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Tour of Romania

**Transylvania:** the Saxon fortified churches of Biertan, Prejmer, Carta, Axente Sever, the citadel of Sighisoara, the medieval castles of Dracula and Hunyadi, the fortresses of Rasnov, Rupea and Deva, the Praid and Turda salt mines.

**Maramures:** the Barsana, Desesti, Surdesti, Rozavlea, Bogdan Voda, Ieud, Poienile Izei wooden churches, the Merry cemetery of Sapanta.

**Bucovina:** the painted monasteries of Sucevita, Moldovita, Humor and Voronet, UNESCO World Heritage Sites, the Painted Eggs Museums, the black ceramic of Marginea, the Cacica salt mine.

**Moldova:** the Orthodox monasteries of Neamt, Agapia, Varatec and Rasca, the Ruginoasa and Miclauseni Castles, the Neamt fortress.

**Muntenia:** the Peles, Pelisor, Cantacuzino and Poenari Castles...and much more

Regional and themed tours - Archaeology

**Trajan and Decebal:** We’ll visit the Dacian capital, Sarmisegetusa Regia which reached its peak under King Decebal and the former Roman capital of Dacia, Sarmisegetusa Ulpia Trajana. We’ll make a short cruise through the Danube Gorges, the narrowest and deepest part of the river, where we’ll read the Tabula Trajana, saved from the waters of the Danube when they were raised by the construction of the Iron Gates dam and we’ll great the huge head of Decebal carved into the mountain. We’ll also see the small Fort of Hadrian, Arutela, on the banks of the river Olt...

**Dobrogea** - the first Dacian territory conquered by the Romans and Greeks: We can visit the Greek-Roman cities of Tomis and Callatis, Histria, Adamclisi and more. DANUBE DELTA EXTENSION TOUR.

Nature

Based in Sinaia, the Pearl of the Carpathians or in Poiana Brasov, we offer a combination between cultural programmes (Royal and medieval Castles and folklore evenings) and light trekking days including a visit to a high mountain pasture, to discover the secrets of farm life on the mountain, a tour in natural and park reserves and much more...

City Break

If you have just a few days to visit Romania, there are 12 Romanian airports connected by direct flights with Spain: Bucharest, Cluj, Timisoara, Oradea, Tg. Mures, Bacau, Iasi, Sibiu, Craiova, Bacau, Constanta, Suceava.

You can visit the surroundings during a weekend, waiting for longer holidays.

We have created programmes starting in each one of the cities mentioned above.

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CITY BREAK BUCHAREST AND SURROUNDINGS

Included services:

- 3 nights-accommodation in a central Hotel in Bucharest
- Transfers from/to the airport by air-conditioned vehicle (car/ minivan/ minibus / coach bus) according to the number of persons; for groups of minimum 15 persons with English-speaking guide (guide-driver for groups less the 7 persons)

Optional:

- Dinner in a traditional restaurant including a folkloric show and drinks (beer); for groups of min. 15 persons with English-speaking guide
- up to 4-hour guided walking tour in Bucharest (no entrance fees included) - subway transfers
- walking tour and tour by car/minivan/minibus/coach bus for 6 hours with English speaking Guide
- English-speaking guided packages:
  - Parliament Palace*, Treasury and the Trajan Column, National Village Museum
  - Ceausescu's Spring Palace*, Presidential Cotroceni Palace*, Romanian Athenaeum, Theodor Aman Museum
- One-day excursion to Snagov with English-speaking guide by air-conditioned car/minivan/ minibus/coach bus, entrance fees included to Snagov church, Mogosoaia Castle, Tiriuc Collection (over 150 historical vehicles - cars and motorcycles - manufactured since 1899) or why not, a jump in the pools of the largest SPA THERMES in Europe.
- One-day English-speaking guide excursion to Mogosoaia by air-conditioned car/minivan/minibus/coach bus, entrance fees included to the Caldarusani and Cernica monasteries and Mogosoaia Castle

NOTE (*) require mandatory reservation and all the visits must be done with a tour (6 hours)

BUCHAREST AND THE CARPATHIAN CASTLES

Included services:

- 3 nights-accommodation in a central Hotel in Bucharest;
- Transfers from/to the airport by air-conditioned vehicle (car/ minivan/ minibus / coach bus);
- One day excursion to Sinaia – Bran – Brasov with English-speaking guide; entrance fees to the Castles included, tour of Brasov and lunch in a traditional restaurant in Sinaia or Bran
- dinner in a traditional restaurant including a folkloric show and drinks in Bucharest.

From Bucharest to Sinaia, the Pearl of the Carpathians - visit of the Peles Park with its beautiful royal palaces Peles and Pelisor and the monastery of Sinaia. Continue to Bran - visit the castle / fortress / royal residence, known as Dracula’s Castle. Brasov – walking and sightseeing tour in Brasov and Bucharest.

**Peles** - built by King Charles I of Hohenzollern, the Royal Palace is one of the must-see places in Romania. Conceived as a summer residence it was the first castle in Europe to be equipped with heating and electricity. The Renaissance style building was started in 1875. Its rooms include furniture, paintings, valuable collections of armor and tapestries. Declared museum in 1953 it is the most visited monument from Romania.

For small groups – Version by train from Bucharest to Sinaia and return from Brasov to Bucharest and by car/minivan from Sinaia- Bran - Brasov
PRISTINE NATURE OF BANAT AND OLTENIA

**Version A** - Departure from BUCHAREST. We visit the Horezu Monastery built by Prince Brancoveanu and the fortified noble houses – cule – from Maldaresti. We stopped in the civil park of Tg. Jiu, native town of Brancusi – Romanian sculptor, painter and photographer, where his sculptures are. We visit the Monastery of Tismana and a phenomenon of the nature: God’s bridge.

A cruise through the Danube Gorges where the width of the river is as its minimum of only 150m and it has a depth of 80m. We’ll see Tabula Traiana and the Romanian Rushmore – the big rock with the head of Decebal, the king of the Dacians, and following this, we take a trip along the narrow gauge railway from Anina to Oravita, the first line built in Romania, in 1847. We visit the medieval castle of the Hunyadi in Hunedoara. Stop in Deva – visit of the fortress and the Museum of Dacian and Roman Civilization. Continue to the city of Alba Iulia – the Vauban fortress; the next stop will be in Sibiu with its famous squares, churches and palaces. Return to Bucharest along the Olt river valley with two stops at the monasteries of Cozia and Curtea de Arges.

**Version A bis (1250km)**

From 1st of July to 30th of September, from Sibiu to Bucharest, direction Nord – South, we can cross the Carpathian Mountains along the famous Transfagarasan Road, with a stop at the Avrig- Brukenthal Castle, Lake Balea – 2030m alt, Vidraru Lake and at the real fortress of Dracula, Poenari.

**Version B (1100km)** Departure from Timisoara. Followed by a trip along the narrow-gauge railway Anina - Oravita, the first line built in Romania in 1847. You can admire the famous Bigar waterfall. A trip in motor boat along the Danube Gorges where the width of the river is as its minimum of only 150m and has a depth of 80m. The tour continues with a visit of the Horezu Monastery, the famous Baths of Govora and the most beautiful medieval town in Transylvania: Sibiu and the Alba Iulia fortress. The tour ends in Timisoara with a visit of Timisoareana brewery, founded in 1718 by Prince Eugene of Savoy and the Recas wineries founded in 1447.

