 m turn left at the catholic church on street MIHAIL SADOVEANU. Turn right after the bridge and follow the street next to the river until you reach a rope bridge. Turn left there and continue on POMPIERILOR street which changes to STEFAN street after 500 m. Drive all the way up through the settlement and continue on the gravel road for another 1 km. Park your car at the spectator sign and walk 900 m to the mine on your left to reach the spectator point.



Point 10

Direct injection

GPS coordinates (N/E DD MM SS): N45° 22' 35" E23° 13' 47"

Driving time from Straja:

35 min

Distance: 13 km

Action between:

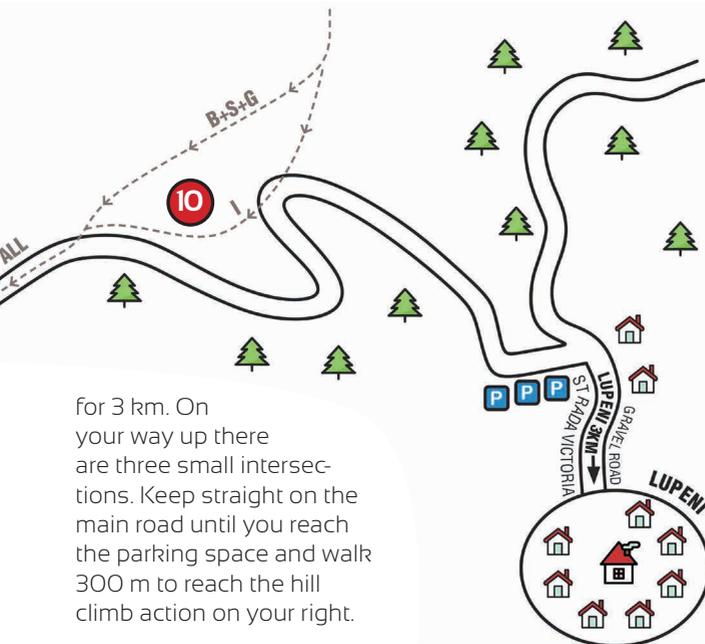
11:00 & 16:30

Class: Gold, Silver, Bronze, Iron

A mining area that invites you to take many fascinat-

ing pictures of all classes. Several steep inclines that must be mastered by all riders.

How to get there: Head out of Straja and drive down into the valley towards LUPENI. Turn right onto road 66A for 2 km towards HOLOD. Turn left over the railway at the road sign SPRE STRAND. Turn right again after the bridge and follow the road VICTORIA



for 3 km. On your way up there are three small intersections. Keep straight on the main road until you reach the parking space and walk 300 m to reach the hill climb action on your right.

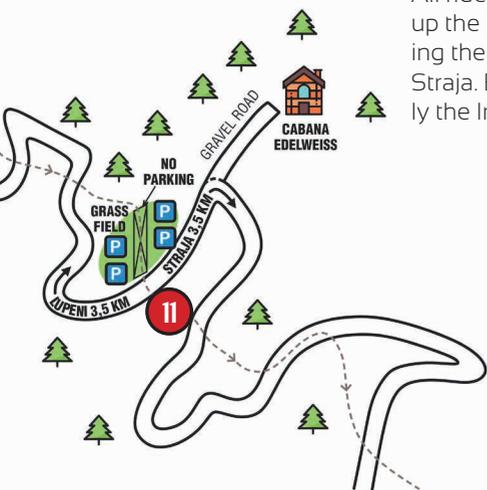
Point 11
Straja road

GPS coordinates (N/E DD MM SS): N45° 19' 55" E23° 13' 39"

Driving time from Straja:

10 min
Distance: 4 km
Action between: 11:20 & 16:00
Class: Gold, Silver, Bronze, Iron

All riders firing up the hill, crossing the road to Straja. Especially the Iron class



will need your help at this long and steep uphill to finally reach the finish.
How to get there: Head out of Straja and drive down into the valley towards "LUPENI". You will find the spectator point after 4km on your left side.

Point 12
Finish in Straja

GPS coordinates (N/E DD MM SS): N45° 19' 16" E23° 14' 12"

Driving time from Straja: 1 min
Distance: 10 m
Action between: 11:30 & 18:00

Class: Gold, Silver, Bronze, Iron

Meet the riders at the Off-road Finish and hear their stories from the racetrack.

The finish-spectator point will be on top of the bridge at STATIUNEA STRAJA.



er and follow the road 68A to RASCOALA for 1.5 km. The asphalt ends and you follow the gravel road for another 3 km into the valley to reach the spectator point on your right. The riders will pass you on the gravel road between spectator point 2 and 3. Please do not park your vehicle on the racetrack and let the riders pass.

Point 4

Spectator point 4

GPS coordinates (N/E DD MM SS): N45° 30' 12" E23° 28' 15"

Driving time from Straja:

1 h 30 min

Distance/Distanță: 44 km

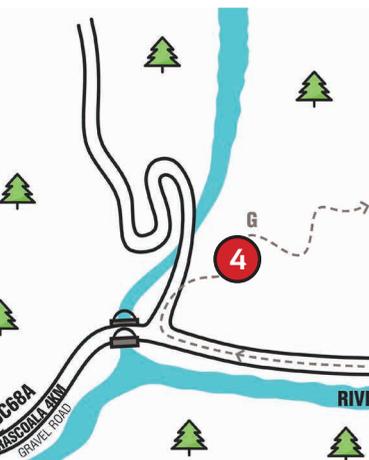
Action between:

07:15 & 08:00

Class: Gold

Watch the Gold class riders climb this very tricky uphill with lots of roots.

How to get there: Head out



of Straja towards PETROSANI. Pass the city center of PETROSANI by staying on the main road E79. Turn right onto road 709H to PETRILA and CIMPA for the next 9 km. At the exit of CIMPA keep left, pass the bridge over the river and follow the road 68A to RASCOALA for 1.5 km. The asphalt ends and you follow the gravel road for another 3.5 km into the valley to reach the spectator point on your right.

Point 5

Spectator point 5

GPS coordinates (N/E DD MM SS): N45° 43' 27" E23° 36' 00"

Driving time from Straja:

2 h 45 min

Distance: 105 km

Action between:

08:45 & 11:30

Class: Silver

Meet the Silver class riders as they face the uphill full of roots and natural obstacles.

How to get there: Head out of Straja towards PETROSANI. At the fourth round-



about in PETROSANI turn right onto road 7A towards OBARSIA LOTRULUI for 28 km. Turn left towards SUGAG on road DN67C. After 42 km you will pass TAU BISTRA and after another ca. 8 km there are small timber houses on a right-hand corner. Find a good parking space there and walk up to the spectator point on your left.

Point 6

Parallel slalom

GPS coordinates (N/E DD MM SS): N45° 43' 27" E23° 36' 04"

Driving time from Straja:

2 h 45 min

Distance: 105 km

Action between:

08:45 & 10:15

Class: Gold

Watch the Gold class riders

climb this steep hill followed by a very narrow and tricky single trail.

How to get there: Head out of Straja towards PETROSANI. At the fourth roundabout in PETROSANI turn right onto road 7A towards OBARSIA LOTRULUI for 28 km. Turn left towards SUGAG on road DN67C. After 42 km you will pass TAU BISTRA and after another ca. 8 km there are small timber houses on a right-hand corner. Find a good parking space there and walk up to the spectator point on your left.

Point 7 Vali's trail

GPS coordinates (N/E DD MM SS): N45° 46' 23" E23° 37' 38"

Driving time from Straja:
3 h

Distance: 115 km

Action between:
09:20 & 12:00

Class: Gold, Silver

Scary downhill on a steep and rocky ridge in the forest.

How to get there: Head out of Straja towards PETROSANI. At the fourth roundabout in PETROSANI turn right onto road 7A towards OBARSIA LOTRULUI for 28 km. There turn left towards SUGAG on road DN67C for 59 km. In the city center of SUGAG, 500 m after the big church, park

your vehicle at the STIHL shop and walk up the small road with the traffic sign 3,5T to reach the spectator point on your left side.

Point 8 Donkey trail

GPS coordinates (N/E DD MM SS): N45° 46' 28" E23° 37'

Driving time from Straja:
3 h

Distance: 115 km

Action between:
09:20 & 12:00

Class: Gold, Silver

Meet the Silver and Gold class riders climbing a hard and tricky trail in the forest.

How to get there: Head out of Straja towards PETROSANI. At the fourth roundabout in PETROSANI turn right onto road 7A towards OBARSIA LOTRULUI for 28 km. There turn left

towards SUGAG on road DN67C for 59 km. In the city center of SUGAG, 500 m after the big church, park your vehicle at the STIHL shop and walk up the small road with the traffic sign 3,5T to reach the spectator point on your right.

