

# The Motoroamers

Celebrating 18 months  
on the Road

Seriously Entertaining Travel



A series that celebrates life, travel and freedom as we throw ourselves into being Digital Nomads. Feeding our curious, adventurous spirits and inspiring you too to travel.



# Our Top 25 Nature Beauties

As a nature lover, one of the highlights of travelling for me, is to expose myself to Mother Nature's canvas.

Beautiful birds, landscape loveliness and fabulous flora that have just taken my breath away.

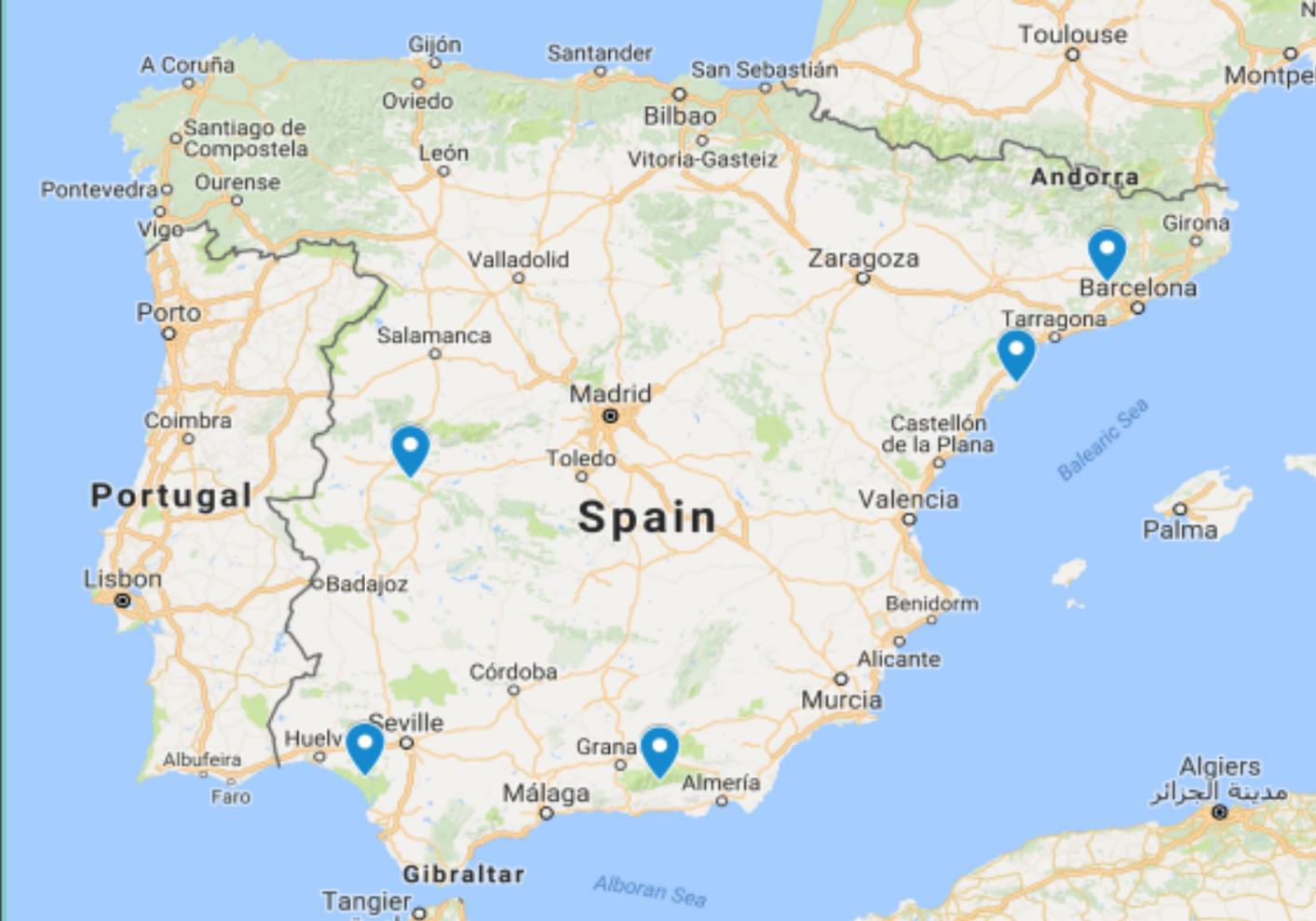
There are so many places to go to specifically nature watch or to marvel at the nature's magnificent architecture, and this is a celebration of those wonderful places.