**Version B bis (1150km)** From 1st of July to 30th of September, from Curtea de Arges to Sibiu, direction South-Nord, we can cross the Carpathian Mountains along the famous Transfagarasan Road, with a stop at the real fortress of Dracula, Poenari, at the Vidraru Lake, at the Alpine Lake Balea – 2030m alt and at the Brukenthal Castle in Avrig.

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**WEEK-END IN BUCOVINA (500km)**

Departure from Suceava, to explore the UNESCO World Heritage of the painted monasteries, the painted eggs museums and black ceramic laboratories of Marginea. Overnight in Suceava, the former capital of the Prince of Moldavia Stephen the Great (sanctified by the Orthodox Church in 1992) and Bucovina, which was under Austrian rule from 1775 to 1918. You can visit the painted monasteries, UNESCO Heritage (Sucelita, Moldovita, Voronet, Humor, Arbor and Patrauti), the Moldavian architectural masterpieces monasteries (Dragomirna - the stone laced monastery, Putna - the Prince Stefan’s necropolis, Bogdana - the first stone church and necropolis of all the reigning Moldavians princes), the salt mine of Cacica - the oldest in Europe, the Roman Catholic Church of Polish in Cacica, where are a copy of the icon in Czestochowa, the fortress of Suceava and the village museum. We visit also the Ethnographic Museum “Hanul Domnesc”/ Prince’s Caravanserai/inn that was the residence of the prince of Moldova, Barnovschi, who gave it to the Suceava Orthodox Metropolia to be transformed into Caravanserai and with the money from rent given by the merchants, pay the light for the holy relics.

We visit two museums/laboraty of Painted Eggs in:

- **Vatra Moldovitei**, where the artist Lucia Condrea created an author’s museum with 3 collections for a total of 5000 eggs, painted by her, ancient and international eggs;
- **Vama** - we visit the largest collection of decorated eggs in the world of prof. Letitia Orsivschi - 7,000 items, from 82 countries of various sizes, worked with different techniques and styles in a variety of materials, real eggs, wood, metal, ceramics, glass, features of many local traditions.

In Vatra Moldovitei you can have a trip with the steam engine train, called Hutulca.

Visit the wood museum in Campulung Moldovenesc that presents traditions and use of wood in everyday life, craftsmanship and industry over the centuries. Visit the Spoon Museum, which with 6,000 items is probably the largest collections in the world. Here they are, collected by prof. Tugui since 1945, large shelf spoons used by shepherds, made with various cutting techniques, in various wood essences, and also spoons for ceremony and for domestic and industrial use. The tools to realise them are also exposed. Return flight from Suceava.

**MOLDAVIA AND BUCOVINA TOUR (700km)**

Arrival by direct flight to Iasi. A panoramic tour of the city with a visit to the Palace of Culture, the metropolitan church and the monasteries of Three Ierarbi, Golia, Galata and Getatuia. Departure to the castle of Ruginoasa, property of the first ruling prince of Romania united in 1859, Alexandru Ioan Cuza. Arrival in Suceava.

The route could be rich as CBSV or you can only visit the frescoed monasteries, Unesco Heritage: Sucelita, Moldovita and Voronet. The tour also includes a visit to the Marginea Ceramics Workshops and the Vama Egg Museum.

Departure to Rasca’s frescoed monastery (1542), stop at the fortress of Neamț (16th c.) and at the largest and oldest monastery of the Moldavia, Neamț. The present church is built by Stefan the Great at the end of the 15th century but the monastic complex dates back to a century before. Visit the white and flowered monastery of Agapia (1641), inhabited by sisters in small wooden houses, located around the main church frescoed by Nicolae Grigorescu, the most famous Romanian impressionist painter who studied at Barbizon School. In Piatra Neamț you can visit the Cucuteni museum and the princely court. Stop at the castle Sturza in Mihăiașeni (1880-1904) to admire the castle and hear the interesting stories about the princely family. Return flight from Iasi.

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TRANSYLVANIA - CASTLES, PALACES AND FORTRESSES (750km)

**Version A**

From Timisoara to Deva and Hunedoara - visit the medieval castle of the Hunyadi. Continue to the cities of Alba Iulia - visit of the Vauban fortress and Sibiu - visit of the famous squares, churches and palaces. Lunch is served inside the Brukenthal Castle in Avrig. We visit the Brukenthal Palace in Sibiu. We’ll continue our tour with a visit to the Fagaras Fortress, followed by the city of Brasov (sightseeing and walking tour) and the Bran and Cantacuzino Castle, the park with the Royals Peles and Pelisor Castles. Arrival in Bucharest - visit the Cotroceni and Cantacuzino Palaces.

**Version B**

Arrival by direct flight to Cluj. Departure for a visit to the huge Turda salt mine where you descend with 2 panoramic elevators up to 12 floors below the ground to reach the pond and take a ride on the panoramic wheel, continuing with the visit of the Vauban fortress of Alba Iulia and its ancient cathedrals. Following with the visit of Deva fortress and Hunyadi’s medieval castle in Hunedoara. Arriving in Sibiu where you can admire its famous squares, churches and palaces. You can see the Brukenthal Palace with its famous art gallery. Lunch in the house of Vlad the Impalator in Sighisoara, the only Romanian city declared Unesco Heritage. Visit of the city of Brasov. Visit of the castles/palaces Bran, Cantacuzino to Busteni, Peles and Pelisor in Sinaia. Arrival in Bucharest - visit of the Cotroceni and Cantacuzino/Museum of Music Palaces. Panoramic tour of the city.

This tour is suitable for groups with an English-speaking guide, for individuals with a rental car with driver or for the car rental formula with a road book
TRANSYLVANIA COUNTRYSIDE IN A NUTSHELL (750km)

The tour can start from Targu Mures or Cluj-Napoca. We’ll visit the Saxon fortified churches of Transylvania, such as Biertan, Malancrav, Viscri, Valea Viilor, Carta, the city of Sighisoara - birthplace of Vlad the Impaler/Dracula, the medieval town of Sibiu - where you can admire the collections of the Brukenthal Museum. Its collections, were established by Baron Samuel von Brukenthal on 1770, are continuously enriched. We’ll visit also the medieval town of Brasov with its symbol, the Black Church, the largest gothic church in Eastern Europe. We visit the Fagaras fortress (XIV century) and the Bran Castle. We will not forget to visit the magnificent salt mine in Turda and the imposing fortress of Alba Iulia.

