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The Road Book

The world's 10 best driving roads, one page each: where they go, when they open, and how to drive them.

On the cover: Transfăgărășan, Romania

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BEFORE THE FIRST PAGE

Roads worth the drive there.

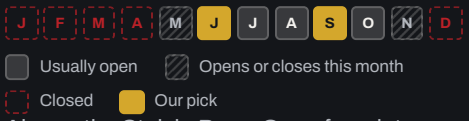
Ten roads we would cross a continent for: five in Europe, three in the USA and two in Asia. Each one gets a page.

We picked them for the bends, the surface, the views and how good they are to drive with friends: roads where a group of cars can stop at the top, look back down and talk about it. A few are famous, a few are not. None of them is about speed. They are public roads, with people living along them: drive at the limit of the law, not of the car.

ON EVERY PAGE

- **The line** of the road, drawn from OpenStreetMap, start ● to finish ●, with the height along it.
- **Length and highest point**: the length measured along the line, in kilometres (miles first for the USA), and the top in metres (feet).
- **The season**: which months it is open, and our pick of them.
- **Why it's here**, **how to drive it**, where to stop, and what can stop you at the gate: tolls, permits, vehicle limits.

READING THE SEASON



Above: the Stelvio Pass. Open from late May to early November, best in June and September.

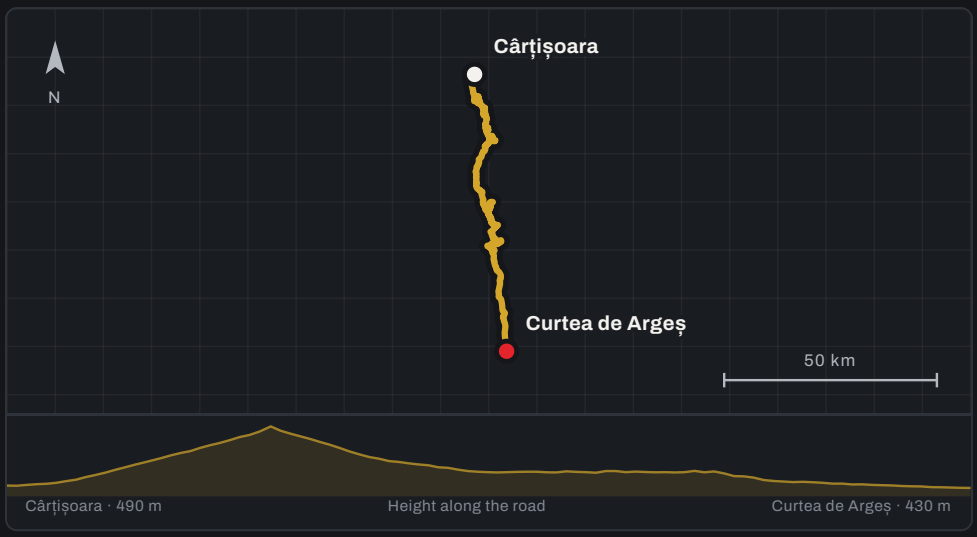
SEASONS MOVE

Mountain roads open when the snow is cleared, not on a date. We checked every season on 19 November 2026 against the road authorities and parks; where a road's 2026 opening was announced, it is on its page. Check again before you set off. In the Camber app the closures are built into every route.

01 ROMANIA FĂGĂRAȘ MOUNTAINS

Transfăgărășan

Hairpin ladder on the north face, 884 m tunnel at the top



LENGTH
115 km 71 mi

HIGHEST POINT
2,042 m 6,699 ft

FROM · TO
Cârțișoara → Curtea de Argeș
DN7C

SEASON J F M A M J J A S O N D — **BEST · JUL, SEP**

The high section between Bâlea Cascadă and Piscul Negru closes for winter, usually from 1 November until late June or 1 July. In 2026 it reopened on 12 June, open daily 07:00 to 21:00.