In this special feature we share our top tips for experiencing nature at its best around Europe. Places that will stay in our memories and that have got my camera clicking and my battery severely depleted.

# Spain

Spain has a plethora of amazing natural places where wildlife thrives without much human intervention. Whether you love birds, animals or diverse landscape, you've got it here in Spain.

Here are our highlights.





Monfragüe National Park, Caceres in west Spain. A unique place for ornithologists where you can see 7 rare and protected species including Imperial Eagle, Black Stork and Egyptian Vultures.

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Doñana National Park and Delta in south western Spain close to the Portuguese border. With delta landscape, whilst dunes, the eccentric El Rocio and serene Hinojos..

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The Alpujarra region of Sierra Nevadas is a mixture of natural beauty and tradition which is a wonderful experience. Twisty mountain roads, stunning views and white washed villages clinging to valley sides.

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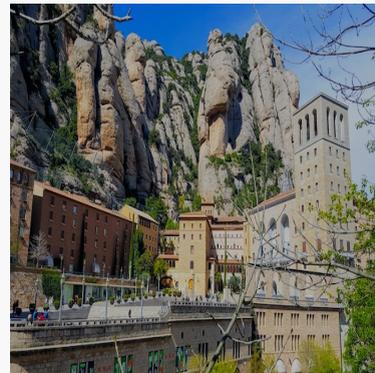
Delta Ebre on the east coast, between Valencia and Barcelona is stunning. With flamingoes, wild coast and kitesurfers you will be treated to a wildlife extravaganza.

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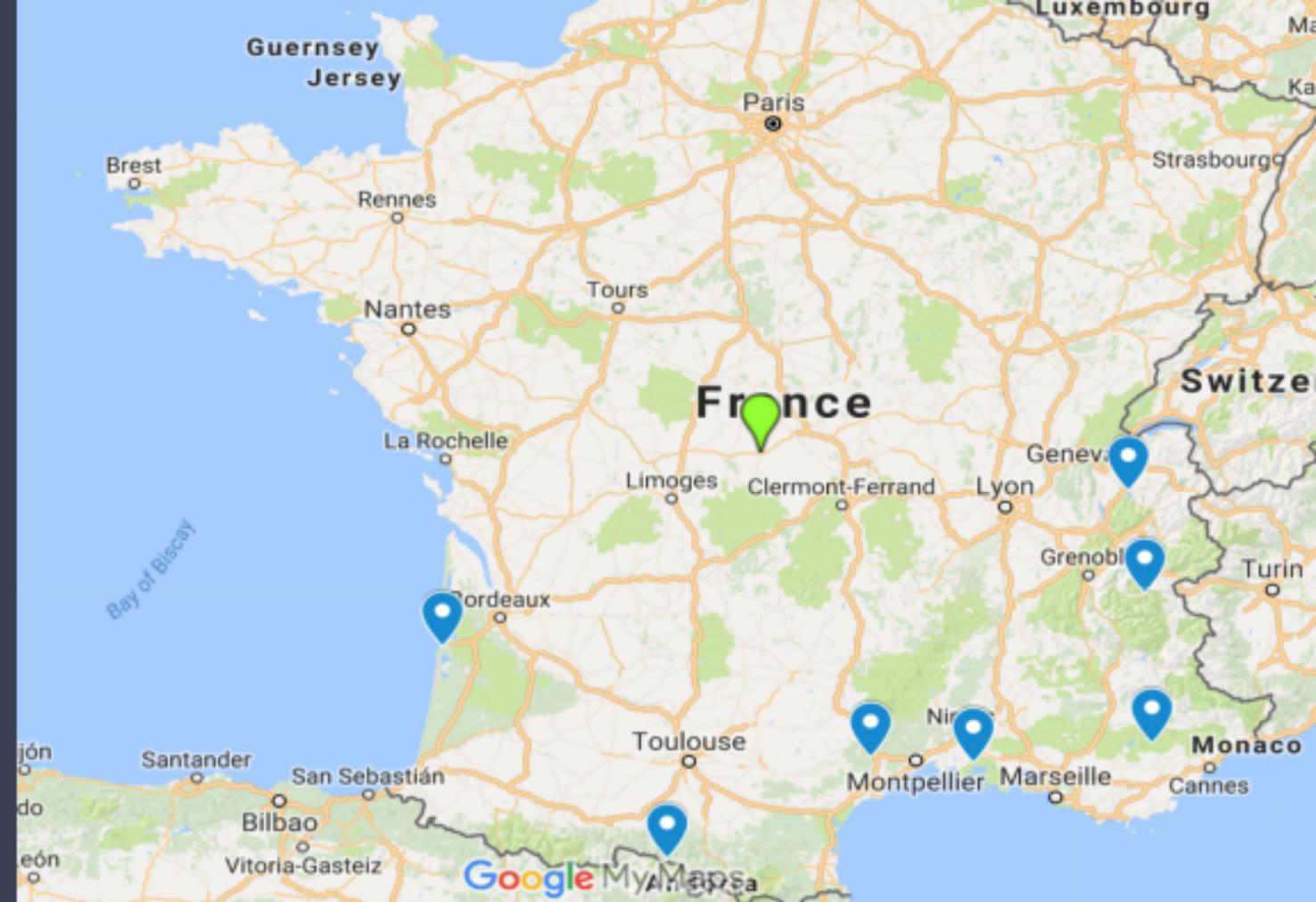
Montserrat, the serrated mountain is just west of Barcelona and is home to the famous monastery and an incredible landscape of craggy rocks and mountain peaks. Ideal for bird watching, walking and climbing, this is a great spot to escape the city madness.

