



MTB tour in Carpathian villages - self-guided

6 days / 5 nights

This 6 days Mountain Bike Tour will take you to the nicest areas of the Carpathian Mountains where you will most certainly enjoy the wonderful natural setting and peaceful atmosphere. If you are looking for thrills, look no further as this will be an unforgettable adventure among scattered villages, impressive mountain tops, and a very warm culture.

YOUR PROGRAM

Day 1 - Trip start in Bucharest

Your adventure begins in Bucharest. We will meet you at the North train station where you will board a train to Brasov. Once you arrived in Brasov, you will embark on a second train to Zarnesti, a gorgeous mountain town. Accommodation and dinner in a cozy guesthouse.

Dinner included

Day 2 - Zarnesti Gorges

Ride through the Zarnesti Gorges to the cosy Curmatura Hut. These Gorges were nicknamed by locals "The Abysses" because they present vertical walls of 200m and offer colours of an extraordinary variety, especially throughout autumn. The end of the day will bring you to a superb traditional village with great views to the crests of the surrounding mountains.

Accommodation in a traditional guesthouse. Breakfast, lunch, dinner included ~ 26km, +850m, -600m

Day 3 - Around scattered villages

Today you continue the cycling 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 to have stopped the time. You will see stunning landscapes of the surrounding mountains. Night in a popular village at the foot of Bucegi Mountains.

Dinner and accommodation in a lovely guesthouse. Breakfast, lunch, dinner included ~ 35km, +900m, -100m

Day 4 - Bran Castle

A small trip outside this pastoral world to visit Bran Castle. This castle, built in the 14th century, always had a role of defense against the migratory peoples. Later it protected Transylvania from the Ottoman invasions. The castle was also associated during a long time with the prince Vlad Tepes of Wallachia. Born in Transylvania, he is at the origin of the fictional character of Dracula. Today's trip ends in Rasnov, a lovely town, home to a splendid fortress from the 13th century. Night in a cozy guesthouse just next to the fortress.

Breakfast, lunch, dinner included ~ 20km, +400m, -500m

Day 5 - On the way to Brasov

Today you will ride through beautiful scenery, passing through Poiana Brasov, which is a very popular mountain resort and finally arriving in Brasov. Night in a 3* central hotel in Brasov.

Breakfast, lunch included ~18km, +500m, -500m

Day 6 - End of the trip



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

Additional information

TARIFFS

425 euros per person.

MTB rental : 65 euros per person.

Single supplement (price per person for a minimum of 2 participants) : 75 euros per person.

GPS tracks : 25 euros per person.

INCLUDED

Accommodation

5 breakfasts, 4 packed lunches and 4 dinners

Transfers - Day 1 and 6 Bucharest/Piatra Craiului and Brasov/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. Several 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 nights in cosy guest-houses in double occupancy with private facilities.

1 night in 3* 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 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).

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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?

- 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