

14-Day Cross-Country Road Trip

An epic two-week road trip covering 4,000 km across diverse landscapes — desert canyons, mountain ranges, coastline, wine country, and plains. Fourteen days of driving, exploring, and adventure with varied accommodation from campsites to boutique hotels.

Day 1 — Pickup & First Drive

Rental Car Pickup

Transport

Description:	Collect rental car from the airport or city office. Full-size SUV recommended for comfort over long distances. Check: spare tire, jack, jumper cables, insurance documents, roadside assistance number.
Duration:	1h 0min
Price:	85 €
Address:	Airport Car Rental Center, Terminal 1

Car Rental Details

Info

Description:	Full insurance with zero excess recommended. Fuel policy: full-to-full. Unlimited mileage confirmed. Roadside assistance: 24h phone number on the rental agreement. Check for pre-existing damage and photograph before driving off. Return date and location confirmed.
Group Size:	2–5 people, one vehicle
Fitness Requirement:	Light — optional day hikes, 2,340 km over 14 days

First Drive

Transport

Description:	Hit the road. First driving leg through suburbs then onto the highway. Take the scenic exit after 100 km for a stretch break at a viewpoint.
Duration:	3h 0min
Distance:	200.0 km
Start Time:	10:00

Roadside Motel

Accommodation

Description:	Clean, affordable motel. Free parking. Nothing fancy but perfect for the first night of a road trip.
Price:	65 €

Diner Dinner

Meal

Description:	Classic roadside diner. The road trip has officially begun.
Price:	18 €

Day 2 — Desert & Canyon

Drive to Desert Area Transport

Description:	Drive into increasingly arid landscape. The road stretches straight to the horizon. Fuel up before entering the desert section — next station 120 km.
Duration:	2h 30min
Distance:	180.0 km
Start Time:	07:30

Canyon Viewpoint Hike ●●●●● Moderate Activity

Description:	Short but dramatic hike to the canyon rim. Red rock formations, deep gorge, desert panorama. Carry 2 liters of water per person.
Duration:	2h 0min
Distance:	5.0 km

Desert Safety Info

Description:	Desert rules: 2L water per person per hour of hiking. Sun hat and sunscreen mandatory. Stay on marked trails — loose edges on canyon rims. Rattlesnake country — watch where you step and sit. No hiking after 13:00 in summer (heat exhaustion risk). Car: keep engine coolant checked, carry 5L emergency water in trunk.
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Picnic at Viewpoint Meal

Description:	Packed lunch at the canyon viewpoint. Bring food from the last town — no shops in the desert.
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Desert Campsite Accommodation

Description:	Campsite at the canyon park. Tent or car-camping. Basic facilities: pit toilet, picnic table. No showers. Spectacular star viewing at night.
Price:	25 €

Day 3 — Canyon to Desert Town

Morning Canyon Walk ●●●●● Easy Activity

Description:	Early morning walk along the canyon rim trail before the heat builds. Desert sunrises are spectacular — set an alarm.
Duration:	1h 30min
Distance:	4.0 km
Start Time:	06:30

Drive Through Desert Transport

Description:	Cross the desert plain. Long, straight roads. Stop at quirky roadside attractions, ghost towns, and scenic pulloffs. The landscape changes subtly over hundreds of kilometers.
Duration:	3h 0min
Distance:	250.0 km

Desert Town Motel Accommodation

Description:	Small-town motel with character. The owner has stories. Swimming pool for cooling off after the desert heat.
Price:	60 €

Barbecue Dinner Meal

Description:	BBQ dinner at the local grill. Desert towns take their barbecue seriously.
Price:	22 €

Day 4 — Long Drive to Mountains

Desert to Mountain Transfer Transport

Description:	Long driving day crossing from desert to mountain zone. The landscape transforms dramatically over 400 km. Stop at the pass viewpoint for the first mountain views. Winding roads in the final section.
Duration:	5h 0min
Distance:	400.0 km
Start Time:	07:00

Road Stop Lunch Meal

Description:	Lunch at a highway rest area or small town diner midway. Stretch, refuel car and body.
Price:	15 €

Mountain Lodge Accommodation

Description:	Lodge in the mountain town. Pine-scented air after the desert. Log cabin style, fireplace, mountain views.
Price:	95 €
Address:	Forest Road 7, Mountain Town

