

Boykivshchyna (5 days)

Ethnographic walking trip

This 5-day tour takes place in the eastern Beskydy and Polonynski Carpathians, in the region where the ethnic group of the Ukrainian mountains – boyky - lives. The unique type of wooden church and house-building architecture has developed in this region. The predominant landscapes here are the mountains covered with beech and coniferous forests and amazingly wide and flat green mountain meadows - polonyny. It is interesting to watch sheep flocks, goats and cows that pasture on the mountains slopes, to observe producing of different kinds of cheese high in the mountains at kolybas (seasonal shepherds' houses). If you get here in August, you may be sure you'll eat plenty of bilberries. And September is a season of mushrooms of course! The program provides visiting the picturesque waterfalls – Shypit and Voyevodyn, and Dnister – the second longest river in Ukraine (1362 km). Visiting the rock complex in Urych, a former ancient Rus' fortress in Tustan, will imaginary bring you back for eight hundred years.

The route is not technically complicated and does not demand any special training that is why we advise it to different categories of people: **young and older people, families with children, personnel of firms and organizations etc.**

May – middle of October

Program

Day 1



Rozluch Mountain ridge (5 hours).

Meeting of the group in Lviv. Journey to the Carpathians.

Passing through a Rozluch ridge and the Dnister river. Acquaintance with peculiar temple architecture of Boykivshchyna.

Arrival to Volovets. Accommodation. Dinner.

Day 2



Bukovska Polonyna Mountain ridge (5-6 hours).

Breakfast.

Trekking at Pikuy mountain (1406 m), the highest one in the Eastern Beskydy. Wonderful views of the Lviv Carpathians and Transcarpathia.

Journey to Bilasovytsi.

Returning to Volovets. Dinner.

Day 3



Borzhava Mountain ridge (8-9 hours).

Breakfast.

Visiting the waterfall Shypit (10 m high). Mountaineering the highest peak of Borzhava – Stiy mountain (1681 m) and Velyky Verkh mountain (1598 m). On the way – visiting boykiv farming building – shepherd's kolyba where you can taste traditional kinds of cheese (budz, vurda, brynza).

Returning to Volovets. Dinner.

Day 4



Mountain ridge of Polonyna Rivna (8-9 hours).

Breakfast.

Visiting Voyevodyn waterfall in the ornithological reserve “Falcon rocks”. Mountaineering the highest peak of the ridge – Polonyna Rivna mountain (1681 m). Picturesque views of the Eastern Beskydy, remains of the unfinished strategic objects with mines for rockets.

Journey to Lumshory.

Returning to Volovets. Dinner.

Day 5



Skolivski Beskydy (5-6 hours).

Breakfast. Check-out at the recreation centre.

Journey through Skole and Parashka mountain (1268m), the highest peak of Skolivski Beskydy ridge.

Visiting Urych – the historic-cultural reserve “Tustan” – the Old Rus’ defense complex, the museum of the fortress history.

Journey to Lviv. Leaving from Lviv.

*Organizers are entitled to the right to change programs according to the weather changes. Tourists should have: tracking boots, clothes protecting from the rain, little rucksack (20-30l); participants are to be physically ready for the trip and follow instructions of the team leader (instructor).



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