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APPLICATION FORM

Please apply until the 1st of April 2023

The maximum number of participants is 15 people for each group.

The registrations will be considered after their arrival in time.

ISU-Excursion Botanical excursion 2023 – The Carpathians, Romania

12 June - 17 June 2023 (Group I)

19 June - 24 Juni 2023 (Group II)

Participant 1

Title: Ms. Mr.

Name/first name: -----

Address: -----

Town/Postcode/Country: -----

Mobil number:/Email: -----

Date of birth: -----

Participant 2

Title: Ms. Mr.

Name/first name: -----

Address: -----

Town/Postcode/Country: -----

Mobil number:/Email: -----

Date of birth: -----

Cancellation apply:

Until 31. April 2023: 50 % if no replacement person is found

From 01. May 2023: 100 % if no replacement person is found

Please remember to take out adequate travel insurance cover and note the entry requirements for your country!

Payment

Payment of 100 € is to be made by credit card in advance after confirming. After 1st of December 2022 the ISU will inform about the prices based on the number of participants like written in the programme. The remaining amount is payable until the 1th of March 2023.

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Legally binding signature

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Botanical tour 2023 – The Carpathians, Romania

Group I: 12 – 17 of June / Group II 19 – 24 of June



The Southern Carpathians (also known as the Transylvanian Alps) are a mountain range that you will visit and be delighted to admire in many of our private guided tours. They span over a distance of almost 340 km (210 miles) and are the epicenter of mountainous beauty and wildlife in Romania. To the south they are bordered by the Balkan mountain range.

The Southern Carpathians are the second highest group of mountains in the Carpathian Mountain range (after Tatra), reaching heights of over 2,500 meters (8,250 ft). Although lower than the Alps, they have a pure alpine landscape and can reveal harsh conditions. Their high mountain character, combined with great accessibility, makes them popular with tourists and scientists.

Transfagarasan Road, which we will use were describes as "The best road in the world" – by Jeremy Clarkson in a Top Gear episode, while comparing it to a racetrack. Still, Transfagarasan offers so much more besides the amazing driving experience, as it connects the south of Romania to Transylvania, going straight across the impressive Fagaras Mountains through five tunnels and countless hairpin turns.

Stunning mountain views are guaranteed along the most beautiful road in Romania. The road cuts right through the highest mountains in Romania, so be prepared to see some breathtaking landscapes on the way. The most popular tourist attractions along the road are Vidraru artificial Lake and dam and Balaia Glacier Lake, where we will stay.

Geir Moen, the botanical tour guide of this excursion

Program (minor changes may be necessary)

The pick up point will be at the airport, but the guides will be in Bucharest from the morning and it will be possible to arrange pick up at hotels as well, if needed.

June 12/19

- Fly into Bucharest airport
- Transport to Balea Lac mountain hotel in Fagaras mountains.
- Dinner at the hotel



Balea Lac mountain hotel



Campanula alpina



Aquilegia transsilvanica

June 13/20 (Fagaras mts.)

- Breakfast (make sandwiches for lunch)
- Botanizing
- Lunch in the mountains
- Dinner at hotel



June 14/21 (Fagaras mts.)

- Breakfast
- Botanizing
- Lunch at hotel
- Transport to hotel in Bucegi mountains area (Sinaia village)
 - o We might have a stop in the old Transylvanian city Brasov if there are any interest
- Spare time for individual activities
- Dinner at hotel

June 15/22 (Bucegi mts.)

- Breakfast at hotel (make sandwiches for lunch)
- Botanizing
- Lunch in the mountains
- Dinner at hotel (or local restaurant)



June 16/23 (Piatra Craiului mts. / alternatively Bucegi mts.)

- Breakfast at hotel (making sandwiches for lunch / or other alternative)
- Transport to Piatra Craiului /or Bucegi mts.
- Botanizing in meadows, ravine and/or mountains
- Lunch in field
- Transport to hotel
- Dinner



