

Mountain biking in the Carpathian Mountains

5 days / 4 nights

This journey will take you to one of the nicest areas of the Carpathian Mountains, where the presence of human settlements has not disturbed the original landscape and ecosystems.

The massive of Piatra Craiului is the longest limestone mountain range of Romania. It is also the paradise of the wild fauna and flora. The plenitude of nature and its vitality have allowed here the survival of animals and plants that disappeared in other parts of Europe. You'll also encounter scattered beautiful villages with a patriarchal atmosphere that will provide a surprising contrast to the wilderness of the mountains. The rides in the Piatra Craiului National park, in the middle of pastures, sheepfolds and forests, will not leave you indifferent!

YOUR PROGRAM

Day 1 - Reception in Bucharest

The trip starts in Bucharest. If you arrive early enough, you could visit the old Bucharest. Transfer by bus to the train station and then by train to Zarnesti.

Day 2 - Bran Castle

Small trip outside this pastoral world to visit the Bran Castle. This castle, built in the 14th century, always had a role of defence against the migratory peoples. Later it protected Transylvania from the Ottoman invasions. The castle was also associated during a long time with the prince Vlad Tepes of Walachia. Born in Transylvania, he is at the origin of the fictional character of Dracula. Night in a traditional village of Piatra Craiului's mountains.

(~34km, +450m, -250m)

Day 3 - From one village to another

Today you continue the ride at the feet of the Piatra Craiului Mountains in this bucolic landscape in the middle of pastures, sheepfolds and woods. You will cross scattered villages which seem not to care about time passing. You will see surprising landscapes in the surrounding mountains. Night in a village at the foot of Bucegi Mountains.

(~ 28km, +400m, -600m).



Day 4 - Zarnesti Gorges

Ride through the Zarnesti Gorges to the magnificent Curmatura Hut. These Gorges, called by locals "The Abysses", present vertical walls of 200m and offer, especially during autumn, colours of an extraordinary variety. The end of the day will bring you in a magnificent traditional village with great views to the crests of the surrounding mountains. Night in the same pace as day one.

(~ 37km, +650m, -750m)



Day 5 - End of stay

Departure after the breakfast. Transfer to Zarnesti and train to Bucharest. End of the trip.

Additional information

TARIFFS

Price from 375 euros per person.

OPTIONS

Extra-night in Bucharest (3*** hotel in down-town, double-room + 2 breakfasts) : 70 euros per person.

Single supplement : 60 euros per person.

GPS tracks on USB stick : 25 euros per person.

Bike rental : 45 euros per person.

INCLUDED

Nights, meals (breakfasts, picnics during the rides and dinners), transfers, road-book, maps, transfer of luggage, permanently reachable local assistance.

NOT INCLUDED

Transfer to the meeting point and from the drop off point (Bucharest train station or hotel), the insurances, the drinks and the personal expenses.

LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY

Requires a medium level. Maximum of 37 km a day and 750 m of positive change in altitude. 2 single-tracks.

CARRYING

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

ACCOMMODATION

Nights in guest-houses in double occupancy. Private facilities.

SIZE OF GROUP

Minimum of 2 people.

DEPARTURES

From April to the end of October.

DEPARTURE

Bucharest airport or Bucharest train station.

DISPERSION

Bucharest airport or Bucharest train station.

HOW TO GET THERE

By plane: Otopeni airport in Bucharest.

By train : Bucharest train station.