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# France

France is vast and we have by no means covered it all, although here are our favourites - so far on our journey....





The Pyrenees are a stunning work of art and whether you love being out in nature walking, snowboarding or bird watching the Pyrenees offers incredible accessibility to it all.



On France's south west coast is a landscape quite unique. Dune du Pilat is the highest sand dune in Europe and with the invasive Atlantic weather fronts, it is a constantly changing canvas.

Lake Salagou is a hidden gem of Languedoc Rousillon. After the glitter and crowds of Marseille this red-rocked, man-made lake is a little slice of heaven for mountain bikers, hikers and water sport lovers. Just being here is a joy whether to relax or be active.



The National Park of the Camargue is simply out of this world and such a diverse landscape. With its pink and purple salt-flats this a unique ecological region that boasts wild Camargue horses, bull fighting and golden beahces - and of course you can't forget the flamingoes.

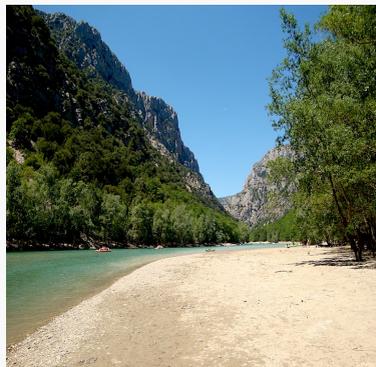


Lake Annecy and its surrounding mountains are a sight for sore eyes - especially in the spring. With a stunning old town, you feel hard pressed to drag yourself away to the lake, although when you do the wildlife here is spectacular. Sun rise and sets are magnificent too. And you don't need to go far from the town to explore some amazing sights like the Gorge de Fier.



