

Romania – Legends of Medieval Romania

Tour Code RO

With its rich folkloric heritage, picturesque villages and wonderful scenery. Romania is fascinating to explore. This tour discovers the country's highlights including Transylvania's fortified Saxon churches, Bucovina's exquisite painted monasteries, dramatic castles and palaces, medieval towns and the beautiful Carpathian Mountains. We also spend time in the capital, Bucharest, with its beautiful wide tree-lined Parisian style boulevards and Belle Époque buildings.



Dracula's Castle, Bran
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Day 1 Fly to Bucharest

Evening arrival into Bucharest with British Airways/Air France. Transfer and overnight at the Ibis Parliament hotel

Day 2 Visit Curtea de Arges and Sibiel. Arrive Sibiu

Our first stop is at the 16th century monastery of Curtea de Arges at the foot of the Fagaras mountains and the Royal Court ruins close by. We continue to the picturesque village of Sibiel and visit its Glass Icon Museum before a short drive to the Saxon town of Sibiu. Overnight at the Ibis hotel. Dinner in a farm house in Sibiel (B,D)

Day 3 Visit Sibiu and Biertan. Drive Sighisoara

Morning tour of Sibiu including the Evangelic and Orthodox cathedrals and the Brukenthal Art Museum. We continue via Biertan to visit its impressive Gothic fortified church before arriving at Sighisoara, a beautifully preserved medieval town set in rolling countryside. Overnight with dinner at the Korona hotel (B,D)

Day 4 Visit Sighisoara

The city walls of Sighisoara encircle cobbled streets lined with 16th century burgher houses and churches. Our tour includes the citadel, 14th and 15th century churches and the Old Clock Tower. We continue to Targu Mures, a Hungarian stronghold to visit its Orthodox cathedral, the citadel church and fortress and the Culture Palace. We overnight at Bistrita, a small market town in the Bargau valley, the heart of Dracula land! Overnight with dinner at the Coroana de Aur hotel (B,D)

Day 5 Drive to Bucovina. Visit Painted Monasteries

A scenic drive today to the region of Bucovina, an historical region on the northern slopes of the northeastern Carpathian Mountains. We pause at Campulung Moldovenesc to visit the unusual but interesting Museum of Wood. This afternoon we visit two of the area's remarkable painted monasteries; Moldovita and Sucevita, whose outer wall frescoes were painted in the 16th century. Two nights at the Hotel Gerald. Dinner at a local restaurant (B,D)

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Day 6 Visit Painted Monasteries of Bucovina

We continue our visit this morning of the painted monasteries, at Voronet and Humor, considered to be among Europe's greatest artistic monuments. We also visit Suceava, once capital of Moldova, and with some noteworthy attractions including Saint George's Church, a UNESCO World Heritage site, the remains of the Princely Court. We also visit the village of Marginea, renowned for the black clay pottery crafted in the area. Dinner at the hotel (B,D)

Day 7 Visit Neamt Monastery. Drive to Brasov

Today we travel through the spectacular scenery of the eastern Carpathians and along the route visit Neamt Monastery, the oldest in Romania, dating from the 14th century. As we pass into Transylvania via the Red Lake and the Bicaz Gorges, our destination is the medieval town of Brasov. Two nights at the Sport hotel with dinner (B,D)

Day 8 Visit Brasov and Bran Castle

Morning tour of Brasov with its ornate Saxon churches, townhouses and the fine baroque squares, we visit the 15th century Town Hall, the Black Church; the largest Gothic church between Vienna and Istanbul, and the first Romanian school. In the afternoon we visit Dracula's castle at Bran and enjoy dinner at a typical Brasovian restaurant (B,D)

Day 9 Visit Sinaia. Drive to Bucharest

We drive to the pretty town of Sinaia, nestled in the Prahova Valley at the foot of the fir clad Bucegi Mountains. We visit the Peles Castle, former Royal residence of King Carol I. A magnificent German Renaissance-style palace with an assemblage of turrets rising above acres of green meadows. We return to Bucharest. Two nights at the Ibis Parliament Hotel with dinner (B,D)

Day 10 In Bucharest. City tour

We have a tour of the capital today, a city of wide boulevards and Belle Epoque buildings with visits to some of its architectural treasures including the Cotroceni Palace, Parliament House and the Old Princely Court. Farewell dinner at a typical Bucharest restaurant (B,D)

Day 11 In Bucharest. Fly London

Today provides an opportunity to explore this beautiful tree-lined city at your own pace before we transfer to the airport in the mid afternoon for our return flight to London Heathrow with British Airways/Air France, arriving in the evening. (B)

Cost £1095.00 per person in twin room (excl. international flight) Single supplement £200.00



Price includes –

- ▶ Tour accompanied from London by *Patrick Syder FRGS*
- ▶ Specialist Romanian guide for the duration of the tour
- ▶ All transportation - private a/c coach
- ▶ Full sightseeing programme including entrance fees
- ▶ Comfortable 3 & 4 star hotels on half board basis
- ▶ Some traditional restaurant dinners
- ▶ All airport transfers
- ▶ Porter, hotel and restaurant staff gratuities

Not included – travel insurance, visa fees, drinks, lunches, guide and driver gratuities, and international flight (British Airways)

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