WHY IT'S HERE

Built in the 1970s as a military road over the highest mountains in Romania, it climbs to the glacial lake at Bâlea in a stack of hairpins you can see from the top. The south side is the long one: forest, Lake Vidraru and the dam.

HOW TO DRIVE IT

Climb from the north for the hairpin ladder, then take the long way down past Vidraru. Start before 08:00 on a weekday in July or September; summer weekends queue at the top.

STOPS

- Bâlea Cascadă (cable car and waterfall)
- Bâlea Lac, 2,034 m
- Vidraru Dam
- Poenari Fortress (1,480 steps)

BEFORE YOU GO

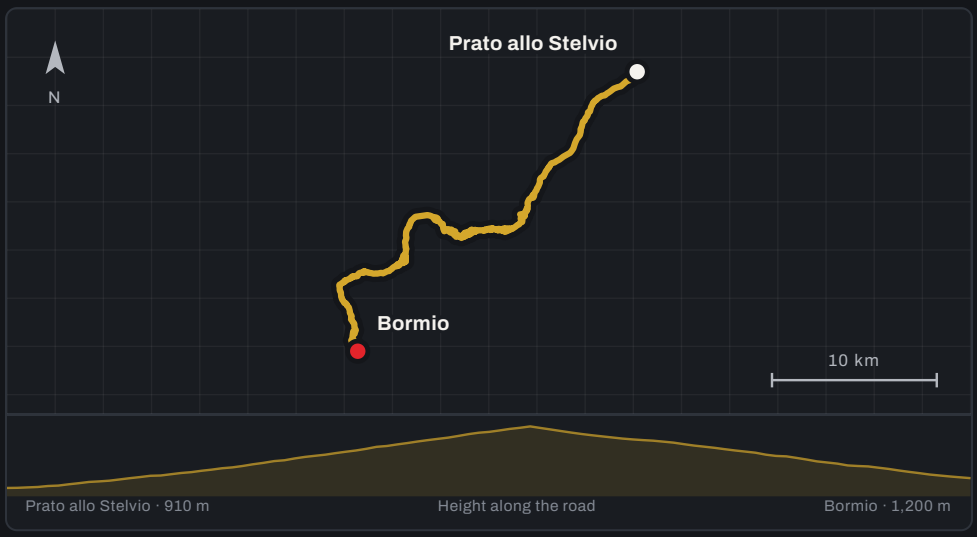
No toll. Open daytime only in recent seasons. Bears come to the road on the south side: stay in the car and never feed them.

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02 ITALY ORTLER ALPS

Stelvio Pass

48 numbered hairpins on the Prato side, 41 bends down to Bormio



LENGTH	HIGHEST POINT	FROM · TO
46 km 29 mi	**2,757 m** 9,045 ft	**Prato allo Stelvio → Bormio** SS38

SEASON J F M A M J J A S O N D — BEST · JUN, SEP

Open in summer only, about late May to early November; the date moves with the snow. In 2026 it opened on 22 May.

WHY IT'S HERE

The second highest paved pass in the Alps. From Trafoi the hairpins are stacked so tight that from the top they look like a staircase, each one numbered on a stone. The Bormio side is faster, with galleries and long bends.

HOW TO DRIVE IT

Up from Prato, down to Bormio. Be through the hairpins by 09:00: after that come the cyclists, the bikes and the buses. Use second gear and let the car breathe on the way down.

