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MARAMUREȘ is the place where time stands still. It is one of the few places in Romania and Europe where the old customs are still kept alive. Maramureș is a vivid museum in open space and it offers a real journey back in time.

BUCOVINA, on the other hand, is an idyllic place with awesome landscapes, spreaded villages and very famous for its painted monasteries and egg painting.



THE UNFORGETTABLE MARAMUREȘ & BUCOVINA

8 DAYS - 7 NIGHTS
AVAILABLE: all year round

The Merry Cemetery from Săpânța, Bârsana Monastery, narrow gauge steam train (Mocănița), authentic villages, Sucevița and Moldovița painted monasteries, egg painting craft, Marginea black pottery workshop.

DAY 1

We are heading to Maramureș, Poienile Izei village.

DAY 2

Visit to the famous landmarks: **The Merry Cemetery** from Săpânța (it is in the top 10 of the most interesting, unique graveyards in the world). In Săpânța we also have the workshop of the cemetery's creator, where the merry crosses are made. Nearby, we are going to stop at the impressive Săpânța Peri Monastery, the tallest wooden church in the world. In the afternoon, we will visit **Bârsana Monastery**, the most representative for Maramureș architecture.

DAY 3

Walk through the villages of Maramureș. Depending on the season, we will see different activities: women standing outside on the porch knitting; or **washing the carpets they make in a traditional washing machine called "vâltoare" (natural whirlpool)**, using the water from the river. We can see the men who boil and make the famous strong drink called **"horincă"** (60% alcohol proof), in **their own distilleries**. Of course, they

will be more than proud to invite you to taste their famous brew. We are not going to miss **the most famous craftsmen**. We will go inside their houses and see how they make **the famous wooden gates**; we will observe the women weaving carpets, bags or making **the traditional Maramureș hats**.

DAY 4

Today **we will do things very...very...slow!** Yes, you are in for a great experience: **a ride with the narrow and slow gauge steam train (Mocănița) on Vaser Valley**. Later on, if there is a celebration, festival, or a Sunday service at the church, we will be a part of it, sharing the joy and admire the beautifully coloured traditional costumes. Because it is our last night in Maramureș, we will have a special one, with traditional singers!

DAY 5

Today we are heading to the beautiful Bucovina, Paltinu village, driving on Prislop pass. On our way we'll have beautiful landscapes and a stop in Ciocănești village, declared a museum for its painted houses.

Day 6

We'll start our day with the beautiful Moldovița painted monastery (UNESCO), and find out about its stories over the centuries. Later on, we'll visit a local family and participate at their famous craft: egg painting, specific to Bucovina.

Day 7

Not very far from us, is another painted monastery, Sucevita, another place that is not to be missed. Close to Sucevita, we will stop at the black pottery workshop from Marginea, unique in Romania, and watch them live while they are getting the beautiful shapes.

Day 8

Last day, but with one more stop at Voroneț painted Monastery, unique for its famous blue, called the blue of Voroneț.

INCLUDED • transport • 7 nights accommodation • breakfast & dinner
• entry fees • guide services

NOT INCLUDED • other meals • personal expenses

DEPARTURE POINTS:
Arad, Timișoara, Cluj-Napoca.
Other locations available upon request.

500€ / person (for a group of 4 people)

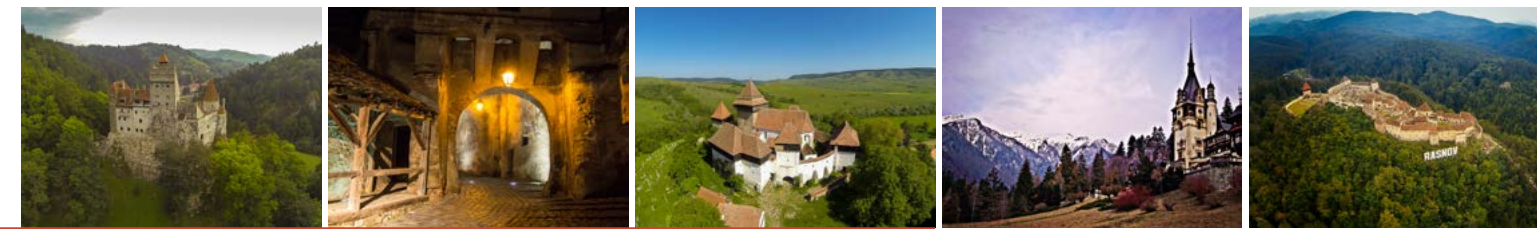
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Take a tour in the amazing Transylvania!

Explore the romantic medieval cities, hear the legends about Dracula, discover the beauty of the historical sites, enjoy the bucolic landscapes, walk on the beautiful streets in the countryside, watch and learn the oldest activities and... much, much more.



THE FAMOUS AND CHARMING TRANSYLVANIA

5 DAYS - 4 NIGHTS
AVAILABLE: all year round

Bran Castle, Peleș Castle, Saxon villages, medieval cities (Sighișoara, Sibiu, Brașov)

Day 1

Our tour begins with the lovely **Sibiu**, the former capital of Transylvania and the cultural capital of Europe in 2007. We will take the time and visit the old part of the city, and see some of the highlights: The liar's bridge, The Council Tower, The small square, The big square.

Further on, we are heading to **Sighișoara**, one of the most beautiful and best-preserved medieval towns in Europe. We will enjoy a wonderful and romantic tour in this charming town.

Day 2

Today we are going deeper into the heart of Transylvania. We will stop to visit a special place: **Biertan** Village and its beautiful Evangelic Church (XIV th century), which is an UNESCO monument. The church is famous, among other things, for its gothic style and the solitary room which was used to separate the couples that wanted to divorce. In the afternoon we have planned something special: a ride with an antique royal chaise through Richis village, exploring old crafts, the local beautiful fortified church and in the end, what could be better than wine tasting?

Day 3

We cannot miss one of the most famous saxon villages, **Viscri**, that Prince Charles is advocating for. This day is dedicated to various activities: roaming on the beautiful streets, biking trips to the coal makers, brick makers, blacksmith, women making wool shoes and socks or visit to a traditional sheep farm. Another thing that is not to be missed in Viscri is the fortified church, part of the UNESCO heritage.

Day 4

We are heading to the beautiful medieval city, **Brașov**. We will enjoy a lovely city tour and in the afternoon we will visit **Râșnov** citadel, one of the best preserved rural citadels of Transylvania.

Day 5

The most desired day has come! Not because it is the last one, but because today we are going to visit the most famous castles in Romania: **Peleș Castle** and... **Bran Castle** (Dracula's Castle)!

The first highlight of the day is the splendid Peleș Castle, built by King Carol I. The former royal residence, was built between 1873 and 1914, and it is a testimony of Neo – Renaissance architecture. Its amazing architecture and scenic location draw many tourists every year. Later on, we will drive to the notorious Bran Castle, and learn about Vlad the Impaler and Dracula's legend. The castle was built up on a hill, as a fortress, initially. In the 1920's it was donated to Queen Mary.

Transfer to the departure point of the tour.

INCLUDED • transport • 4 nights accommodation • breakfast & dinner
• entry fees • guide services
NOT INCLUDED • other meals • personal expenses

DEPARTURE POINTS:
Arad, Timișoara, Bucharest, Sibiu.
Other locations available upon request.

