

Brown Bear Watching in the Wild

Offer available between: 2018-05-18 and 2018-10-31, 2019-04-14 and 2019-10-31

Duration: 3 h



Description:

Guaranteed departures: daily between April 15 - October 15.

On request: for the rest of the year.

Meeting point: The History Museum Piata Sfatului Square - Depending on the sunset time the tour starts at 4:30 pm or 5:30 pm. You will be advised on the exact starting time and availability after you have booked the trip. Returning time is after 9:00 pm. Our guide holds the sign "Meeting Point GUARANTEED DEPARTURES DAY TOURS".

Important: You have to make the booking 1 day in advance until 8 PM!

Duration 3 - 4 hours.

Rate: 45 euro/person (minimum 2 people, for 1 person the rate is as for 2 people)

Brown bears (*Ursus arctos*) have a large global distribution which reflects their ability to adapt to a variety of habitats. The brown bear's principal range includes parts of Russia, India, China, Canada, the United States (mostly Alaska), Scandinavia and the **Carpathian region (especially Romania)**. There are estimated to be more than 200.000 brown bears worldwide, with approximately **5.500 individuals in the Carpathian region of Romania**. They are amongst the largest living carnivores and can grow to an enormous size, males up to 350kg, and females to 200kg. Adult males tend to be on average 8 to 10% larger than females. They have good hearing, an excellent sense of smell and can live for up to 30 years.

We offer you the opportunity to see and admire the brown bears in their own habitat from a specially designed observation hide in the Transilvanian forest.

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The forest ranger takes you in the forest, on a mountain path, walking for a few hundred meters to the hide where you wait quietly for wildlife watching (walking time aprox. 20 minutes). There are high chances (statistically more than 80%) to spot the Carpathian Brown Bear, sometimes a female with her cubs, sometimes a larger male bear, but you can also spot the wildboar, roe deer and red deer, wolves, linx and even some game birds.

Note: we cannot guarantee 100% that you will be able to see any of the wildlife listed above. Do not forget that wildlife have their own way of living and we, humans, try to approach them as much as possible in their natural habitat.

Please use normal clothing - do not dress up with bright colors.

Do NOT use any perfume.

Do NOT bring any food with you.

Included: transfer from Brasov to the bear hide and back access into the restricted wildlife area services of a Forest Ranger to accompany you to the bear hide and back, also for your protection, the forest ranger could carry a gun for extreme situations photo tax - only for personal use

Not Included: photo tax - for professional use; available for extra price any meal tips / gratuities

Terms:

When you are the first client on this date, tour price is 90 euro (the system lets you book for a minimum of 2 persons). When a second client signs in for the tour you will get back 45 euro.

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TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR ACTIVE TRAVEL CULTURAL, BIKING, TREKKING & HIKING TOURS

IMPORTANT: All clients and participants in the programs offered by ACTIVE TRAVEL, must read and understand the following lines. They must agree with all the conditions presented below in order to be able to participate at any tour, mountain trip or any other form of activities organized by ACTIVE TRAVEL.

The basic equipment needed for a mountain trip during summer time:

40-60 litre backpack, chosen according to the tour type.

Mountain boots covering your ankles; 2 additional pairs of socks.

Rain wear, jacket and pants. I recommend you to have the jacket and pants, so you will be protected from rain and windy weather. A rain poncho will do too, but only if there are no windy conditions outside.

Cap, gloves, sunglasses and sunscreen. I strongly advise you to carry a cap and gloves with you - even during the summer season - because it could be quite cold at altitudes over 1700 m.

Warm clothes. One or two Polartec/Fleece sweaters.

Of course, you can add your personal belongings to the minimum equipment mentioned above.

In case you have forgotten parts of your compulsory equipment at home, please be so kind as to let me know about it before starting the tour.

Also, please keep in mind that tourists who do not have their basic equipment with them, are not allowed to participate at the tour.

Assuming risks. Warranties.

Participation in trekking, group tours, expeditions, exploration of flora and wild fauna or any other form of touristic round or holiday organized by ACTIVE TRAVEL might involve certain risks and dangers.

