

Carpathians (2 days)

Biking tour "Carpathian cave-towns"

Region: Carpathians

Format: comfort

Level: amateur

Duration: 2 days

Carpathians...Those are the mountains with forest, refreshing rivers, clean air and mineral water, delicious traditional cuisine and special national hospitality. Even here, in a place which seemed to be so familiar, a lot of new and unusual sights can be found. Maybe you think that the cave towns are situated only in Crimea. Most of us think so...

Day 1



- 6:31 Arrival to Skole (by train from Kyiv)
- 7:00 Accommodation at a homestead, breakfast
Cycling excursion to the ancient cave temple
- 14:30 Lunch at Kolyba (Carpathian restaurant)
A walking excursion to the Rocks of Dovbush
- 20:00 Dinner
- 22:00 Sauna

Distance – 60 km

Sights of the day

Cave monastery (13-16th centuries). It resembles the cave-town in Crimea but in a miniature. This place perfectly suited for the location of a monastery as forest hides the temple from the outside world and there is a beautiful panorama from the hill overlooking the whole surrounding area and valley. It's a perfect place to be on your own in silence.

Rocks of Dovbush (caves and rocks complex) - a unique geological monument and a natural fortress, a stone maze full of the ravines, secret passages and paths, formed by the huge rocks and stones reminding the mysterious creatures. This place has been attracting people since prehistoric times. Here a pagan temple and a guard fortress were situated. The most famous resident of this place was the legendary leader of Carpathian opryshky Oleksa Dovbush. To get to the rock we will walk along the steep forest path and then relax at Carpathian restaurant-kolyba.

Day 2



7:30 Getting up
8:00 Breakfast. Journey to Tustan
13:30 Lunch at Kolyba
Returning to the homestead
17:30 Dinner
19:36 Leaving from Skole (by train to Kyiv)

Distance – 55 km

Sights of the day

Tustan (9-14th centuries). An Old Rus' complex, customs and a town-fortress on a rock. Tustan was situated on two trading ways: the Silk one from China to Portugal and the Salt one – from Drohobych to Transcarpathia. The remains of stone fortifications and sizes of the rocks, where the wooden walls used to be built in, still impress with their greatness and draw the images of the medieval multi-tiered wooden miracle.

Accommodation

Green tourism – this is what the urban inhabitants need. We will have a rest at the comfortable private houses far away from the noise and fuss, where special hospitality and tasty home-made food will make us feel like “visiting one’s granny”.

Arrival/Departure

Train No 81, departure from Kyiv at 18:58

Train No 100, arrival to Kyiv at 7:19

*The organizer is entitled to the right to make the slight changes to the program without changing the general content of a trip.



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