One Day Private Biking Tour in Burzenland - The Little Transylvania

Offer available between: 2024-05-01 and 2024-10-20

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Rates: 219 euro for 1 person 129 euro/person for minimum 2 people

Duration: about 6-8 h, medium, excellent view throughout the day, uphill/downhill walk: 300 m/300 m.

Guaranteed departures from May to October: every day, except Monday.

For the other days, the trip is running only on request (min. 2 persons).

Meeting point: The History Museum Piata Sfatului Square - 9:00 AM. 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!

Additional info Dress warmly: Sturdy and waterproof hiking shoes and warm clothes recommended Route may be changed without notice due to weather conditions

Required equipment for adventure

Important Information Your local contact is Active Travel Day Tours on 0040728804952. Please note: Complimentary pick-up is offered for this tour/activity. If you require this service you must contact Active Travel Day Tours at Locally on 0040728804952 By email at marian@activetravel.ro at least 24 Day(s) prior to your tour/activity date to verify your pick-up time and pick-up location. If you are not arriving within the specified timeframe, please contact Active Travel Day Tours prior to your travels, or immediately upon arrival at your destination. Please be ready at least 10 minutes prior to departure time.

Included: Lunch pack Bottled water Hotel pickup and drop-off Bicycle Helmet Private tour Transport by private vehicle Professional guide

Not Included: entrance fees

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Cancellation terms:

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)

- 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.