415€ / person (for a group of 4 people)

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The land of Hateg is one of the richest places in Romania, regarding the natural diversity and the density of historical vestiges. A land full of mystery, that combines the real past, palpable in all buildings almost “frozen” in time. This was the territory of the great Dacian Kingdom and the place where the romanian nation was born. Around 70 millions years ago, this was a part of a tropical island, surrounded by the waters of Thetys Ocean. The volcanoes marks can still be seen today as lava deposits on the bottom of the old ocean.



THE ANCIENT LAND OF HAȚEG

Corvin Castle, Sarmizegetusa Ulpia Traiana, Sarmizegetusa Regia, The Volcano Route, The Dinosaurs Geopark, Densuș Stone Church, remote villages

5 DAYS - 4 NIGHTS
AVAILABLE: all year round



Day 1
Heading to the Land of Hațeg, the place where legends were born. On our way, we have one of the most beautiful Castles in Romania, **The Corvin Castle**. We'll learn about its stories and legends and enjoy its charming views.

Day 2
We are now in Samizegetusa and we'll visit the ruins of **Sarmizegetusa Ulpia Traiana**, the impressive ancient roman metropolis, the former capital of the Roman Dacia. Further on, we have The Stone Church from Densuș (14th century), unique in the world due to its architecture, localization and mural paintings.

Day 3
Today, we have in plan to visit the famous UNESCO site, **Samizegetusa Regia** – The Dacian Fortress, from Orăștie Mountains. This place, a complex of sanctuaries, is full of mystery and controversy, through a series of monuments - sundial or sun andesite (similar to Stonehenge), or the sacred temple.

Day 4
Let's explore the prehistoric world of Hațeg, with its dinosaurs and dragons that lived 65 millions years ago, the bottom of the Thetys Ocean, on Vulcanano route. Today we'll see the lava marks, the volcanic bombs deposits and the prehistoric fossilized creatures. We'll learn very interesting things about all of these, and be amazed when we'll see the actual dinosaurs eggs!

Day 5
Today we'll get to see very remote places, villages, and get a taste of the rural life, isolated, and with people that are self sufficient, but living in the perfect silence of the nature.

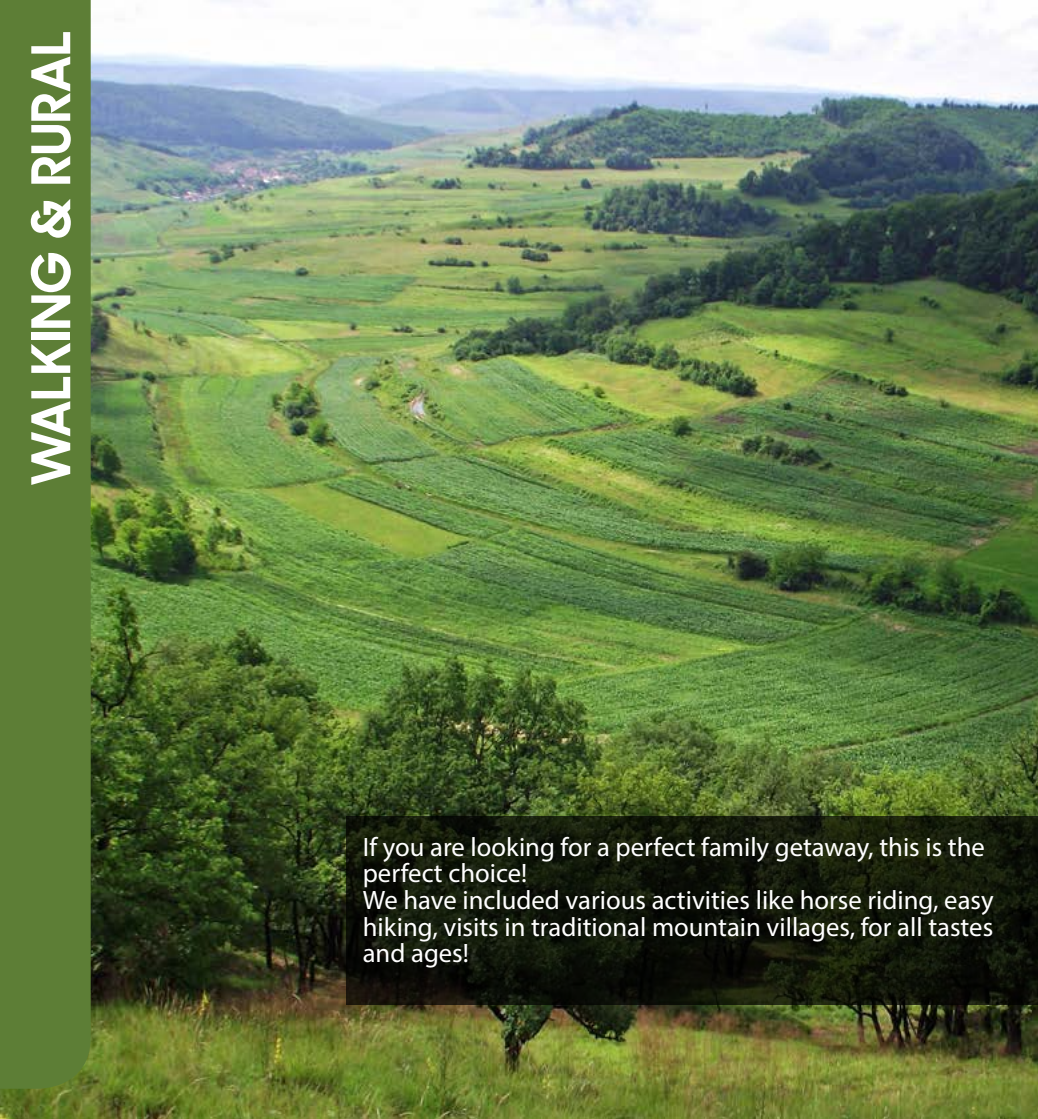
Transfer to the departure point of the tour.

DEPARTURE POINTS:
Arad, Timișoara. Other locations available upon request.

INCLUDED •transport •4 nights accommodation •breakfast & dinner •entry fees •guide services

NOT INCLUDED •other meals •personal expenses

390€ / person (for a group of 4 people)
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If you are looking for a perfect family getaway, this is the perfect choice!
We have included various activities like horse riding, easy hiking, visits in traditional mountain villages, for all tastes and ages!

Day 1

Pick up from Bucharest and drive to Bratocea Pass, near Cheia village. Get ready for a 6 hour hike in one of the most beautiful areas in Ciucaş Mountains, part of the Carpathians. The hike includes spectacular views towards Braşov, Bucegi Mountains, Pietra Craiului, the interesting rock formations in Ciucaş called The pans, The Tower of Goliath, and much more. But that is not all! We will climb on the highest peak, Ciucaş (1954 m). The view from up there is simply breathtaking! In the evening we will get back to Bratocea Pass and then drive to our accommodation. Accommodation in Cheia village, at a guesthouse.

Day 2

Another great hiking day starts early in the morning, after breakfast. This time we will visit another scenic area of Ciucaş, and go up on Gropsoare Peak (1883 m). The hike starts in Cheia, through the forest, and soon we will get to a large meadow. We will rest and have a cup of tea and then head for one of the most beautiful peaks in the area, Gropsoare. In the afternoon we will return to Cheia. We will then drive to Zărneşti, near Braşov. Accommodation near Zărneşti, at a guesthouse.

