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. Optionally, we will brief you at the North Train Station. 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

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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. Train to Brasov then Bucharest. End of the trip. Breakfast included.

Additional information

TARIFFS

Price from 589 euros per person.

OPTIONS

MTB rental : 80 euros per person.
Single traveller supplement : 150 euros per person.
Single room supplement (based on a group of at least 2) : 60 euros per person.
D1/5 Private transfer from Bucharest OTP Airport to Bucharest train station or center or vice versa (base 1-3 pax, one way) : 30 euros per person.
D1/5 Private transfer from Bucharest OTP Airport to Zarnesti or vice versa (base 1-3 pax, one way) : 150 euros per person.
D1/5 Private transfer from Bucharest center to Zarnesti or vice versa (base 1-3 pax, one way) : 170 euros per person.
Welcome and briefing at Bucharest North station (per departure) : 35 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

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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.

SIZE OF GROUP
Minimum of 2 people.

DEPARTURES
From April to the end of October.

DEPARTURE
Bucharest train station.

DISPERSION
Bucharest train station.

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