STOPS

- Trafoi
- Franzenshöhe
- The pass, 2,757 m
- Umbrail Pass turn to Switzerland
- Bormio

BEFORE YOU GO

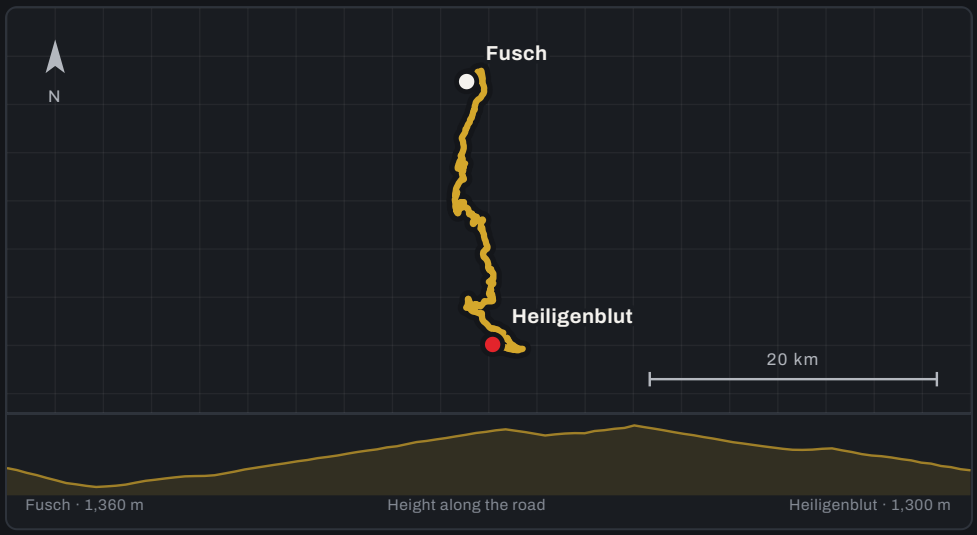
No toll. Height limit 3.30 m on the Bormio side; no vehicles over 10 m (Bormio) or 10.5 m (Prato). A few summer days it closes to cars for cyclists.

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03 AUSTRIA HOHE TAUERN

Grossglockner High Alpine Road

36 hairpins, a cobbled spur to Edelweißspitze



LENGTH	HIGHEST POINT	FROM · TO
43 km 27 mi	**2,504 m** 8,215 ft	**Fusch → Heiligenblut** B107

SEASON J F M A M J J A S O N D — BEST · JUN, SEP

Open from the start of May to the start of November. Night driving is banned: 06:00 to 20:00 until 31 May, 05:30 to 21:00 in June to August, 06:00 to 19:30 from 1 September (last entry 45 minutes before).

WHY IT'S HERE

A toll road built in the 1930s purely to be driven: perfect surface, long sweeping bends, and Austria's highest mountain at the end of the spur road. The best-kept mountain road in the Alps.

HOW TO DRIVE IT

North to south, then take the spur to Kaiser-Franz-Josefs-Höhe. The first hour after the gates open is empty; the evening ticket after 18:00 is cheaper and quieter.

STOPS

- Fuscher Lacke
- Edelweißspitze, 2,571 m (cobbles)
- Hochtor tunnel, 2,504 m
- Kaiser-Franz-Josefs-Höhe (Pasterze glacier)

BEFORE YOU GO

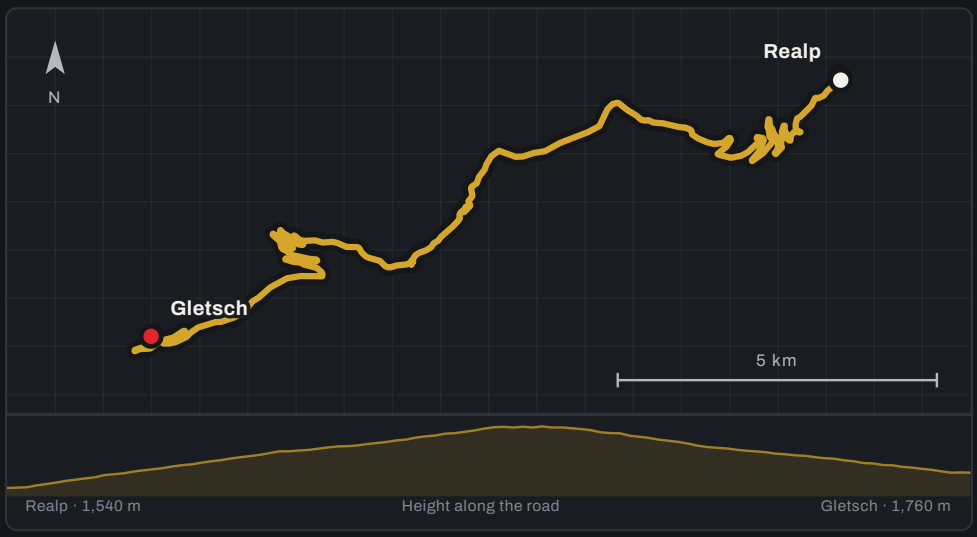
Toll: €46.50 a car for the day in 2026, €36.50 after 18:00.