Day 3

In the morning we will go to a local guesthouse and do horse riding. This is a very good opportunity for the kids to get a taste of the local outdoor activities. In the afternoon we will drive to a very scenic mountain village, Peştera, and have lunch at a traditional guesthouse. The polenta with cheese is phenomenal! The day continues with some moderate hiking in the area, on the hills and through the forests. In the evening we will return to Casa Folea, where we will sleep for the night. Accommodation in Peştera village, at a guesthouse.

Day 4

After a delicious breakfast, carefully prepared by the owner, Rodica, we will drive to Braşov, one of the most beautiful medieval cities in Transylvania. After a short city tour we will drive to Viscri, the village that Prince Charles is advocating for. Did you know that his majesty bought two houses in the area? Accommodation in Viscri village, at a guesthouse.



10 DAYS - 9 NIGHTS
AVAILABLE: May – November.
Other dates available upon request.

LEISURE & FUN IN TRANSYLVANIA

Sibiu, Viscri, Sighişoara, Cund, countryside, horse riding, hiking

Day 5

This day is dedicated to various family activities in Viscri: easy hiking, biking trip to the coal makers, brick makers etc. We can select the activities depending on the season and availability. Another thing that is not to be missed in Viscri is the fortified church, part of the UNESCO heritage. Accommodation in Viscri village, at a guesthouse.

Day 6

It is now time to say goodbye to Viscri and drive to Sighişoara, the best preserved medieval city in Romania. Among other things, Sighişoara is famous for the beautiful clock tower, that goes back to the XIV th century, the Roman – Catholic church, and...the house where Vlad the Impaler was born. We will enjoy a tour in the old part of the city and then have lunch at a nice restaurant nearby. After the visit in Sighişoara we will drive to Cund, a very remote and scenic village in the heart of Transylvania. Cund benefits from some beautiful landscapes. Accommodation in Cund village, at a guesthouse.

Day 7

This is a leisure day in Cund. You can choose from different activities in/around the village: hiking, biking, horse riding, photography, truffle hunting (depending on the season and availability). Accommodation in Cund village, at a guesthouse.

Day 8

We will start early in the morning from Cund and drive towards Sibiu, former capital of Transylvania and the cultural capital of Europe in 2007. Before we get to Sibiu we will drive and make stops in some beautiful saxon villages: Axente Sever and Valea Viilor (both are old traditional saxon villages, with scenic landscapes). In Sibiu, we will take the time and visit the old part of the city, and see some of the highlights: The liar's bridge, Brukenthal museum, The Council Tower, The small square, The big square etc. In the evening we will drive to Sibiel, a scenic village outside Sibiu. Accommodation in Sibiel village, at a guesthouse.

Day 9

How about some hiking today, in the beautiful Cindrel Mountains? From Sibiel we will drive towards Păltiniş resort, and then start our hike. The trail goes through the quiet forest, where the children can stop, take pictures, and enjoy the fresh air. But.... before that, how about a trip back in time? It is still very common in Romania, in the countryside, to see the locals using the horse and carriage for their daily chores. We thought we'd offer you a ride around the village, the way the locals do it. How does that sound? Return to Sibiel in the evening. We cannot call it a day before we go and do some food and wine tasting at a local guesthouse. By the way, the owner is very proud of his distillery... Accommodation in Sibiel village, at a guesthouse.

Day 10

This is the final day when we will get back to Bucharest, and drive on Olt Valley. On the way back we will make a stop at Cozia Monastery, one of the most beautiful in the area, built around the XIV th century.

DEPARTURE POINTS:
Bucharest. Other locations available upon request.

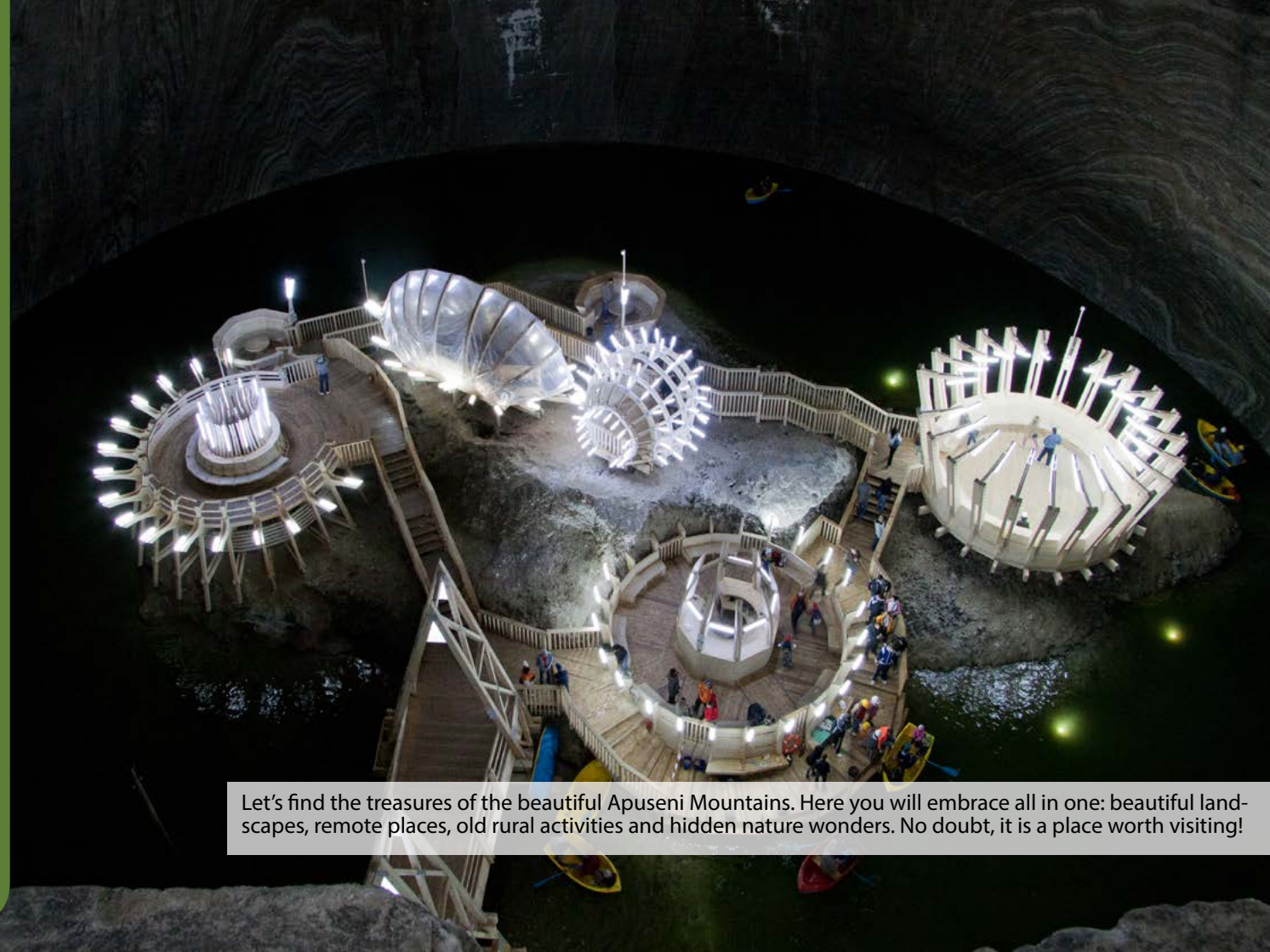
INCLUDED
•transport by private car or minibus (depending on the group size) •accommodation (BB) •guide services.
NOT INCLUDED
•other meals •entry fees at museums and churches •personal expenses.