Version A – Cluj-Napoca

Included services:
- 5 nights-accommodation in Cluj-Napoca – Sighisoara - Brasov - Sibiu – Cluj-Napoca
- Transfers from/to the airport by air-conditioned vehicle (car/ minivan/ minibus/ coach bus) - not available in the "rent-car" option

Version B – Tg. Mures

Included services:
- 5 nights-accommodation in Tg.Mures – Brasov –Sibiu – Cluj – Targu Mures
- Transfers from/to the airport by air-conditioned vehicle (car/ minivan/ minibus/ coach bus) - not available in the "rent-car" option

TRANSYLVANIA COUNTRYSIDE (1300km)

Departure from Targu Mures or Cluj-Napoca to visit:
- The Saxon fortified churches: Biertan, Malancrav, Viscri, Carta, Prejmer, Harman,
- The city of Sighisoara - birthplace of Vlad the Impaler/Dracula, the medieval town of Sibiu - (the collections of Museum Brukenthal), the medieval town of Brasov (Black Church, Schei quarter, etc.),
- The medieval castles of Fagaras (XIV century), Deva and Rasnov, the mighty fortress Vauban of Alba Iulia with its antiques cathedrals,
- The medieval castle of Bran and the Royal Palaces of Peles and Pelisor in Sinaia,
- The magnificent salt mine of Turda
- The archaeological areas of Sarmisegetusa Regia, the capital of the free Dacians, and the capital of the Roman colony, Sarmisegetusa Ulpia Traiana and the two oldest churches in Romania, Strei and Densus.
1st day – BUCHAREST

Arrival at Otopeni airport– Bucharest, the capital of Romania. Tour of the city with two visits to choose from Parliament House, the Cotroceni Palace, the Village Museum or the Treasury - where you will find the ancient and modern gold of the Romanians at the National Museum of History. Accommodation in Bucharest

2nd day – BUCHAREST – SINAIA – BRAN – POIANA BRASOV (220km)

Leave in the morning from Bucharest to Sinaia, the Pearl of Carpathians. In Sinaia there are eleven buildings declared historical monuments, such as the Casino (1912-1913), Caraiman H. (1911). H. Palace (1911-1912), house memorial George Enescu (1923-1926), the Sinaia monastery (1690-1695), the complex Peles Castle (1873-1883), consisting of the royal Peles Castle, the Pelisor and Foisor castles and the Economat villa. You will visit the Sinaia Monastery – a large monastic complex with 2 Orthodox churches, the largest was built in 1846, called the Royal Church and the smaller is of the original 14. Continue to Biertan, the largest Saxon church Transylvania, built in Gothic style, fortified in the fourteenth century, UNESCO heritage, with a 12 m high surrounding wall. Inside there is a wooden door with a lock with more than 19 mechanisms, engineering marvel. Stops in Medias, for a walking tour of the old city centre and admire the fortified church. Stop at the fortified Saxon church of Axente Sever, mentioned for the first time in 1322. Dinner and accommodation in Sibiu.

3rd day – In the heart of Transylvania (300km)

In the morning you will visit a few important cities of Transylvania, Brasov, called the Prague Romania in the Middle Ages, which was known for its many corporations who worked there. From its past, the city preserves important monuments, such as the Gothic Church (XIV) St Bartholomew, the fortress (XVI). Walking through Brasov you can admire: the Council Square with the House of the Council, the House of merchants and craftsmen, the Black Church - symbol of the city, the narrowest street in Eastern Europe, just one meter wide, the Schei district - with the first Romanian school at the Orthodox Cathedral San Nicholas. Continue to Sighisoara with a stop to visit the Saxons fortified church of Prejmer - UNESCO world heritage site, one of the best preserved in Eastern Europe. The church was built in late Gothic style (XV). Stop to the fortified Saxons church of Saschiz. Arrival in Sighisoara and have a walking tour of the city, one of the most fascinating and romantic cities of Romania with its cobbled streets, lined with XVI century houses (Unesco World Heritage Site). It still retains its medieval aspect boasting three surrounding walls and 9 still standing towers and bastions from the original 14. Continue to Biertan, the largest Saxon church Transylvania, built in Gothic style, fortified in the fourteenth century, UNESCO heritage, with a 12 m high surrounding wall. Inside there is a wooden door with a lock with more than 19 mechanisms, engineering marvel. Stops in Medias, for a walking tour of the old city centre and admire the fortified church. Stop at the fortified Saxon church of Axente Sever, mentioned for the first time in 1322. Dinner and accommodation in Sibiu.

4th day – From Transylvania to Wallachia along the river Olt (300km)

In the morning a walking tour of Sibiu. The most beautiful medieval city of Romania, rich in history, which was designed the Culture Capital of Europe for the year 2007. The main places to visit are: the Large Square (142m x 93m) - where almost all of the buildings date back from to the fifteenth century, and they are famous for the small windows opening on the roofs that resemble half closed eyes, the Little Square - 1370, separated from the square by the Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church (1726-1733) and the Council Tower (1588), the bridge of Lies - the first cast iron bridge built in Romania (1859), the Huet Square, with the magnificent Evangelical Cathedral (1300-1520), in Gothic style with a majestic bell tower with 5 points visible from afar - here is the tomb of Prince Mihnea the Villain, son of Vlad the Impaler and the reigning Prince of Wallachia (1507-1510). He was assassinated in front of the church. The fortifications built between the fourteenth and sixteenth century, had 39 towers of which there are only 7 still standing. Other places to visit: The History Museum which is housed in a Gothic building constructed between 1470 to 1490, the Holy Orthodox Cathedral Trinity (1902-1906) - home of the Archbishop of Sibiu and Metropolitan Church of Ardeal, a basilica in Byzantine style, a reduced copy of St. Sophia Cathedral. Heading south, along the valley of the river Olt with stops to visit the monastery Cozia (1388). Visit the monastery of Curtea de Arges and the ancient princely church. In the cathedral are the royal tombs of the Hohenzollern Kings. This Cathedral is unique for its style in Romania. Stop to visit the historic home of one of the greatest politicians of Romanian history, Bratianu. The Florica villa is located in a beautiful park in the middle of the trees and an extended wine area. Late afternoon arrival in Bucharest.

5th day – BUCHAREST

In the morning according to the flight schedule, a walking tour or free time for shopping in the downtown of Bucharest. Transfer t airport.

From 1st of July to 30th of September is possible to return to Bucharest crossing the Carpathian Mountains, on Transfagarasan road.

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2nd day – BUCHAREST – HOREZU / BAILE GOVORA (250km)

Morning departure for the Oltenia region. We first visit Stefanesti, the Bratianu memorial House, one of the greatest politicians of Romanian history, which recently became a cultural centre. We continue our visit with Curtea de Arges - the first capital of Wallachia, where we can visit the remains of the princely court and its church and the Curtea de Arges monastery with the Episcopal Church (built 1512-1517) where the Romanian Kings are buried. In addition, we'll visit the small church "D'intr-un lemn", built with the wood of a single tree, the fortified barons’ houses of Moldaresti. Accommodation in a 3* Hotel in Horezu or in a 4* Hotel in Baile Govora.

3rd day – HOREZU/BAILE GOVORA – SIBIU (120km)

In the morning we’ll visit the Cozium monastery and the Roman fort Arutela situated along the banks of Olt river. Arrival in Sibiu. Walking tour of the historic city centre. Accommodation in a 4* hotel in Sibiu or in a rural tourism guesthouse in Sibiul.

