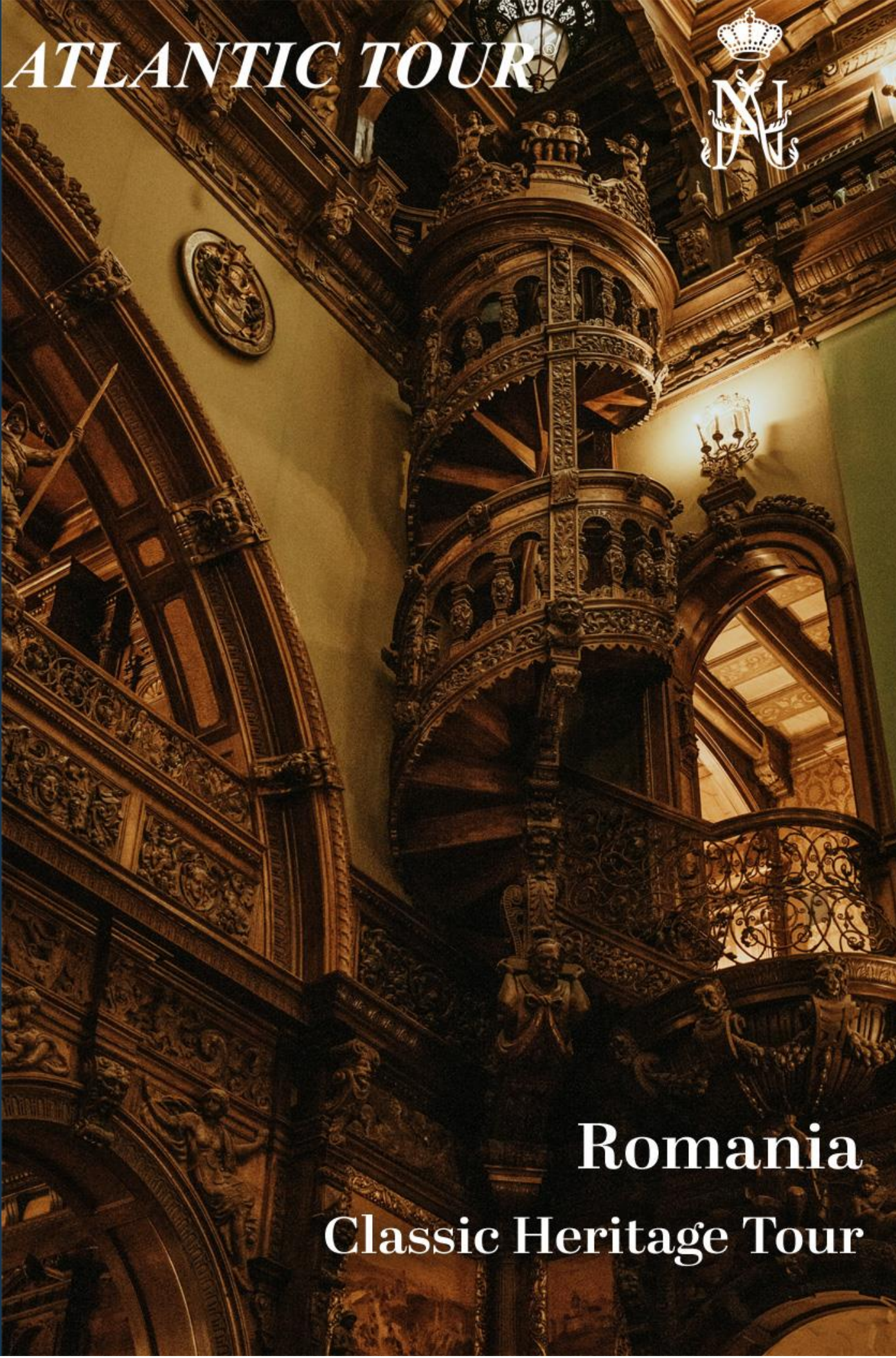




ATLANTIC TOUR



Romania
Classic Heritage Tour



Tour 1

10 DAYS / 9 NIGHTS

Arrival: Bucharest – Otopeni “Henri Coanda” International Airport

Departure: Bucharest – Otopeni “Henri Coanda” International Airport

Your short program

Day 1: Bucharest - arrival

Day 2: Bucharest – city tour

Day 3: Bucharest – Sinaia - Brasov

Day 4: Brasov – Bran - Brasov

Day 5: Brasov – Prejmer - Viscri - Sighisoara

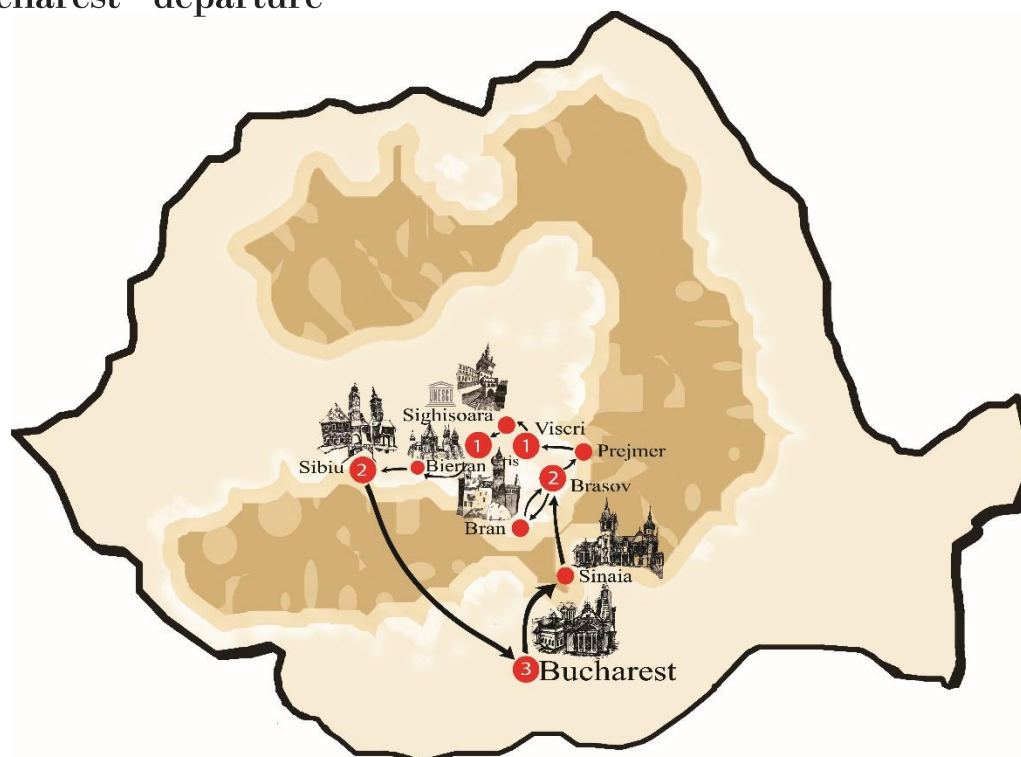
Day 6: Sighisoara – Cris – Richis - Sighisoara

Day 7: Sighisoara – Biertan – Sibiu

Day 8: Sibiu

Day 9: Sibiu – Bucharest

Day 10: Bucharest – departure





Day 1: BUCHAREST - arrival

Welcome to Romania!

Upon arriving at the International Airport in Bucharest, you will be picked up by your Romanian guide and driver and transferred to your hotel in the city centre. Depending on the time of your arrival, this first day will be free to explore the city your way or just to relax in the comfort of your hotel before joining your fellow travellers for a welcome dinner in the company of Nicholas of Romania.

Accommodation: Bucharest

Meals: Dinner

Day 2: BUCHAREST – city tour

Today, delve into the city's tumultuous history. See the immense **Palace of the Parliament**, one of the lasting legacies left behind by dictator Nicolae Ceaușescu, whose extravagant tastes culminated in the world's second-largest administrative building. Then visit **Cotroceni Palace** - originally built in 1679 as a monastery, in 1862 the palace became the summer residence and then the official residence of the Romanian monarchs. After the Romanian Revolution, the Palace became the seat of presidency.