949€ / person
(for a group of 3 people)

749€ / person
(for a group of 5 people)

619€ / person
(for a group of 6 people)

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Let's find the treasures of the beautiful Apuseni Mountains. Here you will embrace all in one: beautiful landscapes, remote places, old rural activities and hidden nature wonders. No doubt, it is a place worth visiting!



THE HIDDEN TREASURES OF APUSENI MOUNTAINS

5 DAYS - 4 NIGHTS
AVAILABLE: all year round

Turda salt mine, Roşia Montană mine, Scărișoara Ice Cave, Ghețarul de la Vârtop Cave, Craftman, women playing the 'tulnic', Ruginoasa Canyon

Day 1

Transfer to Turda to visit Turda salt mine. A must see in Romania, the salt mine dates back from the XVIIth century, and it is listed on TOP 25 of the most incredible travel destinations, recommended by Business Insider, visited by millions of tourists (both locals and foreigners). You will be amazed by this underground world.

Day 2

We'll roam on the streets of Poșaga village, with its great scenery and specific houses of this area and learn a few things about their daily chores. Further on, we will drive to Roşia Montană, the mining town. We will visit the Roman Galleries, which are among the oldest mining exploitations in Europe, where visitors are allowed to take more than a sneak peak inside.

Finally, we'll get to Ghețari Village, on top of the mountains, where we'll spend the night at a local guesthouse.

Day 3

We are now on Gârda Seacă Valley, and after a short and relaxing hike, we will reach The Stone House Hamlet. It is a small village inhabited by 20 families, with old houses spread out on the hills. The place is very remote and scenic, as you will see.

Nearby we will find The Vârtop Ice Cave, another unique place in Romania. Did you know that in this place the oldest trace of the Neanderthal man was discovered? The cave is a monument of nature since 1957 and it is very rich in concretions.

Day 4

On this day the tourists will visit another beautiful hamlet in Apuseni, Pătrăhăuști. Now it is their chance to discover the old traditions from the area. We will visit a local craftman and his small museum with ethnographic items.

We will pay a visit to the lady who plays the famous tulnic, an ancient instrument. She will perform a live demonstration to display her amazing skills such as singing and...weaving. After we taste the homemade delicious pancakes and blueberries

liquor, we will do a short hike to The Ruginoasa Canyon (Groapa Ruginoasa), a famous and vast natural phenomenon, a protected area. Ruginoasa Canyon is an enormous ravine. It was formed by rain and erosion and it is still very active.

Day 5

Today we'll visit the famous **Scărișoara Ice Cave** and the glacier inside it, the first block of ice, underground, in size, from Romania, and the second, in the world. While we descend through the vertical entrance of the cave, we start to feel the low temperature. Don't forget to put on your jackets and to enjoy the miracle of nature!

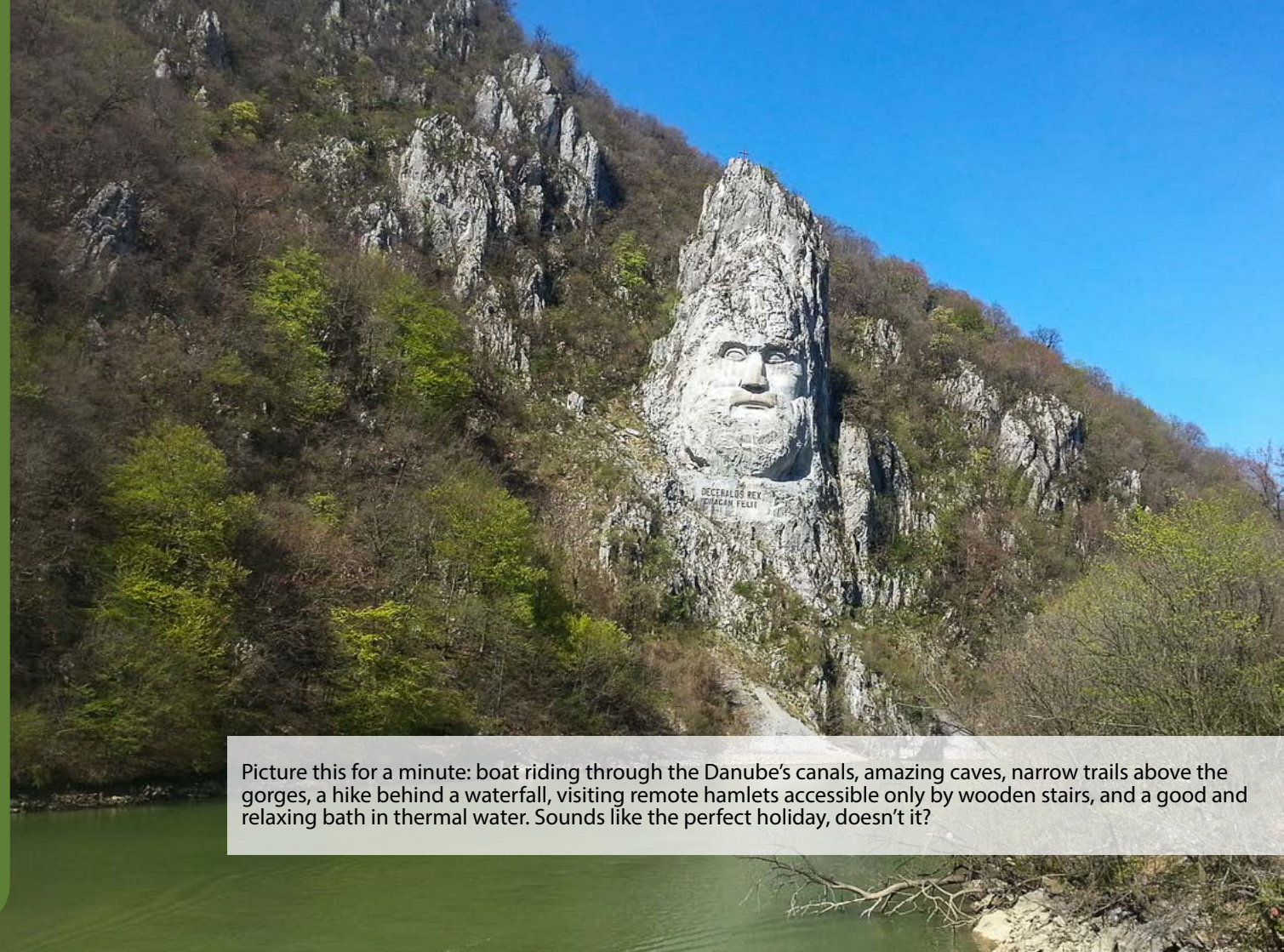
The beautiful journey in Apuseni Mountains ends but it leaves us with beautiful memories and pictures of a fairylike realm. A realm of stories and wonders of nature.

DEPARTURE POINTS:
Arad, Timișoara, Oradea, Cluj-Napoca.
Other locations available upon request.

