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# Destinations

- “destinations are ....social and cultural constructions whose meanings and values are negotiated and redefined by diverse people, and mediated by factors often related only tangentially to a particular tourist setting.”  
Squire 1998

# Kirk - a geographer

Distinguished between

1. world of physical facts (real situations) and
  2. a world of social facts which are arranged according to cultural influences - motives, preferences, and traditions drawn from an individual's social and cultural background.
- the same environment may have different meanings for individuals from different cultures.



**Khajuraho-temple**

# A place is defined by

its meaning in human experience. In fact, the peculiarities of a place are a consequence of the

1. interaction between the people who live and visit there and
2. the land and its habitats.

# There are four characteristics of any 'space':

- time
- location
- physical space –  
topography,  
architecture
- sense of place

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# Faversham



# Globalisation

1. It is not just tourists that circulate and travel.
2. Importance of popular media – films, fashion, popular music and internet.
3. Objects mediate – technologies construct places.
4. Place and performance

# “Tourism both establishes and falsifies local reality” Ringer

Places are constructed

- rooted in time and space
- must be able to change “on going social construction of their place”
- cannot be “frozen” as vignettes.

“people... have unique views and feelings, people develop values, and based on these values they make choices. These choices affect the earth and change the landscape”.

Kaplan & Kaplan 1989



## Migrantour Turin

"Passion Lives Here" was the slogan of the 2006 Turin Olympic Games. That passion lives in Turin, is clear from the eyes of the Torinese when you talk to them about anything born in the shadow of the Mole, such as fashion, cinema or cars. In this case, however, we are happy and proud that the project "Torino Migranda" has become the launchpad for a network of international urban intercultural tours led by migrants; that is, Migrantour! It was no accident this all started in Turin: where else can you find another city with a market like Porta Palazzo, where you can find absolutely anything and hear more than 60 different languages and dialects from across the world on a daily basis?! The history of migration in our city starts in the 1800s with the Piedmontese peasants that came to Turin from the countryside to sell their produce. The economic boom linked to Fiat in the 1960s then brought in thousands of workers from the South and North East of Italy. Finally, the international migration of recent decades has completely altered the cultural panorama of the city as Turin has absorbed habits and customs from nearby and faraway lands. All this at the same time as ever more tourists were leaving to go to see those very places. A missed opportunity for an encounter that Migrantour has now made possible: responsible, lowcost and environmentally-friendly tourism at kilometre zero. So let's get started!



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### DRACULA

Marketing lures gullible types to places like "Dracula's Castle" near Brasov with yarns about the infamous blood-sucking Count. Don't bite. Dracula was a fictional character created by Bram Stoker in 1897. And his oft-cited historical model – 15th century aristocrat Vlad Draculea (commonly called Vlad Tepes - Vlad the Impaler) skewered his foes in Wallachia not Transylvania.

### MODERNISATION

Once-beautiful historic Romanian cities were blighted by brutalist architectural carbuncles in the post-war decades of communist rule. EU accession in 2007, meanwhile, has seen a dash for modernity that risks further eroding the former architectural charms of cities like Bucharest – a capital whose tree-lined boulevards and Belle Époque architecture once earned comparison to Paris.

### DOGS

Vast numbers of stray dogs roam Romania, and should be regarded with real caution. Many have gone feral, living in packs that have attacked and seriously injured people. And unlike the UK, dog bites in Romania involve a risk of rabies. Romanians are very friendly – don't assume the dogs are.

### TRANFAGARASAN ROAD

The fact those petrol-head plonkers at Top Gear once voted this the world's best road could make it seem a good thing. But as you spew lead speeding through breathtaking mountain scenery, spare a thought for the dozens of forced labourers who died trying to hastily build what was vile dictator Nikolai Ceasescu's pet project of the 1970s.



## UNDERRATED



### LOCAL FOOD AND DRINK

Romanian nosh is deliciously distinctive – intriguing stews, tongue-tickling pickles, pick-me-up street snacks. Cabbage and grape leaves are stuffed with spiced meats (sarmale), while garlic and vinegar flavour piquant soups. Danube Delta fish soup is world-class, and there's excellent wine from Dealu Mare and Dobrogea (reds) and Tarnave (white). Home-made plum brandy (tuica/palinca) is so ubiquitous you'll often be offered it for free!

### WINTER

Winter is beautiful in Romania (outside slushy Bucharest) as the white stuff creates dreamlike vistas waiting for exploration with snow-shoes or horse-drawn sleighs. Hit a dozen varied ski trails at Poiana – or ski the wild Lumea Pierduta (Lost World) plateau. Snow also provides a perfect canvas to track the country's iconic big predators, while ice hotels provide truly cool resting places.

### SLOW LIVING

Life moves at a human pace here. Horsepower often still means the equine sort, as locals clomp around in horse-drawn carts or winter sleighs, happy to carry visitors who aren't enjoying walking or cycling along solitary back roads. Hay is hand cut with slowly swooshing scythes, cloth is quietly woven, wood carefully carved. You get there in the end.

### CAVES

Romania has over 12,000 caves (peștera). But forget dark dank holes – these are places of wonder. Names offer clues. Peștera cu Oase (Cave of Bones) gave up Europe's oldest-known human fossil (a 35,000-year-old jawbone). The magnificent galleries of Bear Cave offered skeletons of the extinct cave bear. The Ice Cave glints with Europe's largest cave glacier. Size important? Then book a tour of the 45km-long Wind Cave, Romania's largest.