Have a light lunch in the city, before continuing your exploration of Bucharest with a visit to the Romanian Patriarchal Cathedral, a 17th century church located symbolically on a small hill in the





center of Bucharest. In the afternoon, join your local guide for a stroll in Bucharest's Old Town before being transferred to dinner at a local restaurant.

Accommodation: Bucharest

Meals: Breakfast, Light lunch, Dinner



Day 3: BUCHAREST – SINAIA – BRASOV

Today will be a full day sightseeing as you will head north to the Carpathian Mountains. A two hour drive takes you along the scenic Prahova Valley to Sinaia - Romania's most famous mountain resort also known as the "*Pearl of the Carpathians*".

Together with Prince Nicholas you will visit the **Peles Castle** – the former summer residence of the Romanian royal family. Constructed during the reign of the first Romanian King, Carol 1st of Hohenzollern-Sigmaringen, in the late 19th century, the castle is set at the foothills of the majestic Bucegi Mountains. Recognized as a masterpiece of German neo-Renaissance architecture, it is without doubt one of Europe's most beautiful castles.



After an extended tour of the castle and grounds, you will also visit **Sinaia Monastery**. Nicknamed the „Cathedral of the Carpathians”, the religious ensemble was built in 1695 and named after the great Saint Catherine's Monastery on Mount Sinai in Egypt. Enjoy a delicious lunch in Sinaia then continue to the medieval town of **Brasov** – the heart of Romania and, according to National Geographic, “one of the 25 best places in the world to travel to in 2025”. The city once stood at the crossroads of important trade routes linking the Ottoman Empire and western Europe, forging a melting pot of influences that can be seen to this day. After check-in at your hotel, you will have time to relax and unwind or maybe take a stroll through the beautiful old town and admire the urban architecture that is quite unique to Transylvanian cities.

Dinner at a local restaurant in Brasov.

Accommodation: Brasov

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner





Day 4 : BRASOV – BRAN – BRASOV

In the morning you will head for **Bran** to visit the castle that owes its fame to Bram Stoker's novel *Count Dracula*. Although Bram Stoker never visited Romania and so the connection between the castle and Bram Stoker's famous literary figure is tentative at best, the etching in the first edition of "Dracula" is strikingly similar to Bran Castle with its imposing walls, towering spires and secret passageways.

Lunch in the spectacular setting of the Carpathian Mountains, then return to Brasov. Upon arrival back in the city, you will visit the **Black Church** - the largest Gothic style edifice in Eastern Europe. The church was first constructed between 1385 and 1477, but severely damaged in the Great Fire of 1689 and rebuilt in the 18th century.

The church is known for its impressive collection of 17th and 18th century oriental rugs, which are considered to be some of the finest in the region. It also houses the largest functional Buchholz organ in Eastern Europe, built in 1839.

Evening at your leisure in Brasov.

Accommodation: Brasov

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch





Day 5: BRASOV – PREJMER - VISCRI - SIGHISOARA

After breakfast head to your next destination, **Prejmer** fortified church. First mentioned in a written document in 1240 when the Hungarian King donated it to the Cistercians, this fortified church is perhaps the best example of how the German colonists originally combined religious and defensive architecture in a monumental edifice. The church was inscribed in the UNESCO World Heritage in 1999.

Continue to **Viscri** - a charming, idyllic village located off the main road between Brasov and Sighisoara. Here you will visit the amazing medieval fortified church, one of seven structures of that kind that are UNESCO World Heritage Sites. The Viscri church is considered the oldest church in Transylvania, dating back to the early 13th century. Then, take a stroll through the quaint village.



