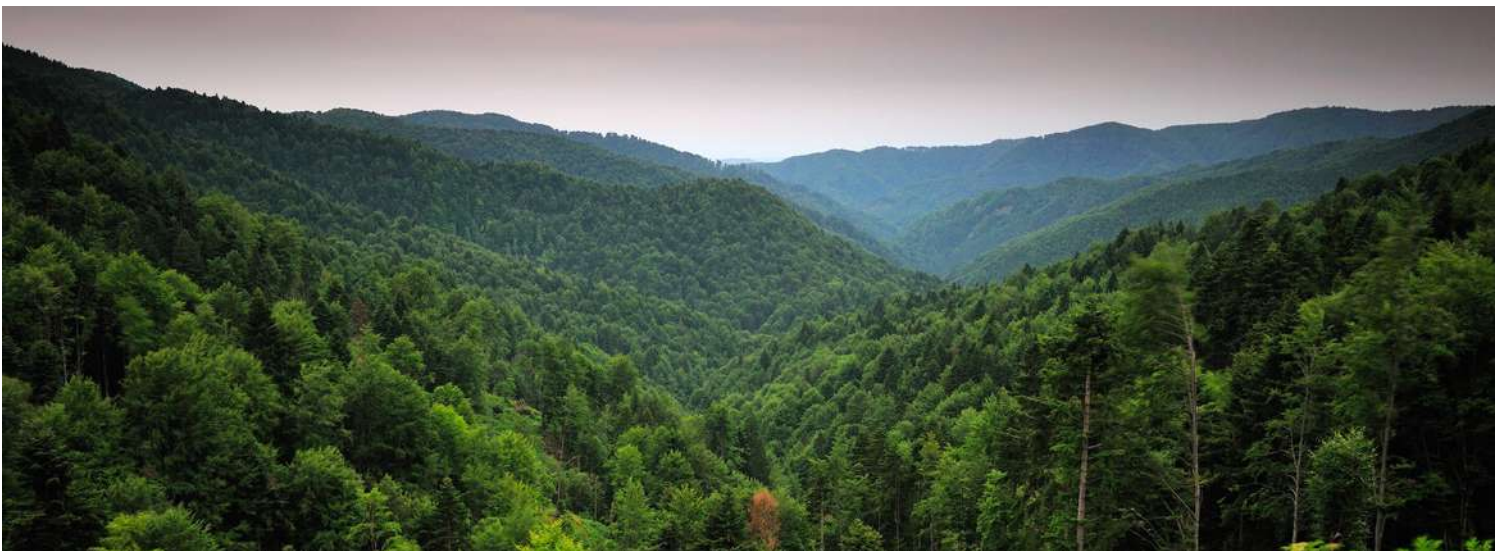




ROMANIA

Summer Bison Tracking in the Tarcu Mountains

Hike along the Tarcu Mountains tracking down the European bison in an unique experience led by expert guides.

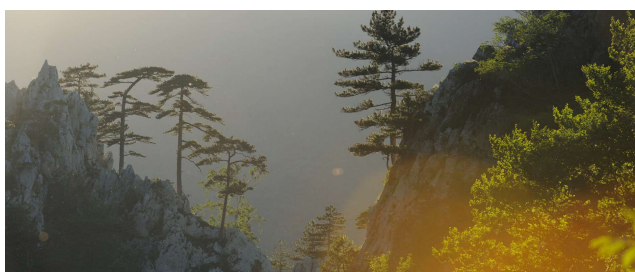


TRACKING BISON IN THE TARCU MOUNTAINS

The mountainous area of the Tarcu region is vast, rugged and wild. **Bisons await there**, blending into their surroundings. Other wildlife species such as bear and chamois can also be spotted with a little luck.

Led by expert guides, this experience will offer you the opportunity to **understand the behaviour and ecological importance of the European bison**. Identifying signs and tracks of the bison helps to understand their movements better, and hopefully leads you to a glimpse of these amazing creatures. Often in the forested areas, tracking needs to be well coordinated and very sensitively done to not impact the animals natural behaviour.

The tracking experience is best done in small groups of between two and four people, but larger groups can be accommodated and split into smaller tracking groups if necessary. Your guides Matei and Florin are passionate about this area and with them you will spend an adventurous couple of days in this remote area.



DAY TO DAY PROGRAMME

Day 1

Welcome. Arrive in Armenis, meet at the Visiting Centre. Drive in a 4x4 to our basecamp and luggage drop. Short area exploring activity. Lunch in camp. Bison tracking activity. Dinner at the camp.

Day 2

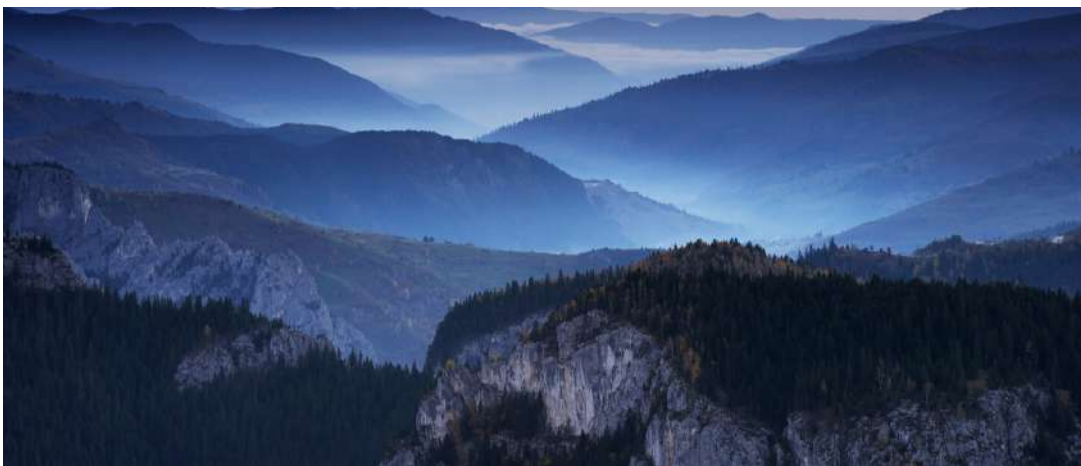
Tracking bisons. We wake up before sunset and do some wildlife spotting in a meadow with a snack. We'll go back to the camp for late breakfast at 10-11:00 and rest before the bison tracking activity. Packed picnic lunch. In the evening return to camp – packing- and going back to the village. Dinner in the guesthouse.

