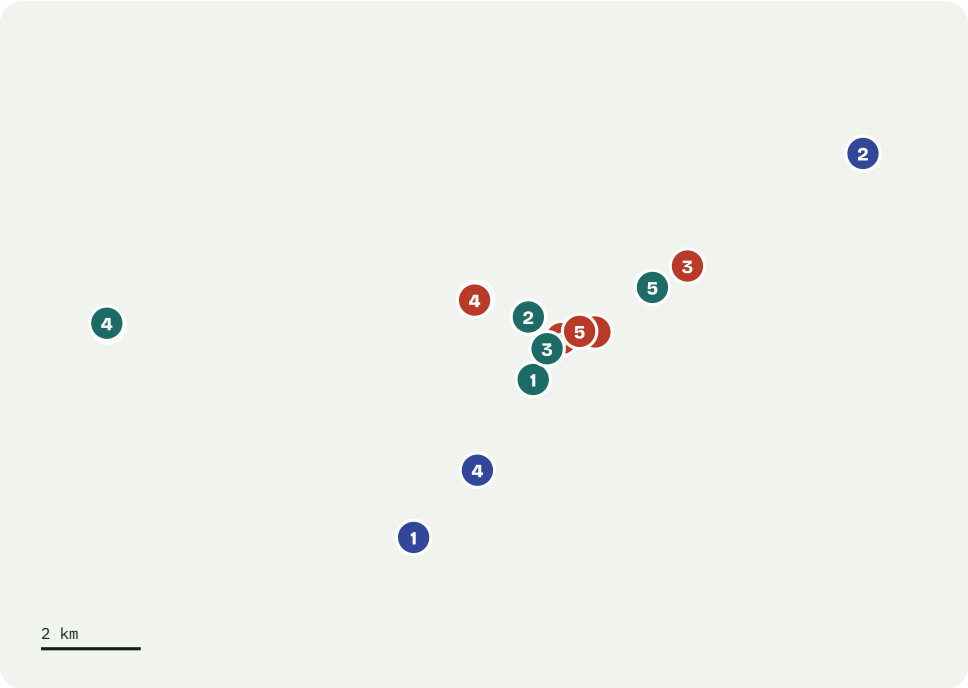
Zărnești

The town at the foot of Piatra Craiului: the Zărnești Gorge and Plaiul Foii are a few kilometres away, and the Libearty bear sanctuary welcomes visitors all year, Tuesday to Sunday.



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What to see in Zărnești



1 Prăpăstiile Zărneștilor

LIMESTONE GORGE · VALEA PRĂPĂSTIILOR, PE TERITORIUL COMUNEI MOIECIU, LA LIMITA CU ZĂRNEȘTI; LA CIRCA 6 KM DE CENTRU

It is the best-known gorge in Piatra Craiului and an easy walk on a forest road, fine for children too.

The gorge section in the north-east of Piatra Craiului: a 1.7 km limestone corridor with vertical walls, crossed by a forest road and marked paths.

Drumul forestier din Gura Râului (Zărnești) spre Măgura · Tel. +40 268 223 165 · hours not confirmed



2 Sanctuarul de urși Libearty

BEAR SANCTUARY · ÎN PĂDUREA DE LÂNGĂ ZĂRNEȘTI, CU INTRAREA PE TERITORIUL COMUNEI VULCAN; LA 9 KM DE CENTRU PE DRUM

It is the largest brown bear sanctuary in Europe and welcomes visitors all year, Tuesday to Sunday.

A 69-hectare oak and hazel forest where more than 130 brown bears rescued from captivity live; visits are guided only, in the morning.

AMP Libearty Bear Sanctuary, Zărnești, județul Brașov · Tel. +40 268 471 202 · Hours: Mo Closed · Tu 9:45, 11:00 · We 9:45, 11:00 · Th 9:45, 11:00 · Fr 9:45, 11:00 · Sa 9:45, 11:00 · Su 9:45, 11:00



3 Plaiul Foii

MOUNTAIN MEADOW · VALEA BÂRSEI MARI, LA CAPĂTUL DRUMULUI, LA 11 KM DE CENTRU

It is the main starting point for the Piatra Craiului ridge, the longest and highest limestone ridge in Romania, and you can drive here.

The meadow at the foot of the western slope of Piatra Craiului, at about 845 m, where the road up the Bârsa Mare valley ends and the trails to the ridge begin.

Plaiul Foii, Zărnești (capătul drumului pe Valea Bârsei Mari) · Tel. +40 268 223 165 · hours not confirmed



4 Fântâna lui Botorog și Cabana Curmătura

MOUNTAIN TRAIL AND HUT · FÂNTÂNA LUI BOTOROG E LA 3,6 KM DE CENTRU PE DRUM (COMUNA MOIECIU, LA LIMITA CU ZĂRNEȘTI); CABANA E LA 1.470 M, DOAR PE JOS

It is one of the most walked trails from Zărnești: you climb through the forest to a hut open all year, below Piatra Mică and Turnu peak.

The Fântâna lui Botorog spring, on the road from Zărnești to Măgura, is the starting point for the Curmătura hut (1,470 m) below Piatra Mică.

Fântâna lui Botorog, drumul DJ112G din Zărnești spre Măgura · Tel. +40 268 223 165 · hours not confirmed



5 Parcul Național Piatra Craiului și centrul de vizitare

NATIONAL PARK AND VISITOR CENTRE · STRADA TOPLIȚA, PE DRUMUL SPRE PLAIUL FOII, LA 2,3 KM DE CENTRU

It tells you what you need before a hike in the park, and the exhibition is a good stop on bad-weather days.

The Piatra Craiului National Park visitor centre, opened in 2016 on the edge of Zărnești on the road to Plaiul Foii: an interactive exhibition about the mountain, plus information and tickets for the park.

