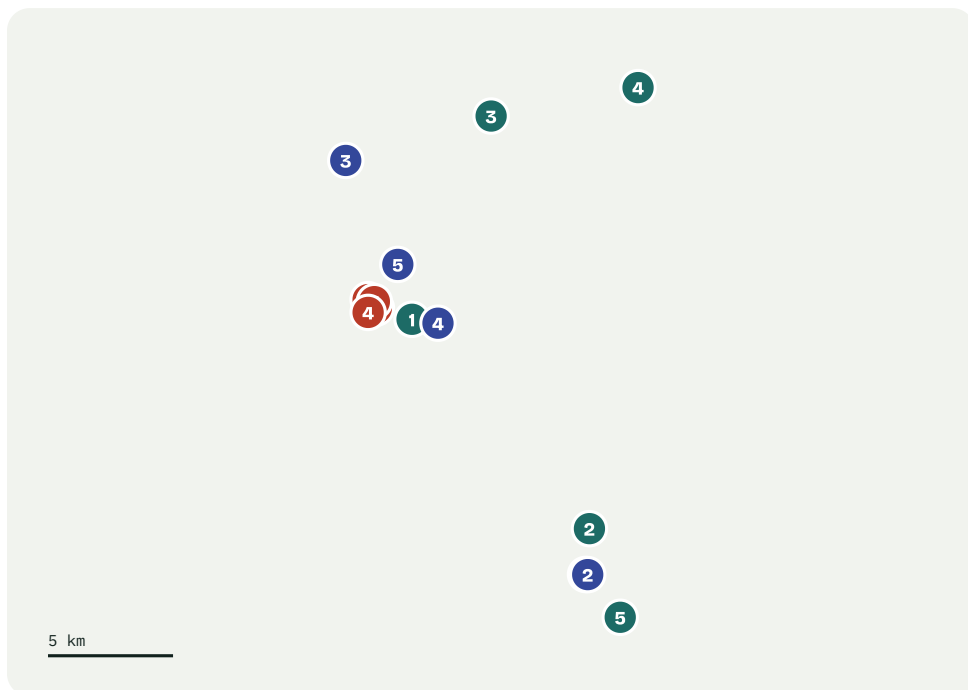


Alesd

A town on the Crișul Repede, 43 km east of Oradea, near the mouth of the Șuncuiuș–Vadu Crișului gorge, with a church built by a Wallachian prince and a medieval fortress on the hill.



■ Where to stay
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Sketch, not exactly to scale.

How to use this guide

For each category we picked five places, in the order we would recommend them. Map numbers match the list. On bihor.info you'll find the interactive map, Google Maps links and the always up-to-date version.

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| Where to stay in Aleșd

1 Bonavilla Complex

FOUR-STAR HOTEL · TINĂUD (ORAȘ ALEȘD), PE DN1 · €€

It has the best scores of the hotels in town: 8.9 on Booking from 93 reviews and 4.5 on Google from 558.

Hotel with a restaurant, terrace, outdoor pool and event hall, on the DN1 national road at the Cluj end of Aleșd.

Strada Bobâlna 90 (DN1) · Tel. +40 752 247 037

2 La Grotta Resort

HOLIDAY VILLAS · SAT VADU CRIȘULUI, COM. VADU CRIȘULUI, LA 17 KM · €€

It is the closest well-rated stay to the Vadu Crișului Cave and Waterfall, about 1.8 km away, with 4.8 on Google from 517 reviews.

Nine villas and studios in a gated compound in Vadu Crișului, with a heated pool, a sauna and a restaurant for guests.

Strada Principală 123 · Tel. +40 771 434 976

3 Due Fratelli Village Resort

VILLAGE RESORT · SAT ȘINTEU, COM. ȘINTEU, LA 17 KM · €€€

It scores 4.6 on Google from 619 reviews and offers something different from the area's hotels: stays in traditional wooden houses.

Twelve old houses from Maramureș, moved and restored on a hill in Șinteu, with a spa, a restaurant and an adventure park.

Șinteu 178 · Tel. +40 730 644 721

4 Rose Hip Hill

FARM GUESTHOUSE · SAT VALEA TÂRNEI, COM. ȘINTEU, LA 24 KM · €€€

It scores 4.8 on Google from 128 reviews and suits anyone after quiet and farm produce.

Three-star guesthouse with a farm, in a 4-hectare orchard at the edge of the forest in Valea Târnei village.

Valea Târnei 54 · Tel. +40 755 759 059

5 Pensiunea Tarina

GUESTHOUSE · SAT ȘUNCUIUȘ, COM. ȘUNCUIUȘ, LA 25 KM · €

It scores 9.0 on Booking from 91 reviews and is a good base for walks through the gorge and to the nearby caves.