Day 3

Time to say goodbye. Breakfast at the guesthouse and departure.

Extra options

- extra night in guesthouse before or after: 45 eur/ person/ night with dinner and breakfast incl.
- one extra day: explore further deep in the bison hillock and spend the night in our light camp or just beneath the stars further away from human activity



DETAILS

Days/nights

2 days / 2 nights

When

April to October

Accommodation

Tented camp and guesthouse

Guide

Matei or Florin

How to get there

Closest airport is Timisoara Airport. You can rent a car from the airport for an easy 3 hr drive to the town of Armenis, or request to book a transfer from/to the airport with us. You can also reach Timisoara by train.

Transfers to/from Timisoara airport or train station

€150 per car, one way (max 3 people incl luggage)

Languages

English, Romanian.

Other

Minimum 2 people. Discount for children under 18 – 50% discount



PRICES

Private tours

2-4 people

€325 (2 days / 2 nights) per person

5-8 people

€275 (2 days / 2 nights) per person

Extra night accommodation 2-4 people

€385 (2 days / 3 nights) per person

Extra night accommodation 5-8 people

€ 325 (2 days / 3 nights) per person

Extra day snowshoeing 2-4 people

€480 (3 days / 3 nights) per person

Extra day snowshoeing 5-8 people

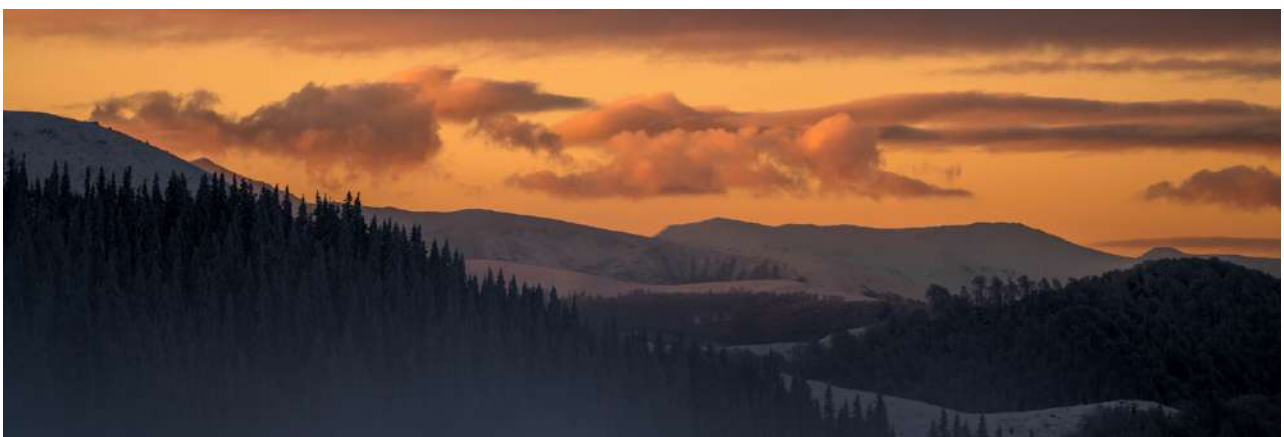
€405 (3 days / 3 nights) per person

Price includes

- All meals
- Accommodation
- All guided activities and local transport

The cost does not include

- Flights
- Transfers from the airport
- Anything not mentioned.



OUR RESPONSIBILITY

Bringing bison back: The European bison (or wisent) disappeared from Romania about 200 years ago. Since 2013, Rewilding Europe and WWF Romania have been working together in the Southern Carpathians rewilding area to reintroduce this iconic species. The first two bison releases took place in 2014 and 2015. The total number of bison in the area, taking into account deaths and births, was 30 by the end of 2017.

Growing community-based enterprises; The economic focus of rewilding efforts in the Tarçu Mountains involves supporting local enterprises and the development of a nature-based economy, with jobs and revenue connected to wild nature.

Supporting future nature entrepreneurs; In and around the Southern Carpathians rewilding area the ongoing bison reintroduction is already having a significant economic and social impact. A refurbished visitor centre in Armeniș now educates people on bison ecology and trophic chains and sells locally produced handicrafts and souvenirs. A refurbished wilderness cabin near Armeniș opened in 2017, with another cabin, two wildlife hides and a larger "hillock retreat" in the village of Plopu all in progress.

Read more about our work in the Southern Carpathians [here](#)



WHAT TO BRING

We recommend you to dress in layers, ideally in neutral colors to blend with the surroundings.

CHECKLIST

- Hiking shoes
- Sun hat
- Water bottle
- Daypack
- Long pants
- Warm hat and wool gloves
- Warm jacket
- Raincoat or poncho
- Sun protection cream
- Non smelling mosquito/tick repellent and camp shoes (sandals).
- Binoculars
- Personal toiletries/medicines and ...
- a **sense of adventure!**

