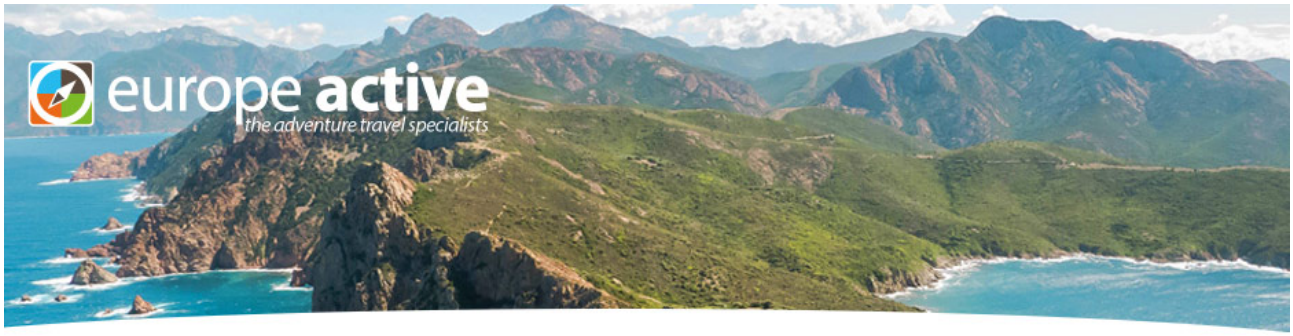

Snowshoeing in the Carpathian Mountains

8 days / 7 nights

This Transylvanian Snowshoeing tour will take us in two different regions of the Carpathian Mountains, highly appreciated by tourists from all over the world. The Piatra Craiului and Bucegi Mountains are especially well preserved and offer perfect surroundings for unforgettable hiking. You will understand this as soon as you will see the pure natural beauty and splendor of the landscapes. But what will impress you even more are the tranquil, peaceful rural areas where you will be immersed in a long forgotten traditional world. An unforgettable journey, a surprisingly step back in time.

YOUR PROGRAMME

Day 1 - Arrival in Bucharest

Arrival in Brasov. Meeting your guide at 18h at your hotel. Free time for dinner on your own and night in Brasov. Private transfer from Bucharest Airport available upon request. No meal included.

Day 2 - Traditional villages

Transfer from Brasov to Fundatica. This day has in store for us a splendid winter trekking that will take us across several countryside villages that are still today in absolute harmony with the nature. Amongst them we will have a closer look at the village of Fundatica which is probably best known for its pastoral traditions. Famous for its smoked cheese, this village will give us the opportunity to have a delicious stop when we'll have a meal. Dinner and overnight in a traditional guesthouse at the foot of the Bucegi massif.
Breakfast, lunch, dinner. (two sections of approx. 2-3h each, one of +100/-400m., the other one of +200/-200m.).



Day 3 - Bucegi Natural Park

Today's walk will take us in the Bucegi Natural Park. We will admire a wonderful and picturesque scenery from the foot of Bucegi' spectacular ridge. This special place will offer us breathtaking views over the King`s Stone Mountains (Piatra Craiului). Night at the same guesthouse as the night before.
Breakfast, lunch, dinner (approx. 5h, +/-650m).

Day 4 - The King's Rock

Our snowshoeing tour will take us today on one of the most traditional villages of the Carpathians Mountains. Single-trail paths through dark woods pierced by bright meadows will lead us to the National Park of Piatra Craiului. Dinner and overnight in a small, remote village.