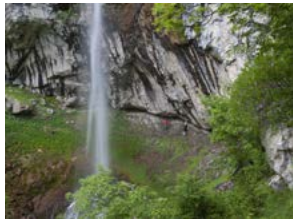
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NOT INCLUDED •other meals •personal expenses

340€ / person (for a group of 4 people)
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Picture this for a minute: boat riding through the Danube's canals, amazing caves, narrow trails above the gorges, a hike behind a waterfall, visiting remote hamlets accessible only by wooden stairs, and a good and relaxing bath in thermal water. Sounds like the perfect holiday, doesn't it?



THE BEST OF DANUBE GORGE & CERNA VALLEY

5 DAYS - 4 NIGHTS
AVAILABLE: all year round

Highlights: Danube Gorge, Decebal's rock sculpture, thermal baths, remote villages, gorges, hiking, waterfalls

Day 1

Today we are heading towards **the famous Danube Boilers** and from here we will start riding **a boat on the Danube**, where we'll have **a different perspective of the Danube Gorge**, getting right inside it. We're not going to miss the imposing rock sculpture Decebal's head, or the 2000 years old memorial plaque, Tabula Traiana.

Day 2

Today we'll enjoy a short and easy hike on a route that goes above the Boilers. We will get on Ciucaru Mare Peak, and we will enjoy **an amazing view**: Danube river flowing **through the majestic cliffs**. If you're here between May-October, we also have in plan the beautiful Ponicoval cave, which has a spectacular exit at the Danube. In the evening we will return to the guesthouse and we will enjoy dinner and **a delicious fish**, from the Danube, made by the locals.

Day 3

An adventurous day is followed by a more relaxing one, but exciting as well. On our way to the heart of **Domogled-Cerna Valley National**

Park, we have to stop a little bit in **the famous Herculane** resort, once known as „**The pearl of Europe**” and of the Austrian – Hungarian Empire. Although overlooked in the recent years, the landscapes around the city are amazing, and the place is known for its thermal water. **We cannot leave the place without trying the water ourselves, right? We'll enjoy our evening with an outside bath in hot thermal healing springs.**

Day 4

The first thing for today is to **enter the magic world of Tasna Gorges**. They are **wild, untamed, imposing**. This is the place where the **famous black pine from Banat grows**. The trees look like huge bonsai attached to the rock. Hmm, curious, isn't it?

In the afternoon, what do you say about **a trip back in time**? You may find this hard to believe but only 2 hours from the civilization we will find **hamlets** that are **completely isolated**, without electric power, no roads, **the only points of access are 4 stairways, vertically attached on the rock**. Oh well, they really exist, and they are not a touristic trap. We will spend the night at the peasants house, on top of the mountain, to live their real experience.

Day 5

After a delicious organic breakfast, we are leaving our hosts and move forward to the next hamlets of these mountains. We are going to see amazing landscapes, animals, other houses and beautiful locals.

Day 6

For the last day we have a short hike to the stunning **Vantura-toarea waterfall**, which offers an impressive show: **40 m high**, it falls over a rocky amphitheater. Isn't that cool? Guess what, we can walk behind it and take photos as well!

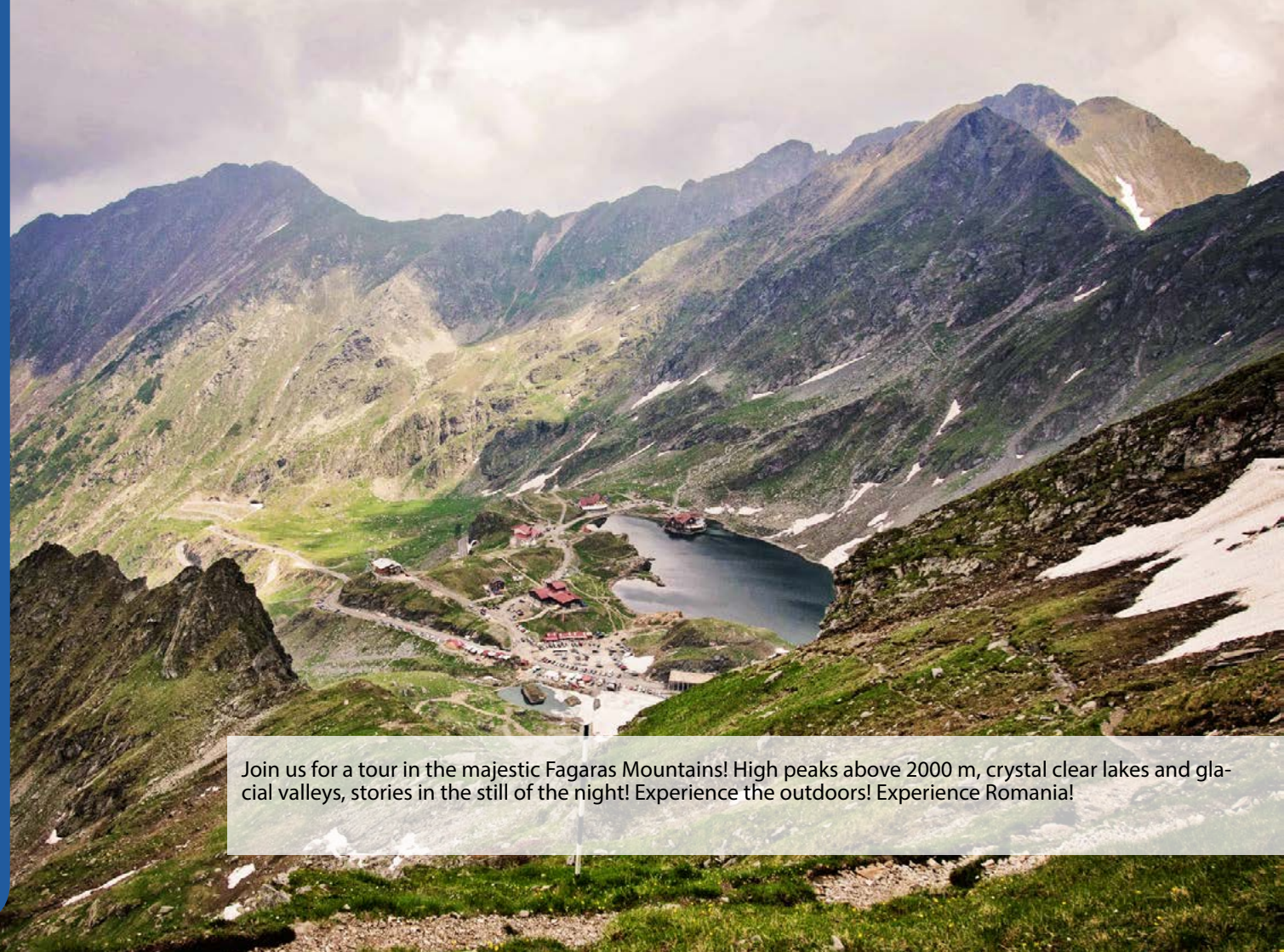
Our tour has come to an end but it leaves us with **great memories, amazing landscapes**, and with the desire to come back here again.

DEPARTURE POINTS:
Arad, Timișoara. Other locations available upon request.

INCLUDED •transport by private car or minibus •accommodation •breakfast & dinner •entry fees •guide services

NOT INCLUDED •other meals •personal expenses

340€ / person (for a group of 4 people)
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Join us for a tour in the majestic Fagaras Mountains! High peaks above 2000 m, crystal clear lakes and glacial valleys, stories in the still of the night! Experience the outdoors! Experience Romania!