4th day – SIBIU – ALBA IULIA – HUNEDOARA – SIBIU (290km)

We start to discover the Vauban fortress of Alba Iulia, with its Orthodox Cathedral, where in 1920 the King Ferdinand and Queen Mary were crowned as rulers of the newly unified Romania (1918). Our visit in Alba Iulia will conclude with the Catholic Cathedral and other touristic objectives. We’ll continue the tour with a visit of the largest medieval castle in Eastern Europe, the Hunyadi Castle in Hunedoara. We end our day back to Sibiu or Sibiul.

5th day – SIBIU – SIGHISOARA (120km)

This day is dedicated to the discovery of the fortified Saxon churches of Transylvania that follow a visit to the collections of Palace Brukenthal in Sibiu. We continue the tour in Asente Sever, Medias and Biertan - the largest fortified Saxon church of Transylvania (Unesco heritage site). In Sighisoara we’ll visit the museum in the Clock Tower. After a walking tour in the citadel, we'll have the accommodation in Sighisoara, the birthplace of Vlad the Impaler.

6th day – SIGHISOARA – BRAN / POIANA BRASOV (140km)

We depart in the morning for Brasov. Our objectives near Brasov include: the fortified Saxon churches of Prejmer, a Unesco heritage site and Harman. After lunch we will provide a walking tour of Brasov (St. Nicholas Church in the Schei district and Black Church - symbol of the city). We’ll visit the Bran Castle / Dracula, Royal residence after 1920. Accommodation in a 4* Hotel in Poiana Brasov or in a 3* Hotel in Bran.

7th day – BRAN / POIANA BRASOV – SINAIA/BUCHAREST (180km)

In the morning, if weather permits, we will climb up to the Rasnov Citadel and admire the view before heading to Sinaia, where we will visit the monastery and the royal castles of Peles or Pelisor. Accommodation is provided in Sinaia or Bucharest (in accordance with the return flight schedules).

8th day – SINAIA/ BUCHAREST – BUCHAREST (120km)

Transfer to the airport for the return flight. If the flight is in the afternoon, we will spend the morning to visit the Slanic Prahova salt mine or other tourist objectives in Sinaia and surroundings, like the memorial house of George Enescu and the Pelisor Castle in Sinaia, the Zarnesti Bear reserve, the Cantacuzino Castle in Busteni or in Bucharest: Cantacuzino Palace / Museum of Music, the Spring Palace – Ceausescu's residence, or 3h relax on the biggest SPA of Europe etc.

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GOLD ROAD OF THE DACIANS (1000km)

1st day – TIMISOARA – European capital of culture in 2021
Arrival at Timisoara International Airport. Walking tour of the city to admire its squares and old palaces. Dinner in the famous Timisoreana brewery founded in 1718 by Prince Eugene of Savoy. Accommodation in a hotel in Timisoara.

2nd day – TIMISOARA – BRAD – ROSIA MONTANA – ALBA IULIA (300km)
In the morning departure for Zarand countryside, where we'll visit the museum of the native gold witch has 1300 gold minerals and 18kg in different forms from filaments mixed with gold other minerals (unique museum in the world). We will attend a gold mining lesson. Continue with the visit of the installations for the extraction of gold from the ancient tunnels exploited by the Romans. Accommodation in a hotel in Alba Iulia.

3rd day – ALBA IULIA – DEVA – HUNEDOARA (190km)
In the morning we'll visit the Alba Iulia Vauban fortress with its 2 cathedrals (Orthodox and Catholic). Continue to the Arboretum of Simeria, a unique oasis in Romania, to get to Deva, where in the Museum of Dacian and Roman civilization where there is a unique object: a mold for gold objects, found in Sarmisegetusa Regia, the capital of the Dacians, after a storm. A pleasant walk in the woods to reach the ancient capital of Dacia, Sarmisegetusa Regia, 1200m above sea level. Continue for Hunedoara for the visit of the largest and well preserved medieval castle in Eastern Europe, Hunyadi Castle. Janos Hunyadi/Iancu de Hunedoara was the cousin of Vlad the Impaler / Dracula. Accommodation in a hotel in Hunedoara.

4th day – HUNEDOARA – DROBETA TR.SEVERIN – ESELNITA (260km)
In the morning we visit the smallest stone churches: Densus and Strei, probably built with stones from the Roman fort and the oldest on the Romanian territory. Arrival in Drobeta- Turnu Severin, ancient Roman municipium where we can visit the medieval citadel, the Roman baths and a pile of the bridge built by Roman Emperor Trajan's architect Apollodorus of Damascus. Stop at the Museum of the Power plant of the Porte di Ferro dam. Accommodation in a hotel in Eselnita.

5th day – ESELNITA – The Danube Gorge – TIMISOARA (280km)
A morning cruise through the Danube Gorges the narrowest section of the river (only 150m wide - 80m water depth). We will pass by Tabula Traiana and the “Romanian Rushmore” – featuring the face of Decebal - the kings of the Dacians. In the afternoon you can admire the Bigar waterfall, considered the most beautiful in Romania. Returning to Timisoara through Caransebes, we'll stop at Tibiscum - Archaeological excavations of an important Roman castrum, from 102 A.D. Dinner with wine tasting at the Recas cellars dating from 1447. Accommodation in a hotel in Timisoara.

6th day – TIMISOARA
Transfer to the airport for the return flight.
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**ARCHEOLOGY IN DOBROGEA (1300km)**

**1st day – BUCHAREST**
Arrival at Bucharest International Airport Otopeni. Dinner and accommodation in a hotel in Bucharest.

**2nd day – BUCHAREST – CONSTANTA (240km)**
Bucharest's panoramic tour, a city that attracts which contrasts - past and modernity - fascinates and intrigues: the Romanian Athenaeum / Musical Auditorium, the great avenues, the "People's House", known today as the Parliament Building, the second largest building after the Pentagon. Visit the Lapidarium in the Museum of National History of Romania, which is located in a large specially built room, Trajan's Column - copy and visit the Treasury, containing the ancient and modern times golden artefacts found on the Romanian territory. In the afternoon, we'll go to the Black Sea. The motorway bridge crossing the Danube runs along the railway line designed by Anghel Salcig in 1989 (1890 - 1895). At the time it was the longest metal bridge in Europe and one of the most important in the world with a total length of 4,088m. The road runs along the Danube - Black Sea waterway, a very important hydraulic work linking the Danube River port, Gernovoda with two seaports, Navodari and Constanta, shortening the natural path of the river by 400 km. The Channel is part of the important European navigable route that connects Constanta to Rotterdam and then to the North Sea through the Rhine-Main Danube Channel, the third longest canal in the world after Suez and Panama. It was inaugurated in 1984 by Ceausescu: 64 km long, 7 m deep, 110-140 m wide. Dinner and accommodation in a hotel in Constanta or Mamaia.