Point 9 Babysitter

GPS coordinates (N/E DD MM SS): N45° 46' 53" E23° 36' 43"

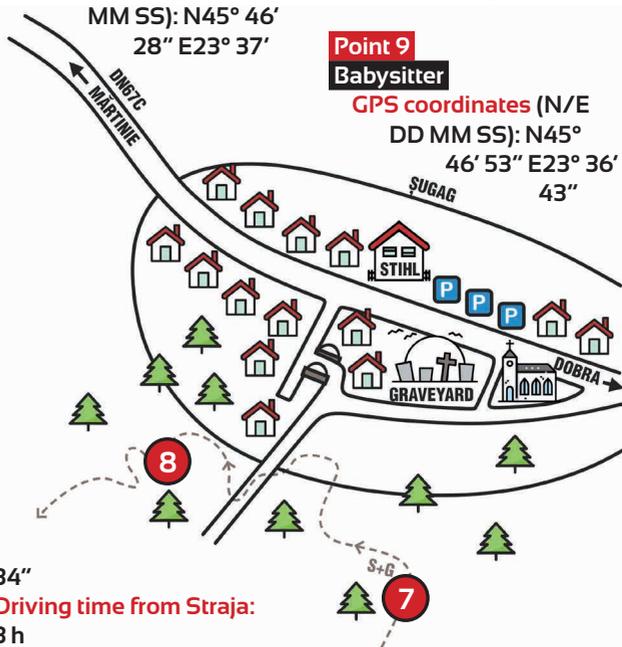
Driving time from Straja:
3 h

Distance: 115 km

Action between:
09:30 & 12:15

Class: Gold and Silver
Nice uphill on a steep rock-face next to a village.

How to get there: Head out of Straja towards PETROSANI. At the fourth roundabout in PETROSANI turn right onto road 7A to-



wards
OBAR-
SIA
LOTRULUI
for 28 km.
There turn
left towards
SUGAG on road
DN67C for 59 km. In
the city center of SUGAG,
1.5 km after the big church
there is a bus stop and a
small shop on your left.
There, turn left onto the
road 214 and continue for
another 250 m. Park your
vehicle just before the
bridge and walk up to the
spectator point on your
right.

Point 10
Spectator point 10

**GPS coordinates (N/E DD
MM SS):** N45° 47' 42" E23°
36' 26"

Driving time from Straja:
3 h

Distance: 118 km

Action between:

09:30 & 14:00

Class: Silver, Bronze and
Iron

For the Silver class this will
be a tough nut to crack!

How to get there: Head
out of Straja towards



PETROSANI. At the fourth
roundabout in PETROSANI
turn right onto road 7A to-
wards OBARSIA LOTRULUI
for 28 km. There turn left
towards SUGAG on road
DN67C for 59 km. Continue
on road 67C for another
3.5 km to MARTINIE. Turn
left at the beginning of the
village onto road 216. Park
your vehicle 200 m after
the bridge and walk up to
the spectator point on your
right.

Point 11

Fear factory

**GPS coordinates (N/E DD
MM SS):** N45° 48' 26" E23°
37' 20"

Driving time from Straja:
3 h

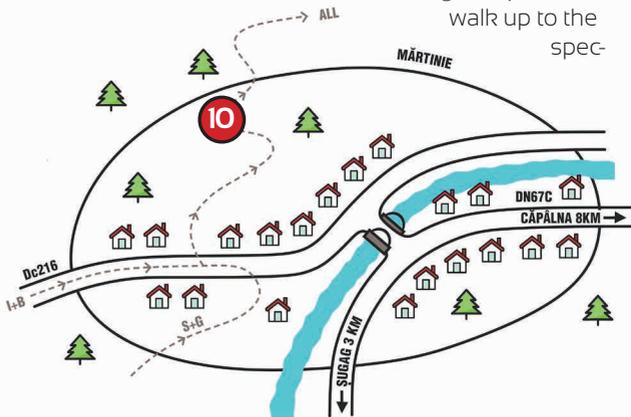
Distance: 119 km

Action between:
10:00 & 15:00

Class: Gold, Silver, Bronze,
Iron

Watch all classes go down
this steep downhill, some
riders will have to walk
their bikes to make it down
safely.

How to get there: Head
out of Straja towards
PETROSANI. At the fourth
roundabout in PETROSANI
turn right on road 7A to
OBARSIA LOTRULUI for
28 km. Turn left towards
SUGAG on road DN67C for
59 km. Continue on road
67C for another 5.5 km to
the exit of MARTINIE. Park
your car next to the Service
Point or the wooden gate
you passed and use the
small bridge on your left to
walk up to the spec-



SERVICE POINT IN MARTINIE drive 1 km back in the direction of SUGAG to find the spectator point sign on the left just next to a shop called MAGAZIN MIXT. Park your vehicle and hike up along the forest road for 1 km.

Point 15

Spectator point 15

GPS coordinates (N/E DD MM SS): N45° 44' 09" E23° 55' 43"

Driving time from Straja: 4 h 15 min

Distance: 160 km

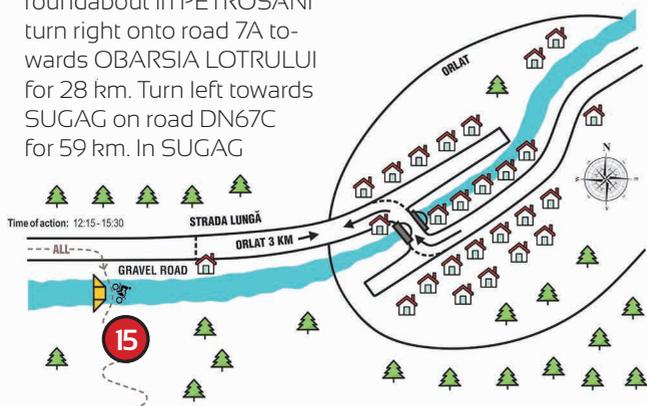
Action between:

12:20 & 18:00

Class: Gold, Silver, Bronze, Iron

Watch all classes but especially the Iron and Bronze class riders climbing this steep and nasty uphill. This will be the last uphill before the finish.

How to get there: Head out of Straja towards PETROSANI. At the fourth roundabout in PETROSANI turn right onto road 7A towards OBARSIA LOTRULUI for 28 km. Turn left towards SUGAG on road DN67C for 59 km. In SUGAG



turn right onto road DJIO6E. Stay on the DJIO6E all the way through DOBRA, JINA, POIANA SIBIULUI until SALISTE after about 30 km of heavily winding roads. Continue on the main road E81 in the direction of SIBIU to SACEL for 5.5 km where you turn right on DJIO6D towards PALTINIS. After 5 km you will reach the marketplace of ORLAT. Instead of following the main road, keep right on the asphalt road STRADA LUNGA for 4.5 km which changes to a gravel road at the exit of the village. You will find the spectator point on your left.

Point 16

Finish in Gura Raului

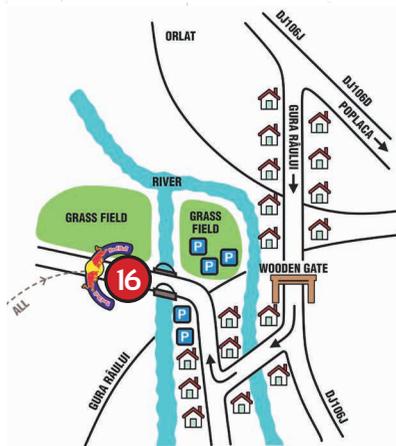
GPS coordinates (N/E DD MM SS): N45° 44' 43" E23° 58' 37"

Driving time from Straja: 4 h

Distance: 160 km

Action between:

12:35 & 18:15



Class: Gold, Silver, Bronze, Iron

Meet the riders at the off-road finish.

How to get there: Head out of Straja towards PETROSANI. At the fourth roundabout in PETROSANI turn right onto road 7A towards OBARSIA LOTRULUI for 28 km. Turn left towards SUGAG on road DN67C for 59 km. In SUGAG turn right onto road DJIO6E. Stay on the DJIO6E all the way through DOBRA, JINA, POIANA SIBIULUI until SALISTE after about 30 km of heavily winding roads. Continue on main road E81 in direction SIBIU to SACEL for 5.5 km where you turn right on DJIO6D towards PALTINIS for another 6.5 km. In Orlat, keep right onto DJIO6J to GURA RAULUI just for 750 m until you pass a wooden gate. Turn right there and follow the spectator signs for 500 m.

OFF-ROAD DAY 4

Point 1

Start in Tocile

GPS coordinates (N/E DD MM SS): N45° 40' 45"
E24° 09' 39"

Driving time from Sibiu:
25 min

Distance: 14 km

Action between:

07:00 & 11:50

Class: Gold, Silver,
Bronze, Iron

Meet the riders at the off-road start and wish them their good luck before they head into the mountains.