After lunch in Viscri you will drive to **Sighisoara**, another UNESCO World Heritage site and one of Europe's best preserved medieval towns. Stroll its cobbled lanes and explore the old town on foot, seeing the covered wooden stairs, the landmark clock tower and the house where Vlad the Impaler was supposedly born. Walk up to the gothic Church on the Hill and enjoy a private showing of the 19th century church organ.

Accommodation: Sighisoara

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch



Day 6: SIGHISOARA – CRIS - RICHIS

Begin your day in Sighisoara. You will have time for a hearty breakfast, a quiet cup of coffee and catching up on reading or writing postcards – what better place to send a postcard from than a UNESCO-listed medieval town?

After a relaxing morning in Sighisoara, you will be transferred, or rather transported to a place with a distinctively different pace – a truly rural setting : Cris.

It is here that the Bethlen family has immaculately restored, a trio of three-hundred year old residences, creating the perfect base from which to explore the wild and wonderful Transylvanian countryside.

Lunch at the Bethlen Estate, then time at leisure to enjoy the beautiful Romanian countryside. In the afternoon continue your exploration of the Transylvanian countryside. Drive along scenic country roads and explore the quaint village of Richis – one of the most cosmopolitan and culturally diverse villages in Romania that has, in recent years, become home to families from the UK, Austria, the Netherlands, USA and others. Here you will enjoy a hearty village-style dinner.

Accommodation: Sighisoara

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner





Day 7: SIGHISOARA - BIERTAN – SIBIU

Morning departure to the village of **Biertan**, home to one of the largest and most impressive medieval strongholds in Transylvania. The 15th century fortified church at Biertan is perched high on a hill in the middle of the village. Three tiers of defensive walls, connected by towers and gates, encircled the complex, making the church impossible to conquer during medieval times. From 1572 until 1867, Biertan was the seat of the Saxon Evangelical bishops of Transylvania. Visit the church and village, then take the scenic route through the Transylvanian countryside to Sibiu.

Enjoy a traditional lunch in the small village of Alma Vii.

In the late afternoon, continue your journey through the Transylvanian countryside towards Sibiu. The last stop of the day will be in the village of Hosman where you will have the chance to see the old village mill, one of few still functioning mills in the region. Upon arrival in Sibiu, check-in at your hotel and free time to explore Sibiu.

Accommodation : Sibiu

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch





Day 8: SIBIU

Today is entirely dedicated to discovering **Sibiu**, the European Capital of Culture 2007. Hermannstadt by its German name, was the largest and wealthiest of the seven walled citadels founded in 12th century Transylvania by German settlers known as "Transylvanian Saxons". The riches amassed by its guilds paid for the construction of both impressive buildings and the fortifications required to protect them. The beautiful Germanic architecture in its old town – legacy of 12th century Saxon settlers – as well as the remains of medieval walls and towers, make Sibiu a very historically important and romantic city. Your guide will take you on a leisurely stroll through the upper and lower city.

At the **Astra Museum** you will have a glance into Romania's rich cultural rural heritage – in fact, with its 10 km of alleys and over 400 buildings, it is the largest open-air museum in Europe.

Peasant households, wooden churches, wayside shrines, water and windmills, all with impeccably well-preserved original interiors are a showcase of simple country life, building skills and techniques difficult to replicate even with today's means.

Accommodation : Sibiu

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner





Day 9 : SIBIU – BUCHAREST

Today you will leave Transylvania behind and cross the Carpathian Mountains into Muntenia region, driving towards Bucharest. Upon arrival in Bucharest, check-in at your hotel and free time to pack, buy souvenirs or just relax at your hotel pool or SPA. In the evening, be Prince Nicholas' guests for a farewell dinner.

Accommodation : Bucharest

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Day 10: BUCHAREST departure

Our Romanian journey has come to an end.

The local guide and your driver will transfer you to the airport, in time for your homeward flight.

Accommodation for this itinerary

City	Accommodation
Bucharest	Intercontinental Athenee Palace 5*
Brasov	Radisson Blu Aurum 5*
Sighisoara	Fronius Residence 5*
Sibiu	ART Hotel Sibiu 4*



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