Walking / Bird watching tours offer for EOU2019

Post-Conference Tour to Brasov and surroundings
August 31 – September 05

Tour description:
The land of the Transylvanian Saxons is rich in cultural and natural heritage. From a lowland crossed by the Olt river, to the highest alpine peaks (over 2500m), you will find a varied landscape, and a cultural diversity with built heritage, lovely cities, remote villages, and amazing traditions.

Itinerary:
We try to offer a varied itinerary, with different attractions, but we are flexible regarding to this program, and you can choose your favourite environment. Also, the itinerary can be modified because of the meteo conditions, the team fitness level, and other objective circumstances.

1st day: - as always on the first day we will pick you up from Cluj Napoca, and we will travel to Brasov city (4-4.5 hour drive). In the afternoon we will guide you around the old town of Brasov, and we will hike (or take the cable car) up to Tampa peak for an aerial view over the city.
2nd day: - after cca 1.5 hour drive up to the alpine region, reaching almost 2000m by the minibus, we will walk along the edge of the eastern side of Bucegi mountains, first to the Babele hut, then descending to Caraiman hut and walking along a ledge to the Heroes Cross monument. The whole walk will be more than 1200 meter above the Prahova valley. It will be an easy to moderate walk (please check the route details below). Birds you may see here are listed below (1st list).
Later in the afternoon, we will visit the bear hide to meet the legendary inhabitant of the Carpathians, the brown bear (optional – entrance fee of 25 Euro/pers.)
3rd day: - tour to Malaesti valley – Bucegi mountain. It is one of the most beautiful valleys in all Carpathians. Surrounded by high cliffs, and mighty peaks, we may see some chamois too. It will be a longer walk (cca 2.5 hour) from the forestry road to the glacial valley (*please check the route details bellow*), but as we will reach the hut above the forest line, you will be in a gorgeous alpine surrounding. From the hut we can walk further into the valley, or to stay around the hut to simply enjoy the view and observe wildlife. Birds you may see here are listed below (*1st list*).
4th day: early in the morning we will start at the lakes around Rotbav village (25km from Brasov), known as a bird paradise. We will spend there several hours monitoring wildlife. Birds you may see here are listed below (2nd list).

In the late afternoon, we will reach the Magura village, situated between Bucegi and Piatra Craiului mountains, for a spectacular sunset landscape.

5th day: Early in the morning we will visit Dumbravita lakes, called also the „Delta between mountains”. After this we will change the scenery to a limestone mountain environment. The Piatra Craiului mountain will be a perfect place to spend a half day with hiking in this beautiful canyon (please check the route details bellow), and from there, in the afternoon, we can easily reach the famous Bran (Dracula) castle (optional of course). Birds you may see here are listed below (3rd list).
6th day: - transfer Brasov – Cluj Napoca.

**Required equipment:** hiking boots, proper outdoor multiple layer clothing, raincoat, sun cream, water bottle, small backpack, and of course your camera and binocular

**Transfer:** we will use a minibus, so we will accept a maximum of 7 persons – and a minimum of 5.

**Last booking day:** 31 of May

**Payment:** an advance of 30% until 15th of June, the rest before the arrival.

**Accommodation:** pension in or around Brasov, based on double occupancy

**Not included in price:** insurance, equipment, meals*, drinks and tips.

*for meals your guide will recommend the proper restaurants, and will accompany the group

**Price:**
- for 5 persons – **449 Eur/person.**
- for 6 persons – **399 Eur/person.**
- for 7 persons – **373 Eur/person.**

For reservation, payments and any other information please contact your guide:

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*1st list* - Water pipit, Common swift, Golden eagle, Northern wheatear, Coal tit, Black redstart, Marsh tit, Dunnock, Goldcrest, Eurasian siskin, Lesser whitethroat, Eurasian wren, Ring ouzel.

*2nd list* - Great reed warbler, Marsh warbler, Sedge warbler, Eurasian reed warbler, Grey heron, Purple heron, Squacco heron, Common pochard, Ferruginous duck, Whiskered tern, White-winged tern, Black tern, Western marsh harrier, Little egret, Common moorhen, Little bittern, Yellow-legged gull, Black-headed gull, Savi's warbler, Gadwall, Pygmy cormorant, Black-crowned night heron, Great crested grebe, Water rail, Eurasian penduline tit, Little grebe, Little crake.

*3rd list* - Eurasian sparrowhawk, Eurasian reed warbler, Eurasian bittern, Hen harrier, Western jackdaw, Corn bunting, Common reed bunting, Collared flycatcher, Gull-billed tern, Common linnet, Eurasian wigeon, Osprey, Willow warbler, Black-necked grebe, European pied flycatcher, Little grebe, Greylag goose.