

Classic Romania Tour

10-day cultural tour across Romania's timeless traditions

This itinerary is designed to run Bucharest–Cluj or Cluj–Bucharest, so travel days remain comfortable and unhurried.

Day 1 – Arrival

Arrive at Bucharest airport and meet your private guide. Depending on your arrival time, you can start discovering the city's highlights—stroll through the Old Town with its narrow streets, colorful buildings, and lively cafes, or admire the grand boulevards and historic squares. This optional city exploration gives you a first taste of Romania before the exciting days ahead.

Hotel Capitol 4* or similar



Day 2 – Peles Castle, Bran Castle, Braşov

Start your day at **Peleş Castle**, nestled in the Carpathian foothills, where elegant interiors, carved wood, and stained glass reflect the grandeur of Romania's royal past. Then visit **Bran Castle**, famously linked to Dracula, and explore its towers and corridors while enjoying panoramic views of the surrounding hills. In the afternoon, wander through **Braşov**, a medieval city with cobbled streets, colorful squares, and the striking Black Church. Take time to explore hidden courtyards, browse local shops, and enjoy the atmosphere of one of Transylvania's most charming towns.

Hotel Prinz Gregor 4* or similar



Day 3 – Prejmer, Malomkert (bread baking workshop), ethnographic museum

Travel to the fortified **Prejmer Church**, a UNESCO World Heritage site that reflects the defensive ingenuity of the Saxon settlers. Its thick walls, fortified towers, and secret passages tell stories of centuries of village life and resilience. Later, arrive at **Malomkert**, a small, traditional village

where history comes alive through experience. Take part in a hands-on **bread-baking workshop**, learning age-old techniques and savoring the aroma of freshly baked loaves. Pause for a traditional **Hungarian countryside lunch**, enjoying recipes handed down for generations, hearty yet delicate, a true taste of local life. The day continues with a visit to the ethnographic museum **Haszman Pál**, a site that captures the region's cultural nuances, from architectural details to local traditions, offering insights into rural Romanian life that are rarely seen by visitors.

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Day 4 – Transfăgărașan, Sibiu

Drive along the legendary **Transfăgărașan**, often called the most spectacular road in Europe. Hairpin bends, high mountain passes, and dramatic vistas offer a continuous feast for the eyes, with cascading waterfalls and emerald valleys creating a cinematic backdrop. Pause to admire Lake Bâlea and the surrounding peaks before descending into the historic city of **Sibiu**. Once the European Capital of Culture, Sibiu blends medieval fortifications, elegant Baroque buildings, and lively squares that invite exploration. Stroll through Piața Mare (the Great Square), and discover hidden courtyards, museums, and artisan shops. As dusk falls, the city's rooftops and towers glow in warm tones, reflecting centuries of history in the heart of Transylvania.

Hotel Republique 4* or similar





Day 5 – Gipsy Experience, Sighișoara

Immerse yourself in the traditions of the **Romani community**, witnessing their crafts and daily life in an authentic setting. Learn stories and observe rhythms that have been passed down for generations, connecting with a vibrant cultural legacy often overlooked by travelers. Continue to **Sighișoara**, the birthplace of Vlad the Impaler, where medieval walls and towers create a living time capsule. Wander narrow cobblestone streets lined with colorful houses, admire the Clock Tower, and experience the atmospheric charm of a town that feels untouched by time. Sighișoara's combination of history, folklore, and vibrant street life makes it one of the most evocative stops on this journey.

Fronius Residence 4* or similar



Day 6 – Bicaz Gorges, monastery accomodation

Travel through the breathtaking **Bicaz Gorges**, a dramatic natural corridor where cliffs rise sharply on either side, carved by millennia of river flow. The scenery inspires awe at the sheer force of nature and the tranquility of Romania's wilderness. Arrive at **Văratec Monastery**, a living spiritual sanctuary where you will spend the night. Share a quiet **dinner with the nuns**, savoring meals prepared with care, and enjoy the rare chance to experience monastic life firsthand. Evening walks through the monastery grounds, surrounded by serene forests and the gentle hum of daily devotion, offer a sense of calm and reflection rarely found in the bustle of modern travel.

Monastic accomodation



Day 7 – Voroneț Monastery, Painted Eggs Museum, Moldovița Monastery

Explore the **painted monasteries of Bukovina**, masterpieces of medieval religious art. Begin with **Voroneț Monastery**, renowned for its vivid frescoes, including the iconic “Last Judgment” painted in a luminous shade of blue. Continue to the **Vama Painted Eggs Museum**, where every decorated egg tells a story of tradition, symbolism, and folk artistry. Conclude with **Moldovița Monastery**, whose walls are covered in intricate frescoes, inviting contemplation and admiration of craftsmanship that has endured centuries. This day blends spirituality, art, and culture in a way that few destinations can offer.

Hotel Sentir 4* or similar



Day 8 – Cailor Waterfall, Bârsana Monastery, Home-Hosted Dinner

Visit **Cascada Cailor (Horses' Waterfall)**, Romania's tallest, set in a mountain landscape of forests and alpine meadows, where a short trek brings you close to the cascading waters and fresh mountain air. Continue to **Bârsana Monastery**, whose carved gates and tall wooden spires stand as a testament to local craftsmanship and devotion, representing the architectural spirit of Maramureș. In the evening, arrive at a private village home and enjoy a **traditionally cooked dinner** prepared with local

ingredients and served alongside homemade plum brandy, offering a warm introduction to rural life and hospitality.

Accommodation in a village home



Day 9 – Merry Cemetery, Anti-communist Memorial, Folklore Evening

Explore the famous **Săpânța Merry Cemetery**, where colorful crosses and poetic epitaphs celebrate life with humor, reflecting a uniquely local perspective on memory and tradition. Visit the **Memorial of the Victims of Communism and of the Resistance**, gaining insight into Romania's recent history and the resilience of its people. In the evening, enjoy a full home-hosted cultural experience with a **traditional dinner** and a **private folklore show**, where local musicians and dancers bring the region's music, costumes, and stories to life in an atmosphere of connection and celebration.

Accommodation in a village home



Day 10 – Cluj and Departure

On the last day, travel south towards **Cluj-Napoca**, Transylvania's vibrant cultural hub. Enjoy a final stroll through its historic streets, perhaps stopping at artisan shops or cafes, before your private transfer to the airport. Leave Romania carrying vivid memories of castles, monasteries, dramatic landscapes, and the warmth of its people—a journey that lingers long after your departure. The tour concludes here.

About the route and flight connections

To keep daily distances reasonable and visits relaxed, this northern route has been specifically designed to run either Bucharest–Cluj or Cluj–Bucharest. Driving the full loop back to the capital would add roughly eight additional hours on the road and make several days heavier.

Cluj-Napoca's international connections — particularly with Spain — allow the route to remain comfortable without unnecessary transfers. According to your travel dates, you may arrive or depart from Cluj while the other end of the trip uses Bucharest. We gladly assist in identifying the most suitable flight combination; any required onward travel after the tour is arranged separately.

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);

- Transportation in a modern, comfortable vehicle, with all associated costs covered;
- 9 nights in centrally located 4-star hotels, charming B&B and monastic accomodation*
- Daily breakfast, 3 traditional meals, with 2 different village families;
- One monastic dinner;
- A private folklore show;
- A bread baking workshop;
- All entrance fees and guided visits as outlined;
- A beautiful, welcoming country waiting to be explored.

**Staying one night at the monastery is subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed in advance — however, it is usually not a problem to arrange, especially if requested early.*

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).