THE MAJESTIC FĂGĂRAȘ MOUNTAINS

Moldoveanu Peak (2544m, the highest in Romania), Glacial lakes, amazing landscapes

5 DAYS - 4 NIGHTS
AVAILABLE: June – October
Other dates available upon request



Day 1

We'll hit the road to our great Făgăraș Mountains, also called The Alps of Transylvania. You'll have the chance to taste the famous Transfăgărășan road that goes up to our destination at Bălea Lake (2040 m alt.). We'll spend the night here, having in front of our eyes the beautiful glacial lake surrounded by mountains.

Day 2

This day is dedicated to an easy hike, meant to prepare us for the next day's challenges. We will go to Șaua Doamnei (Doamnei Saddle, 2198 m alt.) and then descend in the valley that has the same name. Along the way we will be rewarded with great views of Bălea Lake and the high peaks that surround us: Paltinu (2401 m alt.), Capra (2417 m alt.) and more.

Before we leave we'll discuss a little bit about
THE PLANNING OF THE TRIP AND THE BASIC EQUIPMENT.

The night ends with stories and good fun beside a cup of warm tea.

Day 3

It's time to feel the real taste of Făgăraș! For today we've planned a route that will show us beautiful lakes, high altitude trails and mountains... mountains... as far as the eye can see. They don't call Făgăraș the Alps of Transylvania for nothing!

We'll also have the usual interactive theme of the day: HOW DO WE ORGANIZE OUR ROUTE?

At the end of the day, tired but happy, we'll descend at Podragu hut (2136 m alt.).

Day 4

Yes, the big day has come! Today we will step on **Moldoveanu Peak**, the highest in Romania (2544 m alt.). If we're lucky enough we should see the famous blanket of clouds, characteristic to high mountains. But that's not all folks!

Today you have the chance to be the guides. We'll have a friendly chat about how to choose the route, how to walk and how to

recognize the landmarks that we see along the way. From Moldoveanu Peak we'll descend to Viștea refuge (2310 m alt.), our rest place for the night.

Day 5

This is the day when we say goodbye to our beautiful mountains. Depending on the weather conditions we'll discuss the route back to Bălea Lake.

DEPARTURE POINTS:
Bucharest. Other locations available upon request.

INCLUDED •transport by car •3 nights accommodation in a local guesthouse •guide services

NOT INCLUDED •meals •personal expenses

270€ / person (for a group of 4 people)
**For a larger group, please contact us for a customized offer.*



Apuseni Natural Park is definitely one of the most beautiful regions in Romania. Well known for the large number of interesting caves that attract thousands of tourists, the most imposing and splendid karst formations in Romania such as Cetatile Ponorului (Fortresses of Ponor) and the bucolic landscape with horses and haystacks, the whole area is a paradise for those who want both a relaxing and adventurous holiday. One will find here gorges, waterfalls, impressive rock walls, water caves and ice caves, to name just a few of the wonders from Apuseni. No doubt, it is a place worth visiting!



ADVENTURE & NATURE WONDERS IN APUSENI NATURAL PARK

Galbena Gorges, Cetatile Ponorului cave, Focul viu cave, Cetatile Radesei cave, vertical caves, waterfalls

5 DAYS - 4 NIGHTS
AVAILABLE: May – October
Other dates available upon request



Day 1

We are heading to Glavoi Meadow, the heart of Apuseni Natural Park, where we'll embark on a short walk to one of the most beautiful places in Apuseni, a karst plateau called **Lumea Pierdută** (The Lost World). We'll see some of the most impressive vertical caves in the area: Avenul Gemanata, Avenul Pionierilor, Avenul Acoperit.

Day 2

Today you're in for the **adventure** called **Galbenei Gorges Circuit**. You will visit **Focul Viu** ice cave (The Living Fire), then cross the wild and spectacular **Galbenei Gorges**! The crossing through the gorges is done on cables...which will make this even more adventurous! At the end of the gorges you'll have a beautiful surprise. It ain't over until it's over, so we've saved the best for last: the vertical **Bortig Ice Cave**, 54 m deep and 34 m wide! Just imagine how it's like to stand near it and look down...

Day 3

La piece de resistance for today is the famous **Cetățile Ponorului Circuit** (Fortresses of Ponor).

First, we'll pay a visit to the place called **Balcoane** (The Balconies), **amazing viewpoints** from where you see the impressive walls that guard the entrance of Cetatile Ponorului Cave.

After that, we'll cross the cave for almost an hour, making our way through big boulders and water. **The small waterfalls formed inside the cave...** are a real natural show with natural spot lights.

The exit of the cave is followed by a **short climb** on cables and soon we'll be facing the impressive portal of the cave which is 74 m high. This makes it the **biggest portal in Romania**!

Day 4

This area is called Padiș, so we have to visit the Padiș plateau. Today we have a beautiful journey through mountains, beautiful meadows with horses, cows. At Padiș, some peasants, shepherds, will wait for us with cheese, pies, milk and a warm smile.

Day 5

Before we leave this amazing park, we have just one more little adventure to taste: Cetățile Radesei (The Fortresses of Radeasa). Of course, being in Padiș, a fortress is made by Mother Nature. A beautiful active cave, with a few natural windows, where the light gets in, and a small but wild canyon at the exit!

The beautiful journey in Apuseni Mountains ends but it leaves us with beautiful memories and pictures of a fairylike realm.

DEPARTURE POINTS:
Arad, Timișoara, Oradea, Cluj-Napoca.
Other locations available upon request.

INCLUDED •transport by private car or minibus •accommodation •breakfast & dinner •guide services

NOT INCLUDED •other meals •personal expenses

370€ / person (for a group of 4 people)
*For a larger group, please contact us for a customized offer.



How would you feel like if you were to wake up in the morning...on the shore of a cristal clear lake, at 2040 m alt? You look around and you see the clouds moving around the high peaks, or a mountain spring flowing through small rocks and beautiful flowers...You would think you are in heaven. You are close to heaven, in RETEZAT NATIONAL PARK, one of the most beautiful and peaceful places in Romania. Some of the highlights here include the biggest and also the deepest glacial lake in Romania, 80 small lakes (iezero or tauri), over 20 peaks that are over 2000 m, an abundance of unique and amazing flowers.



HEAVEN ON EARTH – RETEZAT NATIONAL PARK

Bucura lake (the biggest glacial lake in Romania), Peleaga Peak (2509m, The highest in Retezat National Park), Retezat peak (2485m), amazing landscapes

5 DAYS - 4 NIGHTS
AVAILABLE: June – October
Other dates available upon request



MEDIUM - DIFFICULT



Day 1
We start from Poiana Pelegii, carying the big backpacks for the journey. The aim of the day is Bucura Lake (2040 m alt.). The route that goes to the lake offers some amazing views. Slowly but surely we are going deep in the heart of Retezat Mountains. Once we get to Bucura lake, there will be plenty of time for photo-graphy. Later in the evening, we will pitch up the tents.

Day 2
We start early and go to the highest peak in Retezat, Peleaga (2509 m alt.), which will offer a stunning 360 degrees panorama with all the surrounding peaks, big lakes, small lakes...Hiking on the ridge and coming from Poartile Incheise (The closed gates), we will get to Taul Tapului, with its beautiful and small island. In the late afternoon we will go to Pietrele hut, our accommodation for the night.

