

# 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. Il fascinate 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)



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#### 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**

Price from 680 euros per person.

#### **OPTIONS**

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 : 30 euros per person.

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Single room supplement: 45 euros per person.

Single traveler supplement : 290 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. : 78 euros per person.

Extra night in Brasov, 3\* hotel, price / DBL BB. : 82 euros per person.

#### **INCLUDED**

Accommodation

Meals (from dinner Day 1 to breakfast Day 5)

Train transfer from and to Bucharest

Road-book

Maps

Luggage transfer

Permanently reachable local assistance.

#### **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.

#### **DEPARTURE**

Bucharest North train station / Bucharest Airport train station.

#### **DISPERSION**

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