

Discover the authentic Maramures - guided 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 to Baia Mare, by night train from Bucharest to Baia Mare or Sighetu Marmatiei, or by day train from Cluj to Baia Mare or Sighetu Marmatiei. If you arrive by car, you can go straight to the first guesthouse, in Breb village. You will have a walk in the village and meet the local people, witness the local traditions. Included: dinner.

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 you will visit the "Communism Victims Memorial" created in the prison where the main opponents of the regime were detained, without a trial. You'll have lunch there and then 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. (~2 hours, 8 km, +350m, -650). Included: breakfast, lunch, dinner.

Day 3 - Maramures by steam train

In the morning the guide your guide will 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 afterwards. 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 down the mountains, you can do a walk between two picturesque villages typical for Maramures. Included: breakfast, lunch, dinner.

Day 4 - The oldest wooden church

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Day 5 - End of the trip

Today, 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, or to Sighetu Marmatiei / Baia Mare railway station. Included: breakfast.

Additional information

TARIFFS

850 euros per person.
Single room occupancy : 125 euros per person.
Small group: departure in case of 5 persons in the group (supplement to be paid per person). : 150 euros per person.
Small group: departure in case of 4 persons in the group (supplement to be paid per person). : 250 euros per person.
Small group: departure in case of 3 persons in the group (supplement to be paid per person). : 350 euros per person.

INCLUDED

English speaking guide for 4 days (Day 1-4).
Accommodation in family-run guesthouses
Meals (4 breakfasts, 3 picnics / lunches, 4 dinners).
Local transfers
Steam train ticket

NOT INCLUDED

Other transfers and/or plane tickets
The insurance
Other meals than indicated, any 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 6 people.

STARTING POINT

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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 day hiking (20-35l)
- Water bottle (allow at least 1,5l of water at the beginning of the day)
- Hiking poles
- Power bank

- 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 Fleeced 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.

Optional equipment

- Cutlery and pans for picnics
- Lamp (frontal preferably - some guesthouses don't have head lamps)

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- Toilet paper or tissues for the day
- Solar cream
- Sun glasses
- Personal pharmacy
- Your favourite snacks or energy bars

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