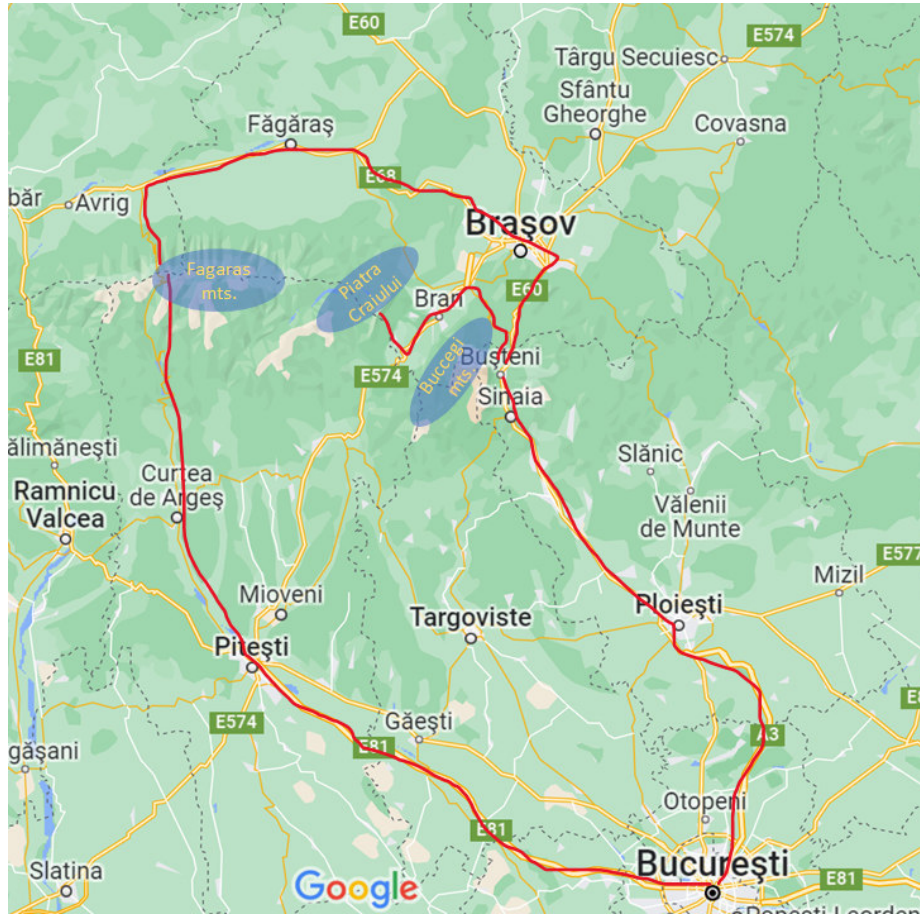
June 17/24

- Transport to Bucharest

Return home

The guides will ensure that all participants catch their flights 17th and 24th, but it is not possible to make several trips from the mountains to the airport the final day.

Overview of the route



Accommodation

We will spend two nights at Balea Lac mountain hotel, and three nights at hotel in Sinaia.

Costs

Estimated total price for the Botanical Tour 2023:

ISU-members 1.095,00€, non ISU-members: 1.195,00€

Please note that the price is based on today's actual prices for fuel and accommodation – there might be some changes due to changed prices from bus company and/or hotels. **Flights are not included in the price**

Included in the price:

- 5 nights in hotel. Note that the price is for twin/double rooms. Single rooms might be possible for an extra fee. If you prefer a single room, please let me know so I can check out the availability and price.
- 3 meals a day. Breakfast at hotel, lunch in field and dinner at hotel. Soft drinks during the meals and still water in field are **included**. Alcohol need to be paid individually by the participants.
- Bus and driver for the whole tour.
- Local- and botanical guide.
- Any admission fees for group activities

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Advice

Beside normal equipment for hiking Geir Moen would mention:

- The weather might change rapidly in these mountains, so it will be good to have some light rain clothes and extra wool underwear in the backpack.
- Bring a small backpack for daily walks.
- A lunch box and thermos to bring coffee/tea for lunch in field.
- Most things can be bought, but up in the mountains it is limited access to shops. So, bringing an extra memory card for the camera is smart.
- If you have a pair of (small) binoculars it could improve the nature experiences.
- We will bring first aid kit and some other basics.

How healthy should participants be to take part?

Is the tour very exhausting? The tour is not very demanding as we basically drive all the way up to the mountains. From the arrival point in Fagaras you can choose to walk up the slopes surrounding the glacier lake, while in Bucegi we drive the bus up to the mountain plateau, so the walk is not demanding at all. For the final possible destination Piatra Craiului we will give an option to botanice in the valley/ravine, or to walk all the way up to the higher altitudes. The last option is a bit more demanding as it is about 2 hours walk.

Recommended literature about the plants you can recommend

There are a few locally published books, but they are not easy to find. Jim Jeremyn's book from 2005 "Alpine Plants of Europe: A Gardener's Guide" have one chapter about the Carpathians (10 pages).

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