



## Carpathian Mountains and unspoiled villages

5 days / 4 nights

This 5 days self-guided tour in the most beautiful mountains of the Carpathians will offer you the best brief experience available. Piatra Craiului and Bucegi mountains are two amazing Romanian massifs and although they are easily reachable, their wilderness will astound you! Take this trip and see for yourself their beautiful fauna and flora, have your lunch in bright and colorful clearings, alongside sheepfolds, and experience the most spectacular natural landscapes and medieval fortresses. You will also have the chance to be inspired by the local rural activities and find out more about the rich local history which will certainly spark your imagination. It fascinates you there, and you will be impressed by sheepfolds and medieval fortresses.

### YOUR PROGRAM

#### Day 1 - Reception in Bucharest

Beginning of the journey in Bucharest (airport railway station or main railway station). Recommended start before 2:00 PM. Reception at the train station. Train to Brasov. Private transfer to Magura village, a picturesque location with wide views over the wonderful mountain landscapes. Dinner and overnight in a charming guesthouse. (D).



#### Day 2 - Zarnesti Gorges

Our walk starts with a warm-up descent followed by a nice steady climb through woodland trails that are mysterious and rich in birdsong. We will reach spots where we can take-in the views of the ridge of Piatra Craiului ("Rock of the King"). We will head to Curmatura traditional Romanian mountain-hut, where we will have a tasty lunch. On our descent we will cross the fascinating Zarnesti gorges - Jurassic canyon dig by waters - nowadays exhibiting spectacular 200m high vertical walls. Accommodation in the same place as day the before (around 6h, 18km, +900m, -900m). (B, L, D)

#### Day 3 - Bran Castle

We say goodbye to Piatra Craiului to meet the Bucegi mountains. Today we will walk on a small ridge going down to Bran



castle. This castle was built in the 14th century and had a role of defence against the migratory people. Later it protected Transylvania from the Ottoman invasions. The castle was also associated with the fictional character of Dracula, who was based on the prince Vlad Tepes of Wallachia. End of the trip in Bran. Transfer to Moieciu de Sus. (around 4.5h, 14km, +300m, -600m). (B, L, D).



#### **Day 4 - The Bucegi Mountains**

Trek towards the Bucegi massif. A long hike which you will not regret: magnificent landscapes and sights of the Piatra Craiului's crest. (around 6h, 18km, +650m, -900m). Possible shorter walk (around 4h, 12km, +400m, -700m). (B,L,D)



#### **Day 5 - End of the journey**

Breakfast and transfer to Brasov train station, then train to Bucharest; if you do not need get to Bucharest early, there is the option of leaving the luggage at the railway station and visiting Brasov (local transport not included). End of the trip. (B)

### **Additional information**





## TARIFFS

575 euros per person.

1h stop at Rasnov fortress during your private transfer from Moieciu de Sus to Brasov on Day 5 (price per person). Note: the fortress is currently closed for restaoration works (end 2022). : 15 euros per person.

Private transfer from Bucharest airport to Bucharest hotel or train station for maximum 3 people : 35 euros per person.

Single room supplement : 60 euros per person.

Single traveler supplement : 225 euros per person.

Private transfer Bucharest city centre - Magura: price / service (1-3 persons). : 170 euros per person.

Private transfer Bucharest OTP Airport - Magura: price / service (1-3 persons). : 150 euros per person.

Private transfer Moieciu de Sus - Bucharest city centre: price / service (1-3 persons). : 180 euros per person.

Private transfer Moieciu de Sus - Bucharest OTP Airport: price / service (1-3 persons). : 160 euros per person.

Extra night in Bucharest, 3\* hotel, price / DBL BB. : 86 euros per person.

Extra night in Bucharest, 3\* hotel, price / SGL BB. : 83 euros per person.

Extra night in Brasov, 3\* hotel, price / DBL BB. : 94 euros per person.

Extra night in Brasov, 3\* hotel, price / SGL BB. : 89 euros per person.

## INCLUDED

Accommodation

Meals (from dinner Day 1 to breakfast Day 5)

Train transfer from and to Bucharest

Road-book & maps sent by email and at the first hotel

Luggage transfer

Permanently reachable local assistance by phone.

## NOT INCLUDED

Transfer to the Starting point and from the point of dispersion

The insurances

The drinks other than water

Personal expenses

Visit entries

## LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY

Requires a medium fitness level. Maximum of 5-6h walking a day.