Guesthouse with a garden and terrace in Șuncuiuș, the village at the upper end of the Crișul Repede gorge.

Strada Horea 234 · Tel. +40 748 877 026

| Where to eat in Aleșd

1 Olives Restaurant

ITALIAN AND ROMANIAN RESTAURANT · CENTRU · €€

It scores 4.9 on Google from 121 reviews, with praise for the food, the staff and the vegetarian options.

Small restaurant in a well-kept courtyard in the centre, with Italian and Romanian dishes and a daily set menu.

Strada Rândunicii 6 · Tel. +40 774 058 325 · Hours: daily 10–22

2 Noblesse

ITALIAN RESTAURANT · CENTRU, PE DN1 · €€

It scores 4.5 on Google from 95 reviews and is open from early morning until nearly midnight.

New restaurant serving pizza, Italian dishes and a daily set menu, with a courtyard full of plants and an old olive tree.

Strada Bobâlna 39 · Tel. +40 771 542 663 · Hours: Mo 07–23:45 · Tu 07–23:45 · We 07–23:45 · Th 07–23:45 · Fr 07–23:45 · Sa 07–23:45 · Su 09–23:45

3 SNZ Bistro

CAFÉ AND BISTRO · CENTRU · €

It scores 4.7 on Google from 274 reviews, most of them praising the coffee and service.

Café-bistro in the town centre, known for its specialty coffee.

Strada Avram Iancu 4 · Tel. +40 744 981 908 · Hours: Mo 07–24 · Tu 07–24 · We 07–24 · Th 07–24 · Fr 07–24 · Sa 07–24 · Su 09–24

4 Old Friends Caffè

CAFÉ · CARTIERUL ȘOIMUL · €

It scores 4.8 on Google from 94 reviews, which praise the calm atmosphere and the staff.

Neighbourhood café with an indoor room and a terrace, on the ground floor of a block in the Șoimul district.

Cartierul Șoimul, bloc B6 · Tel. +40 744 659 595 · Hours: Mo 07–23 · Tu 07–23 · We 07–23 · Th 07–23 · Fr 07–23 · Sa 07–23 · Su 09–23

What to see in Aleșd



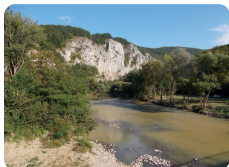
1 Peștera Vadu Crișului

SHOW CAVE · DEFILEUL CRIȘULUI REPEDE, COM. VADU CRIȘULUI, LA 17 KM · €

It is one of Romania's earliest show caves and makes a short guided visit of 30–45 minutes.

A 1,510 m cave in the Crișul Repede gorge, open to visitors since 1905 and toured with a guide along a lit section.

Halta Peștera, DJ108I, Vadu Crișului · Tel. +40 742 120 940 · hours not confirmed



2 Cascada Vadu Crișului și defileul Crișului Repede

WATERFALL AND TRAIL · DEFILEUL CRIȘULUI REPEDE, COM. VADU CRIȘULUI, LA 17 KM · FREE

It scores 4.8 on Google from over 1,500 reviews, entry is free and the trail is easy enough for families.

A waterfall of about 10 m on the stream that comes out of the Vadu Crișului Cave, at the end of a short trail through the limestone gorge.

Lângă Halta Peștera, Vadu Crișului · hours not confirmed

3 Cetatea Piatra Șoimului

CASTLE RUINS · PEȘTIȘ (ORAȘ ALEȘD), PE DEAL · FREE

It is a 13th-century fortress above the Criș valley, where the exiled prince Constantin Șerban lived after 1658.

Ruins of a 13th-century fortress on a wooded rock above Peștiș village, within the town of Aleșd.

Dealul cetății, deasupra satului Peștiș · hours not confirmed



4 Biserica Sfântul Dumitru din Tinăud

17TH-CENTURY ORTHODOX CHURCH · TINĂUD (ORAȘ ALEȘD), PE DN1 · FREE

It is considered the oldest masonry Orthodox church in Bihor and links Aleșd with the history of Wallachia.

Stone church built in 1658–1659 by Constantin Șerban, a former prince of Wallachia, on the site of an older monastery.

DN1, Tinăud · Tel. +40 359 408 659 · Hours: Mo Închis · Tu Închis · We Închis · Th Închis · Fr Închis · Sa Închis · Su 08–12



5 Biserica de lemn din Peștiș

WOODEN CHURCH · PEȘTIȘ (ORAȘ ALEȘD) · FREE

It is a listed monument with a carved doorway bearing inscriptions from 1797 and an iconostasis painted in 1810.

Wooden church of the Annunciation, rebuilt in 1797, with a porch on posts and a tall shingled tower.

Peștiș, lângă cimitir · hours not confirmed

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