Day 3
This is a relaxing day. We will do a short hike to Taul dintre brazi (a beautiful and small lake mysteriously hidden in the forest), or we can go to Gențiana hut, for a cup of tea and a chat with

friends. In the evening we will return to Pietrele hut, where we are going to spend the night.

Day 4
Today we are back in the saddle and we go to Retezat Peak (2485 m alt.). Our route goes to Lolaia ridge, offering plenty of photo opportunities. Once on Retezat, we will feel the accom-plishment and the greatness of nature! From the peak we will descend to Bucura , take photos of Stânișoara Lake (on the left), and The Natural Reserve called Gemenele (on the right) – one of the last protected forests in Europe. Before we get to Bucura lake and to the tents, we will enjoy an insanely great...sunset from Bucura saddle. Sleeping in tents.

Day 5
It is time to get our tents from this idyllic place and return to Poiana Pelegii. Our amazing tour ends today but it leaves us with great mem-ories, hundreds of pictures and the desire to come back and explore this piece of heaven.

DEPARTURE POINTS:
Arad, Timișoara, Bucharest. Other locations available upon request.

INCLUDED	•transport by private car or minibus	•accommodation at Pietrele hut (2 nights)	•breakfast & dinner at Pietrele hut
	•national park fees	•guide services	
NOT INCLUDED	•meals at camping •personal expenses		

260€ / person *(for a group of 4 people)*
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MEDIUM

1 day

BRAN CASTLE & PIATRA CRAIULUI NATIONAL PARK

AVAILABLE
all year round
*Appropriate clothes required in
winter for the trekking part*

Early departure from Bucharest, to Bran County. It is a 3 hrs drive that will take us on Prahova Valley, through Sinaia, Bușteni, Azuga, Predeal, the beautiful mountain resorts. Soon, we will make the first stop at Dracula's Castle. Built initially as a fortress, the castle gained a lot of fame especially after Bram Stoker wrote his most famous novel, Dracula. The main character in his story shares a good resemblance with one of Romania's cruelest rulers, Vlad the Impaler....Why do they call him the Impaler? Just wait and listen to the story! Moving on, we will drive to a beautiful mountain village: Peștera. Benefiting from a stunning landscape, situated between Piatra Craiului and Bucegi Mountains, the village is the perfect destination for a relaxing and quiet day. We will serve lunch at Casa Folea and then drive through Măgura, another splendid village, close to Peștera. Soon, we will get to Zărnești Gorges, in Piatra Craiului National Park. We will walk through the impressive rock walls, and soon enter the quiet forest. In approx. 2 hrs we will reach Curmătura hut (1470 m alt.), and have a rest at the foot of the North ridge.

In the afternoon we will go back to the gorges, on another route, enjoying nature's beautiful landscapes. In the evening we will return to Bucharest.

DEPARTURE POINTS:
Bucharest

85€ / person
(group of 2 - 6 people)

**For a larger group, please contact us for a customized offer.*

INCLUDED •transport by private car or minibus
(depending on the group size) •entry fees
•guide services
NOT INCLUDED •meals •personal expenses



MEDIUM

1 day

FEELS LIKE HEAVEN

AVAILABLE
all year round
*(Special equipment is
required in winter.)*

Today we're setting course to one of the most beautiful and photogenic parts of Ciucaș: the Bratocea area. We start in the morning and drive to Bratocea pass, near Cheia village. Then, the route will take us for an easy walk, through the quiet forest, and then out, in a beautiful meadow. The meadow is a very nice place for a quick stop and photos. Moving further, the mountain starts to reveal its surprises, one by one: lovely trails, amazing viewpoints all around, the bizarre rocks in all shapes and sizes, the tower of Goliath... Did we mention that the area of Bratocea is one of those places perfect for panoramic photos? Don't miss that! The landscape offers great perspectives towards Bucegi Mountains, Piatra Mare and the city of Brașov. Slowly but surely we're getting closer to Ciucaș Peak, the highest point for the day and the highest in the massif: 1954 m. The view from up there is.... breathtaking! On our way down from the peak we'll make a few stops and look for the best places for photos. The mountain could be full of surprises.. We will call it a day in the Bratocea Pass and then head out for a good and rewarding meal.

DEPARTURE POINTS:
Bucharest

85€ / person
(group of 2 - 6 people)

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INCLUDED •transport by private car or minibus
(depending on the group size) •guide services
•meals •personal expenses
NOT INCLUDED



1 day

ABOVE THE CLOUDS ON TRANSFĂGĂRĂȘAN

AVAILABLE
june - october

Early in the morning we start from Bucharest and drive towards Pitești. After a drive on the west highway, we will arrive at Curtea de Argeș, home of the spectacular Curtea de Argeș monastery, built in the XVII th century. This is the place where King Carol the 1st and his wife are buried.

After a short visit at the monastery we will drive towards Bâlea Lake (2000 m alt.), on the famous Transfăgărășan road, in Făgăraș Mountains, built by Ceaușescu in the 1970's.

Hold your breath for the road is very windy!

Soon, we will get to Bâlea Lake, situated in a beautiful glacial valley, a must see in Romania. Surrounded by high peaks, over 2000 m, the area looks fantastic!

We will enjoy lunch in the area, at a nice restaurant, and then drive towards Cârțișoara, on the OTHER SIDE of Transfăgărășan, towards Sibiu County.

Again, the road is very windy and it looks very impressive. Along the way, we will stop for pictures.

DEPARTURE POINTS:
Bucharest

130€ / person
(group of 2 - 6 people)

**For a larger group, please contact us for a customized offer.*

INCLUDED •transport by private car or minibus
(depending on the group size) •guide services
•meals •personal expenses
NOT INCLUDED



1 day

FAIRYTALE CASTLE AND ANCIENT SITES

AVAILABLE
all year round

Today we'll visit Corvin Castle, one of the most beautiful and interesting in Romania and Europe, learning about its stories and great legends. The castle was built in the XIV th century. It served as a fortress until the mid-XIVth century, when it became the residence of Transylvania's ruler, Iancu de Hunedoara. Iancu upgraded the fortress transforming it into one of the most stunning castles in Transylvania.

It is one of the largest castles in Europe and figures in a top of seven wonders of Romania. With its charm, beauty and legends, this castle is visited by thousands of tourists every year.

Further on, we'll visit Sarmizegetusa Ulpia Traiana, the impressive ancient roman metropolis, the former capital of the Roman Dacia. Today, Ulpia Traiana remains in ruins, with a partly preserved forum, an amphitheatre, and remnants of several temples. Last but not least, we have The Stone Church from Densuș (XIVth century), unique in the world due to its architecture, location and mural paintings.

All these monuments are definitely a must see in Romania.

DEPARTURE POINTS:
Arad, Timișoara

60€ / person
(for a group of 4 people)

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•guide services
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1 day

MOȚILOR LAND

Beautiful people, Nature wonders

AVAILABLE
all year round

We start early in the morning and leave for one of the most beautiful areas in Apuseni Mountains. After a very pitoresque drive, we will explore the underground world, where we will find Scărișoara glacier, 3000 years old, the biggest ice cave in Romania. But that is not all. We will explore the nature, deep in the heart of Apuseni Mountains, and go to a very beautiful hamlet. Among people's houses we will find our local craft man, who makes these old music instruments, called tulnice, in his small workshop. We will visit Paraschiva as well, the lady who plays the tulnic. Maybe she will teach us a thing or two, although it is not easy at all.