Strada Toplița 150, Zărnești · Tel. +40 268 223 165 · Hours: Mo Closed · Tu 10–16 · We 10–16 · Th 10–16 · Fr 10–14 · Sa 11–15 · Su 11–13

Where to eat in Zărnești

1 Casa Rustică

TRADITIONAL RESTAURANT · STRADA MITROPOLIT ION MEȚIANU, LA CIRCA 500 M DE CENTRUL VECHI

It scores 4.4 on Google from more than 3,100 reviews, the most of any restaurant in town.

A restaurant serving Romanian food on the main street of Zărnești, with a dining room and a terrace.

Strada Mitropolit Ion Meșianu 61, Zărnești · Tel. +40 371 038 838 · Hours: daily 10–21

2 Jimmy's Corner

BISTRO · CENTRU, STRADA DR. TIBERIU SPÂRCHEZ, LA 200 M DE BISERICA SF. NICOLAE

It scores 4.5 on Google from almost 1,000 reviews and opens at 8:00 from Tuesday to Sunday.

A bistro in the centre of Zărnești serving chicken wings, chips, pasta, pizza and Romanian dishes, open from the morning.

Strada Dr. Tiberiu Spârchez 14, Zărnești · Tel. +40 752 223 828 · Hours: Mo 12–21:30 · Tu 8–21:30 · We 8–21:30 · Th 8–21:30 · Fr 8–21:30 · Sa 8–21:30 · Su 8–21:30

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3 Restaurant Transilvania

TRADITIONAL RESTAURANT WITH ROOMS · STRADA CIUCAȘ, ÎN NORD-ESTUL ORAȘULUI, LA CIRCA 3 KM DE CENTRU

It scores 4.5 on Google from more than 950 reviews and is open every day from 9:00 to 22:00.

A restaurant serving traditional Transylvanian food at Vila Transilvania, with views towards the Bucegi and Piatra Craiului and a large car park.

Strada Ciucaș 9, Zărnești · Tel. +40 749 395 532 · Hours: daily 9–22

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4 Padina Craiului

RESTAURANT WITH TERRACE · STRADA TOPLIȚA, PE DRUMUL SPRE PLAIUL FOII, LÂNGĂ CENTRUL DE VIZITARE, LA 2,2 KM DE CENTRU

It scores 4.3 on Google from more than 1,100 reviews and stands right next to the national park visitor centre.

A restaurant serving Romanian food on the road to Plaiul Foii, with a terrace facing Piatra Craiului and a children's playground.

Strada Toplița 95, Zărnești · Tel. +40 732 199 565 · Hours: daily 10–21:30

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5 Orașul de sub munte

RESTAURANT AND PIZZERIA · CENTRUL VECHI, STRADA MITROPOLIT ION MEȚIANU, LA 200 M DE BISERICA SF. NICOLAE

It scores 4.6 on Google from more than 340 reviews and is open every day from 9:00.

A restaurant with Romanian and European dishes and pizza in the old centre of Zărnești, with a dining room and a terrace.

Strada Mitropolit Ion Mețianu 15–17, Zărnești · Tel. +40 742 926 532 · Hours: daily 9–22

Where to stay in Zărnești

1 Vila Hora cu Brazi

VILLA WITH RESTAURANT AND SPA · STRADA RÂULUI, SPRE GURA RÂULUI, LA 1,4 KM DE CENTRU

It scores 9.1 on Booking from more than 450 reviews, and the Nomad wagons on the same grounds score 9.8 from more than 130.

A 3-star villa on the edge of Zărnești, towards Piatra Craiului, with the Cetiniș restaurant, a sauna, a hot tub and a small farm. The same grounds have four converted wagons to sleep in, called Nomad.

Strada Râului 34–36, Zărnești · Tel. +40 752 136 653

2 Maricom Home

GUESTHOUSE WITH SHARED KITCHEN · STRADA TOPLIȚA, PE DRUMUL SPRE PLAIUL FOII, LA 1,1 KM DE CENTRU

It scores 9.3 on Booking from more than 350 reviews; guests mostly praise the hosts and the cleanliness.

A 3-star guesthouse on the road to Plaiul Foii, with family rooms with private bathrooms, a shared kitchen, a garden and a barbecue area.

Strada Toplița 50, Zărnești

3 Șura Pietrei Craiului

GUESTHOUSE · STRADA AVRAM IANCU, ÎN SUDUL ORAŞULUI, LA 600 M DE CENTRU

It scores 9.7 on Booking from more than 160 reviews and is close to the centre, yet on a quiet street towards the mountains.

A guesthouse on Strada Avram Iancu, a few minutes' walk from the centre, with a garden, a terrace and free parking.

Strada Avram Iancu 54, Zărnești

4 Cabana Plaiul Foii

MOUNTAIN LODGE · PLAIUL FOII, LA CAPĂTUL DRUMULUI PE VALEA BÂRSEI MARI, LA 11,6 KM DE CENTRU

It sits right where the trails to the Piatra Craiului ridge begin and scores 9.1 on Booking from more than 90 reviews.

The lodge at Plaiul Foii, at about 845 m below the western slope of Piatra Craiului, with 15 rooms and a restaurant serving traditional food.

Plaiul Foii, Zărnești · Tel. +40 726 380 323

5 Apartament Ramonte

APARTMENT · STRADA 1 DECEMBRIE 1918, ÎN NORDUL ORAȘULUI, LA CIRCA 2 KM DE CENTRU

It scores 9.8 on Booking from more than 110 reviews; guests praise the cleanliness and the host.

A one-bedroom apartment with a living room in a block of flats in Zărnești, with a fitted kitchen, a washing machine and a balcony with a mountain view.

Strada 1 Decembrie 1918 21, Zărnești

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