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04 SWITZERLAND URI AND VALAIS

Furka Pass

The Goldfinger chase road, past the Rhône Glacier



LENGTH	HIGHEST POINT	FROM · TO
23 km 14 mi	**2,429 m** 7,969 ft	**Realp → Gletsch** Route 19

SEASON J F M A M J J A S O N D — BEST · JUL, SEP

Closed in winter, usually open from June to October; the opening date depends on snow clearing.

WHY IT'S HERE

James Bond chased Goldfinger here in 1964, and the road has hardly changed. The west side drops in hairpins past the closed Hotel Belvédère to Gletsch, with the Grimsel Pass climbing the other side of the valley.

HOW TO DRIVE IT

East to west from Realp. At Gletsch turn right for the Grimsel and loop back over the Susten for one of the great days in the Alps.

STOPS

- Furka summit, 2,429 m
- Rhône Glacier and its ice grotto (summer)
- Gletsch

BEFORE YOU GO

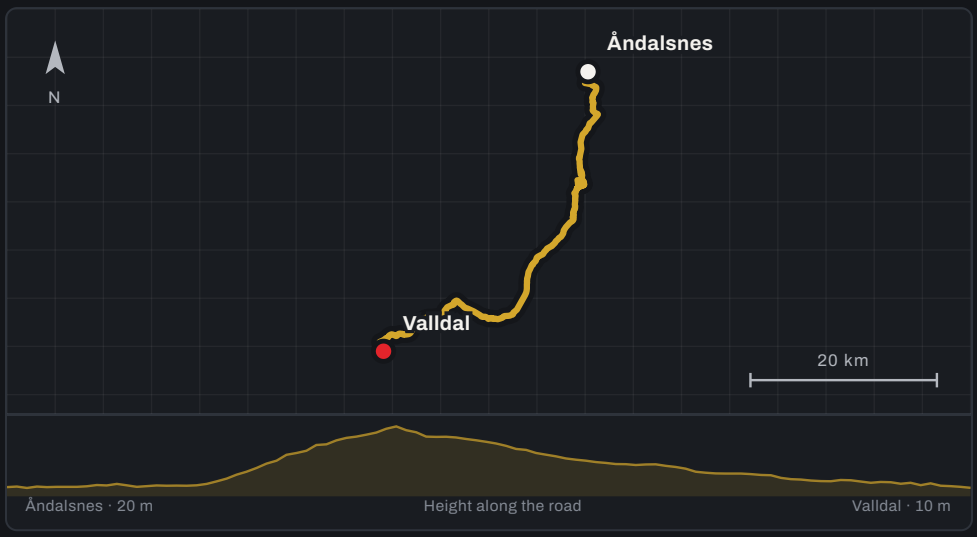
Swiss motorway vignette needed for the motorways that get you there (not the pass itself).

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05 NORWAY MØRE OG ROMSDAL

Trollstigen

11 hairpins up a cliff, waterfalls beside the road



LENGTH
55 km 34 mi

HIGHEST POINT
858 m 2,815 ft

FROM · TO
Åndalsnes → Valldal
Fv63

SEASON J F M A M J J A S O N D — **BEST · JUN, SEP**

Closed in winter. Usually open from late May to October; the date depends on the snow.

