

Discover the Soul of Romania: A 5-Day Private Tour

– Perfect Danube Cruise Extension

Day 1: Budapest to Timișoara | Gateway to Romania

Leave the Hungarian capital behind and cross into Romania, where the journey begins in the vibrant city of **Timișoara**—a cultural jewel with a rich Austro-Hungarian legacy. Often dubbed “*Little Vienna*,” Timisoara’s baroque squares, colorful facades, and lively cafes make for a charming first impression. Enjoy a guided city tour, including Victory Square, Union Square, and the Orthodox Cathedral, where the anti-communist Romanian revolution ignited in 1989.



Hotel Opera 4* or similar



Day 2: Timișoara to Sibiu | Castles and Citadels

Today, travel into the heart of Transylvania, stopping first at the imposing **Corvin Castle** in Hunedoara—one of Europe’s most dramatic Gothic castles, steeped in legend and history. Continue to **Alba Iulia**, the spiritual capital of modern Romania, where the 18th-century Vauban fortress tells the story of the country’s unification. In the afternoon, arrive in Sibiu, “the city of the eyes”, one of Transylvania’s most beautiful cities, nestled in the foothills of the Carpathians.

Hotel Republique 4* or similar





Day 3: From Sibiu to Braşov | Myths & Mountains.

Head toward **Sighișoara**, the birthplace of Vlad the Empaler, one of Europe's best-preserved medieval citadels. Stroll through its cobbled streets and admire the colorful architecture. After lunch, continue to **Bran Castle**, perched on a rocky hill and linked to the Dracula legend. Explore its dramatic halls and learn about its royal and medieval past. In the afternoon, travel to **Braşov**, a lively Carpathian city where you'll spend the night surrounded by history and charm.

Hotel Prinz Gregor 4* or similar



Day 5: Braşov – Bucharest | From Royal Trails to City Lights

Begin the day with a visit to **Peleş Castle**, a masterpiece of Neo-Renaissance architecture set in the picturesque town of Sinaia. Explore its richly decorated halls and royal chambers, once home to Romania's kings. In the afternoon, drive to **Bucharest** and take a panoramic tour of the capital. See highlights like the Arch of Triumph, Revolution Square, and the colossal Palace of Parliament. Discover the city's blend of Belle Époque charm, communist grandeur, and modern vitality as your guide shares stories of its fascinating past.

Hotel Capitol 4* or similar



Day 5: Departure | La Revedere, Romania!

After breakfast, enjoy a relaxed **private transfer** to the airport for your onward journey. Whether this tour began or ended your Danube cruise, it completes your experience with intimate insights into Romanian culture, history, and landscapes. Depart with rich stories, warm memories, and a connection to a land that's both complex and welcoming.

What's included:

- A private tour – just for you and your family or friends;
- The services of an English-speaking guide throughout the trip (guiding available in Spanish or French upon request);
- Pick-up directly from your Danube river cruise ship in Budapest;
- Transportation in a modern, comfortable vehicle, with all associated costs covered;
- 4 nights in centrally located 4-star hotels with daily breakfast;
- All entrance fees and guided visits as outlined;
- A beautiful, welcoming country ready to be explored.

What's not included:

- International flights or other transportation to/from the start or end of the tour;
- Meals not specifically mentioned above;
- Gratuities for your guide (at your discretion).