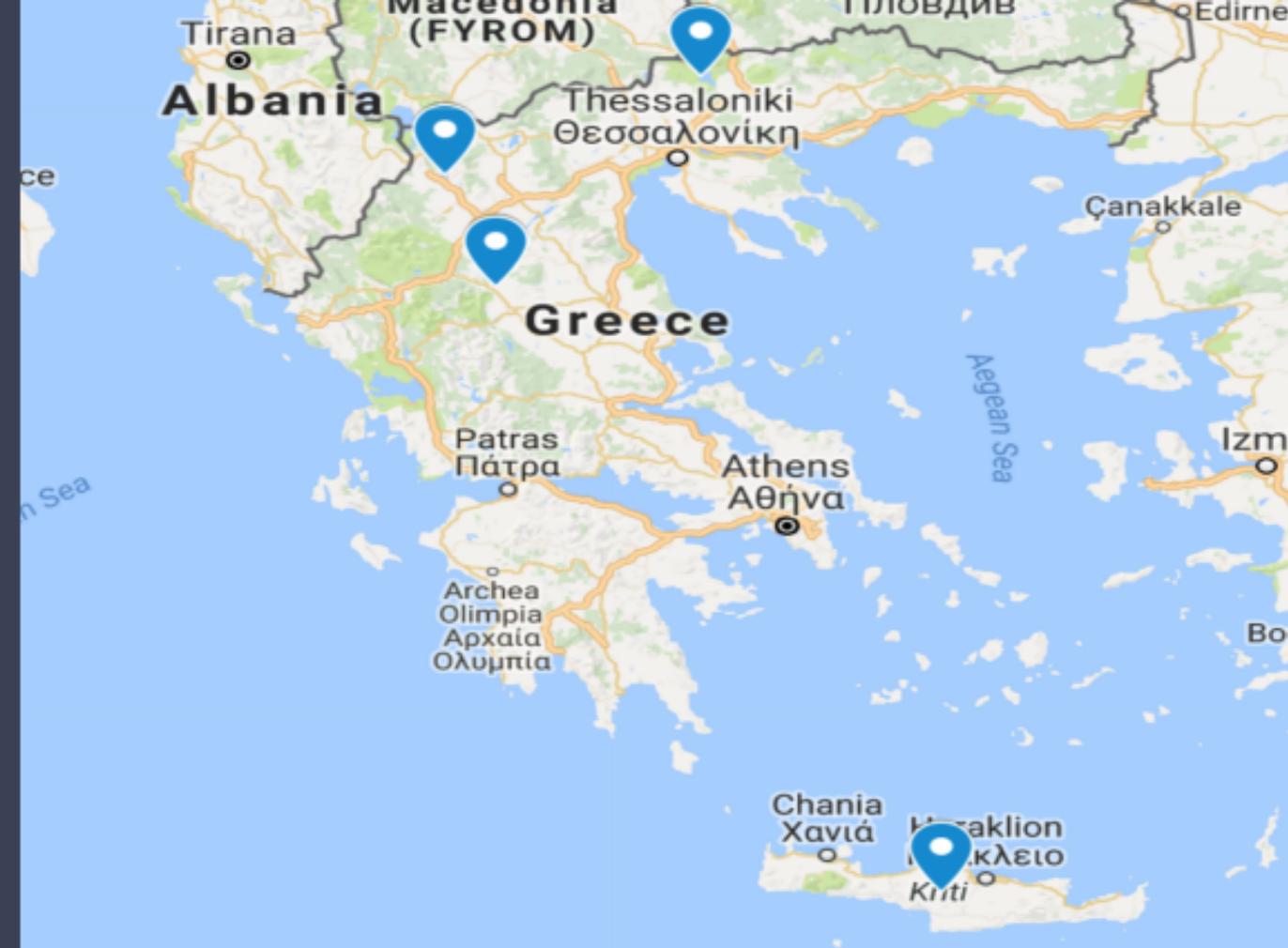
La Grave in Haute-Alpes is a pleasure dome of snowy delight. With its luscious green valleys and towering mountains and a glacier, that allows you to have a unique summer experience hiking on its surface. Shorts and snow - now there's a thing. Views out to Mont Blanc reward you after the cable car ride and a hot chocolate perhaps at the summit's cafe. This is a stunning place of natural beauty.

Provence is a treasure chest of stunning scenery and choosing a highlight is so hard - in fact the whole region is memorable for us. Although the Gorge de Verdon is pretty special and not so much the drive as the kayak up the river. Now that is seriously special.



# Greece and Crete

If there was a haven for nature, Greece would be it. Coast, coves, lakes, mountains, islands and volcanoes. So many highlights although here's our four best bits.





Kastoria in Greece's northern mainland is an incredible area with a mirrored lake, pelicans, one of the best under cave systems in Greece and ancient history. A melange of wilderness wonderland.

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Meteora is Greece's northern mainland is a sight to behold. Like something out of a Hobbit novel, this UNESCO site will take your breath away with six beautifully crafted monasteries perched high on granite boulders. This is a must see in Greece.

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Crete is an island of wonderment, once you are past Heraklion. Beaches of golden sand, azure blue waters, mountains harbouring a life of simplicity and gorges that will test your fitness. Your camera will seriously fall in love with the diverse landscape. Once visited, never forgotten.

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Kerkini is a national park close to the border with Macedonia and Bulgaria, where its lake features as a central draw for ornithologists. Spring and autumn are meant to be the best although anytime will treat you to extraordinary sunrises..

