



Discover the authentic Maramures - guided cultural walking tour

5 Days / 4 Nights

We have prepared an easy itinerary through the historic region of Maramures, full of stories, legends, characters and breathtaking places. You will be accompanied by a specialized local guide, very knowledgeable of the place, of the winding paths over the endless hills and of the people.

The wooden churches part of the UNESCO patrimony, the wooden gates, the traditional clothes and food are just some surprises that await you in this holiday specially created for those who want to discover the soul of this region.

You'll wander across pastures, fields full of wild flowers, people's gardens & fragrant orchards to discover an endangered world but which still survives here.

YOUR PROGRAM

Arrival in Maramures. You can arrive by plane from Bucharest late in the evening and spend the first night in the town of Baia Mare. If you arrive by car, you'll go straight to the first guesthouse, in Breb village.

Day 2 - Contemporary Maramures

Today we'll have the first taste of Maramures. First stop for the day will be in the town of Sighetu Marmatiei, after a short 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 at the foot of Gutai mountains where Prince Charles is owner of a beautiful old traditional house. (~2 hours, 8 km, +350m, -650).

Day 3 - Maramures by steam train

In the morning the guide we'll take you to Viseu de Sus village, where you'll ride the narrow-gauge steam train called Mocanita. This railway was constructed in the period 1933-1935. It was partially destroyed by German troops during the war, but was rebuilt again. It has primarily been used for logging, and is still used for this purpose. The small train will take you through breath-taking landscapes, a cool forest that was once a battlefield in WWI and stop at the end of the track for lunch. While eating a delicious meal, you can admire closely the artwork of the steam engine.

Once back in the village, you can do a 2h walk around the village and admire the fields & the Gutai volcanic mountains.

Day 4 - The oldest wooden church

Day 5 - End of the trip

Today, if you've chosen the first option the previous night, you get to visit several craftsmen in the village of Breb and



discover the local art of making the wooden gates or the traditional clothes.

If you've chosen to spend the night in Botiza village, you can visit today of the most impressive wooden churches, also part of the UNESCO heritage - the one from Poienile Izei.

After lunch, you pack your bags and your trip comes to an end. If you have a flight to catch, our guide will take you to Baia Mare airport.

Additional information

TARIFFS

850 euros per person.

INCLUDED

English speaking guide throughout the trip
Accommodation in family-run guesthouses
Meals (4 breakfasts, 2 picnics, 3 dinners).
Local transfers
Steam train ticket

NOT INCLUDED

Other transfers and/or plane tickets
The insurance
Meals as indicated and drinks, other than water
Site visits
Personal expenses

LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY

5 days / 3 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, with private facilities

SIZE OF GROUP

Minimum of 2 people.



DEPARTURE

In Maramures

DISPERSION

In Maramures

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 Plec?ri” (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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- The UBER and TAXIFY 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

Mandatory equipment

- Waterproof tracksuits (breathable Goretex type jacket and possibly trousers)
 - Warm fleece jacket
 - High walking shoes (preferably already worn)
 - Backpack for hiking large enough to carry all the business
 - Food
 - Water bottle (allow at least 1,5l of water at the beginning of the day)
- Walking Boots Should be sturdy and of good quality to handle all types of terrain. Ankle support is important. Leather, with a good durable sole, is the most suitable or, for people who prefer a more lightweight boot, Cordura/leather boots which have Gore-Tex or sympatex waterproofing. They should be well broken in and be of correct fit. Proof your boots before you leave home. Waxing your boots regularly prolongs their life.
- Lightweight walking shoes/sneakers For wear around towns & villages. They can also be a backup pair for your walk.
- Socks & Underwear Take only good quality socks with wicking and insulating qualities. Road test them before you go on the trip to be sure they are comfortable with your boots. Take a suitable quantity of underwear (washing facilities are limited).
- Several Shirts and Walking Trousers T-shirts preferably with collar and at least 1 long-sleeved shirt for sun protection. If you sweat a lot it is a good idea to purchase at least one t-shirt in a breathable material. These are fast drying, keep moisture away from your skin and are available from outdoor stores. The quick-drying loose-fitting trousers are popular. You should bring one pair of the loose-fitting type trousers to wear in cities and for evenings etc. Shorts for warmer weather.
- Warm jacket Fleece Polartec or warm wool shirt for evenings. This will be worn a great deal; be sure it is totally suitable for your needs. A fleeced jacket which blocks the wind (Windstopper) is the most preferable.
- Waterproof Jacket & Pants Must be waterproof, not shower proof, Gore-Tex is best. It must fit comfortably whilst wearing warm clothing and wearing your rucksack. It must have a proper hood, zipper flap and storm cuffs and come down over hips. Pants should have a zip on the side of the leg to make it easier to get them on quickly over boots.



-Daypack 24-35 liter rucksack is sufficient – make sure that it can hold all of your daily requirements such as water bottle or bladder, camera, warm clothes, and waterproofs.

Optional equipment

- Cutlery and pans for picnics
- Hiking poles
- Lamp (frontal preferably)
- Toilet paper or tissues for the day
- Solar cream
- Sun glasses
- Personal pharmacy