



# Sfântu Gheorghe

## Trails Guided by locals



### 1 Sacalin Island's Melea

'Melea' is the local Ukrainian name for the lagoon which formed between the Sacalin Island and the shore, meaning 'shallow' when referring to the water level in the lagoon. The Lagoon is one of the most spectacular places in the Delta and it has a rich diversity of wildlife. Take a trip to this amazing place during April and May and you will witness the carp's mating season and other fish species. This superb place is also a very important feeding and resting ground for birds, which are nesting in the area or just passing through during the migration season.

Great white pelican, Dalmatian pelican, cormorants, common tern, great white egret, little egret, grey heron, night heron, different species of geese and ducks, Eurasian spoonbill, mute swan, white-tailed eagle, bittern, Pallas's gull

3-4 hours 21 km Easy Spring Autumn Motorized boats and paddles boat in the quiet areas

### 2 Cruhlic lake

The trip to Cruhlic Lake is the most wonderful adventure you could experience near the village! The trail leads you through a very narrow channel rich in vegetation that leads you to a small lake with crystal clear water that will let you observe how the water lilies grow underwater and cover the lake in late spring. Once arrived here, observe in silence the wildlife, which takes refuge in the nearby reed beds.

Kingfisher, Eurasian teal, purple heron, little bittern, white lilies

2:30 hours 12 km Medium Spring Autumn Motorized boat and rowing/canoeing

### 3 The Northern Lakes

If you want to spend more time wildlife watching or just enjoying the beautiful lakes, we invite you to take this tour of open water landscape and understand how the Tătaru, Roșu and Roșuleț Lakes are connected to each other and the Danube River. If you are lucky, maybe you will encounter wild boars or jackals on the channel banks!

Common terns, great white pelicans, Dalmatian pelicans, cormorants, mute swan, bee eaters, raccoon dog, golden jackal, wild boar, semi-wild bovines

4 hours 48 km Medium Spring Autumn Motorized boat

### 4 Caraorman Village and Forest

The trip from Sfântu Gheorghe to Caraorman is a unique opportunity to understand the Delta's complexity! You will have the chance to catch a glimpse of the protected area of Erenciuc Lake, the place where you will find most of the black alders growing in the Delta. You will continue the journey to Caraorman. Explore the Forest's famous sand dunes and visit the remote village. Find out why Caraorman and Letea are the two most northern subtropical forests in Europe.

Red-necked grebe, squacco heron, ibis, great white and Dalmatian pelicans, ferruginous duck, white-tailed eagles, white-winged tern, Eurasian golden oriole, bee-eater, mute swan, cormorants

6 hours 80 km Medium Spring Autumn Motorized boat and on foot or by car from Caraorman village into the Forest

### 5 The shore line and the milestones

The idea that all deltas are growing into the sea is not quite accurate. There are numerous eroded areas, which are influenced by many factors, including a lack of sediment or the rising sea level. Find out where the shore line was in 1856, 1886, 1927 and 2010 and discover more stories about how the natural processes shape the Delta.

The Milestones' Route marked the old way between Sfântu Gheorghe and Sulina, regularly frequented when the international body of the European Commission of the Danube was in place. The route is showed in the Commission's Atlas in the 1867 and the 1874 editions. Starting 1887 edition the route is marked by a milestones system, which started in Sulina (M1) and ended in the north of Sfântu Gheorghe village (M15). Discover with the local guides which milestones have survived through time and which ones were swallowed by the Black Sea.

Waders, meadow viper, wild boar, golden jackal

5 hours 6-18 km Medium/Hard Spring Autumn Winter(hard) horse and carriage/ bicycle and on foot



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