How to get there: Head South out of Sibiu and drive via CISNADIE to the village of TOCILE. At the end of the village, you will find the start on your right, on an open grassy area at the foot of the hills.



Point 2

Warzone

GPS coordinates (N/E DD MM SS): N45° 39' 24"
E24° 09' 37"

Driving time from Sibiu:
35 min

Distance: 19 km

Action between:

08:00 & 10:30

Class: Silver

Watch the Silver class riders climb this steep and nasty incline.

How to get there: Head South out of Sibiu and drive to the village of SADU – via CISNADIE or via TALMACIU. Follow the main road 105G through SADU towards RAU SADULUI. Just 1 km after you exit SADU you will find on your

right a good place to cross the 30-40 cm deep river. Park your vehicle and hike towards the racetrack 250 m to find the spectator point on your right.

Point 3

Too Many Switchbacks

GPS coordinates (N/E DD MM SS): N45° 39' 07"
E24° 09' 05"

Driving time from Sibiu:
35 min

Distance: 20 km

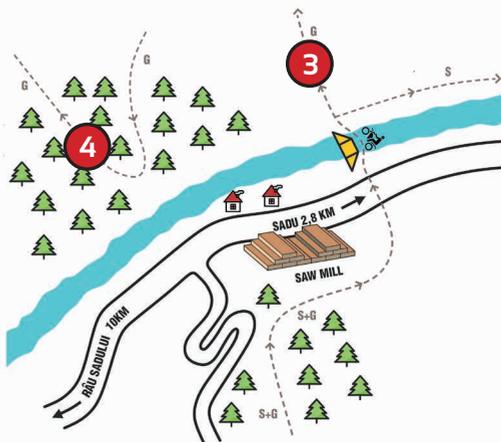
Action between:

07:25 & 08:30

Class: Gold

A steep ridge with countless trees and many roots.

How to get there: Head South out of Sibiu and drive to the village of SADU – via CISNADIE or via TALMACIU. Follow the main road 105G



through SADU towards RAU SADULUI. Just 2 km after you exit SADU you will find on your right the spectator point and also a good place to cross the 30-40 cm deep river. The Gold and Silver Class will pass the asphalt road at this point where the private compound ground starts. So please park your vehicle on the grass field before on your right and let the riders pass.

Point 4 Momentum

GPS coordinates (N/E DD MM SS): N45° 38' 59" E24° 08' 51"

Driving time from Sibiu: 35 min

Distance: 20 km

Action between: 07:35 & 08:45

Class: Gold

Watch the Gold class riders ride a super steep uphill.

How to get there: Head South out of Sibiu and drive to the village of SADU – via CISNADIE or via TALMACIU. Follow the main road 105G through SADU to-

wards RAU SADULUI. 2.8 km after you exit SADU you will find on your left a sawmill after which the JUVART gravel road is starting to go slightly up on your left. Park your vehicle at the beginning of the gravel road and cross the river to catch the best action on the right of the asphalt road.

Point 5 Original Ziggy Zaggy

GPS coordinates (N/E DD MM SS): N45° 38' 43" E24° 06' 36"

Driving time from Sibiu: 40 min

Distance: 25 km

Action between: 07:45 & 11:30

Class: Gold, Silver

14 years ago the Silver and Gold class riders did the same nasty shepherd trail. Walk up 100 m and catch the best action.

How to get there: Head South out of Sibiu and drive to the village of SADU – via CISNADIE or

via TALMACIU. Follow the main road 105G through SADU towards RAU SADULUI. 7 km after you exit SADU you will find the spectator point on the right.

Point 6 Whiskey throttle

GPS coordinates (N/E DD MM SS): N45° 38' 41" E24° 05' 41"

Driving time from Sibiu: 40 min

Distance: 26 km

Action between: 07:55 & 11:45

Class: Gold, Silver

Meet the Silver and Gold class riders climb the famous Whiskey throttle uphill which has become a very tricky one to go up.

How to get there: Head South out of Sibiu and drive to the village of SADU – via CISNADIE or via TALMACIU. Follow the main road 105G through SADU towards RAU SADULUI. 8.5 km after you exit SADU you will find the spectator point on the right.

Point 7 Old school miorita

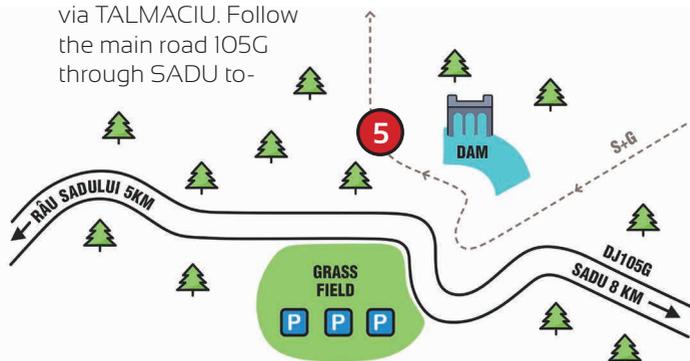
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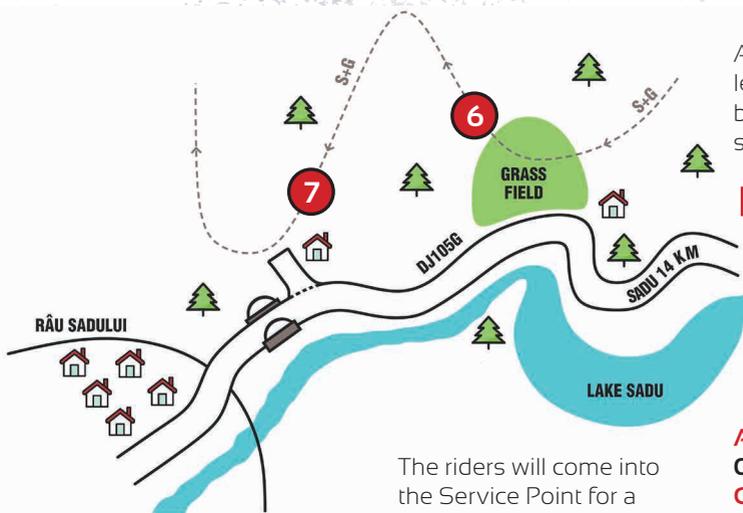
Driving time from Sibiu: 45 min

Distance: 27 km

Action between: 08:05 & 12:00

Class: Gold, Silver





Silver and Gold Class competitors will ride down a long slippery ridge, good action here!

How to get there: Head South out of Sibiu and drive to the village of SADU – via CISNADIE or via TALMACIU. Follow the main road 105G through SADU towards RAU SADULUI. 9 km after you exit SADU you will find the spectator point on the right.

Point 8

Servicepoint Arena Platós

GPS coordinates (N/E DD MM SS): N45° 40' 32" E23° 56' 09"

Driving time from Sibiu:

45 min

Distance: 29 km

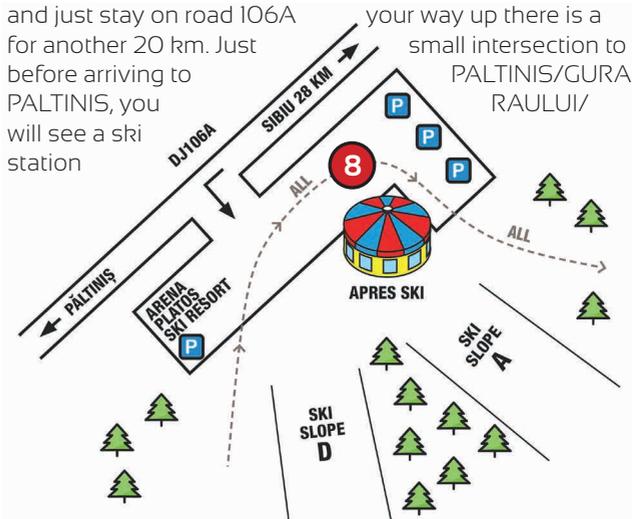
Action between:

08:55 & 15:00

Class: Gold, Silver, Bronze, Iron

The riders will come into the Service Point for a mandatory 20-min break, just enough time to eat a little bit and a quick check on their bike before heading into the wild again.

How to get there: Drive out of Sibiu on the 106A road towards RASINARI. You will reach RASINARI after about 10 km. In Rasinari keep right towards Paltinis and just stay on road 106A for another 20 km. Just before arriving to PALTINIS, you will see a ski station



ARENA PLATOS on your left, the Service Point will be in the parking lot of the ski station.