WHY IT'S HERE

Eleven hairpins stacked up a wall of rock, with the Stigfossen waterfall falling beside them. The visitor centre at the top looks straight down the ladder.

HOW TO DRIVE IT

Climb from Åndalsnes, then on to Valldal. Continue over the Ørnesvingen to Geiranger to make it a full day.

STOPS

- Stigfossen waterfall
- Trollstigen viewpoints and visitor centre
- Gudbrandsjuvet
- Valldal

BEFORE YOU GO

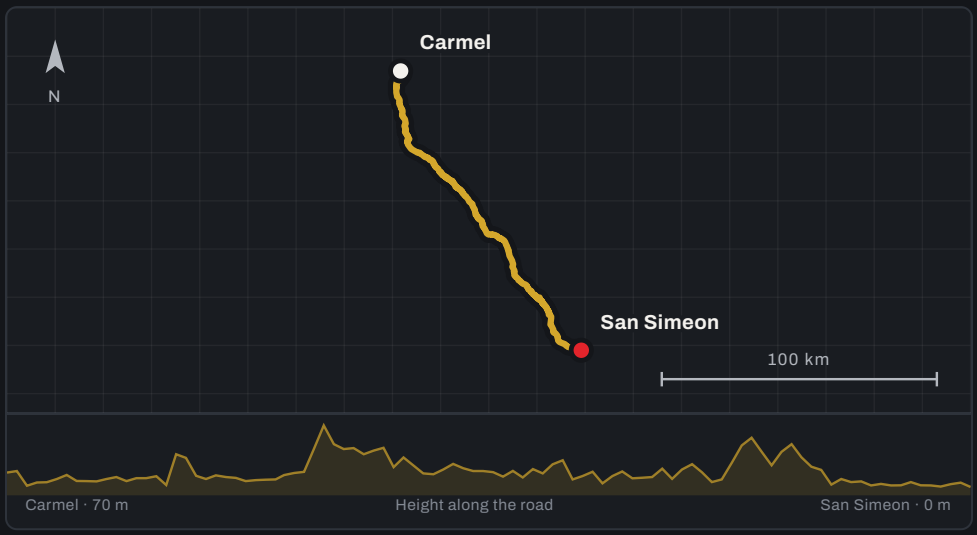
No toll on the road. Vehicles over 12.4 m are not allowed.

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06 USA CALIFORNIA

Pacific Coast Highway through Big Sur

90 miles of cliff road, Bixby Bridge and the Pacific



LENGTH	HIGHEST POINT	FROM · TO
90 mi 145 km	**951 ft** 290 m	**Carmel → San Simeon** CA-1

SEASON J F M **A** **M** J J A **S** **O** N D

BEST · APR, MAY, SEP, OCT

Open all year in principle, but landslides close sections for months at a time. The coast road reopened right through Big Sur in January 2026 after the Regent's Slide closure; check Caltrans before you go.

WHY IT'S HERE

The most famous coast road in the world, and it earns it: cliffs dropping into the Pacific, redwood canyons and a bridge photographed millions of times. Drive it slowly; it is a road for looking.

HOW TO DRIVE IT

North to south, ocean side on your right. Spring for green hills and wildflowers, autumn for clear skies.

STOPS

- Bixby Creek Bridge
- Pfeiffer Big Sur State Park
- McWay Falls
- Ragged Point
- Elephant seals at Piedras Blancas

