

Complete Wildlife Experience

Availability: May - October*

**In 2024, until June 30th, Comisu is available only Fridays - Sundays. For the rest of the year, until October 1st 2024, it is available throughout the year. Starting from October 1st 2024 until May 2025, Comisu hide is not available.*

Bunea & Comisu Wildlife Hides

If you wish to discover the nature and wildlife of the Făgăraș Mountains, we recommend the exclusive package "Carpathia's Complete Wildlife Experience." Spend two nights at the Comisu and Bunea observatories and enjoy a special rate. This way, you increase your chances of encountering wildlife such as bears, lynxes, wolves, deer, roe deer, or recently reintroduced bisons in the Făgăraș Mountains.

Learn more about the projects of the Foundation Conservation Carpathia (FCC) and help us create a world-class protected area!

Itinerary

- Once you arrive in the village of Rucăr, Argeș County, you can safely park your car. Around 1-2 PM, our guide will meet you, and you will board our vehicle. We will travel through the Dâmbovița Valley, enjoying the rural landscape and traditional houses.
- We will visit together one of FCC's tree nurseries, where you will learn intriguing details about the various tree species we plant each year.
- Next, we will reach the Pecineagu Dam, where we will board an electric raft to cross the lake. In case weather conditions or water levels do not allow access, we will travel by car to the base of the ascent towards the hides, at an altitude of 1108m.
- From here, a rather steep ascent follows up to an altitude of 1213m, where the Bunea Hide is located. Typically, individuals with an average physical condition cover this path in approximately 20 minutes.
- Once we reach the hide, we will enjoy a snack together along with a glass of organic sparkling wine. Later, a platter of appetizers will be served.
- In the evening, we will keep a close watch to observe the wild animals that pass through the area.
- We'll spend the rest of the evening with a candlelit dinner prepared by our guide using local products, accompanied by a selection of organic Romanian wines.
- In the morning, we recommend waking up early to increase your chances of spotting wildlife.





- The following day, after breakfast, we will embark on a approximately 2-hour hike (depending on physical condition) to the Comisu wildlife hide, situated at an altitude of 1600m. We will pass through an old-growth beech forest located near Bunea. Along the forest walk, you'll have the opportunity to identify animal tracks, while learning about local plants and ecosystems.
- At lunchtime, we will choose a picturesque spot with a view of the Făgăraș and Iezer-Papușa Mountains to relax and enjoy a well-deserved picnic.
- In the late afternoon, we will return to the Comisu hide and patiently wait for the arrival of wild animals. Here, you may encounter bears, lynx, wolves, deer, roe deer, wild boar, or the newly-reintroduced bison.
- After another delicious dinner, we can enjoy the sunset from the roof of the hide.
- On the morning of the third day, after breakfast, we will begin our descent back to the base.
- We will arrive back in Rucăr around lunchtime.



Price: 345 euro / person

Children under the age of 12 get 40% discount.

Group size: 2-6 people

Included:

- One night accommodation at the Bunea Hide
- One night accommodation at the Comisu Hide
- Full board throughout the stay (breakfast, packed lunch, dinner - prepared from local and organic products)
- Beverages (organic sparkling wine, organic wines, spirits, syrups, apple juice - Bunea, water, and beer at Comisu)
- Local transportation along the Dâmbovița Valley and/or electric raft transfer (depending on weather, water level, and availability)
- Authorized and specialized guide
- Guided hikes
- *Group exclusivity (additional fee applies)*

Necessary gear:

- Mountain footwear (preferably waterproof boots)



- Weather-appropriate clothing. Please note that mountain weather can be unpredictable.
- Backpack with essentials for 2 nights
- Rain jacket / poncho
- Cap / hat
- Headlamp
- External battery (optional)
- Insect repellent spray (optional)

Facilities at Bunea hide:

- 1 double bed and 2 bunk beds (total of 6 places), all fully equipped
- Indoor toilet with sink and shower with hot water (solar panels - weather dependent)
- House slippers
- Towels
- Binoculars, birdwatching telescope
- Printed guides
- Wood stove

Facilities at Comisu hide:

- 2 bunk beds (4 places), with sleeping bags and sleeping bag liners. For larger groups, there is another hide 10 minutes away with an additional 3 places.
- Wood stove
- Outdoor toilet
- Binoculars

Good to know:

- The tour can be organized from May to October.
- There is NO electricity, WiFi, or mobile signal at the observatories.
- Wildlife observation is not guaranteed and depends on various external factors: weather, season, animal behavior, etc.
- Profits from bookings contribute to the conservation efforts of Foundation Conservation Carpathia.
- The trails are not suitable for people with mobility issues.
- A good physical fitness is required for this tour. The average slope is 30-40% and can be more challenging than climbing regular stairs. There are no exposed, dangerous, or risk-of-falling areas.
- Please always follow the guide's instructions and advice, and stay with the group.

Cancellation policy:

- Cancellation up to 30 days before the start of the tour - free cancellation
- Cancellation 30-15 days before the tour - 50% refund
- Cancellation 14-7 days before the tour - 25% refund
- Cancellation less than 7 days before the tour - no refund.



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The rates in this offer are valid until December 31st 2023.

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