Point 9

Hug the tree

GPS coordinates (N/E DD MM SS): N45° 41' 60" E24° 00' 10"

Driving time from Sibiu: 35 min

Distance: 22 km

Action between:

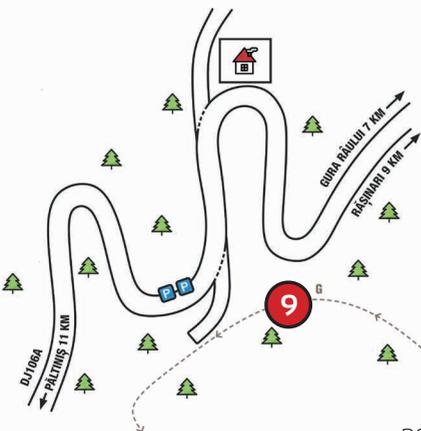
09:45 & 10:45

Class: Gold

Super tricky section with many switchbacks in the wild Carpathian Mountains.

How to get there: Drive out of Sibiu on the 106A road towards RASINARI. You will reach RASINARI after about 10 km. In Rasinari keep right towards Paltinis and stay on road 106A for another 15 km. On

your way up there is a small intersection to PALTINIS/GURA RAULUI/



SIBIU, stay on the road 106A, but pay attention after 2.5 km there is a house with a red gate in a sharp left turn. Park your car 500 m after the house on the street and walk to the spectators point on your left.

Point 10

The New Freestyle

GPS coordinates (N/E DD MM SS): N45° 41' 42" E24° 00' 33"

Driving time from Sibiu:

35 min

Distance: 19 km

Action between:

09:50 & 10:50

Class: Gold

Meet the Gold class riders exit a very long and difficult section, then climbing a steep and tricky hill followed by a long and hard uphill in the forest.

How to get there: Drive out of Sibiu on the 106A

road towards RASINARI. You will reach RASINARI after about 10 km. In Rasinari keep right towards PALTINIS and just stay on road 106A for another 4 km, and then leave the tarmac road in front of the Pension Curmatura Stezii turning left towards Santa Valley. Follow the gravel road 2 km before reaching the spectator point on the right.

Point 11

Steroid

GPS coordinates (N/E DD MM SS): N45° 41' 23" E24° 00' 39"

Driving time from Sibiu:

40 min

Distance: 20 km

Action between:

09:55 & 10:55

Class: Gold

Check out some tricky

sections on the stony ridge just after they fire-up from the valley.

How to get there: Drive out of Sibiu on the 106A road towards RASINARI. You will reach RASINARI after about 10 km. In Rasinari keep right towards PALTINIS and just stay on road 106A for another 4 km, then leave the tarmac road in front of the Pension Curmatura Stezii turning left towards Santa Valley. Follow the gravel road 2.8 km before reaching the spectator point on the right.

Point 12

One day hill

GPS coordinates (N/E DD MM SS): N45° 42' 33" E23° 55' 32"

Driving time from Sibiu:

45 min

Distance: 25 km

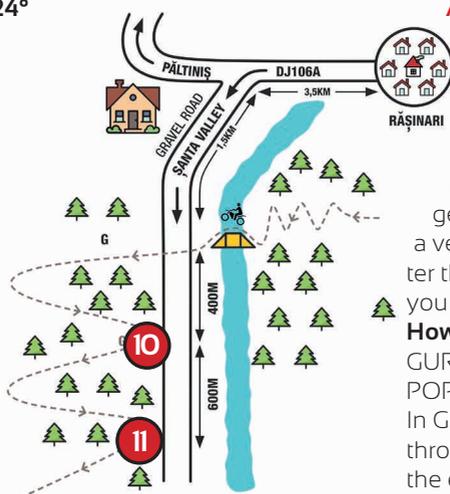
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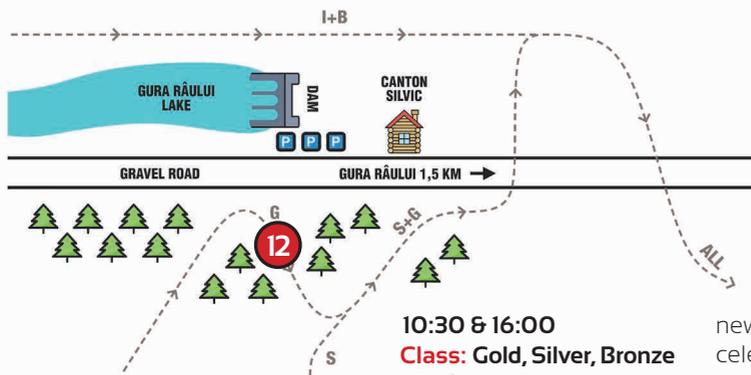
10:45 & 12:00

Class: Gold

Meet the Gold class competitors when they ride a very steep downhill then trying to get up the next ridge on a very narrow traverse. After the traverse, the higher you go, the better it gets.

How to get there: Drive to GURA RAULUI, either via POPLACA or CRISTIAN. In GURA RAULUI drive through the village until the end, towards the water





10:30 & 16:00

Class: Gold, Silver, Bronze

All of the riders have to go up but the trail has become a very tricky one. Silver and Gold class on the left, the Bronze class sweating in the middle and on your right the Iron riders taking the chicken line.

How to get there: Drive out of Sibiu on the 106A road towards RASINARI. You will reach RASINARI after about 10 km. In RASINARI keep right towards Paltinis and stay on road 106A for another 6 km. On your way up there is a small intersection to PALTINIS/GURA RAULUI/SIBIU. Find a good parking space on the street or on the grass field.

Pay attention and let the Iron class pass on your way up.

Point 13

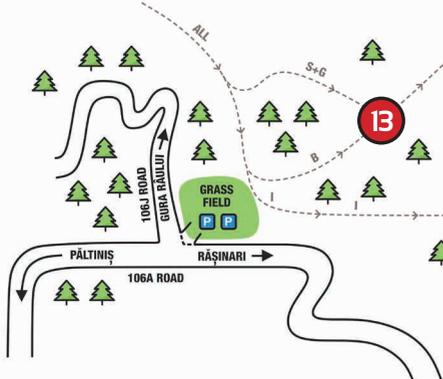
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Driving time from Sibiu: 35 min

Distance: 18 km

Action between:



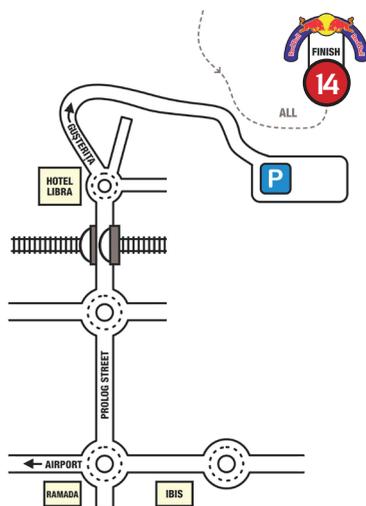
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Hillclimb Finish

GPS coordinates (N/E DD MM SS): N45° 48' 48" E24° 12' 05"

Driving time from Sibiu:

25 min



Distance: 7 km

Action between:

11:30 & 18:00

Class: Gold, Silver, Bronze, Iron

The famous hill climb known from previous years. Challenging as before and with a few new surprises... Come and celebrate with the riders who make it to the finish!

How to get there: From the Ramada head out towards the railway station passing the main boulevard where the Prologue took place. Go straight over the big railway bridge. At the first roundabout, take the third exit and continue on the road towards Gusterita. From there, the direction will be marked with signs. Follow them for about 2 km on the gravel roads to reach the Hillclimb Finish.



ABOUT THE RED BULL ROMANIACS

The World's Toughest Hard Enduro Rallye

The Red Bull Romaniacs Extreme Enduro Rallye was created in 2004 by founder Martin Freinademetz. Over the past years it has evolved to the world's toughest Hard Enduro Rallye. The Red Bull Romaniacs takes place every year

and attracts competitors from more than 50 nations. The race is spread over five days, the first being the inner-city prologue in front of thousands of enthusiastic fans. The four "Off-road race days" lead the com-

petitors on some of the world's most beautiful enduro trails in the region around Sibiu, Romania (Southern Carpathian Mountains). The breathtaking wilderness, the Romanian hospitality and the unbelievable challenges make the 600 km race an unforgettable,

lifelong memory for all participants. The Red Bull Romaniacs is an event created by competitors for competitors. Born out of his passion for enduro sport, the brains and driving force behind the event is Martin Freinademetz. Known for his career as professional snowboarder, he was world champion twice, won four world tour titles and participated in the 1998 Olympic Games. During his time as a Pro-snowboarder, Martin met his wife Sigi, who since then has been his strong right hand manager. Besides their love for snowboarding, both share a passion for extreme enduro, which led them to create Edition 1, the first Red Bull Romaniacs in 2004. Now,



Martin Freinademetz the mastermind behind the rally and Andy Fazekas the creator of the prologue tracks & finish obstacles.

in 2018 we proudly present the Epic Edition 15. The Red Bull Romaniacs became one of the main catalysts behind the sport of hard enduro, which is now widely popular and fueling the associated motorsports industries. Over the years, the Red Bull Romaniacs core team has grown significantly and features all departments of a modern adventure sports business with a strong focus on development (race concepts, time-keeping, rules/regulations, tracks) and marketing (the Red Bull Romaniacs achieve a yearly average of 1,800 transmission hours in international TV and boasts a huge popularity online).