**3rd day – CONSTANTA – ADAMCLISI – CONSTANTA (150km)**
Panoramic tour of Constanta, the oldest city on the Romanian territory, founded by Greek colonists from Miletus, called Tomis in 657 BC. In 71 A.D. the Greek colony was conquered by the Romans who changed its name in Constantiniana, from the name of Emperor Constantine the Great. It seems that Jason with his Argonauts has stopped here. The Latin poet Publius Ovidius Naso known as Ovid lived here, for eight years, in exile. It became later the capital of Scythia Minor. The Genoans developed the port in the middle Ages and today it is the largest Black Sea port and the 4th in Europe. A promenade to admire the Casino (the only Art Nouveau building in Romania) and the Aquarium built in 1958, featuring all four types of sturgeons. Visit of the Museum of National History and Archaeology with the adjacent building of the Roman Mosaic of 2000 sqm, one of the largest of the Roman Empire. Visit of some mosques built during the Turkish occupation (one of which was built in 1910 by King Carol I). Travel along the promenade towards Mangalia, the ancient Greek town Callatis to reach Adamclisi, where we can admire the trophy built in 107/108 A.D. in Lower Moesia, to commemorate the victory of Emperor Trajan on the Dacians during the Battle of Tapae in 101 A.D. Inspired by Augusto's Mausoleum, it was dedicated to Mars Ultor between 107 and 108 A.D. Originally, the 54 Metopes, depicting Roman legions fighting against enemies, decorated the perimeter wall. The visit continues with the museum and fortress. Continue towards Murfatlar, where we stop to visit the winery and to taste various types of red and white wines. Dinner and accommodation in a hotel in Constanta or Mamaia.

**4th day – CONSTANTA – HISTRIA – DANUBE DELTA – CONSTANTA (320km)**
Morning trip to Histria - visit of the archaeological site and museum. Nice panorama over Sinoe Lake where an ancient port existed. Motor boat trip through the Danube Delta channels (approx. 6 hours). Fish based lunch. Dinner and accommodation in a hotel in Constanta or Mamaia.

**5th day – BULGARIA – BALCIK CASTLE and CAP CALIA CRA (270km)**
Early morning departure for Balik, Bulgaria, to visit the Balicik Castle, former home of Queen Maria of Romania. She has built the Castle for her and for her children to enjoy the atmosphere by the sea. Stroll to the rose and cactus gardens. Return to Constanta via Cap Caliacra, beautiful promontory by the Black Sea. Dinner and accommodation in a hotel in Constanta or Mamaia.

**6th day – BUCHAREST**
Early morning departure to Bucharest for the return flight.

**Short Version – 5 days/4 nights**

Direct flight from/to Constanta.

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1st day – IASI
Arrival by flight to Iasi, the capital of Moldavia. Walking tour of the historical centre of Iasi (The Great Cathedral Metropolitan of Moldavia and Bucovina, the Three Hierarchs Church, the Palace of Culture, the princely court with the House Dosoftei, the church St. Nicholas, the Alescandri Theatre, Golia Monastery, the Roznovanu Palace, the Synagogue, the memorial house of Codreanu, the Monument of the Great Union) and by coach bus you will visit, near Iasi, the monasteries of Cetatuia, Galata and Hlincea. A short walk in the Botanical Garden (1856). Accommodation and dinner in a hotel in Iasi.

2nd day – IASI – CHISINAU (250km)
In the morning we will travel to Chisinau. Cross the border with Moldavian Republic at Sculeni. You will visit the village Vatici and its museum, the monastery Curchi, one of the most beautiful monasteries of Moldova, built based on the design of the Italian architect Rastrelli and the church St. Nicholas, built in the Byzantine style. At lunch we can visit the cellars Chateau Vartely. In the afternoon we will visit the medieval part of the city Vechial Orhei, with the administrative building (XV), the Cave Monastery ”The Dormition of the Virgin” (XIII-XIV), the Cross of Healing, a pilgrimage site, the church “La Nativity of Mary “, built in 1904 on a hill overlooking the valley of the river Raut, the ruins of the Geto-Dacian city, the museum” the farm house”(XIX). Arrive in the evening in the capital Chisinau. Dinner and accommodation in a hotel in Chisinau.

3rd day - CHISINAU – CRICOVA – CHISINAU (50km)
Panoramic tour of Chisinau. At Cricova Wine Cellars, we’ll have lunch and wine tasting after visiting a part of 100km of galleries, among the largest in the world. Return to the hotel.

4th day – CHISINAU – HANCESTI – MILESTII MICI – CHISINAU (100km)
In the morning we will to visit a noble residence, the “conac” of Manuc Bei Mirzoian, built by Alessandro Bernardazzi. The dwelling is considered the Versailles of Moldavian Republic. Tasting of traditional dishes and local specialties. For lunch we will go to Milestii Mici, famous wineries of Moldavian Republic, where various types of wine you will taste. Return to the city in the late afternoon. Visit the small village museum and its wooden church of 1642 in Chisinau. Return to the hotel.

5th day – CHISINAU – IASI (250km)
Return to Iasi for your flight.

Alternative solutions:
arrival in Iasi and departure from Chisinau or
arrival and departure from Chisinau
1st day – IASI
Arrival by flight to Iasi, the capital of Moldavia. Accommodation and dinner in a hotel in Iasi.

2nd day – IASI – SUCEAVA (300km)
Departure for the monasteries and castles of Moldavia and Bucovina. Stop to visit Rucinoasa castle, memorial museum of Ioan Cuza, the first ruling prince of modern Romania and the Miclauseni Sturza Castle (1880-1904). Arrival in Piatra Neamt to visit the ancient princely court (the bell tower and the church) and Cucuteni museum (Neolithic Civilization). Lunch. In the afternoon we will visit the monasteries of Agapia (1641) run by a community of nuns, which live in small flowered houses, set around the main church frescoed inside by Nicolae Grigorescu, the most famous Romanian painter. He studied at the school of Barbizon, with the French Impressionists. The visits continue with the Neamt Monastery, the largest and the oldest in Moldova. The present church was built by Stefan the Great (XV) but the monastic complex dates back to a century earlier. During a short walk we will reach the Neamt fortress. Stop for coffee at the foot of the hills where the old fortress stands majestically since the sixteenth century. Continue to Rusca, visit the monastery of monks built in 1542, with exterior frescoes in the Byzantine style. Evening arrival in Suceava, the ancient capital of Moldavia’s ruler and saint Stephen the Great. Dinner and accommodation in a hotel in Suceava.

3rd day – Visit the monasteries of Bucovina (220km)
In the morning we’ll visit the citadel of Suceava and the monastery of St. George, known for its glazed roof and external frescoes. We will visit at Raduatu, Bogdania church, princely necropolis, the oldest religious building in Moldova, in Gothic style. Visit the Putna Monastery (1466), built by Stephen the Great to be his eternal abode. Stop in Marginea to get a glimpse of the manufacturing process of the black ceramic. Lunch. In the afternoon, we will visit the monastic of Sucevita (1601), the most recent of the painted monasteries. It is famous for “Scale of the virtues” and its green colour. It’s the only of the painted churches that still has the original fortifications intact. The last two visits of the day are reserved for the monasteries of Humor (1530) - famous frescoes of the Glorification of the Virgin and the Siege of Constantiopol in red hues and the monastery of Voronet (1498) - famous for the blue hue fresco, which earned it the nickname of the Sistine Chapel of the East. Dinner and accommodation in a hotel in Suceava.