## CARRYING

The transfers of your luggage are ensured. You only have to carry your things needed for the day (picnic, camera...)

## ACCOMMODATION

Nights in guest-houses in double rooms with private facilities.

## SIZE OF GROUP

Minimum of 2 people.

## DEPARTURES

From early May to mid October.



## **STARTING POINT**

Bucharest North train station / Bucharest Airport train station.

## **END OF THE TRIP**

Bucharest North train station / Bucharest Airport train station.

## **HOW TO GET THERE**

HOW to get from the AIRPORT to the North train station:

### **BUS**

- To go to the North train station, exit the Arrivals terminal (from the ground level – if you see a flower shop to your right, you are on the first floor) and walk towards the bus stop “Otopeni Plecări” (Otopeni departures).
- Take bus 780 and get off at the GARA DE NORD stop.
- From there walk straight into the train station, passing by Mc Donald’s. The train platforms will be right ahead.

### **TAXI**

- You can order a taxi from the machines found near the exits of the terminals. A taxi costs maximum 60 lei, don’t accept to pay more or don’t take a taxi with another cost than 1,69lei/km!

### **PRIVATE TRANSFER**

- We can arrange a private transfer for a total cost of 20 Euro, ~ 45 min – 1h (depending on the traffic).

### **UBER/TAXIFY**

- The UBER and TAXIFI apps work very well so you can order a car that will take you to the hotel. The price depends on how many cars are available and on the traffic. The cost is of maximum 10 Euro.

HOW to get from the North train station to the AIRPORT:

### **BUS**

- To reach the airport, at the end of the train platform take the corridor between McDonald’s and the information office.
- Just in front of the exit, there is a bus stop.
- Take the 780 bus that will take you straight to the airport.
- Get off at the AEROPORTUL INTERNATIONAL HENRI COANDA TERMINAL PLECARI (DEPARTURES).

### **TAXI**

- You can order a taxi from the machines found near the exits of the train station. A taxi costs maximum 60 lei, don’t accept to pay more or don’t take a taxi with another cost than 1,69lei/km! Independent taxi drivers have different prices.

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## **EQUIPMENT TO TAKE**

### Mandatory equipment

- Waterproof tracksuits (breathable Goretex type jacket and possibly trousers)
  - Warm fleece jacket
  - High walking shoes (preferably already worn)
  - Backpack for day hiking (20-35l)
  - Water bottle (allow at least 1,5l of water at the beginning of the day)
  - Hiking poles
- Walking Boots Should be sturdy and of good quality to handle all types of terrain. Ankle support is important. Leather, with a good durable sole, is the most suitable or, for people who prefer a more lightweight boot, Cordura/leather boots which have Gore-Tex or sympatex waterproofing. They should be well broken in and be of correct fit. Proof your boots before you leave home. Waxing your boots regularly prolongs their life.
- Lightweight walking shoes/sneakers For wear around towns & villages. They can also be a backup pair for your walk.
- Socks & Underwear Take only good quality socks with wicking and insulating qualities. Road test them before you go on the trip to be sure they are comfortable with your boots. Take a suitable quantity of underwear (washing facilities are limited).
- Several Shirts and Walking Trousers T-shirts preferably with collar and at least 1 long-sleeved shirt for sun protection. If you sweat a lot it is a good idea to purchase at least one t-shirt in a breathable material. These are fast drying, keep moisture away from your skin and are available from outdoor stores. The quick-drying loose-fitting trousers are popular. You should bring one pair of the loose-fitting type trousers to wear in cities and for evenings etc. Shorts for warmer weather.
- Warm jacket Fleece Polartec or warm wool shirt for evenings. This will be worn a great deal; be sure it is totally suitable for your needs. A fleeced jacket which blocks the wind (Windstopper) is the most preferable.
- Waterproof Jacket & Pants Must be waterproof, not shower proof, Gore-Tex is best. It must fit comfortably whilst wearing warm clothing and wearing your rucksack. It must have a proper hood, zipper flap and storm cuffs and come down over hips. Pants should have a zip on the side of the leg to make it easier to get them on quickly over boots.



#### Optional equipment

- Cutlery and pans for picnics
- Lamp (frontal preferably - some guesthouses don't have head lamps)
- Toilet paper or tissues for the day
- Solar cream
- Sun glasses
- Personal pharmacy
- Your favourite snacks or energy bars