Freinademetz surrounds himself mostly with active riders and people who are passionate about extreme sports. His team has a track record of creating internationally successful events that are known for some flavor of craziness and for their top professional execution. Many motorsport professionals and riders consider the Red Bull Romaniacs one

of the best organized and professional enduro events in the market (despite the complexity of the race and its location in Eastern Europe).

All Freinademetz events have the passion for extreme enduro in common and make the race experience for the

year;

- Participants benefit from world class service: they are taken care of from registration onwards, along the race track (with support, fuel and water) and they can rely on a state of the art safety and rescue team, unique rules and regulations and time keeping system to maximize



participants quite unique:

- Amateur riders get to race together with the best in the world, meeting the "who is who" of extreme enduro out there on the track, at the food points for noodles or in the hotel;
- Everybody is challenged to their limits and beyond, the amateur riders and the professionals, to push the bar of what is possible in extreme enduro every

fairness and fun of riding. Despite the large organization and lots of international travel, Freinademetz has a strong focus on staying "hands-on" and RIDE! All race tracks are developed with Martin's personal involvement and test ridden by himself before approval - in order to avoid surprises that could affect the experience for the participating riders.

The rally through the riders eyes

"The Red Bull Romaniacs is my favourite race. It's the best terrain in the world and four long off road days. I always expect the race to get tougher, gnarlier and crazier every year!"

Graham Jarvis (Great Britain, winner 2008, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2016, 2017/ nicknamed the King of the Carpathians)

"It was something completely crazy for me when I came the first time in Romania. This is the kind of race that I will remember forever, definitely. Now I see that the race and especially the sport, the extreme enduro moved to a really technical sport. The time I spent in Sibiu was something special."

Cyril Despres (France/ Andorra, first winner of the rally - 2004, he won also in 2005, and 2007)

"The Red Bull Romaniacs is the hardest race of the year and is so special to me because of the absolutely amazing feeling that I had after winning it the two times before and then being injured the past two years means I want to make it my third win here even more".

Jonny Walker (Great Britain, winner in 2014 and 2015 / the youngest rider who won the rally – 23 years old)

"The Red Bull Romaniacs is one of my favourite races because of the organization and the environment where we are involved. I really enjoy riding there and every year I have good results." **Alfredo Gomez** (Spain, 3 times on the Red Bull Romaniacs podium)

"The Red Bull Romaniacs is where my hunger for hard enduro came from, for me it's the best race of the year, you get so much challenging riding, it's not always fun at the time but the achievement at the end is unbelievable. Overall I'm looking forward to it and am ready as ever!"

Paul Bolton (Great Britain, 3rd place 2017)

"For me it's so special because it is such long days and you have to ride so strategically all four days, not making any mistakes or crashing and focus on navigating. You have to ride "clever" all four days and that makes it one of the toughest in the season". **Manuel Lettenbichler** (Germany, nicknamed Mini Letti, 4th place in 2017)

"For us Romanians, it is a great opportunity to race among the best in the world in our one environment. When you think that in 2004 we were just around 30 riders and this year competitors from 53 nations came to race, you realize how much the rally evolved." **Emanuel Geyenes** (Romania, the only rider who finished all the 14 edition held so far)



PODIUMS

Hall of Fame 2004 - 2017

Edition 1 -2004 Single

1. Cyril Despres (KTM) – France
2. Bartoz Obluki (Yamaha) – Poland
3. Kari Tiainen (KTM) – Finland

Edition 2 -2005 PRO

1. Cyril Despres (KTM) – France
2. Riaan Van Niekerk (KTM) – South Africa
3. Darryl Curtis (KTM) – South Africa

Edition 3 -2006 PRO

1. Michael Gau (KTM) – France
2. Giovanni Sala (KTM) – Italy
3. Alex Antor (KTM) – Andorra

Edition 4 -2007 PRO

1. Cyril Despres (KTM) – France
2. Gerhard Forster (Beta) – Germany
3. Chris Birch (KTM) – New Zealand

Edition 5 -2008 PRO

1. Graham Jarvis (Sherco) – Great Britain
2. Gerhard Forster (BMW) – Germany
3. Chris Birch (KTM) – New Zealand

Edition 6 -2009 PRO

1. Andreas Lettenbichler (BMW) – Germany
2. Chris Birch (KTM) – New Zealand
3. Cyril Despres (KTM) – France

Edition 7 -2010 PRO

1. Chris Birch (KTM) – New Zealand
2. Graham Jarvis (Sherco) – Great Britain
3. Andreas Lettenbichler (BMW) – Germany

Edition 8 -2011 PRO

1. Graham Jarvis (Husaberg) – Great Britain
2. Chris Birch (KTM) – New Zealand
3. Andreas Lettenbichler (Husqvarna) – Germany

Edition 9 -2012 PRO

1. Graham Jarvis (Husaberg) – Great Britain
2. Andreas Lettenbichler (Husqvarna) – Germany
3. Jonny Walker (KTM) – Great Britain

Edition 10 -2013 PRO

1. Graham Jarvis (Husaberg) – Great Britain
2. Alfredo Gomez (Husaberg) – Spain
3. Andreas Lettenbichler (Husqvarna) – Germany

Edition 11 -2014 GOLD

1. Jonny Walker (KTM) – Great Britain
2. Graham Jarvis (Husqvarna) – Great Britain
3. Wade Young (KTM) – South Africa

Edition 12 -2015 GOLD

1. Jonny Walker (KTM) – Great Britain
2. Graham Jarvis (Husqvarna) – Great Britain
3. Alfredo Gomez (Husqvarna) – Spain

Edition 13 -2016 GOLD

1. Graham Jarvis (Husqvarna) – Great Britain
2. Alfredo Gomez (KTM) – Spain
3. Wade Young (Sherco) – South Africa

Edition 14 -2017 GOLD

1. Graham Jarvis (Husqvarna) – Great Britain
2. Mario Roman (Sherco) – Spain
3. Paul Bolton (KTM) – Great Britain





The Epic Edition 15

The Epic Edition 15 is an important milestone for The Red Bull Romaniacs.

When the first Red Bull Romaniacs took off in 2004 it was a festival for nutters, a few enduro enthusiasts who were looking for the extra rick and real adventure. Now, 14 years later, the sport of hard enduro has become much more popular, if not mainstream and enjoys huge attention among fans and compet-

itors. The performance levels have increased beyond imagination and we will display this in the Epic Edition 15: in 2009 Letti senior needed a whopping 35 mins to pass through our section "Long Walk" and in 2017 Letti junior passed through the same section in just 7 minutes. Founder of the event, Martin Freinademetz, first took 1 h 30 mins and now completes it in 25 mins! Also, in 2004

we introduced the section 20 helpers because 20 people were needed to assist the riders to cross it, now in 2018 no helpers will be needed for the same section and difficulty!

2018 is also the first year of the World Enduro Super Series (WESS), which is a major step for the enduro sport and securing a healthy future growth. We are looking forward to serv-



ing our “crazy” to some new, unsuspecting “classical” enduro riders!

Inevitably, The Red Bull Romaniacs Epic Edition 15 will be an adventure that will make the toughest of the hard men (and women), humble and demand the impossible in endurance, riding skills and commitment.

Who will be on the podium this year?

Red Bull Romaniacs is the longest event in WESS, and all competitors will need to ride smart during this five day race, especially if they aim to be placed in the general ranking at the end of the season. Jonny Walker and Graham Jarvis (not necessarily in this order) are the names on everyone’s lips when it comes to who will win the 15th edition. Jonny Walker, KTM, retired in the last two editions due to injuries, he is currently leading in the WESS ranking and is more determined than ever to win his third title in Romania. On the other hand, Graham Jarvis is feeling at home in these mountains, even his fans have nicknamed him “The King of the Carpathians”. He is the record holder with six titles, the most recent one obtained in 2017



and he proved at this year’s Erzbergrodeo that he is still determined to win. Wade Young can be added to the potential winners list. The South African Sherco rider stands a chance with his speed, strength and hunger to win. He knows how it feels to be on the podium and maybe this year he will have a taste of the ultimate victory. Alfredo Gomez is coming back after a long recovery due to a knee injury suffered this spring, and if this doesn’t plague him he could be a potential as well. The Spanish Husqvarna

rider has previously placed 3rd once and 2nd twice at Red Bull Romaniacs. Mario Roman finished second last year and he specializes in long, steep uphill, of which there are plenty this year! Plus, he needs a good result in WESS, so we can put him on the potential podium list. Taddy Blazusiak is a legend in extreme enduro, although yet to podium in Romania, this year is his chance to try. In the fight for the podium we must not forget the young guns like Manuel Lettenbichler (4th in last year’s classification), Travis

Teasdale (5th in 2017) and Billy Bolt (6th in 2017). There are some strong Romanian riders on the scene too, competing in the Gold class again are Norbert Jozsa and Zsolt Varga, both with high hopes of coming in the top 10. Veteran Emanuel Gyenes is the only rider to have completed all previous editions and had two wins in Expert Team and several Silver podiums. Sergiu Grecu is the youngest rider hoping to finish the

Silver class and there is also Dani Otil, Romanian X-Factor TV host who has been on the podium on three occasions in the past.

