

# SELF-GUIDED HIKE IN THE FAGARAS MOUNTAINS

Everything you need to know

by Roamaniac

## At a glance

- 🕒 Five days' hiking 🏠 Six nights in huts and guesthouses 🗺️ Self-guided
- 📅 July-September 🚆 Access by train or private transfer
- 👤 Grade: ★★★★★ ↔ Total distance: 73.3 km ⬆️ 5100 m ⬇️ 4840 m
- 👤 Walking per day: 🕒 6 – 8 hrs | ↔ 11 – 22 km ⬆️ 800 – 1400 m ⬇️ 700 – 2100 m

! *This trek is suitable for experienced hikers only!* ! *You should be comfortable with technical terrain and be in good physical condition. Please read this factsheet before ordering.*

## What to expect

Explore **one of the crown jewels of the Carpathians: the Făgăraș Mountains!** Boasting Romania's longest ridge and tallest peaks as well as some of Europe's last primeval forests, you will experience **Romania's wilderness at its best.** Although popular with hikers, the Făgăraș never feels crowded. Never-ending vistas compete for your attention with **challenging technical passages.** Admire wildflowers, pick blueberries, encounter flocks of sheep, and try to spot chamois and marmots! The bears and wolves will probably stay hidden in the forest... After a day of adventure, unwind in a cozy hut and savour Romanian hospitality.



## Highlights

- 🏔️ Romania's longest ridge & tallest peaks: Moldoveanu (2544 m) and Negoiu (2535 m)
- 🏔️ A chance to spot wildlife
- 🏔️ Glacial lakes, blueberries and wildflowers
- 🏔️ Technical passages as well as pastoral landscapes

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-  Cozy huts & guesthouses
-  See the famous Transfăgărașan road
-  A chance to explore some of Romania's medieval towns

## What's included

 A **roadbook** (pdf, 15 pages) with a super detailed itinerary, and **everything you need to know** for a smooth trip:

- itinerary with detailed info about every stage (distance, elevation gain/loss, duration, waymarks, water sources & supplies, shelter & accommodation, overview maps)
- how to travel to the trailhead by public transport/private transfer & how to get away
- how to book huts & other accommodation en route + contact details
- overview maps • bad weather alternatives • health & safety info • weather & climate • useful words & phrases • budget • photos

 **GPX route files** for every stage of the route (to be used in app on phone or GPS device)

 **Support over the phone & WhatsApp** before as well as during your trip:

- schedule a **30-min phone call** before your trip to **ask any questions** you may have so that you feel well prepared
- call or message me **during your trip** if you need help (finding a bad weather alternative or booking a taxi for instance)

 I can also **take care of reservations** for you. This is an **extra service** (+ €, see below)

### Not included

Please be aware that travel to & from the trailhead, accommodation, meals and personal expenses are **not included** in the self-guided hiking package. You are responsible for getting your own **travel insurance** with adequate coverage for adventure sports and air repatriation.

## Itinerary

Day One	Travel to trailhead (Sebesu de Sus) by train or private transfer
Day Two	Hike Stage #1 ↔ 13 km  1040  4 hrs 30 mins
Day Three	Hike Stage #2 ↔ 14.4 km  1200 m  1100 m  7 hrs
Day Four	Hike Stage #3 ↔ 12.6 km  1380 m  860 m  8 hrs
Day Five	Hike Stage #4 ↔ 11.3 km  870 m  800 m  6 hrs
Day Six	Hike Stage #5 ↔ 22 km  610 m  2080 m  8 hrs 30 mins
Day Seven	Travel back from Vistisoara to your city of choice by train or private transfer

## Nearest airports & major train stations

Sibiu, Brașov, Cluj-Napoca, Bucharest

### Good to know

Don't book your flights or train tickets until all your reservations for accommodation are in place! When booking flights or train tickets, make sure you have ample time for surprise delays. Don't plan too tight! You may not be able to plan your ingoing & outgoing flights/trains on the same days as the journey to/from the trailhead, so consider adding an extra day at start and finish. If you are short on time, you might want to opt for private transfers; although more pricy, this will shorten your travel time to the trailhead considerably.

## Pricing & Payment

This package costs **€ 150**, regardless of group size (max 8 persons). After confirmation and payment you will receive the package by email within five working days. It consists of a pdf file and gpx files. Language: English

## Customize your trip (+ €)

If you like, I can also take care of reservations for you (accommodation, train or private transfer to the trailhead & away again). This is an **extra service (+ €)** which you can add at checkout. Cost: **€ 90** for all six bookings at huts & guesthouses; **€ 30** for booking transfers/trains. Please request this service at least two months before your travel dates. If you need any other type of customization, just ask and we can discuss what I can do for you!

## About Romania

Romania is a warm-hearted, bustling country, brimming with natural and historical treasures. One third of the country is covered by majestic mountains; most of the rest of it is rolling hills and countryside, occasionally dotted with a sprawling city. Many of these cities, such as Sibiu and Braşov, have enchanting medieval centres; you can easily combine your hike with a visit! Romania has a temperate climate with cold, snowy winters and lush, warm summers. Romania is the perfect place to feel wild and free, challenge your body and nourish your soul!

## What others say

Together with a number of friends, we embarked on a breathtaking journey through the Făgăraş Mountains under the warm guidance of Janneke. It was a unique combination of facing the adventure on our own, but with the help of an expert in the background. We thoroughly enjoyed it, and I would like to sincerely thank Janneke for her fantastic guidance. I highly recommend everyone to explore Romania at least once. What a beautiful country!

– Jan Hein van der Hoeven



## About me



I'm Janneke aka the Roamianiac. I fell in love with Romania back in 2005 and have been exploring the country ever since. I have hiked thousands of kilometres in Romania's mountains, mostly solo, and written a guidebook about them: [The Mountains of Romania](#) (Cicerone Press, 2020). I live there part of the year, speak the language, know what works and what doesn't, and have a lot of local contacts. With 20+ years of Romania experience under my belt, you can rest assured that you will get a seamless Romania experience! I can't wait to introduce you to Romania!