4th day – Towards the North Bucovina - Ukraine (230km)
In the morning we will visit two buildings near Suceava, unique for their architecture: the monastery of Dragomirna (1609), work in stone masterpiece and the small church of Pataurati (1487), the first church built by Stefan the Great – we will admire the famous fresco of the Ride of the Holy Cross in yellow hues. We will cross the Ukrainian border at the town of Siret. Arrival in Cernatu, the ancient capital of Bukovina. Visit the University (1875), former headquarters of the Metropolitan Church of Bukovina, in Moorish-Byzantine style. Walk to admire the Orthodox Church of St. Nicholas (1939), similar to the famous Romanian church of Curtea de Arges, the Greek-catholic church in yellow hues, the Armenian Catholic church, the synagogue, the pink Orthodox cathedral. The architecture of the city centre is similar to that of an eighteenth century Austrian village.
Lunch. Return to Suceava, short stop at the monastery of Bancheni. We will cross back the Romanian border at the town of Siret, one of the oldest cities of the Moldavian Principality, the second capital of the kingdom, in the fourteenth century, after Baia. Dinner and accommodation in a hotel in Suceava.

5th day – Towards the Rep. Moldova (400km)
In the morning we will cross the border with the Moldavian Republic. The day is dedicated to visiting the ancient fortress of Stephen the Great in Soroca, built in the late fifteenth century on the banks of the Dniester River. Lunch. Arrival in the evening in the capital Chisinau. Dinner and accommodation in a hotel in Chisinau.

6th day – Moldova of the left bank of the Prut River (180km)
In the morning we will depart for the visit of the natural and cultural Reserve Orheiul Vechi, nicknamed the “City of the 1001 mysteries”. Lunch with traditional dishes. Continue to the Curchi Monastery. Stop in the village Vatci to visit the “the old hearth” museum. We will taste wine in the Cricova wine cellars and we’ll visit the famous galleries. In the afternoon we will visit the city of Chisinau. During the city tour we will admire the buildings such as the National Museum of Fine Arts (1939), the Museum of History and Archaeology (1987), the National Museum of Ethnography and Natural History, in Moorish style, the imposing building of the Academy of Sciences. We will also see the Memorial House of Pushkin, who lived here for a few months when he began to write Yevgeny Onegin in 1823, a portrait in verse of the life of the Russian people. The memorial house was inaugurated in 1948. In Chisinau, you can also see the Arch of Triumph, raised following the victory of the Tsarist Empire over the Ottoman Empire in 1841, the monument of Prince Stephen the Great and the Metropolitan Cathedral “Nativity of the Lord”. Dinner and accommodation in a hotel in Chisinau.

7th day – From Rep. Moldova to the Moldavia (180km)
We will leave in the morning, have a brief stop at the winery Milestii Mici, which together with Cricova competes for the title of the winery with the longest tunnels. We’ll visit the Sărucićeni monastery, where in 1785 the rich, noble Casian Sărucićeni built what is considered the most sacred religious place for Moldavians. Destroyed during the Soviet occupation, it was reopened as a monastery of nuns in 1992. We’ll stop in Bardar to visit the new ostriches breeding farm and more. Later, we will arrive at the Manuc Bey hunting castle, built in the nineteenth century in Moldovan style with influences of French classicism. Lunch. Late afternoon we will arrive in Iasi. In the afternoon we’ll visit the historical centre, starting with the beautiful Palace of Culture and the princely Church of St. Nicholas, the Three Hierarchs Church, a stone lace, the Metropolitan Church and the National Theatre. Dinner and accommodation in a hotel in Iasi.

8th day – IASI
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1st day – BUCHAREST
➤ arrival at Bucharest. Transfer and dinner at hotel in Bucharest.

2nd day – WALLACHIA & TRANSYLVANIA: Bucharest – Sibiu – Alba Iulia (360km)
➤ visits: walking tour in Sibiu and at the Vauban-style fortress of Alba Iulia

3rd day – MEDIEVAL TREASURES: Alba Iulia – Sighisoara – Bistrita (290km)
➤ visits: the fortified church of Biertan and walking tour in the citadel of Sighisoara – Unesco World Heritage, Targu Mures and Bistrita

4th day – SWEET BUCOVINA: Bistrita – Moldovita – Sucevita - Suceava (245km)
➤ visits: the Spoon Wood Museum in Campulung Moldovenesc, the collection of eggs painted in Moldovita or Vama, the painted monasteries of Moldovita, Sucevit, the black ceramic laboratories of Marginea

5th day – MOLDOVA & TRANSYLVANIA: Suceava – Voronet – Agapia - Piatra Neamt (190km)
➤ visits: the painted monastery of Voronet, the Agapia monastery, the fortress of Neamt

6th day – BRAN & BRASOV: Piatra Neamt – Prejmer – Bran – Brasov/Poiana Brasov (260km)
➤ visits: the Bicaz gorges, Lacu Rosu/red lake, the fortified church of Prejmer, the Castle of Dracula in Bran

7th day – THE ROYAL ROUTE: Brasov/Poiana Brasov – Sinaia – Bucharest (180km)
➤ visits: walking tour in Brasov with the Black Church, the Real Castle Peles in Sinaia

8th day – BUCHAREST
➤ visits: walking tour in Bucharest with a visit at the Museum of Village and/or Parliament House
➤ transfer to the airport for the flight back home

Optional:
➤ 3 – 4 days at the UNESCO Natural World Heritage Site – Danube Delta
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**TRANSILVANIA & BUCOVINA & MOLDAVIA & DANUBE DELTA (1600km)**

- **Program:**
  - Sightseeing tour of Bucharest, Brasov, Sibiu and Piatra Neamt cities
  - motor boat trip through Danube Delta with fish based lunch
- **Visits:**
  - Bran / Dracula Castle, Royal Peles Palace in Sinaia and Neamt fortress
  - Transylvania – the Saxon fortified churches (Prejmer and Biertan), Sighisoara citadel
  - Bucovina – the painted monasteries: Sucevita, Moldovita, Humor and Voronet
  - Moldavia – the orthodox monasteries: Neamt e Agapia.