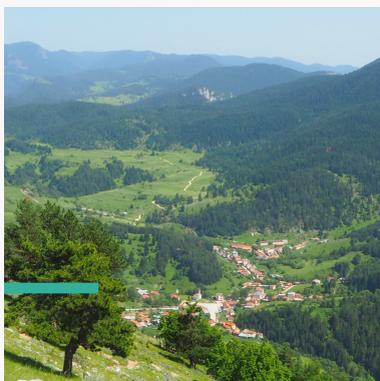
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# Bulgaria and Romania

Eastern Europe is a secret waiting to be shared, revealing its diverse landscape and intriguing culture. A visit east will not disappoint as beyond the communistic backdrop is a canvas of utter beauty that will have both you and your camera falling in love. Here are just a few of our favourites.





Bulgaria's Rhodope Mountains combine gorges, charming villages from a lost era and an underground world that you will marvel at. With valleys and mountain look out points you'll not know where to glance first. Don't miss Trigrad Gorge, Eagle's Eye and Devil's Throat Caves. Stunning.



Shipka Pass, in central Bulgaria is part of the Balkan Mountains and is an incredibly scenic route bypassing an old Communist Meeting place, statues and some breathtaking views across the southern planes of the Thracian Tombs.

Northern Bulgaria, in a hidden valley visited only by locals, these series of waterfalls with their karst source and turquoise waters are worth the diversion en route to Veliko Tarnovo.



Romania's Danube Delta sees this mighty river reach its final destination at the Black Sea. The Delta, the second largest in Europe is home to an incredible watery masterpiece. Rivers, hidden lakes and secret reed beds offering sanctuary to a plethora of birds.



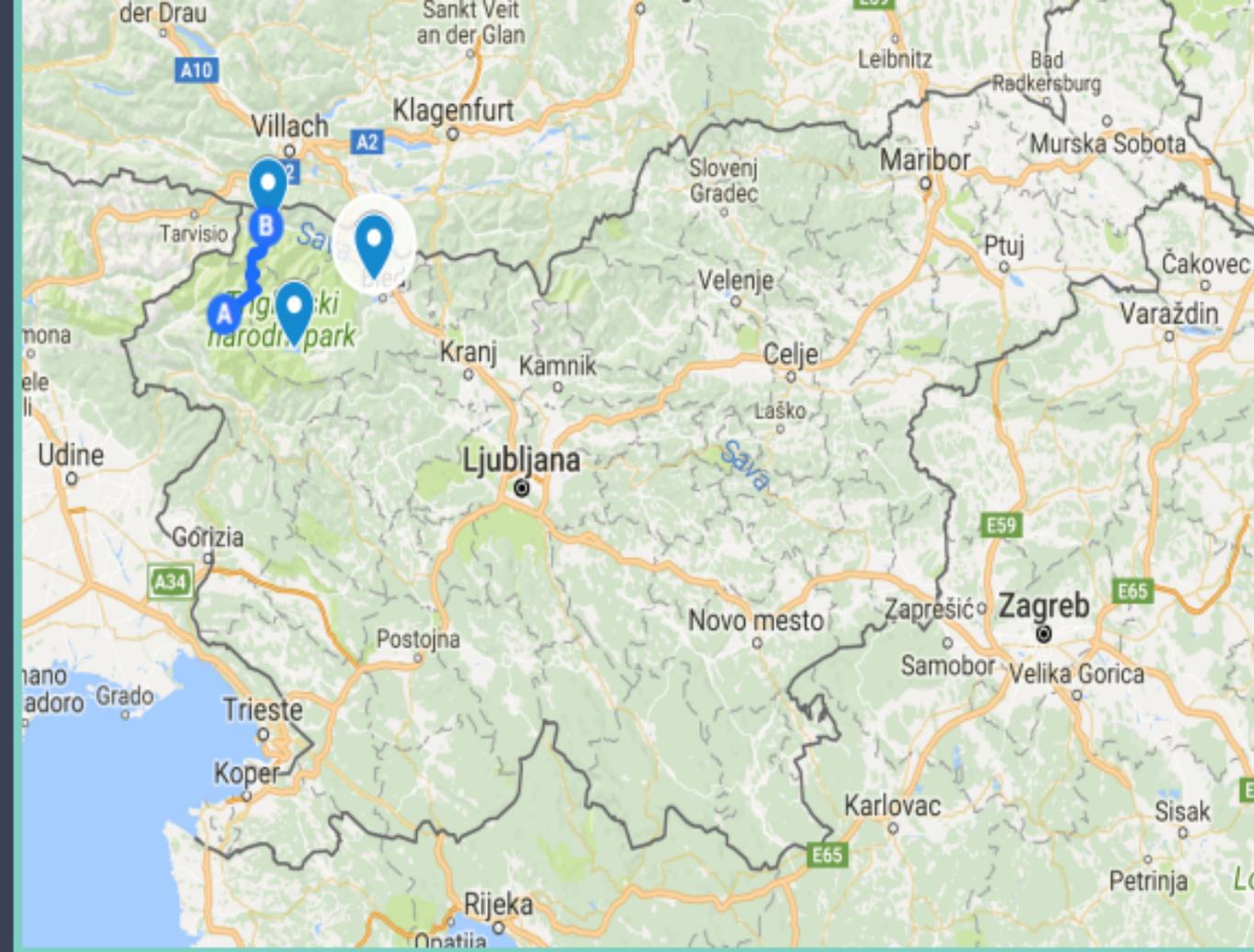
To the west in the heartland of Transylvania you will find Zarnesti and the Liberty Bear Sanctuary. Whilst it may not be a truly natural environment it is a wonderful sanctuary that takes care of abused animals who have been used to attract tourists. It's a wonderful place to see these magnificent creatures, albeit they are enclosed - they are safe now!