The Prologue

The “Mother of all prologues” designed by prologue master Andy Fazekas, it is rideable for all classes, but tough as nails... The track, built on Coposu Boulevard, has 12 sections, with the longest section be-

ing 53 meters to match the 53 competing nations. The names of the sections that will capture the attention of the fans are: Selector, T-Rex Rodeo, Lambada, Rompetrol, Independența, Babel Tower and Category 5. This Category 5 section will offer the competitors an insight as to what the weather can be like in the Carpathians Mountains.

The Prologue is not just an inner city stage where fans can get an idea of what competitors will face in the next four off-road days, it determines the starting order for the first off-road day. Plus, the top three Gold class riders can decide their starting order and who will have to brave the “open tracks” first.

A new paddock location in Sibiu

In order to offer more space to technical crews and riders, we decided to combine the three paddocks that we had in the past, and this year we will just have one large paddock in the Voința Stadium, Vasile Cârlova Street.

Arena Platos

During the 4th off-road day the rally goes to Arena Platoș. This ski and snowboard resort will host the





Service Point and while you are waiting for the riders, you can experience some of the summer activities available at the resort, such as the fun park with summer sledge, zip line, cross country and downhill trails, zorbing, bag jump etc.

What the riders say before the start?

Graham Jarvis (Husqvarna, UK): "I need to be in peak form and use all my experience as the younger guys are getting better. I feel I have a chance to win again and it is a good opportunity to get some good points in

the WESS series."

Jonny Walker (KTM, UK): "I expect great race tracks, as always, this year at Red Bull Romaniacs. My goal is to win and gain solid points for the WESS championship. This event is really important as it is the last chance to get points in my speciality, hard enduro, it's the last extreme race before the other events which are more difficult because they are not my speciality."

Alfredo Gomez (Husqvarna, Spain): "I'm recovering from injury this year and Red Bull Romaniacs will be one

of my come backs, I hope I can fight for a podium place, many of the other riders want WESS points but I think my goal will be for a podium place at the end of this race. I think this year's rally style with going out of Sibiu is more difficult for the organizers and the riders because they need more assistance but from the racing side it is good, it'll be a bit different and I like this idea."

Manuel Lettenbichler (KTM, Germany): "I'm really looking forward to this year's Red Bull Romaniacs, my expectation this year is



think the course is going to be a lot more “wild”, like an old school Red Bull Romaniacs, more hidden surprises and up into the high mountains where weather can play a big part.”

Billy Bolt (Husqvarna, UK): “This year is going to be tough, it’s the first year we are going to be moving around, new for me. Should be some good new terrain and an even playing field as it’ll be new for everybody. The Red Bull Romaniacs has the most hype and best reputation amongst riders, every rider feels this is the hardest race in the year and that makes it important to all of us. If you can be at the top of this race you will gain the most respect among riders. With the WESS points this year we need to have a good day every day and if we have a bad one we’ll need to salvage as many points as possible. This race is definitely the one that gives the most satisfaction from just crossing the finish line, doesn’t matter what class you’re in, you’re doing really, really well to finish the Red Bull Romaniacs!”

for the podium as I missed it last year coming in fourth. It is good that we are heading out of Sibiu, some new tracks; I think they are already great and they do a proper job. It’s going to be a tough one and the competitors are so good now so I am just going to try my hardest and see how it works out! Red Bull Romaniacs is important in this year’s calendar because it is the last of the hard

enduro before we head into the fast stuff in the WESS series, so it’s good if I can get as many points as possible. It’s definitely one of the biggest events in the series.”

Paul Bolton (UK): “I expect the competition to be really fierce because of the new WESS series, everyone is hunting for points. Some may play it safe because they have a good lead. I

Wade Young (Sherco, South Africa): “For the fifteenth edition of Red Bull Romaniacs I have heard through the grape vine that Martin has some crazy ideas and

it's going to be pretty hard, it never gets easier! It's one of the toughest races in the world because it's so long and challenging. Everyday are new tracks, new adventures, you're never too sure what you are going into. I've been third so I'd like to be on the top two steps this time."

Kirsten Landman (South Africa - only female rider ever to finish Silver class): "This year I think the rally is going to be really tough, as always. It's never easy and it never gets any easier.

For me the biggest challenge is always the downhills. I don't mind going up but those downhills scare the life out of me! This year I will also be riding a completely different bike, a bigger and heavier bike so that's going to be a challenge on its own. The Red Bull Romaniacs for me is the best race in the world, the reason being because I love it and at the same time, I hate it! At the end of the day my main goal is always the same: to get to the finish!"



ABOUT THE RIDERS

Some info about the riders who are on the 2018 entry list. For details about all the competitors, please visit: www.redbullromaniacs.com



Name: Jarvis
First name: Graham
Country: Great Britain
Race category in 2018: Gold

Race number: 1
Previous results at Red Bull Romaniacs: first place in 2008, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2016, 2017, 2nd in 2015 and 2014.

Other information: multiple Trial Champion of Great Britain, winner at The Tough One (UK) most recent win in 2018, Hell's Gate (Italy) most recent win in 2017, winner at Red Bull Sea to Sky (Turkey), most recent win in 2017, winner of Erzbergrodeo (Austria) 2018, 2016, 2015 & 2013, winner of Roof of Africa (Lesotho) 2016, 2015, 2013.



Name: Roman Serrano
First name: Mario
Country: Spain
Race category in 2018: Gold

Race number: 2
Previous results at Red Bull Romaniacs: 2nd in 2017, 4th in 2016

Other information: Winner Hell's Gate 2018 (Italy), 2nd Red Bull III Megawatt 2017 (Poland), 2nd place Extreme Lagares 2016 (Portugal), 4th place Erzbergrodeo 2016 (Austria), 2nd place Hell's Gate 2015.



Name: Bolton
First name: Paul
Country: Great Britain
Race category in 2018: Gold

Race number: 3
Previous results at Red Bull Romaniacs: 3rd place in 2017, 4th place in 2015, 5th place in 2013 and 2009, 4th place in 2014 and 2011.

Other information: 5th position at Erzbergrodeo 2014 & 7th in 2018 (Austria), 3rd place at Red Bull Minas Riders 2016 (Brazil), 6th Red Bull III Megawatt 2017 (Poland).



THE WORLD'S TOUGHEST HARD ENDURO RALLYE



Name: Lettenbichler

First name: Manuel

Country: Germany

Race category in 2018:

Gold

Race number: 4

Previous results at Red

Bull Romaniacs: 4th in 2017, in 2016 he finished 20th, his first race was in 2015 and he didn't finish due to injury.

Other information: 3rd Erzbergrodeo 2018 (Austria), 3rd Extreme XL Lagares 2018 (Portugal), 5th Red Bull III Megawatt 2017 (Poland); In 2014 he was the youngest rider ever to finish Erzbergrodeo at 16 years old. Junior World SuperEnduro Champion in 2016/2017 season. He's now 20 years old.



Name: Teasdale

First name: Travis

Country: South Africa

Race category in 2018:

Gold

Race number: 5

Previous results at Red

Bull Romaniacs: 5th place in 2017, 7th place in 2016, 12th place in 2015.

Other information: 6th Erzbergrodeo 2018 (Austria), 2nd Hell's Gate 2017 (Italy).



Name: Bolt

First name: William (Billy)

Country: Great Britain

Race category in 2018:

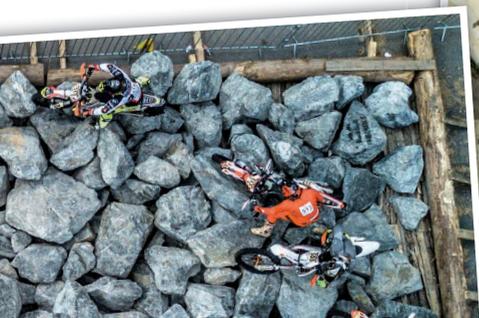
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Race number: 6

Previous results at Red

Bull Romaniacs: 6th in 2017, 2016 it was his first race; he didn't manage to reach the finish.

