



Bucharest, Palace of the Parliament

Romania in Depth

Privately escorted tour - 11 days/10 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. The itinerary is completely flexible and can be tailored to suit your requirements.

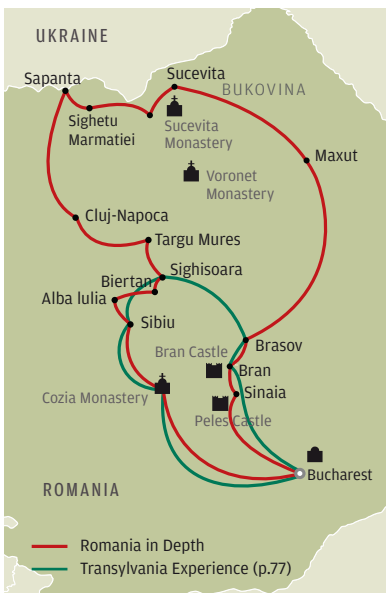
Inclusions

- 10 nights accommodation with breakfast in 3 & 4-star hotels and guesthouse
- Meals - 1 dinner at Polizu Manor
- Transportation by modern A/C vehicle with **English speaking** driver/guide
- Sightseeing as specified

Your hotels

- **Bucharest** - Europa Royale
- **Sibiu** - Imparatul Romanilor
- **Sighisoara** - Casa Wagner
- **Cluj-Napoca** - Siago Guesthouse
- **Sighetu Marmatiei** - Gradina Morii
- **Sucevita** - Sofia
- **Maxut** - Polizu Manor
- **Brasov** - Bella Muzica

Hotels or guesthouses of a similar standard may be substituted.



Day 1 Bucharest

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

Day 2 Bucharest

This morning's 'French and modern Bucharest tour' begins from Mitropol Hill, followed by the Romanian Athenaeum and Royal Palace/National Art Museum. Visit the Cotroceni Palace which houses the National Cotroceni Museum and is the official residence of the President of Romania. Tour the Palace of the Parliament - the second largest administrative building in the world. Continue out of Bucharest to the beautiful Mogosoia Palace, built by Constantin Brancoveanu between 1698 and 1702. Overnight Bucharest. **B**

Day 3 Bucharest to Sibiu

Leave Bucharest and drive first to the Cozia Monastery, built 600 years ago by Mircea the Old, the grandfather of Vlad the Impaler. Continue to Sibiu for a leisurely walking tour of the Old Town. Overnight Sibiu. **B**

Day 4 Sibiu to Sighisoara

Travel to Alba Iulia, known as Apulum during the Roman period when it was a military settlement. Since the high Middle Ages, the city has been the seat of Transylvania's Roman Catholic diocese. Continue to Biertan to visit the unique, UNESCO-listed fortified Saxon church. Arrive Sighisoara late afternoon and check into your traditional hotel, located within the medieval walled citadel. Walk along the cobbled streets, explore the citadel at your leisure and perhaps dine in the house where Vlad the Impaler was born. Overnight Sighisoara. **B**

Day 5 Sighisoara to Cluj-Napoca

This morning you'll visit the Clock Tower Museum, Weapons Museum, the Torture Chamber, the Wooden Staircase and the Church on the Hill. Then drive to the historic 17th century Castle Haller for lunch (not included) and continue to Cluj-Napoca for a city tour including a visit to the 14th century St. Michael Cathedral. Overnight Cluj-Napoca. **B**

Day 6 Cluj to Sighetu Marmatiei

Today you 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 visit Barsana Monastery. Overnight Sighetu Marmatiei. **B**

Day 7 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 unspoiled forest and rivers of the Vaser Valley, in the Maramures Mountains Nature Park. Mid afternoon, drive to Bukovina via Borgo Pass where the Irish novelist Bram Stoker located Castle Dracula. Overnight Sucevita. **B**

Day 8 Sucevita

Today is devoted to visiting the famous 15th century painted monasteries of Bukovina. The vivid colours of these UNESCO-listed monasteries - Sucevita, Moldovita and Voronet - have been remarkably preserved to this day. You will also visit the black pottery centre of Marginea. Overnight Sucevita. **B**

Day 9 Sucevita to Maxut

Travel through the Moldovian hills to the village of Maxut. Your accommodation is at the 19th century Polizu Manor, surrounded by orchards and vineyards. Dinner tonight will be at the Manor. Overnight Maxut. **BD**

Day 10 Maxut to Brasov

Head south this morning through the dramatic Bicz 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 11 Brasov to Bucharest

This morning, you 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 Vlad Tepes (Dracula). Continue to the mountain resort of Sinaia to visit the monastery and Peles Castle. Dating from 1695, it was the summer residence of Romania's royal family. Late afternoon arrival in Bucharest. **B**



Bran Castle

Tour price & departures

Prices shown per person in AUD. Applicable Jan-Dec 2019.

Departures	Twn	Sgl
1 Jan-31 Dec	3742	POA

■ **Monday departures work best with this itinerary.**