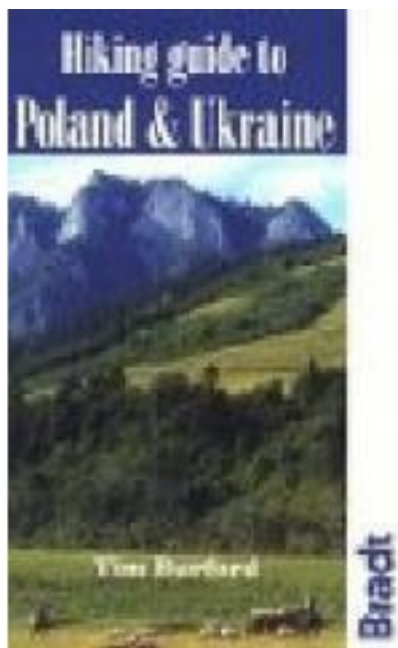


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Part One
Chapter 1
Outline
GEOGRAPHY
The Carpathian system is part of the Alpine-Himalayan chain which formed relatively recently in the Tertiary alpine orogeny but there is as yet no explanation for the formation of the Carpathian-Balkan S-bend. The Carpathian system is as long as the Alps (1100km but with its ends on the Danube at Bratislava and the Iron Gates only 500km apart) but only half their height making them easier to cross. For the most part the Carpathian chain is 35-40km wide and generally consists of three distinct bands with Flysch (or turbidite) on the outside, young crystalline massifs in the centre and some volcanic ranges intruding on the inner side. The far older and lower remnants of the Hercynian mountains, granite, limestone and schists dating from the Primary era lie parallel to

>the north¼ running from the Vosges via the Ardennes¼ the Black Forest¼

>the Erzgebirge¼ and the Karkonosze in southern Poland to northern

>Dobrogea on Romania's Black Sea coast. Quaternary glaciation occurred
only
in the Karkonosze¼ Tatras¼ Rodnas and the southern Carpathians.
Starting
from the western end the chain is divided into four sections¼
of which the first
and second are partly in Poland and the second and
third in Ukraine:
1. The
western Carpathians¼ from Bratislava to the line of the Biala river¼
the
Tylicz pass¼ and the Topla and Hornad rivers near Kosice - the
widest¼
highest and most complex section¼ above all the High Tatras on
the
Polish-Slovak border¼ glaciated granite often covered with limestone.
2. The
Central or Forest Carpathians¼ from the Tylicz pass to the upper
Tisa (Tisza}
River; lower sedimentary hills providing major routes from
Poland to eastern
Slovakia and from Ukraine to Hungary.
3. The eastern Carpathians¼ from the
sources of the Tisa almost to
Bra~ov in Romania¼ consisting of parallel ridges
of sedimentary rocks
(sandstone and conglomerates) to the east¼ a central
crystalline schist
zone.with some resistant limestones¼ and to the west an
inner zone of
volcanic material.

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