BEFORE YOU GO

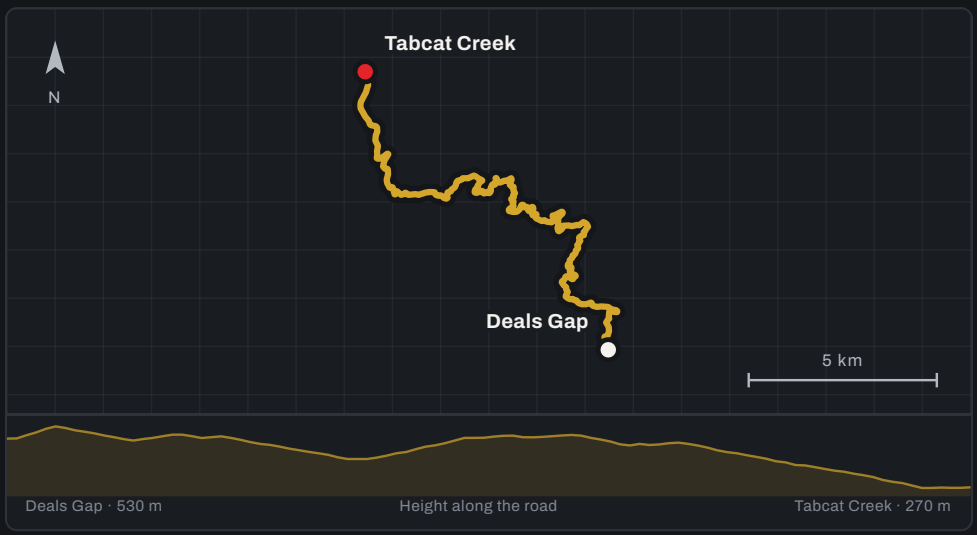
No toll. Fog often sits on the coast in June and July mornings.

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07 USA TENNESSEE AND NORTH CAROLINA

Tail of the Dragon

318 curves in 11 miles



LENGTH
12 mi 19.9 km

HIGHEST POINT
1,969 ft 600 m

FROM · TO
Deals Gap → Tabcat Creek
US-129

SEASON J F M **A** **M** J J A **S** **O** N D

BEST · APR, MAY, SEP, OCT

Open all year; ice in winter. Weekends from spring to autumn are packed.

WHY IT'S HERE

No junctions, no driveways, just curve after curve through the Smoky Mountains forest. Photographers stand on the bends every weekend.

HOW TO DRIVE IT

Weekday mornings, both ways. Then do the Cherohala Skyway the same day.

STOPS

- Deals Gap (the Tree of Shame)
- Calderwood Lake overlook

BEFORE YOU GO

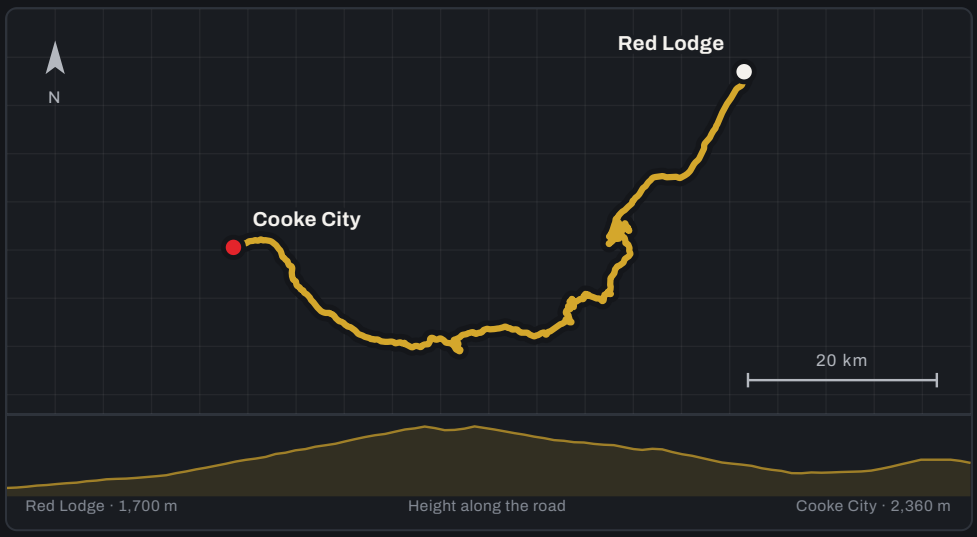
No toll. Police patrol it often; the limit is 30 mph and it is enforced. Trucks over 30 ft are banned.

