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Bucharest, Palace of the Parliament

Romania in Depth

Small group tour - 10 days/9 nights



On this comprehensive tour you'll see and experience all the best that this fascinating country has to offer - the highlights of Bucharest, Transylvania, Maramures and Bukovina.

Inclusions

- Privately escorted in **English only**
- 9 nights accommodation with breakfast in 3 & 4-star guesthouses and hotels
- Meals - 1 Dinner at Polizu Manor
- Transportation by modern A/C vehicle with driver/guide
- Sightseeing and entrances as indicated

Your hotels

- **BUCHAREST** - Europa Royale
- **SIBIU** - Imparatul Romanilor
- **SIGHISOARA** - Casa Wagner
- **CLUJ-NAPOCA** - Siago
- **SIGHETU MARMATIEI** - Gradina Morii
- **SUCEVITA** - Sofia
- **MAXUT** - Polizu Manor
- **BRASOV** - Bella Muzica

Hotels or guesthouses of a similar standard may be substituted.

Day 1 Mon. Bucharest

Arrive Bucharest, 'Paris of the East', and transfer by private car to your stylish 4-star hotel, the Europa Royale. Overnight Bucharest.

Day 2 Tue. Bucharest - Paris of the East

First your driver/guide will take you for a 'French and modern Bucharest' tour starting with a view from Mitropoly Hill followed by the Romanian Atheneum and Royal Palace/National Art Museum. Next, you'll visit the Cotroceni Palace, currently the residence of the Romanian president, and then the Palace of Parliament, the second largest building in the world. Later you travel out of Bucharest to Mogosoaia, to visit a palace transformed into a summer residence by Martha Bibescu. Overnight Bucharest. **B**

Day 3 Wed. Bucharest to Sibiu

Leave Bucharest and drive first to Cozia Monastery built 600 years ago by Mircea the Old, the grandfather of Vlad the Impaler. In Sibiu, Europe's cultural capital in 2007, take a leisurely walking tour of the Old Town where you'll stay overnight. Overnight Sibiu. **B**

Day 4 Thu. Sibiu to Sighisoara

Today, travel to Alba Iulia site of Apulum, founded by the Romans in the 2nd century, and visit both the Roman Catholic and Orthodox Cathedrals where ancient Romanian Kings were crowned. Afterwards drive to Biertan to visit a fortified Saxon church, something totally unique to Transylvania. Arrive in Sighisoara late afternoon to settle into your traditional hotel in the centre of the medieval walled



Bukovina, Moldovita, painted Easter eggs



Barsana Monastery

citadel. Tonight, explore the old town at your leisure and perhaps dine in the house where Vlad the Impaler was born! Overnight Sighisoara. **B**

Day 5 Fri. Sighisoara to Cluj-Napoca

This morning you'll visit the Clock Tower Museum, Weapons Museum, the Torture Chamber, Wooden Staircase and Church on the Hill. Then drive to historic 17th century Castle Haller for lunch (not included), and later continue to Cluj-Napoca for a city tour including a visit to St. Michael Cathedral. Tonight, your accommodation is in a popular boutique guesthouse - Siago. Overnight Cluj-Napoca. **B**

Day 6 Sat. Cluj to Sighetu Marmatiei

Today you will travel to the Maramures region with its beautiful villages, traditional houses and carved wooden gates. At Sapanta, visit the 'Merry Cemetery' with its brightly painted carved wooden crosses and humorous illustrations. Stop for lunch (not included) in a traditional trout house in Mara village, and later visit the beautiful Barsana Monastery. Overnight Sighetu Marmatiei. **B**

Day 7 Sun. Sighetu to Sucevita

Depart early for a unique and unforgettable steam train trip on the 'Mocanita', used from 1932 to transport

forest workers. You'll enjoy the splendours of the forest and rivers of the Vaser Valley in Maramures Mountains Nature Park. This is followed by a mid-afternoon drive to Bukovina via Borgo Pass where Bram Stoker located Castle Dracula. Overnight Sucevita. **B**

Day 8 Mon. Sucevita to Maxut

Today you spend visiting the famous 15th century painted monasteries of Bukovina and the black pottery centre of Marginea. The vivid colours of the UNESCO-listed monasteries of Sucevita, Moldovita and Voronet have been well preserved up to the present day. Later, drive to Maxut and your accommodation - Polizu Manor - built in neoclassical style in 1878 by Prince Ghica and surrounded by orchards and vineyards. Tonight, enjoy a memorable dinner at the manor. Overnight Maxut. **BD**

■ **Note: Days 7 and 8 are quite long days with lots to see and do.**

Day 9 Tue. Maxut to Brasov

This morning, head south through the Biczaz Gorges and see the spectacular Red Lake on your way to Transylvania and Brasov. Your sightseeing of this picturesque 14th century city includes the Black Church, St. Nicholas Church, and the museum of the first school in Romania. Overnight Brasov. **B**

Day 10 Wed. Brasov to Bucharest

This morning, take a short drive to Bran Castle, often referred to as 'Dracula's Castle'. Built in 1378 as a toll station, it has a dramatic fairy tale appearance, but little connection with the infamous Vlad Tepes (Dracula). Continue to the mountain resort of Sinaia to visit the monastery and Peles Castle, the summer residence of Romania's royal family. Late afternoon arrival in Bucharest where your tour ends. **B**



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Tour price & departures

Prices shown per person in AUD. Monday departures May-Sep 2018.

Departures	TwN	Sgl
7 May, 4 Jun, 2 Jul, 6 Aug, 3 Sep	2875	3364

■ **This tour is guaranteed with 2 guests and has a maximum size of 15 guests. It may also be done on an independent tailor-made basis**



Bran Castle



Folk dancers