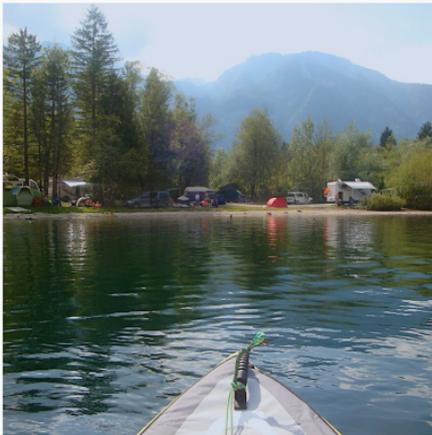


Romania is home to two of the world's best roads; Transfagarasan and the TransAlpine Route. Whilst we enjoyed the grandeur of Ceausescu's purpose built road, the natural beauty of the TransAlpine far surpasses it, in our opinion.

# Slovenia

Whilst we have only travelled a tiny portion of this old Yugoslavia state, what we have seen in the stunning architecture of the Triglav National Park is enough to draw us back to this part of the world. The Julian Alps climbing to the sky, allowing the emerald green waters to course through their dominance leaving you holding your breath. If you love hiking, white water rafting and cycling then this terrain gives you all you could ask for.





Whilst many flock to Lake Bled - and it is beautiful for sure - 30 mins south west is Bohinj, which has a serenity all of its own. With water sports galore and magnificent mountain scenery this is a little slice of heaven.

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Vintgar Gorge, close to Lake Bled is a stunning walkway through the gorge with waterfalls and emerald green pools that mesmerise you. It's a stunning piece of Mother Nature's art.

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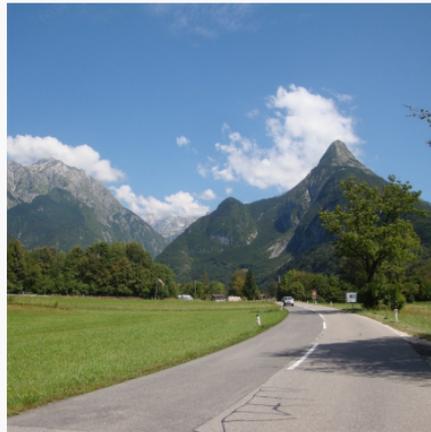
The road from Kranska Gora to Bovec is a white-knuckle ride through the most intense mountain landscape which is unspoilt by any human intervention. Handmade bridges span the ravines filled with emerald green waters crashing over the rocks. On a clear day you will not want to miss this sight.

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Bovec is nestled in the mountains and with its WWI Cemeteries and it's waterfalls, this is a must see place full of beauty and activity if outdoor sports in summer or skiing in winter is your thing.

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## And so there are our nature recommendations.....

We hope that this gives you some inspiration to put these incredible places on your 'must visit soon' list. There will be more as our travels broaden and deepen although for now, we hope this has whetted your appetite. With love and hope Karen, Myles and Scoobie.

Watch out for more from this Celebratory Series, coming soon!

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