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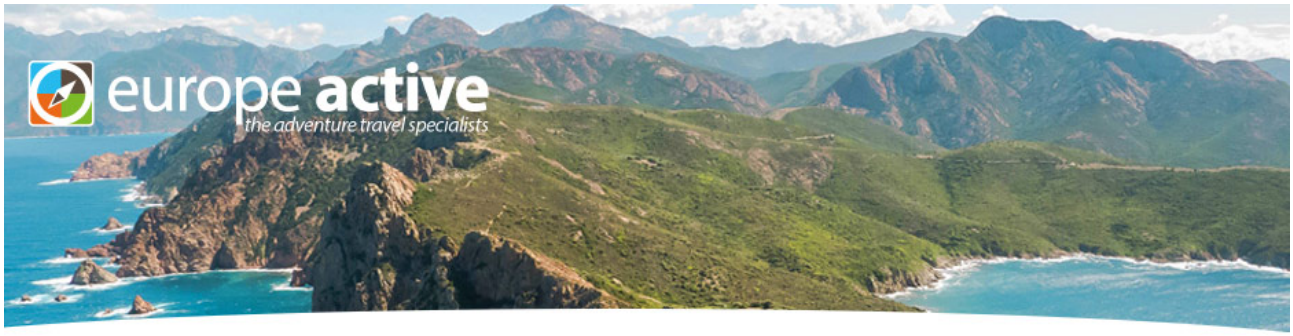

Breakfast, lunch, dinner (approx. 5h, +550/-550m)



Day 5 - Top of the King's Rock

Today we shall carry on in the foothills of the mighty Piatra Craiului, across sometimes inhabited, some other times wild scenery. In clear weather we shall enjoy great views of the Bucegi across the Bran Culoir. In the evening we shall be accommodated in a traditional guesthouse in Magura Village.
Breakfast, lunch, dinner (approx. 6h, +600/-600m)

Day 6 - Curmatura Hut

A longer walk today will lead us to the cozy alpine hut of Curmatura. After reaching the valley bottom, we shall have a steady climb to a beautiful meadow with opening views over the ridge. From there a beautiful trail in the woods on flat terrain will bring us to Curmatura where a fire and a tasty me al is waiting for us. After that we return to the valley passing through the impressive gorges of Zarnesti. Stone walls high as 200m will impress us while crossing the canyon. In the evening we shall stay at the same place like the day before.
Breakfast, lunch, dinner (approx. 5h, +550/-750).



Day 7 - Return to Bucharest

If Magura village is one of the most picturesque, we definitely have to go up on the peak of Magura to take in the views from the top. Astonishing views of the villages and ridges of Bucegi mountains and Piatra Craiului ridge are waiting for us! After lunch at the guesthouse, we shall have a transfer to Bucharest; optionally we can be driven by Bran Castle (no visit included). Dinner not included.
Breakfast, lunch (approx. 3-4h, +/-400m).

Day 8 - End of the journey

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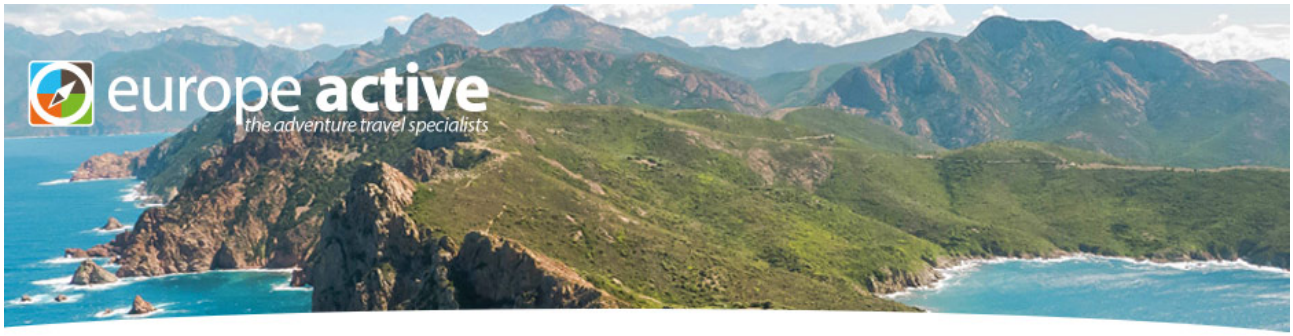

Breakfast at the hotel. End of the trip. Private transfer to the airport after breakfast upon demand.

Additional information

TARIFFS

Price from 1070 euros per person.