**OLTENIA & TRANSILVANIA & MARAMURES & BUCOVINA (2100km)**

- **Program:**
  - Sightseeing tour of Bucharest, Alba Iulia, Cluj, Brasov, Sibiu and Piatra Neamt cities
  - motor boat trip through the Danube Gorges
  - steam train trip on a narrow gauge railway in Viseu/Maramures
- **Visits:**
  - Castles: Hunyadi in Hunedoara, Dracula, in Bran and Peles in Sinaia
  - Oltenia – the Hurezi Monastery and “cule” in Maldaresti
  - Transylvania – the Saxon fortified churches (Prejmer and Biertan), the Sighisoara citadel, Turda salt mine, Dacian capital - Sarmisegetusa Regia, Roman capital of Dacia, Sarmisegetusa Ulpi Traiana
  - Bucovina – the painted monasteries of Sucevita, Moldovita, Humor and Voronet
  - Moldavia – the Orthodox monasteries of Neamt and Agapia, the Neamt fortress, the Bicaz Gorges
  - Maramures – the wooden churches of Surdesti, Desesti, Barsana Rozavlea, Bogdan Voda and the Merry cemetery of Sapanta

**TRANSILVANIA & MARAMURES & BUCOVINA (1600km)**

- **Program:**
  - Sightseeing tour of Bucharest, Brasov, Sibiu, and Piatra Neamt cities
  - steam train trip on a narrow gauge railway in Viseu/Maramures
- **Visits:**
  - Castles: Dracula in Bran, Royal Peles Palace in Sinaia
  - Transylvania – the Saxon fortified churches (Prejmer and Biertan), the Sighisoara citadel
  - Bucovina – the painted monasteries of Sucevita, Moldovita, Humor and Voronet
  - Moldavia – the Orthodox monasteries of Neamt and Agapia, the Neamt fortress
  - Maramures – the wooden churches of Surdesti, Desesti, Barsana Rozavlea, Bogdan Voda and the Merry cemetery of Sapanta and the mineralogy museum in Baia Mare

**TRANSILVANIA & MARAMURES & BUCOVINA & DELTA (2300km)**

- **Program:**
  - Sightseeing tour of Bucharest, Brasov, Sibiu, Piatra Neamt cities
  - steam train trip on a narrow gauge railway in Viseu/Maramures
- **Visits:**
  - Castles & fortress: Hunyadi in Hunedoara, Dracula in Bran, Peles in Sinaia
  - Transylvania – the Saxon fortified churches (Prejmer and Biertan), the mine salt of Turda, the Sighisoara citadel
  - Bucovina – the painted monasteries of Sucevita, Moldovita, Humor and Voronet; Dragomirna and Bogdana, the black ceramic of Dragomirna
  - Moldavia – the orthodox monasteries of Neamt e Agapia, the Neamt fortress
  - Maramures – the wooden churches of Surdesti, Desesti, Rozavlea, Bogdan Voda, the Merry cemetery of Sapanta and the mineralogy museum in Baia Mare

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ROMANIA AND BULGARIA (1300km)

1st day – BUCHAREST
Arrival at Otopeni Bucharest International Airport. Panoramic tour of Bucharest by bus and walk through the historic center with a visit of the Treasury at the National History Museum. Dinner and accommodation in Bucharest.

2nd day – BUCHAREST – SINAIA (250km)
In the morning, departure to Sinaia where you will visit the royal castle of Peles and then the castle of Bran, better known as the castle of Dracula. Panoramic tour of the city of Brasov. Dinner and accommodation in Sinaia.

3rd day – SINAIA – ARBANASSI (320km)
At midday we will arrive at Arbanassi, a small village that housed the bourgeois families of Veliko Tarnovo. We will visit the Kostanzaliev house museum, built in the 18th century by a wealthy Turkish merchant resident. You can still admire all the original furniture. Dinner and accommodation in Arbanassi or Veliko Tarnovo.

4th day – ARBANASSI – PLOVDIV (270km)
In the morning we will visit Veliko Tarnovo and climb Mount Tzarevez where even today we can admire the evident signs of the Second Bulgarian Kingdom’s greatness. We will continue to Kazanluk, the capital of roses, where we will visit the replica of the Thracian tomb (the original is Unesco Heritage). Before arriving in Plovdiv, nominated Capital of Culture in 2019, we will visit the monastery of Bachkovo. Built in 1083, this monastery is known mainly for its original architectural form and for the treasures and collections of books it contains. The most interesting aspect of the monastic complex is the series of frescoes that completely cover the monastery, the church and the ossuary. Dinner and accommodation in Plovdiv.

5th day – PLOVDIV – KOPRIVSHTIZA – SOFIA (200km)
Morning visit of the ancient city of Plovdiv. Following the cobbled streets that extend along this hill, you can admire the many houses that have been home to the most important families of the city for decades. Visit of the Roman Theater. Departure to Koprivshtiza, where you will visit the historical center filled with some of the most beautiful historic houses in Bulgaria. Visit the Church of the Virgin (Uspenie Bogirodichino) and two of the museum houses. Dinner and accommodation in Sofia.

6th day – SOFIA – RILA – SOFIA (250km)
Morning visit of the church of Bojana, which still conserves some frescoes of 1259. The first part was built in the tenth century, the second in the thirteenth century and the last extension dates back to the nineteenth century. Visit the National Museum of History, located at the foot of the same mountain where the Bojana neighborhood is located. Visit of the Rila monastery, consecrated to the patron saint of Bulgaria, San Juan de Rila, who built the first monastery in the valley of the Manastirska river. It goes back to the tenth century, has been represented throughout the centuries, and continues to represent a fundamental cultural reference point for the country and one of the main centres of Orthodox Christianity. Dinner and accommodation in Sofia.

7th day – SOFIA
The tour ends with a walk through the historical center of Sofia with visits of the remains of Serdica, the round church, the Church of Saint Sophia ending with the visit of the huge Orthodox cathedral dedicated to A. Nevski, the Russian hero of the thirteenth century, Prince of Novgorod, proclaimed saint in 1547.
1st day – BUCHAREST
Arrival at international airport Otopeni - Bucharest. Panoramic tour of Bucharest by bus and walking tour in the old center. Dinner and accommodation in Bucharest.

2nd day – BUCHAREST – VELIKO TARNOVO (190km)
Morning visit at the Cotroceni Palace, a royal residence from 1896 to 1947 and a presidential residence since 1991. Midday arrival at Arbanasi, a small village that housed the bourgeois families of Veliko Tarnovo. We will visit the Kostanzaliev house museum, which was built in the 18th century by a wealthy Turkish resident merchant. The original furniture can still be admired. Arrival at Veliko Tarnovo, the starting point for the climb up Mount Tsarevezz (This was the capital of the Bulgarian Empire, surrounded by the Yantra River). Dinner and accommodation in Veliko Tarnovo.

3rd day – VELIKO TARNOVO – BACKOVO - PLOVDIV (250km)
In the morning we will be heading to Kazanluk, the capital of roses, where we will visit the replica of the Thracian tomb (the original is Unesco Heritage). Before arriving in Plovdiv, capital of culture in 2019, we will visit the monastery of Backovo, built in 1083. Walk through the historic center of Plovdiv. Dinner and accommodation in Plovdiv.

4th day – PLOVDIV – BOJANA - SOFIA (150km)
Before reaching the center of Sofia, we will visit the church of Bojana, which still conserves some frescoes from 1259. The first part was built in the tenth century, the second in the XIII and the last extension dates back to the nineteenth century. Panoramic tour that includes a visit to the Aleksander Nevsky Cathedral and the old town. Dinner and accommodation in Sofia.

5th day – SOFIA – RILA – SOFIA (250 km)
Visit of the Rila monastery, consecrated to the patron saint of Bulgaria, San Juan de Rila, who built the first monastery in the valley of the Manastiriska river. It goes back to the tenth century and has represented over the centuries a fundamental cultural reference point for the country and one of the main centres of Orthodox Christianity. Dinner and accommodation in Sofia.

6th day – SOFIÁ - BELGRADE (400Km)
In the afternoon, walk through the historical center of Belgrade. Dinner and accommodation in Belgrade.

