



## Mountain biking in the Carpathian Mountains

5 days / 4 nights

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. We will meet you at the North Train Station where 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. Transfer to Zarnesti, train to Brasov then Bucharest. End of the trip. Breakfast included.



## Additional information

### TARIFFS

375 euros per person.

MTB rental : 55 euros per person.

Single supplement (price per person with a minimum of 2 participants) : 60 euros per person.

Private transfer from Brasov train station to Zarnesti (for 3 people) : 25 euros per person.

Private transfer from the airport to the first hotel in Zarnesti / from the last hotel to the airport (for 3 people) : 110 euros per person.

GPS tracks on USB stick : 25 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.

1 night in 3\* charming central hotel in Brasov.

### SIZE OF GROUP

Minimum of 2 people.

### DEPARTURES

From April to the end of October.



## **DEPARTURE**

Bucharest train station.

## **DISPERSION**

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 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**

### **WHAT TO BRING?**

- Helmet - we provide helmets, but it's always more comfortable to have your own helmet
- Bags to attach to bikes or small backpack for the business of the day (picnics, camera, ...). Saddlebags are not provided!
- 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
- Sun hat
- Personal clothing for mild to hot weather
- Sturdy walking shoes