Other information: Winner Extreme XL Lagares 2018 (Portugal), 5th place at Erzbergrodeo 2018 & 2016 (Austria), 2nd in the SuperEnduro World Championship season 2017/2018.





Name: Enöckl
First name: Lars
Country: Austria
Race category in 2018:

Gold

Race number: 7

Previous results at Red Bull Romaniacs: 8th place in 2017, 9th place in 2015, 13th place in 2014

Other information: winner Red Bull Sea to Sky 2016 (Turkey), 5th place at The Tough One 2015 (UK), 6th place at Red Bull Sea to Sky 2015, 12th place at Erzbergrodeo 2014 (Austria).



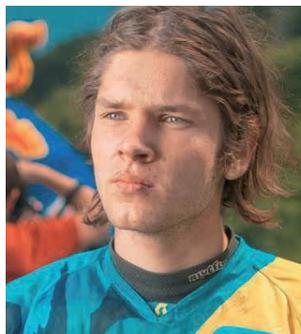
Name: Scholz
First name: Philipp
Country: Germany
Race category in 2018:

Gold

Race number: 8

Previous results at Red Bull Romaniacs: 9th place in 2017 & 2013 14th in 2016, 7th place in 2015 & 2014

Other information: Winner Lika Extreme 2017 (Croatia), 4th at Red Bull Minas Riders 2016 (Brazil), 11th place at Erzbergrodeo 2014 (Austria), 5th at Red Bull Sea to Sky 2013 (Turkey).



Name: Cyprian
First name: David
Country: Czech Republic
Race category in 2018:

Gold

Race number: 9

Previous results at Red Bull Romaniacs: 6th place in 2016, 10th place in 2017, 20th place in 2015 in the Gold class. Winner in the Silver Team in 2014, his dad Zdenek Cyprian was his teammate.

Other information: 22nd at Erzbergrodeo 2018 (Austria), 7th at Red Bull III Megawatt 2017 (Poland), winner EnduroPanorama 2017 (Romania).



THE WORLD'S TOUGHEST HARD ENDURO RALLYE



Name: Blazusiak

First name: Tadeusz

(Taddy)

Country: Poland

Race category in 2018:

Gold

Race number: 11

Previous results at Red Bull Romaniacs: this will be his second time participating in the event after his debut in 2010.

Other information: 5 times Erzbergrodeo winner (2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 – Austria), 4 gold medals at X-Games, 5 titles in AMA EnduroCross, 6 SuperEnduro World Championship titles.



Name: Jozsa

First name: Norbert (Norbi)

- Levente

Country: Romania

Race category in 2018:

Gold

Race number: 12

Previous results at Red Bull Romaniacs: 12 in 2017

Other information: 18 at Extreme XL Lagares 2018 (Portugal), 16 at Erzbergrodeo 2018 (Austria), first Romanian rider who finishes Red Bull Hair Scramble, winner of Romanian Hard-Enduro Championship.



Name: Walker

First name: Jonny

Country: Great Britain

Race category in 2018:

Gold

Race number: 13

Previous results at Red Bull Romaniacs: winner in 2015 and 2014, 4th in 2013, 3rd in 2012.

Other information: winner Red Bull III Megawatt 2017 (Poland), winner of Erzbergrodeo (Austria) in 2015, 2014 and 2012, winner of Red Bull Sea to Sky 2013 (Turkey), 3rd in FIM SuperEnduro World Championship 2014/2015, winner at The Tough One 2015 (Great Britain), Hells Gate 2015 (Italy).





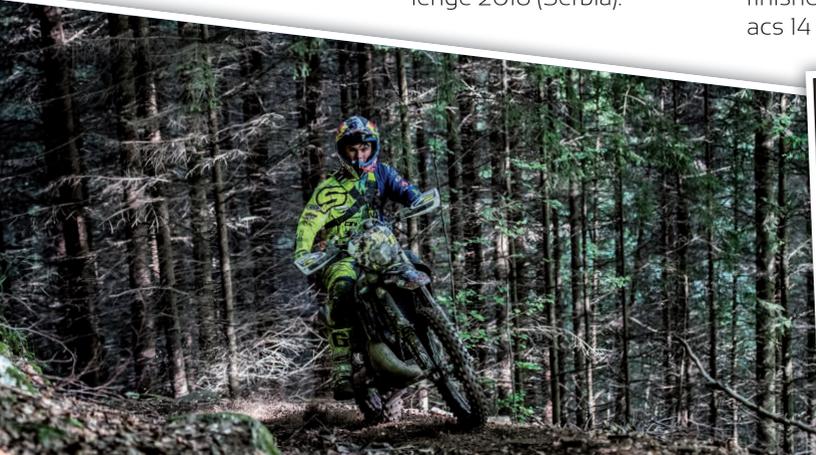
Name: Gomez-Cantero
First name: Alfredo
Country: Spain
Race category in 2018: Gold
Race number: 14
Previous results at Red Bull Romaniacs: 2nd place in 2016 & 2013, 3rd place in 2015
Other information: winner Red Bull Minas Riders 2016 (Brazil), winner Erzbergrodeo 2017 & 2015 (Austria), winner Extreme XL Lagares (Portugal) 2016 & 2014.



Name: Young
First name: Wade
Country: South Africa
Race category in 2018: Gold
Race number: 15
Previous results at Romaniacs: 3rd place in 2016 & 2014, 5th place in 2015, 8th place in 2013.
Other information: He is the youngest rider to win the Roof of Africa (Lesotho) – 2012 (16 years old) and the youngest rider on the Red Bull Romaniacs podium (18 years old). In 2017 he won Extreme XL Lagares (Portugal), 4th Erzbergrodeo 2018 (Austria) & winner of Xross Challenge 2018 (Serbia).



Name: Gyenes
First name: Emanuel
(Mani)
Country: Romania
Race category in 2018: Silver
Race number: 100
Previous results at Red Bull Romaniacs: winner at Experts Team with Laszlo Olah in 2006 and 2005, 2nd at Expert Single in 2017, 2013 and 2009, 9th place at Pro in 2010.
Other information: Marathon class winner in Dakar 2011 and 2014, Romanian enduro and endurocross champion, gold medal International Six Days Enduro 2017 & 2016. He finished Red Bull Romaniacs 14 years in a row.





Name: Landman
First name: Kirsten
Country: South Africa
Race category in 2018: Silver

Race number: 114

Previous results at Red Bull Romaniacs: First race in 2014 when she finished 47th at Bronze class, 2015 first year at Silver she finished 63rd, 2016 Silver class 48 place, 2017 Silver class 47th place.

Other information: 1st at Red Bull Braveman (Namibia) Silver class in 2015 and 2nd in 2016, first woman who finished Roof of Africa (Lesotho) at Gold class - 2016, 24th at Red Bull Sea to Sky (Turkey) 2016.



Name: Oțil
First name: Dani
Country: Romania
Race category in 2018: Silver

Race number: 172

Previous results at Red Bull Romaniacs: 2nd place at Expert Team in 2013, 3rd place at Silver Team in 2014, 3rd place at Hobby Team in 2011.

Other information: a popular TV star that became an extreme enduro addict (X-Factor Romania host), this is his 7th participation at Red Bull Romaniacs.



PLACES OF INTEREST NEAR THE RALLY TRACK

A FEW TOURIST ATTRACTIONS YOU CAN SEE CLOSE TO THE RALLY TRACK

Sibiu - Sibiu town dates back to the medieval times, most of the buildings in the old town were built by German settlers and merchants who came to Sibiu in the late Middle Ages. While you are in Sibiu you should aim to see: The Citadel of Sibiu, Stairs Passage, connecting the lower part of the citadel with the upper part, The Huet Square (Piața Huet) is home to a jumble of Gothic buildings and is dominated by the Evangelical Cathedral, The Brukenthal Museum - containing 1090 paintings, ASTRA" Museum of Traditional Folk Civilization.

Aninoasa - a small town from Jiu Valley where mining was the main industry for decades. As you go around the town you can see some old mining buildings. From here you can go up in to Retezat and Vâlcan Mountains.

Cisnădie - known as Ruetel in the 12th century, this old town had the first clock tower in Transylvania in 1425. You can take a walk in the city and see old Transylvanian houses and travel back in time by visiting the fortified church which was built in the 14th century and suffered several modifications during its history of hundreds of years. In Cisnădie you will find the Textile Industry Museum, a unique place in Romania.

Cristian - In Cristian the old fortified church, transformed in the 15th century from a Roman basilica into a gothic church with three vessels, is the main attraction.

Cugir - Cugir developed from the ancient rural settlement Kudsir, first mentioned in 1493, and became a town in 1960. The city profile is mainly industrial, dominated by

the old machine tool plant SC UM Cugir SA, and other new factories producing parts for Mercedes – A Class model.