These risks include but are not limited to the following situations:

Trips on mountain terrain, rivers and forests.

Travel by car, bus, mini-bus, terrain cars or any other means of transport

Accidents or sicknesses in isolated areas, with or without medical facilities with/without the possibility of evacuation against a cost.

Accidents caused by natural hazards.

Changes of itinerary due to causes independent from the agency's will.

Cancellation of tours or trips due to causes independent from the agency's will.

Taking in consideration the above, and through the payment for the right to participate to such trips or other services and activities organized by the company mentioned above, I hereby assume full responsibility for the actions I take, for the causes, duties, law-suits, requests or complaints of any type, hereby present or which could arise in the future due to the trip or in connection with it, or due to participation in activities organized for me by the above mentioned company.

I have read this document representing the assuming of risk and a guarantee for me and my inheritance, for administrators, executors and all family members, including all minors who join me. I hereby agree and accept all risks involved, dangers and mentioned conditions. Also, I agree with all the conditions mentioned above and with the payment of supplementary costs which might come up during the travel.

Limitation of responsibility

ACTIVE TRAVEL offers for its programs: transport, accommodation and other services provided by various services providers, as well as the professional mountain guide service offered ACTIVE TRAVEL, its owners or employees, contractors and providers of means of transport and/or any other needed transport services. Thus, ACTIVE TRAVEL is relieved of any responsibility concerning accidents, losses or personal damage which might result as a consequence of air, water or land transport or any other means of transport which are independent of his control. The use of any vehicle or mean of transport for this trip is the entire responsibility of companies or individuals which provide these services for passengers. These service providers (physical or legal entities) are responsible according to the existing legislation within the territory of Romania, all incidents being written down locally.

The contracted transport companies are licensed for transport of groups of people, according to the legislation within the territory of Romania, disposing of luggage insurance and accidents insurance for goods and people.

Also, ACTIVE TRAVEL as well as its owners, employees, contractors and associates don't assume any responsibility for losses or personal damage due to circumstances, weather, fire, governmental or any other authorities actions, as well as in the case of war, strikes, terrorist actions, thefts, epidemics, quarantine situations, dangerous incidents on air, water or land, or any other actions and incidents which are out of the control area of the agency.

The agency reserves its right to operate reasonable routes changes (including changes of hotels) when this is imposed, to insure optimum comfort and well-being of the participants.

The price is quoted using the current exchange rate and can be changed if the exchange rate varies significantly.

Payment conditions

After having commonly agreed on the route and other helpful details regarding your trip, an advance payment of 25% (of the trip's total cost), is required to be done by the customer, by bank transfer or credit card payable to: ACTIVE TRAVEL.

The balance of 75% will be paid with 1 months before arrival.

Cancellations conditions

Any program/tour cancellation is done by sending an email or fax (+40 268 32 15 15), the cancellation being valid only after you have

received an answer.

The cancellations fees:

Cultural tours (day tours or multiday tours):

- 30 days before the start of the tour - 25% per person out of the total value of the program
- between 29 and 15 days before the start of the tour - 75% per person out of the total value of the program
- less than 14 days from the beginning of the tour - 100% per person out of the total value of the program
- no-show - 100% per person out of the total value of the program

Biking, trekking&hiking tours (included the self guided tours and brown bear watching program)

- 30 days before the start of the tour - 25% per person out of the total value of the program
- between 29 and 1 days before the start of the tour - 100% per person out of the total value of the program
- no-show - 100% per person out of the total value of the program

In case of cancelling a tour, ACTIVE TRAVEL is not responsible for the supplementary expenditures made by you for the well-going of the program. For example : buying the equipment, reservations at hotels/cottages, buying of plane/train tickets.

For any program cancellation you will informed by e-mail or fax.

We recommend you to have a trip cancellation insurance (storno) so that, if out of any reasons you cannot participate in the program any more (sickness, etc), to be able to ask the insurance company for the advance payment.

ACTIVE TRAVEL reserves the right to refuse providing services for third parties - persons or companies, without motivating the refusal.

Everything mentioned above represents constitutive part of current contract which will be signed by both parties before the start of the trip.