

The Mountains of Romania

Trekking and walking in the Carpathian Mountains

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This guide describes 27 short treks of 2-6 days and 10 day walks exploring Romania's Carpathian Mountains. From the Fagaras to the Retezat, the Apuseni to the Mountains of Maramures, the routes covers iconic and lesser known massifs and also includes an ascent of Moldoveanu, Romania's highest peak at 2544m. Some avail of the network of mountain huts; others offer opportunities to camp in attractive wild locations. There is also a wealth of advice to help you plan your trip and fascinating insights into Romania's rich and colourful culture and history.

The graded routes are as varied as Romania's diverse landscapes, taking in rolling hills, craggy karst peaks, glacial lakes and Europe's last virgin forests, with other highlights including Transylvanian castles, the painted monasteries of Bukovina and the spectacular Sapte Scari (Seven Ladders) and Turda Gorges. Historic towns such as the Saxon citadel of Brasov and the spa resort of Vatra Dornei offer easy access to the mountains; other routes visit remote villages that have changed little over the centuries, where self-sufficiency is still very much the way of life.

Overviews and a route summary table make it easy to choose an appropriate excursion. Each route includes clear description and mapping, as well as notes on accommodation and access (some can be accessed by public transport, although others require either pre-arranged pick-up or hitchhiking). With hut listings, useful contacts and a helpful glossary, the guide has everything you need to discover the unspoilt beauty of Romania's mountains.

Key marketing points

Includes day walks and multi-day treks in an accessible mountain region
Romania is the perfect place to roam wild and free

About the author

Janneke Klop has been exploring Romania since 2005, having previously been an English teacher. She writes about her Romanian adventures at www.roamaniac.com and also offers guided tours. She lives in Ghent, Belgium and is an active member of the Klim- en Bergsportfederatie (Climbing and Mountaineering Belgium) and Grote Routepaden (Grandes Randonnées).

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