

## Romanian Odyssey

### *Unveiling History, Culture, and Natural Wonders*

7th – 11th September

#### Day 1 (Sept 7th) BUCHAREST

Welcome to Romania! Your adventure begins with a warm greeting at the International Airport Otopeni by your knowledgeable English/Arabic-speaking guide. From there, we journey to **Bucharest**, a city steeped in history and charm. Founded in 1459 by the legendary Vlad the Impaler, Bucharest has earned the nickname "Little Paris of the East."



During our tour, marvel at the grandeur of **Victory Square**, where the Romanian government resides, and stroll down the elegant Victory Boulevard, lined with exquisite Belle Epoque buildings. Wander around the **Revolution Square**, where the Romanian Dictator Nicolae Ceausescu was overthrown during the stirring events of the 1989 Romanian Revolution. Here, catch a glimpse of the former **Royal Palace** and the iconic **Romanian Athenaeum**. After check-in at the hotel, refresh before we embark on an exploration of Lipscani, Bucharest's oldest district, where a delectable welcome dinner awaits at the renowned Caru cu Bere. (D)



## Day 2 (Sept 8th) BUCHAREST

Immerse yourself in the beauty of Bucharest with a captivating city tour. Explore the imposing **Parliament Palace**, one of the largest administrative buildings in the world, and step back in time at the open-air **Village Museum**, showcasing Romania's rich cultural heritage. Indulge in a delightful lunch at Pescarus Restaurant before enjoying an afternoon at your leisure to discover more of Bucharest's hidden treasures. In the evening, savor the flavors of local cuisine at a beloved restaurant within walking distance of your hotel. (B, L, D)

**Day 3 (Sept 9th) BUCHAREST –  
BRASOV – SIGHISOARA –  
BRASOV**

After an early breakfast, embark on a scenic train journey to Brasov, leaving your luggage to travel separately for a hassle-free experience. Upon arrival in Brasov, you will board the tour bus that will take you into the heart of Transylvania – to Sighisoara. En route, stop at the enchanting village of **Viscri**, home to a UNESCO-listed fortified church and a charming rural community of no more than 500 inhabitants. Viscri, in particular, gained international recognition due to King Charles III, who has been involved in the preservation and restoration of the village and its fortified church. His involvement has helped draw



attention to the cultural and historical significance of the area. As you wander through the village's streets, you'll find yourself transported to a bygone era. The village is a living museum, with its well-preserved traditional Saxon houses, many of which are now guesthouses or museums. The whitewashed exteriors and terra cotta-tiled roofs add to the village's timeless charm.

Continue to **Sighisoara**, a beautifully preserved medieval gem and the birthplace of Vlad the Impaler, the inspiration for the Dracula legend. Enjoy lunch with locals before returning to **Brasov**, where the evening is yours to unwind and explore. (B, L, D)

#### Day 4 (Sept 10th) BRASOV – BRAN – BRASOV

Discover the treasures of **Brasov** with a morning tour highlighting its ancient defensive walls, the majestic **Black Church**, and the quaint Rope Street, one of the narrowest in the world. Venture to Zarnesti to visit the remarkable **Libearty Sanctuary**, Europe's largest brown bear sanctuary, dedicated to the rescue and rehabilitation of these magnificent creatures. Then, journey to Bran to explore the iconic **Bran Castle**, often associated with the legendary Count Dracula. Return to Brasov for a delightful dinner filled with local flavors. (B, L, D)



**Day 5 (Sept 11th) BRASOV –  
SINAIA – BUCHAREST**

As our journey comes to a close, bid farewell to Brasov as we venture south through the breathtaking Carpathian Mountains. En route, stop in **Sinaia**, known as the "Pearl of the Carpathians," and admire the magnificent **Peles Castle**, once the summer residence of Romanian royalty. As we leave the mountains behind, traverse the picturesque **Prahova Valley** before arriving at the International Airport Henri Coanda Otopeni for your return flight home, filled with unforgettable memories of Romania's beauty and history. (B, L)



**END OF TOUR**

**Thank you for entrusting us with your Romanian holiday!**

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