



## Short hiking trip in Piatra Craiului

3 days / 2 nights

During this 3-days hiking trip you will explore the Piatra Craiului massif, some of the most popular mountains in Romania. Come and discover the variety of flora and fauna, forests and spectacular landscapes.

### YOUR PROGRAM

#### Day 1 - Arrival in the mountains

Arrival in the evening at your accommodation, a family guesthouse, located at the foot of Piatra Craiului. You will enjoy a tasty dinner, prepared by your hosts, with natural products. Dinner included

#### Day 2 - Zarnesti Gorges

Our walk starts with a warm-up descent followed by a nice steady climb through woodland trails that are mysterious and rich in birdsong. We will reach spots where we can take-in the views of the ridge of Piatra Craiului ("Rock of the King"). We will head to Curmatura traditional Romanian mountain-hut, where we will have a tasty lunch. On our descent we will cross the fascinating Zarnesti gorges - Jurassic canyon dig by waters - nowadays exhibiting spectacular 200m high vertical walls. Accommodation in the same place as the day the before (around 6h, 18km, +900m, -900m)

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner included

#### Day 3 - Bran Castle

Breakfast. If you have some more time, today you can do another hike:

Today we will walk on a small ridge going down to Bran castle. This castle was built in the 14th century and had a role of defense against the migratory people. Later it protected Transylvania from the Ottoman invasions. The castle was also associated with the fictional character of Dracula, who was based on the prince Vlad Tepes of Wallachia. Optional private transfer (13km) to visit Rasnov fortress. Private transfer to the guesthouse, where the trip comes to an end. (around 4-5h, 11km, +300m, -600m).

End of the trip



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## Additional information

### TARIFFS

120 euros per person.

Single supplement : 10 euros per person.

Private transfer Bucarest - Magura (1-3 pers) : 145 euros per person.

Private transfer Bucarest - Magura (4-7pers) : 210 euros per person.

2nd walk option (private transfer included) : 10 euros per person.

Luxury Accommodation supplement : 55 euros per person.

### INCLUDED

Accommodation

Meals

Road-book

Maps

Permanently reachable local assistance.

### NOT INCLUDED

Transfer

The insurances

The drinks other than water

Personal expenses

Visit entries

### LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY

Requires a medium fitness level. Maximum of 5-6h walking a day.

### ACCOMMODATION

Nights in guest-houses in double rooms with private facilities.

### SIZE OF GROUP

Minimum of 2 people.

### DEPARTURES

From April to the end of October.

### STARTING POINT

At the guesthouse located at the foot of the mountains

### END OF THE TRIP

At the guesthouse located at the foot of the mountains

### 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 TAXIFY 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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#### UBER/TAXIFY

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

### Optional equipment

- Cutlery and pans for picnics
- Lamp (frontal preferably - some guesthouses don't have head lamps)
- Toilet paper or tissues for the day
- Solar cream
- Sun glasses
- Personal pharmacy
- Your favourite snacks or energy bars