Before we leave for the next highlight, Ruginoasa Canyon (Groapa Ruginoasa), we will taste some delicious pancakes and blueberries liquor. In approx. 30 min. we will find ourselves standing on the side of a giant ravine (500 m diameter, 100 m depth), an unique natural phenomenon.

How else can we end this amazing day?

DEPARTURE POINTS:
Arad, Timișoara

60€ / person
(for a group of 4 people)

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1 day

DANUBE GORGE

Nature, Beauty, History

AVAILABLE
all year round
(Exception for visiting Ponico
cave: May-October)

We'll spend our day at the most beautiful part of the Danube, The Danube Gorge, (Cazanele Dunarii).

The old Danube will mesmerize us with the stories, the impressive history, and the stunning landscapes with the trail carved through the mountains.

We'll go straight in the heart of the boilers, by boat or by car. Highlights include Tabula Traiana, Decebal's head (the highest rock sculpture in Europe), and Veterani cave, with many legends to tell.

The plateau of Ciucaru Mare (318 m) reveals a different perspective. We will do a short hike, above the boilers, which will offer an amazing view over the big river surrounded by big and impressive rock walls.

If you're here between May-October, we also have in plan the beautiful Ponico-va cave, which has a spectacular exit at the Danube.

During winter, we will warm you up with an outside bath, in hot thermal healing springs.

DEPARTURE POINTS:
Arad, Timișoara

60€ / person
(for a group of 4 people)

INCLUDED •transport by private car or minibus (depending on the group size) •entry fees •guide services
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tailor made

AVAILABLE
all year round

PHOTOGRAPHY TOURS

Through our photo tours, we invite you to discover the beauty...the magic...the insanely greatness of nature, but also to get a glimpse in the life of the beautiful people from the countryside, their long forgotten traditions, or their daily chores. More than this, they are all authentic! The photo tours are tailor made, and we would be more than happy to design it according to your portofolio wishes, because Romania has it all!

LANDSCAPE
They say an image is worth a thousand words. Having seen some of the most amazing places in Romania, chasing sunrises and sunsets through the lens, "shooting" wild goats on the narrow mountain ridges, or fog covered peaks, villages hidden in a misty valley, we can tell you that it is true. Whether it is a marsmallow like mountain top, the Brocken spectre in a blanket of clouds, or an impetuous waterfall that gives you goose bumps....we will focus and shoot!

PEOPLE, RURAL ACTIVITIES, TRADITIONS
Romania has a rich cultural diversity, and it is known as a land of contrasts. Roaming on the streets of the countryside, it is like a step back in time. You will find women sitting in front of their porches knitting or wool spinning; taking care of their animals and many other rural activities, in the old and traditional way. You can join all kinds of festivals, events, religious celebrations, where the ancient customs and traditions are still kept alive. Not to mention the diversity of the folk costumes, coloured and incredible beautiful, that can be seen very often in the countryside. And don't forget: romanian people are very friendly and happy to be photographed!

Even if you are an amateur or a professional, your camera will be in love with Romania!

Price: Upon request



1 day

AVAILABLE
all year round

BIKING IN ZĂRAND

Hills, Vineyards, Fortresses

We will drive to Șiria, Arad County, determed to climb Zarand Mountains ridge. Once in Șiria, we get our bikes, pump some air into the wheels and hit the road. We will go up to the Șiria Citadel hill ("Enlightened Fortress"), dating from the thirteenth century. Șiria fortress is a large stone building, which was reinforced with strong towers, today in ruins. Our journey takes us through the "slow" landscape, typical for these ancient mountains which, by their very soft structure, give a special charm to these hills. The next objective is Feredeu monastery. This place of worship was built near a healing spring. It will be perfect to taste the cold healing water, while listening to its story. Also, guests can enjoy panoramic views of the extensive gardens and vineyards dotted with picturesque wineries and huts. We will continue biking on the main ridge where diverse landscapes, dynamics and coloring of the seasons are natural elements that give value to these places. The tour ends at a rustic guesthouse, where after a traditional meal, guests can spoil themselves with wine tasting of the exquisite types of wines, specific to this area. If you are not to tired after all of these, we can continue with a short hike to Șoimoș fortress and enjoy the sunset above Mureș river.

DEPARTURE POINTS:
Arad, Timișoara

50€ / person
(for a group of 4 people)

*For a larger group, please contact us for a customized offer.

INCLUDED •transport •all transfers along the route •bike rental •guide services
NOT INCLUDED •meals •personal expenses



1
day

CANOEING ON MUREȘ RIVER

AVAILABLE
march-november
*other dates available
upon request

From Arad, we'll begin our canoeing experience, gently carried downstream by the waters of river Mureș to Pecica. During our journey, pushed by the waves, we let ourselves swept by the silence of nature , through the diversity of specific meadowy landscape.

The birds will accompany us from time to time, the wind will blow gently like a soft breeze...

After several hours on water, we'll take a break for a short walk to the Pecica city center where we will visit the old Gothic cathedral.

After lunch we will arrive on the opposite bank of Mureș river, crossing the bridge and visiting the Serbian Orthodox Monastery Bezdin and Bodrogu Nou, learning about its beautiful legends.

After a day full of adventure, we will return home, with serene thoughts and special memories of the places we have just explored.

DEPARTURE POINTS:
Arad, Timișoara

60€ / person
(for a group of 4 people)

INCLUDED •transport •all transfers along the route
•canoe rental •guide services.

NOT INCLUDED •meals •personal expenses



1
day

ECO-WATCHING

IN MUREȘ MEADOW NATURAL PARK

AVAILABLE
march-october
* other dates available
upon request

Our Eco-watching tour starts early in the morning, leaving by car to Cenad on the left bank of river Mureș. The first stop is a natural meadow, one of the few preserved specific habitats for the ground squirrel (*Spermophilus citellus*). The eco-watching tour continues with the search for the magnificent white-tailed eagle (*Haliaeetus albicilla*); looks more like a vulture and it is a protected species, becoming very rarely encountered lately. Following our incursion into the open landscape of the floodplain landscape, we will look for: nightingales, finches, many starlings, titmouse, tree pipit, flycatchers,etc. Our next stop will be in Pecica, at the Buffalo farm and Visitor Centre. At the farm one can find 17 copies of domestic buffalos. We will also have lunch in Pecica. In the afternoon, our tour continues on the left side of Mureș river, in Bezdin area, where a small path (circuit) through the maximum protected area (also the wildest), may offer the chance to see the big herbivores in situ. With a little luck, we can see albino fallow deers (*Dama dama*) – a rare phenomenon in the nature. The tour continues with the next target in the Periam – Cenad area, where in the summer we can see specimens of the european roller (*Coracias garrulus*), and bee eaters (*Merops apiaster*) – also protected birds that delights the observer's eye with their very exotic look and colors.

We will end this beautiful day with great memories and knowledge about the wildlife and the desire to return and explore some more.

DEPARTURE POINTS:
Arad, Timișoara

75€ / person
(for a group of 4 people)

INCLUDED •transport •all transfers along the route
•guide services

NOT INCLUDED •meals •personal expenses

This brochure includes a sampling of the many wonderful landscapes of Romania.
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The programs can be altered on the spot, depending on weather conditions and other relevant aspects such as the physical and health condition of the participants.

The tours are available in romanian and english.

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