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08 USA MONTANA AND WYOMING

Beartooth Highway

Switchbacks up to 10,947 ft, then a high plateau of lakes



LENGTH
64 mi 103 km

HIGHEST POINT
10,948 ft 3,337 m

FROM · TO
Red Lodge → Cooke City
US-212

SEASON J F M A M J J A S O N D

BEST · JUL, AUG, SEP

Usually open from the Friday of Memorial Day weekend to mid October, weather allowing. Summer storms can close it for a day.

WHY IT'S HERE

Switchbacks climb a cliff out of Red Lodge to a plateau above 3,000 m, then the road crosses into Wyoming and drops to the northeast gate of Yellowstone. Charles Kuralt called it the most beautiful drive in America.

HOW TO DRIVE IT

Red Lodge to Cooke City in the morning, then on into Yellowstone. Fill up in Red Lodge.

STOPS

- Rock Creek Vista Point
- Beartooth Pass, 10,947 ft
- Top of the World store
- Clay Butte lookout

BEFORE YOU GO

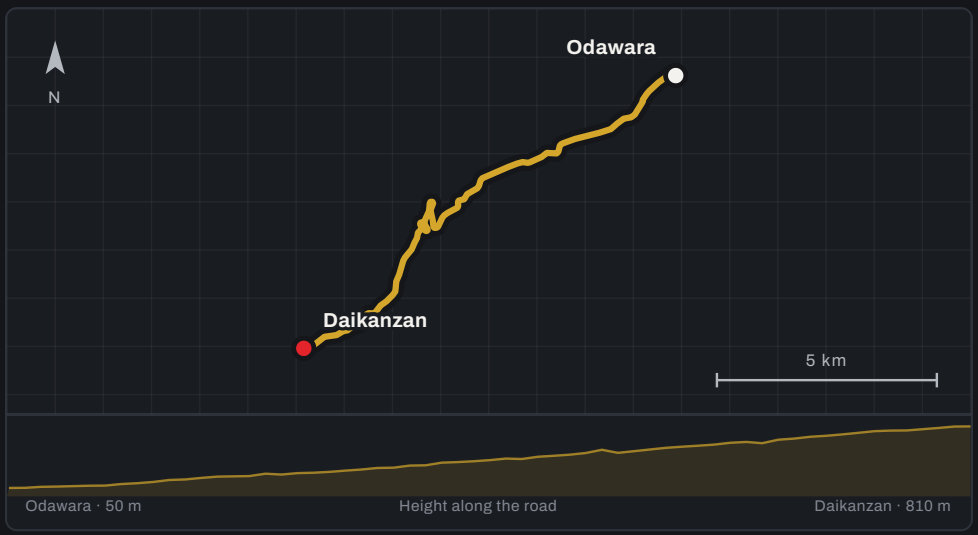
No toll. Snow walls in early season; no services on the high plateau.

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09 JAPAN KANAGAWA

Hakone Turnpike

Japan's car-advert road, with Mount Fuji at the top



LENGTH
13.1 km 8 mi

HIGHEST POINT
810 m 2,657 ft

FROM · TO
Odawara → Daikanzan
Anest Iwata Turnpike Hakone

SEASON J F M **A** **M** J J A S **O** **N** D

BEST · APR, MAY, OCT, NOV

Open all year. Snow or ice can close it in winter; fog is common.

WHY IT'S HERE

A private toll road climbing from Odawara with smooth, fast bends and perfect tarmac. It is where Japanese car makers film their adverts, and on a clear day Fuji fills the windscreen at Daikanzan.

HOW TO DRIVE IT

Up from Odawara early on a weekday; then the Ashinoko Skyline and the Hakone Skyline along the ridge.