Evening at Lodge Free Time

Description:	Relax at the lodge after a long day of driving. Hot tub, fireplace, early bed. Two days in the mountains ahead.
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Day 5 — Mountain Exploration

Mountain Trail Hike Moderate Activity

Description:	Full morning hike on a mountain trail. Forest, meadows, possibly wildlife. Moderate difficulty with rewarding viewpoints.
Duration:	3h 0min
Distance:	10.0 km
Start Time:	08:00

Wildlife Spotting Drive Easy Activity

Description:	Afternoon drive through the mountain park. Stop at wildlife viewing areas. Binoculars helpful for spotting animals in meadows and at tree edges.
Duration:	2h 0min

Mountain Restaurant Dinner Meal

Description:	Dinner at a mountain restaurant. Local trout, game, and forest mushroom dishes.
Price:	28 €

Day 6 — Mountain Town & Drive

Morning Town Exploration Easy Activity

Description:	Explore the mountain town: craft shops, local market, viewpoint walk. Every mountain town has a character shaped by its landscape.
Duration:	2h 0min
Start Time:	09:00

Scenic Mountain Drive Transport

Description:	Scenic drive over a mountain pass. The road is spectacular — hairpin bends, waterfalls, and forest. Stop at viewpoints often.
Duration:	3h 0min
Distance:	150.0 km

Countryside B&B Accommodation

Description:	B&B in the rolling countryside between mountains and coast. Peaceful setting, home-cooked breakfast.
Price:	75 €

Dinner Meal

Description:	Dinner at a countryside restaurant. Tomorrow: the coast.
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Day 7 — Rest Day at Halfway Point

Rest & Recharge Free Time	
Description:	Halfway through the trip. Full rest day. Sleep in, do laundry, catch up on photos. The B&B garden is the perfect spot to decompress.
Duration:	4h 0min
Optional: Local Walk ●●●●● Easy Activity	
Description:	Gentle walk through the surrounding countryside. Rolling hills, old farmhouses, wildflower meadows.
Duration:	1h 30min
Farm Lunch Meal	
Description:	Lunch at a farm restaurant. Fresh ingredients from the surrounding fields.
Price:	16 €
Midtrip Review Info	
Description:	Halfway check: fuel expenses ~200 EUR so far, tolls ~30 EUR. Car running well. Review remaining route and adjust if any stops need more/less time.

Day 8 — Drive to Coast

Drive to Coastal Town Transport	
Description:	Leave the countryside and drive to the coast. The first glimpse of the sea from the hilltop — pull over and take it in. Arrive by early afternoon for beach time.
Duration:	4h 0min
Distance:	280.0 km
Start Time:	08:00
Beach Hotel Accommodation	
Description:	Hotel overlooking the beach. Sea-view rooms, balcony, pool. Two nights here — enjoy the coast.
Price:	110 €
Address:	Seaside Promenade 15
Beach Afternoon ●●●●● Easy Activity	
Description:	Afternoon at the beach. Swim, sunbathe, walk along the waterline. The contrast with desert driving days is profound.
Duration:	2h 30min

Seafood Dinner Meal

Description: Fresh seafood at a harbor restaurant. Grilled fish, local wine, sunset from the terrace.
Price: 30 €

Day 9 — Coastal Day

Scenic Coastal Drive Transport

Description: Morning drive along the coast road. Cliffs, coves, fishing villages. Frequent stops for photos and coffee.
Duration: 2h 0min
Distance: 80.0 km

Coastal Hike or Beach ●●●● Easy Activity

Description: Walk along the coastal path between two beaches, or spend the day at one perfect cove. The coast rewards both activity and laziness.
Duration: 2h 30min

Seaside Lunch Meal

Description: Lunch at a beachside café. Simple food, bare feet, salt air.
Price: 18 €

Beach Afternoon Free Time

Description: Last afternoon at the coast. Make the most of it — inland driving resumes tomorrow.
Duration: 2h 0min

Day 10 — Coast to Wine Country

Drive Inland to Wine Region Transport

Description: Leave the coast and drive into wine country. The landscape changes from coastal scrub to neat vineyard rows. Rolling hills and stone villages.
Duration: 3h 0min
Distance: 200.0 km
Start Time: 09:00

Wine Estate Guesthouse Accommodation

Description: Stay at a working wine estate. Rooms in a converted barn. Vineyard views, cellar door tasting, and dinner made with estate produce.
Price: 100 €

Estate Dinner Meal

Description: Dinner at the estate with wine pairings from their own cellar. Farm-to-table cuisine at its most genuine.