7th day – BELGRADE - NOVISAD - TIMISOARA (250Km)
Morning visit of two of the 35 largest and most important Orthodox monasteries once standing in the Fruska Gora Park, built between the 15th and 18th centuries. The remaining 15 are part of the UNESCO Heritage. The Fruska Gora park is 50 km long and 10 km wide. Once in Novisad, we will visit the historic center and the Petrovaradin fortress. We will continue to Timisoara for dinner and accommodation.

8th day – TIMISOARA - HUNEDOARA - ALBA IULIA (240Km)
Walk through the historic center of Timisoara. Visit of the largest medieval castle in Eastern Europe in Hunedoara. Visit of the Vauban fortress with its historical monuments in Alba Iulia. Dinner and accommodation in Alba Iulia.

9th day – ALBA IULIA - SIBIU - BRASOV (250Km)
Panoramic tour of the city of Sibiu. Stop at the Fagaras fortress. Visit the Bran Castle, mythological considered the castle of Dracula (historically known as Vlad the Impaler). Panoramic tour of Brasov. Dinner and accommodation in Brasov.

10th day - BRASOV - BUCHAREST (180 km)
In the morning we will visit the royal castle of Peles in Sinaia. Arrival in Bucharest in the late afternoon. Dinner and accommodation in Bucharest.

11th day - BUCHAREST
We will continue the panoramic tour of Bucharest with a choice of visits according to the flight schedule. Airport transfer.
ROMANIA AND SERBIA (1500km)

1st day – BUCHAREST – PITESTI (120km)
Arrival at Otopeni Bucharest airport. Panoramic tour of the city with a walk through the historic center. Dinner and accommodation in Pitesti.

2nd day – PITESTI – ESELNITA (320km)
We will visit the Hurezi monastery, founded by Prince Constantin Brancoveanu. We will continue towards Maldaresti to visit the fortified noble houses. Stop at Women’s Cave / Pestera Muierilor. In the afternoon, walk through Targu Jiu Park, where the monumental works of the Romanian sculptor George Brancusi can be found. Arrival in the afternoon to Eselnita.

3rd day – ESELNITA – BELGRADE (280km)
In the morning, boat trip through the Danube Gorges, 150 m wide and 80 m deep, where the Tabula Traiana and the rock sculpture of Decebal, the king of the free Dacians, are carved in the side of the mountain. Return to Drobeta Turnu Severin to visit the archaeological zone. Visit the museum of the Iron Gates Power Station. Stop at Golubac (‘Pigeons’) Fortress, in Serbia. Built on a Roman settlement, the medieval fortress was occupied by the Hungarian Kingdom, the Ottoman Empire and the Serbs. With its 8 towers it seems to be born from the waters of the Danube. Dinner and accommodation in Belgrade.

4th day – BELGRADE – NOVISAD - TIMISOARA (250km)
Morning visit of two of the 35 largest and most important Orthodox monasteries once standing in the Fruska Gora Park, built between the 15th and 18th centuries. The remaining 15 are part of the UNESCO Heritage. The Fruska Gora Park is 50 km long and 10 km wide. The Fruska Gora Park is 50 km long and 10 km wide. Once in Novisad, we will visit the historic center and the Petrovaradin fortress. We will continue to Timisoara for dinner and accommodation.

5th day – TIMISOARA – HUNEDOARA – ALBA IULIA (240km)
Walk through the historic center of Timisoara. Visit of the largest medieval castle in Eastern Europe in Hunedoara. Visit of the Vauban fortress with its historical monuments in Alba Iulia. Dinner and accommodation in Alba Iulia.

6th day – ALBA IULIA – BAILE GOVORA (200km)
Day dedicated to Sibiu, considered the most beautiful city of Transylvania. In the afternoon we will arrive at Baile Govora, traveling along the Ol river with a stop in Cozia, to visit the monastery.

7th day – BAILE GOVORA – BUCHAREST (210km)
Departure in the morning from Baile Govora and return flight in the afternoon.
SHORT ITINERARY (1900km in Romania)

Cities and attractions (in chronological order)

- **Maramures**: the 8 wooden churches of Maramures (UNESCO), the Merry cemetery of Sapanta, the steam train of Viseu
- **Bucovina**: the painted churches (UNESCO) of Sucevita, Moldovita, Humor and Voronet, the Cacica salt mine, the museum of decorated eggs of Vama and Moldovita, the Black Ceramics of Marginea
- **Moldavia**: the Orthodox monasteries of Neamt, Agapia, Rasca and Varatec, the castles of Ruginoasa and Miclauseni, the fortress of Neamt, the Gorges of Bicaz and the Red Lake
- **Transylvania**: the fortified Saxon churches, the citadel of Sighisoara, the medieval castles of Bran / Dracula and Hunyadi, the strongholds of Rasnov, Rupea, Feldioara and Deva, the Turda and Praid salt mines

In the **SLOW OPTION**, we will travel shorter distances each day, or we can spend 2 nights in the same city, with the possibility of adding other interesting visits, such as the Cacica / Bucovina or Praid / salt mines in Transilvania, a trip to Viseu by steam train, a visit to the medieval castle of Hunedoara, to the mineralogy museum in Baia Mare, to the archeology museum in Piatra Neamt, or to the fortresses of Suceava, Neamt, Fagaras, Feldioara or Rasnov. For children: the Libearty Bear park in Brasov, the Dino Park in Rasnov or, for young people, the Arsenal amusement park in Orastie.

MEDIUM ITINERARY WITH BUCHAREST (2400km)

In this option the Muntenia regions are visited together with Bucharest and Oltenia. The visits that can be made are:

- **Muntenia**: the royal castles Peles and Pelisor in Sinaia, the Cantacuzino palaces in Busteni and Bucharest, Vlad’s Castle in Poenari (Prince Dracula’s actual castle), the monasteries of Sinaia, Snagov, Curtea de Arges and Cozia, the ancient capitals of Muntenia: Targoviste and Curtea de Arges
- **Oltenia**: the Hurezi- PU monastery, the “cule” (fortified patrician houses) of Maldaresti

LONG ITINERARY WITH DOBROGEA (3000km)

In addition to the previous route, you can take a motor boat trip in the Danube Delta (UNESCO), visit the Delta museum in Tulcea, the archaeological sites of Adamclisi, Histria and the archaeological museum of Constanta.

The previous tours can be done by coach from Europe
The same routs are also recommended for motorcyclists

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- short cruises in the Danube Delta and Danube River Gorges
- rent-car with/without driver
- transfers to/from the Romanian airports
- museum admissions fees for guided and unguided tours
- mandatory museum reservations
- restaurants with live music and Romanian folklore performance
- licensed guides or interpreters for several languages

We organize:
- Complete Tour in Romania with English/other language-speaking guide by car/ minivan/ coach bus
- Guided city walking tours or by car
- Cultural Biking Tours for nature lovers
- Thalasotherapy, balneotherapy, gerovital treatments, anti-stress, anti-ageing treatments on the Black Sea or in the Carpathian mountains in high quality hotels and SPAs
- Customized tours
- And much more .....