Gura Râului - In Gura Râului you can see local monuments such as the church built in the 19th century, icons, traditional installations such as "clothing mill" and "oil press" which are still functional. Three kilometers away from the village you will find Gura Râului dam, which was specifically designed to supply water for the city of Sibiu. From Gura Râului a footpath climbs up to the Suru Peak in the Făgărași Mountains.

Jina - one of the highest villages in Romania, located at 1,000 m altitude and it is known for its traditional shepherd costumes.

Lupeni - The first records of people inhabiting this area date back to prehistorical times, as seen by

the discoveries made at the Straja-Lupeni hill cave, where old pottery objects were found. Straja resort is close to Lupeni and there you will find Heroes Croce – a monument from where you can capture an amazing view over Jiu Valley.

Mălaia - According to the legends the township Mălaia was founded by the outlaws and whoever comes here can see the beautiful landscape of Latoriței and Lotrului Mountains. If you like to go fishing you can stop on the Mălaia Lake. From Mălaia you can reach the Milk Cave, a cave without stalactites and stalagmites. Fossils of small animals that lived more than 50,000 years ago were discovered in this cave.

Orlat - known for its beautiful trails leading to the mountains. You can spend the weekend hiking in the mountains.

Petrila - At Jieț, a village belonging to Petrila traces of alluvial gold mining were found by the Dacians and the Romans in a place called Hududeu; Roman dinars were also found here. Jiețului Canyon and Taia Canyon are two interesting tourist attractions. There are two museums

dedicated to maternity in the world! The first is in New York, the second one is in Hunedoara County, in Petrila! It was established by caricaturist Ion Barbu as a sign of gratitude for his mother: Virginia Barbu, or Mrs. Jeni as his acquaintances called her.

Petroșani - From Petroșani it is easy to reach Parâng by chairlift, you can find pensions here and the ski slopes. Petroșani has natural resources such as coal, amounting to about 430 million tons. Boli Cave - the cave is one of the largest in Transylvania and among the best arranged in the country. It has a scene where concerts are often held and houses two species of bats. This is where ZDF studios (Germany) filmed "Song of the Nibelungi" and "The Code of the Gods".

Pianu - The golf course Paul Tomita with an area of 70 hectares was founded in the village Pianu in 1995. You can also visit the old Wooden Church, the Evangelical Church, the monastery Afeteia and the natural monument "Oul Arșiței".

Poiana Sibiului - this village is known for sheep farming-related traditions, and if you arrive here you

can see a church built in 1766 entirely of fir timber.

Poplaca - old village in Marginimea Sibiului where you can see how traditions are still preserved, people still go to church dressed in folk clothes. You can sample some of the famous sheep cheese and pastrami.

Rășinari - picturesque village only 8 kilometers away from Sibiu, with old houses and many traditions preserved since the 18th century. If you pass the village around 6 or 7 pm your car will be engulfed by the herds of cattle coming back from the grassland! This is where Emil Cioran was born, a Romanian philosopher and writer who is known in the universal literature world for his book "On the Heights of Despair".

Râu Sadului - 14 km away from the village, in 1896, the first hydropower plant in Romania was built here – Sadu. The dam from Gâtu Berbecului was built on the same river Sadu and it's the first arch dam built in Romania. From Râu Sadului you reach Fundu Râului hamlet, the starting point of a hiking trail marked with a red cross, that goes to Capra sheepfold (it is lo-

cated at an altitude of 1,194 meters and it can be visited by tourists) and continues on to Oncești Peak (1,713 m). You will walk through forests full of beech and softwoods.

Runcu - at the north of the Runcu village you will find Cheile Sohodolului (Sohodolului Keys), one of the most impressive karst landscape in Romania, a landscape stretching about 12 kilometers in the Vâlcan Mountains.

Sadu - when you pass through Sadu you should stop for a trip through time offered by the two orthodox churches. The stone one was built in the 16th century and the wood church in the 18th century.

Săliște - A Dacian village under Roman domination 2000 years before BC. There are many beautiful mountains around Săliște and you could spend a weekend at Poiana Surului and Crișt.

Săsciori - is the oldest pottery center in Romania and the most renowned pottery center in south-eastern Transylvania.

Șugag - In the surrounding area of the village you can see the Dacian Fortresses

Căpâlna and Sasciori, and the lakes Oașa and Tau.

Șelimbăr - Șelimbăr is a village near Sibiu and has a rich history. It is here, at the end of 16th century, where there was a battle between Michael The Brave, Wallachia's ruler, and the cardinal Andrei Bathory. This was the last big fight before Michael the Brave went to Alba Iulia and accomplished the first union of all the Romanians. If you like horse back riding then you can find a new and modern equestrian club here.

Tâlmăciu - This area has been inhabited since the 13th century and in the 14th century, from river stones, the Tâlmăciu Castle was built. It was one of the most beautiful castles in the South of Transylvania and now you can see a small part of it. From the Castle Hill you will have a great view over Sibiu, the Olt River, Cindrel, Făgăraș and Lotru Mountains.

Tilișca - in this village you can see a Dacian fortress, a medieval fortress and two Orthodox churches built in the XVIII and XIX centuries.

Voineasa - starting from Voineasa various trails go to Lotru Cataracts, to the forest and natural reserva-

tion Latorita, to the Ciunget hydropower and to the Vidra lake.

Vulcan - the second-largest city in the Jiu Valley. The coal resources of the region were discovered in 1788 while the Austrian General Landau defended Vulcan from the Ottoman Turks. From this area you can go hiking in Vulcan and Retezat Mountains and see clear alpine lakes like Zănoaga, which is a glacial lake.

Uricani - The town of Uricani is one of the entrances to the Retezat National Park. The Gate of Retezat, Cheile Buții is located on the southern flank of the Retezat Mountains, being dug in limestone formations dating back to the Jurassic period and offers a vast network of caves, springs, waterfalls and natural dams. Valea de Pești is the main stream that supplies the reservoir with the same name. Stretching to an area of 10 hectares, the lake has a considerable length and a natural beauty which is out of the ordinary. The Ice Cave (Peștera de Gheață) and the Arcanu area are also situated in the valley of the Valea de Pești stream. There are numerous climbing areas within the city, such as Plaiu Balomir or Scorota.

ENDURO FOR ROMANIA

a charity project by **The Red Bull Romaniacs**

Even though the standards in Romania have grown much closer to what we are used to in Western Europe, there is still a lot of poverty and desperation in the rural areas. For many years now, despite the poverty, people keep welcoming our event in their neighbourhoods with hospitality and enthusiastic support for the riders. Since 2016, we have been raising funds to support those in need.

To raise the necessary funds we hosted a flea-market with used and excess Enduro gear during the 2016 and 2017 Red Bull Romaniacs. We encouraged riders and

visitors to bring anything they can spare: for a good cause! We all have boxes full of used equipment, memorabilia and sponsor articles in the basement. We collected it during the event and threw in some of our own stuff to host a huge Red Bull Romaniacs Flea-Market! The concept has been a success and we will continue it into the coming years.

For those who want to help but do not have used gear to spare we have set up a charity account for our association: "hai la miscare" (in EUR): RO44 RZBR 0000 0600 1882 7107

Where do the raised funds go?

- The Valea Jiului Down Syndrome Association: With the money raised during the 2018 Red Bull Romaniacs we are going to buy special school books and logopedic adaptive toys for children born with Down Syndrome. The Valea Jiului Down Syndrome Association has over 30 children with this condition in their care and they have no financial assistance as it is one of the poorest regions in Romania. The children need special manuals and adaptive toys, designed to stimulate and ease their learning.
- A playground for a kindergarten school in the Valea Jiului: (gradinita cu program normal Lumea Copiilor, din Lupeni). We will finance a playground for a kindergarten school in Valea Jiului area, which has literally nothing in the yard where the children are able to play.

Where can I hand over my donation articles?

- When you arrive: There will be a collection point at the entrance to the Stadium Vointa competitors paddock throughout the whole event.
- Even when departing Sibiu, you can leave your used (and even dirty) gear at the entrance of the stadium Vointa competitor paddock. We will keep it for next years charity.
- The collection point is marked with a sign "Enduro for Romania".

What happens with my gear?

- We will wash it and prepare it for sale.
- The items will be sold at the "Flea Market" at, and during, the Prologue.
- All the money raised will go into our charity project "Enduro for Romania".



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If you can't make it to the Prologue or to all of the finishes, then you can still see plenty of the action and find out what the riders are saying at the end of each of the 5 racing days by following our live transmissions on www.redbullromaniacs.com and www.redbull.tv

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(Straja) starting 11:30 EEST on www.redbullromaniacs.com

Friday, July 27 Off-Road Day 3

(Gura Râului) starting 12:30 EEST on www.redbullromaniacs.com

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