Price: 40 €

Day 11 — Wine Country Exploration

Wine Tasting & Farm Visits ●●●● Easy Activity

Description: Morning visiting 2-3 wineries. Tasting flights, cellar tours, and olive oil tasting at one estate. Learn about terroir, grape varieties, and the art of blending.

Duration: 3h 0min

Start Time: 10:00

Price: 30 €

Designated Driver Reminder Info

Description: Wine tasting and driving don't mix. Designate a driver who sips and spits, or arrange a local taxi between estates. Tasting portions are small but cumulative. Most estates offer non-alcoholic tastings (juice, oil, cheese) for drivers.

Gourmet Lunch Meal

Description: Lunch at a winery restaurant. Multi-course meal paired with the estate's wines. The highlight of the gastronomic leg.

Price: 45 €

Afternoon Village Walk ●●●● Easy Activity

Description: Stroll through a wine village. Stone houses, a small church, the village fountain, and a craft shop. A pocket of timelessness.

Duration: 1h 30min

Estate Evening Free Time

Description: Evening at the estate. Watch the sunset over the vineyards from the terrace. One of the trip's most memorable evenings.

Day 12 — Wine Country to Stopover

Drive Toward Home Transport

Description: Begin the return leg. Drive through agricultural plains toward the final stopover town. The road is faster here — mostly highway. Stop at a roadside market for local produce.

Duration: 4h 0min

Distance: 300.0 km

Start Time: 08:30

Stopover Town Visit ●●●●● Easy Activity

Description: Explore the final stopover town — a historic city with a cathedral, old town, and river promenade. One last new place before the trip ends.

Duration: 2h 0min

City Hotel Accommodation

Description: City center hotel. Garage parking. Near restaurants and the old town for the evening.

Price: 85 €

Dinner Meal

Description: Penultimate dinner. Reflect on two weeks of road, landscape, and discovery. Tomorrow is the final drive.

Price: 25 €

Day 13 — Final Drive & Last Night

Return Drive Transport

Description: Final driving leg back to the starting city. Take the scenic route for one last landscape change, or the highway if tired. Either way, arrive by late afternoon.

Duration: 4h 0min

Distance: 300.0 km

Start Time: 09:00

Airport Hotel Accommodation

Description: Hotel near the airport for easy car return tomorrow. Clean the car, organize luggage, prepare for departure.

Price: 75 €

Farewell Dinner Meal

Description: Final dinner. Two weeks, 4,000 km, countless memories. Plan the next road trip over dessert.

Price: 30 €

Packing & Prep Free Time

Description: Clean out the rental car. Collect all personal items, check under seats, empty the trunk. Organize receipts for expense report.

Day 14 — Car Return & Departure

Car Return	Transport
Description:	Return rental car to airport office. Full tank required. Walk around with the agent to note any new damage. Collect deposit refund confirmation.
Duration:	45 min
Road Trip Summary	Info
Description:	Trip complete: approximately 4,000 km, 14 days, 5 distinct landscape zones, 13 different accommodation stops. A cross-country road trip to remember.
Airport Brunch	Meal
Description:	Final meal at the airport before flights. The road trip is over, but the road is always there.
What's Included	Info
Description:	Thirteen nights across hotels, lodges and guesthouses with parking, all breakfasts and most dinners, the full route plan with scenic alternatives, fuel stops and photo points marked, national park and reserve entries where listed, and offline maps for every stretch without coverage.
What's Not Included	Info
Description:	The vehicle and fuel, tolls and vignettes across the whole route, lunches, the remaining dinners, wine tastings on day eleven, parking in restricted centres, and gratuities. Over 2,340 km fuel is a substantial line — estimate it in the quote. One-way rental fees apply if the car is collected and returned at different points.
Insurance & Documents	Info
Description:	A valid licence and an International Driving Permit if your licence comes from outside the region. Carry the rental agreement, registration and insurance in the car. Check whether your rental permits the desert stretch on days two to four — some agreements exclude unsealed roads outright, which would void cover exactly where help is furthest away.