

Mountain biking in the Carpathian Mountains

5 days / 4 nights (3 days of cycling)

This Mountain Bike Cycling Tour will take you to one of the nicest areas of the Carpathian Mountains, the massive of Piatra Craiului. This massive harbours many rare animal and plant species. You'll also encounter scattered beautiful villages with a patriarchal atmosphere that will provide a wonderful contrast to the mountainous wilderness. In these environments, 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. This adventure in the Piatra Craiului National park, right in the middle of pastures, sheepfolds and forests, will most definitely impress you!

YOUR PROGRAM

Day 1 - Welcome in Bucharest

Your adventure will begin in Bucharest. Optionally, we will brief you at the North Train Station. You will embark on a train to Brasov. Once you arrived in Brasov, you will get a second train, this time to Zarnesti. Accommodation and dinner in a lovely guesthouse.
Dinner included.

Day 2 - Bran Castle

A small trip outside this pastoral world to visit Bran Castle, also known as Dracula's castle. Built in the 14th century Bran castle has always had a defensive role against the migratory peoples. It even greatly helped in protecting Transylvania from the Ottoman invasions. Night in a traditional village in Piatra Craiului's mountains.
Breakfast, packed lunch, dinner included ~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 lost in time. You will discover stunning landscapes along the way. Night in a lovely guesthouse in an authentic village at the foot of Bucegi Mountains.
Breakfast, packed lunch, dinner included ~ 28km, +400m, -600m

Day 4 - Zarnesti Gorges

Ride through the Zarnesti Gorges to the lovely Curmatura Hut. These Gorges have been nicknamed by the locals "The Abysses". They present vertical walls of 200m and display wonderful colors of an extraordinary variety (especially during autumn). The end of the day will bring you back in the little town where you started from. You will once again enjoy the delightful views of the surrounding mountains' crests. Dinner and accommodation at the same guesthouse as in day one.
Breakfast, packed lunch, dinner included ~ 37km, +650m, -750m

Day 5 - End of the trip

Departure after breakfast. Train to Brasov then Bucharest. End of the trip. Breakfast included.

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Additional information

TARIFFS

550 euros per person.
MTB rental : 180 euros per person.
Single room supplement (based on a group of at least 2) : 150 euros per person.
Welcome and briefing at Bucharest North station (per departure) : 40 euros per person.
D1/5 Private transfer from Bucharest OTP Airport to Bucharest train station or center or vice versa (base 1-3 pax, one way) : 45 euros per person.
D1/5 Private transfer from Bucharest OTP Airport to Zarnesti or vice versa (base 1-3 pax, one way) : 160 euros per person.
D1/5 Private transfer from Bucharest center to Zarnesti or vice versa (base 1-3 pax, one way) : 180 euros per person.

INCLUDED

Accommodations
4 breakfasts, 3 packed lunches and 4 dinners
transfers - Day 1 and 5 Bucharest/Piatra Craiului and Bucegi/Bucharest about 3 hours and a half by train
Road-book
Maps
Luggage transfer
Permanently reachable local assistance

NOT INCLUDED

Transfer to the meeting point and transfer from the drop off point (Bucharest train station)
The insurances
Drinks other than water
Personal expenses
Bike Rental

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

4 night in guest-houses in double occupancy with private facilities.

SIZE OF GROUP

Minimum of 2 people.

DEPARTURES

From April to the end of October.

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STARTING POINT
Bucharest train station.

END OF THE TRIP
Bucharest 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 Plecari” (Otopeni departures).
- Take bus 100 and get off at the Piata Victoriei stop. From here, you can get the metro to GARA DE NORD stop.

TAXI
- You can order a taxi from the machines found near the exits of the terminals. A taxi costs maximum 80 lei, don’t accept to pay more or don’t take a taxi with another cost than 2,59lei/km!

PRIVATE TRANSFER
- We can arrange a private transfer for a total cost of 35 Euro, ~ 45 min – 1h (depending on the traffic).

UBER/BOLT
- The UBER and BOLT 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 20 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 an entrance at the metro-train.
- Take the yellow line for 1 stop, until Piata Victoriei.
- The bus station is right in front of the metro exit on "Lascar Catargiu Bulevard". Take the 100 bus that will take you straight to the airport.
- Get off at the AEROPORTUL INTERNATIONAL HENRI COANDA TERMINAL PLECARI (DEPARTURES).

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- The UBER and BOLT apps work very well so you can order a car that will take you to the airport. Just exit the train station and walk around 200 m near the station so the GPS can locate you better. The price depends on how many cars are available and on the traffic. The cost is of maximum 10 Euro.

EQUIPMENT TO TAKE

WHAT TO BRING?

- Sunglasses
- Gloves
- Bottle/bottles to fill with water (the plastic bottle on the spot can always be an option)
- Cereal or energizing bars for the day
- Solar cream
- Anti-mosquito cream
- Card, but also a little money in cash
- Binoculars
- Light fleece top
- Light windproof/waterproof jacket
- Headlamp (some guesthouses may not have bed-side lamps, if you want to read in the evening)
- Sun hat
- Personal clothing for mild to hot weather
- Sturdy shoes

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