

Villages of Bucovina and Maramures

9 Days / 8 Nights

With this 9-day guided tour of Maramures and Bucovina, you will discover a rural world which is no longer present in the Western countries. You will get to be in constant contact with the rich peasant culture and the beautiful, protected natural environment. Your two destinations are Bucovina and Maramures. Here, you will discover two regions which are so closely located to each other, however very much different. Their inhabitants will help you discover their very interesting village life, crafts, and customs and by the end of your adventure, you will have also understood the mysteries of the world-renowned Bucovenian painted monasteries and the beautiful wooden churches of Maramures which are now part of UNESCO's heritage. A stunning landscape will keep you company during this unforgettable journey. All of this and much more exciting surprises are waiting for you on this trip.

YOUR PROGRAM

Day 1 - Reception in Bucharest

Arrival in Bucharest. Meeting the guide in the evening at the train station 1hr before the train departure. Night train for Bucovina at 9:30 PM (sleeping wagon 2 or 4 beds / cabin, upon availabilities, we can know it only 3 weeks before the departure. Train timetable may change).

Day 2 - Bucolic hike

In the morning, short private transfer to our hosts. After breakfast, be ready to discover already the deep Bucovina: we'll take the steam train. The steam train track leads along the River Moldovita. We will get off before the terminus of the track, at the best starting point of our hike. This immersion in a peasant world will enchant you; the beautiful landscape punctuated with sheep herds and horse-carts reveals a great harmony. Night in Moldovita (~5 hours, 14 km, +500m, -550). (BLD)



Day 3 - Moldovita and its monastery



Day 6 - Contemporary Maramures

First stop for the day will be in the town of Sighetu Marmatiei, after a 2h transfer by car. Here we will visit the "Communism Victims Memorial" created in the prison where the main opponents of the regime were detained, without judging. You'll have some free time for lunch before we go to the village of Desesti, to visit one of the most beautiful wooden churches of Maramures. From there we'll do a relaxing walk to our host village for tonight, Breb, the village where Prince Charles is owner of a beautiful old traditional house. (~2 hours, 8 km, +350m, -650).



Day 8 - The oldest wooden church and Cluj-Napoca



Day 9 - End of journey

Breakfast. End of the trip.

We can assist you with train transfer or flight ticket to Bucharest. Also, we designed a special extra-tour for the way back to Bucharest including:

-1st day: train transfer to Sighisoara, visit of the beautiful fortified citadel and overnight Sighisoara.

-2nd day: train transfer to Brasov, visit of the medieval center and overnight Brasov.

-3rd day: train transfer to Bucharest. Check the extra-options below.

We can as well customize this tour.

Additional information

TARIFFS

Price from 1145 euros per person.

OPTIONS

Single supplement : 130 euros per person.

Private transfer Bucharest OTP Airport - Bucharest North Train Station (for 1-3 people, one way) : 30 euros per person.

Private transfer Cluj city centre or Cluj Train Station - Cluj CLJ Airport (for 1-3 people, one way) : 30 euros per person.

Train ticket for overnight service Cluj – Bucharest North, 1st class, 2 beds / cabin. Per person. : 70 euros per person.

Train ticket for overnight service Cluj – Bucharest North, 6 beds / cabin. Per person. : 38 euros per person.

Extra-night In Cluj-Napoca, Hotel 3* in the centre of the town, price / DBL BB. : 70 euros per person.

Small group supplement: departure in case of a 5 person group, supplement to be paid / person. : 100 euros per person.

Small group supplement: departure in case of a 4 person group, supplement to be paid / person. : 250 euros per person.

Small group supplement: departure in case of a 3 person group, supplement to be paid / person. : 500 euros per person.

Small group supplement: departure in case of a 2 person group, supplement to be paid / person. : 750 euros per person.

Supplement for night train cabin used as SGL for the Bucharest - Bukovina train on Day 1. : 60 euros per person.

INCLUDED

English speaking guide throughout the trip

Accommodation

Meals (8 breakfasts, 6 picnics, 6 dinners). Dinner is a 3-course menu – entrée/soup, main dish, and a dessert

Transfers

Luggage transfer

Steam train ticket (if the 2022 schedule allows it)

NOT INCLUDED

Transport to the meeting point and from the point of dispersion

The insurance

Meals as indicated (not included Dinner of Day 1 and Lunch and Dinner of Day 8) and drinks, other than water

Site visits

Personal expenses

LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY

9 days / 6 days of walking. Easy to medium level of walking with a maximum day at 6 hours. Some walks could change depending on the group level or the weather conditions or be interrupted by small transfers.

CARRYING

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

ACCOMMODATION

Rural pensions in double occupancy, exceptionally triple with private & shared facilities (1 for 2 rooms).

Depending on the size of the group, the accommodation can be done in several pensions. Meals will be taken together.

1 night in sleeping train wagon - 2 or 4 beds /cabin, upon availabilities, we can know it 3 weeks before the departure. Sooner the booking is done, more chances we have to book cabins of 2 beds.

6 nights in rural guesthouses, in double occupancy, with private & shared facilities (1 for 2 rooms)

1 night in 3* hotel in the center of Cluj

SIZE OF GROUP

6 to 14 people. Smaller groups with supplement, contact us for details.

DEPARTURES

Departures for groups formed on request

DEPARTURE

At 20:30 at Bucharest train station. optional transfer from Bucharest OTP Airport.

DISPERSION

At your hotel in Cluj, after breakfast. Optional transfer to Cluj CLJ Airport.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Depending on the majority of the people booking this trip, guide could be French and English speaking.