STOPS

- Daikanzan Skylounge (Fuji view)
- Lake Ashi
- Ashinoko Skyline

BEFORE YOU GO

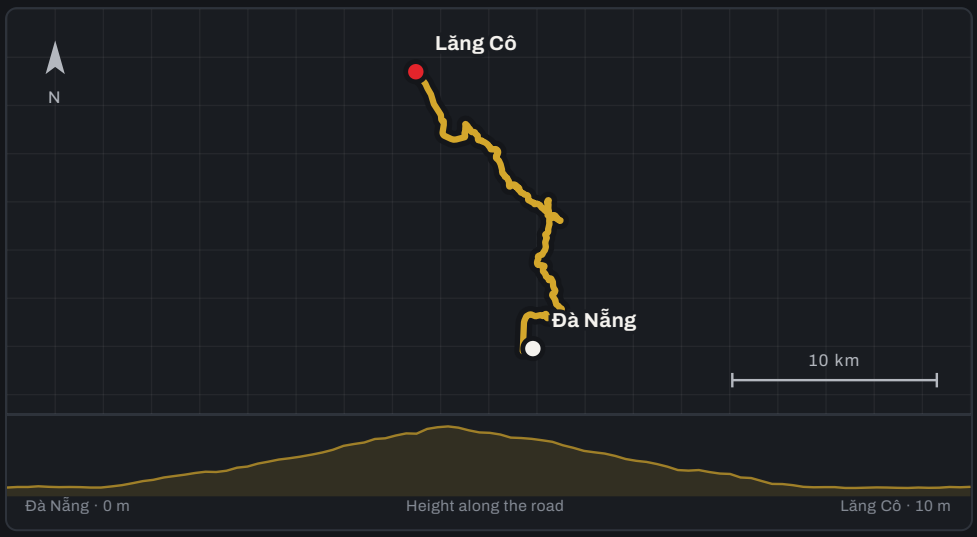
Toll road. Japan drives on the left; you need an International Driving Permit (1949 Geneva) or a Japanese licence.

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10 Hải Vân Pass

VIETNAM ĐÀ NẴNG AND HUẾ

Coastal hairpins in and out of the clouds



LENGTH
26 km 16 mi

HIGHEST POINT
496 m 1,627 ft

FROM · TO
Đà Nẵng → Lăng Cô
QL1A (old pass road)

SEASON J F M A M J J A S O N D

BEST · FEB, MAR, APR, MAY

Open all year. Heavy rain from October to December brings fog and landslips.

WHY IT'S HERE

The old road over the mountains between Đà Nẵng and Huế, left to cars and bikes since the tunnel opened. Hairpins above the South China Sea, with a fort at the top.

HOW TO DRIVE IT

From Đà Nẵng north in the morning, down to Lăng Cô lagoon for lunch.

STOPS

- Hải Vân Gate (the fort at the top)
- Lăng Cô lagoon

BEFORE YOU GO

No toll on the pass (trucks use the tunnel). Vietnam needs a valid licence for Vietnam: check what your country's permit allows before you rent.

Season planner

Every road's season on one page, and a box to tick when you have driven it end to end. The Camber app ticks them for you.

Usually open · Opens or closes this month · Closed · Our pick

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01	Transfăgărășan Romania	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	▨	■	■	■	■	☐	☐	☐
02	Stelvio Pass Italy	☐	☐	☐	☐	▨	■	■	■	■	■	▨	☐	☐
03	Grossglockner High Alpine Road Austria	☐	☐	☐	☐	▨	■	■	■	■	■	▨	☐	☐
04	Furka Pass Switzerland	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	▨	■	■	■	▨	☐	☐	☐
05	Trollstigen Norway	☐	☐	☐	☐	▨	■	■	■	■	▨	☐	☐	☐
06	Pacific Coast Highway through Big Sur USA	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	☐
07	Tail of the Dragon USA	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	☐
08	Beartooth Highway USA	☐	☐	☐	☐	▨	■	■	■	■	▨	☐	☐	☐
09	Hakone Turnpike Japan	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	☐
10	Hải Vân Pass Vietnam	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	☐

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