OPTIONS

Snowshoes rental (without trekking poles) : 55 euros per person.
Trekking poles : 20 euros per person.
Single supplement : 125 euros per person.
Transfer Bucharest OTP Airport - Bucharest city centre - max. 3 people : 30 euros per person.
Small group departure supplements: 5 people departure (per person) : 100 euros per person.
Small group departure supplements: 4 people departure (per person) : 150 euros per person.
Small group departure supplements: 3 people departure (per person) : 290 euros per person.
Small group departure supplements: 2 people departure (per person) : 540 euros per person.
Private transfer Bucharest city centre - Brasov, one way, price / service, 1-3 persons. : 160 euros per person.
Private transfer Bucharest OTP Airport - Brasov, one way, price / service, 1-3 persons : 140 euros per person.
Extra night, Bucharest, 3* hotel, price per DBL BB : 78 euros per person.
Extra night, Brasov, 3* hotel, price per DBL BB : 82 euros per person.

INCLUDED

English speaking guide (Day 1 in the evening - Day 7) with a first aid kit
Accommodation (Day 1 - Day 7)
Meals (7 breakfasts, 5 picnics and 4 dinners)
All transfers (Day 2 - Day 7)

NOT INCLUDED

Snowshoe and stick rental
Entry fees to attractions
Articles of personal nature
Drinks, other than water

LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY

6 days of snowshoeing.
Medium level (accessible to anyone walking regularly in the year).
Maximum of 5 hours of trekking per day.

LUGGAGE

During the hikes the luggage will be transferred between the accommodations by car. Just carry your essentials for the day (eg picnic, camera)

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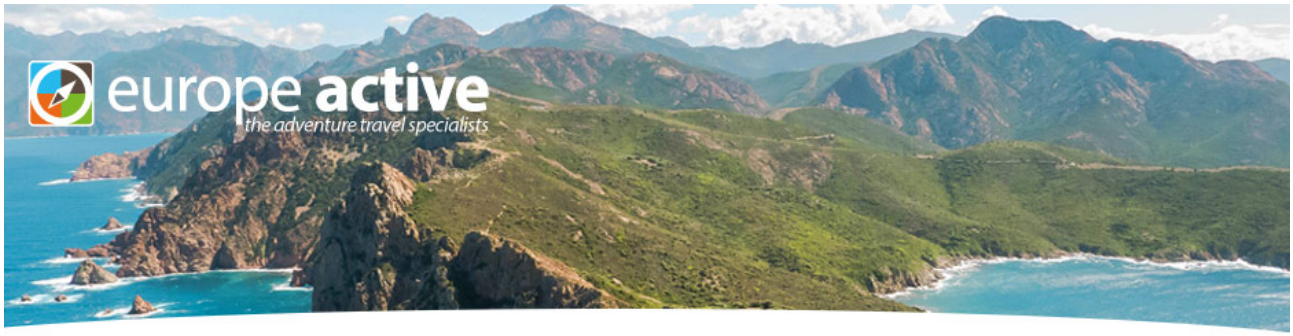

ACCOMMODATION

5 nights in guesthouses in traditional mountain villages (double rooms with showers and WC)
1 night in a 3 * hotel in Brasov
1 night in a 3 * hotel in Bucharest

SIZE OF GROUP

Minimum of 6 people. Maximum of 10

DEPARTURES

Other possible departures for groups already formed.

DEPARTURE

At your hotel in Brasov on Day 1, evening. Transport from Bucharest centre / Bucharest OTP Airport optional (train or private transfer).

DISPERSION

After your breakfast at the hotel in Bucharest on day 8. Private transfer to the airport optional.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Depending on the weather conditions, the route may be slightly modified. For smaller groups, some transfers can be made by train.

SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

Good equipment is the key to comfort during this tour. Starting with the insulating and waterproof boots that are the most important. Leather hiking boots can work as well, if they are waterproof. Do not forget your wool socks, wool and silk or synthetic socks with absorbent fabric liners that keep your feet warm and dry. Also have gaiters to prevent snow from entering your boots. Finally, avoid wearing cotton socks.

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