

Classic Romania Tour

13-day cultural tour across Romania's timeless traditions

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.

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Day 2: Bucharest | Highlights of the Capital

Take in the capital's layered identity on a guided city tour. See wide boulevards, Belle Époque architecture, and visit the imposing **Palace of the Parliament** — the world's heaviest building. Admire the Arch of Triumph, a proud symbol of Romanian unity, and enjoy an interior visit of the splendid **Romanian Atheneum**, the city's beloved concert hall. Wrap up with a culinary stroll through the lively **Obor Market**.

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Day 3 – 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.

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Day 4 – 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 lunch**, enjoying recipes handed down for generations, hearty yet delicate, a true taste of local life. The day continues with a visit to an ethnographic museum, 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 5 – Bicaz Gorges, night at a monastery

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 6 – Voroneț Monastery, Painted Eggs Museum, Moldovița Monastery

Explore the **painted monasteries of Bucovina**, 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.

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Day 7 – 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: a spectacular chairlift ride and a moderate 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 local hospitality.



Accommodation in a village home



Day 8 – Merry Cemetery, Anti-communist Memorial, Folklore Evening

Discover the world-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 9 – From Maramureş to Cluj-Napoca

Drive the wooden churches and quiet valleys of Maramureş behind, we travel south toward **Cluj-Napoca**, the cultural heart of Transylvania. Upon arrival, a short guided city tour introduces the main landmarks, from the historic Old Town to the elegant central squares shaped by centuries of history. The afternoon is left free, allowing time to stroll, relax at a café, or explore museums, shops, and local life at your own pace.

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Day 10 – Wine tasting, gipsy visit, Sighișoara

Departing from Cluj-Napoca, the day begins with a journey into the heart of Transylvania's wine country. A stop at Jidvei Castle offers a guided visit of the elegant estate, followed by a carefully curated **wine tasting** showcasing some of Romania's most distinctive wines. Continuing on, we visit a **Roma craftsman family**, gaining insight into traditional skills and everyday life passed down through generations. In the afternoon, we arrive in **Sighișoara**, where time allows for a first gentle encounter with this remarkably well-preserved medieval town.

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Day 11 – Transfăgăraşan, Sibiu

Drive along the legendary **Transfăgăraşan**, 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 Piaţa 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.

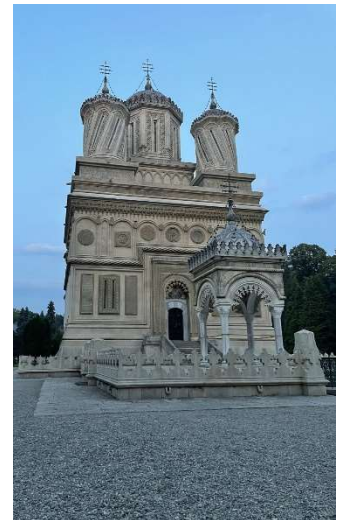
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Day 12 – Sibiu, Curtea de Argeș & Bucharest

Begin the morning at Sibiu's **fruit and vegetable market**, a lively place where colors, aromas, and local produce reflect everyday Transylvanian life. Then travel to **Curtea de Argeș**, former Wallachian capital, to visit its famous monastery, a masterpiece of Romanian architecture known for refined stone carvings, elegant domes, and legends surrounding its construction. Romanian kings are buried here, adding deep historical significance to the place. Return to Bucharest in the afternoon.

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Day 13 – Departure Day

Your tour concludes with a **private transfer** to the airport. Depending on your flight time, you may enjoy a final stroll or a coffee in Bucharest. We hope the memories of medieval towns, enchanting castles, and warm hospitality stay with you for a long time. *La revedere* — see you again soon!

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;
- 12 nights in centrally located 4-star hotels, charming B&B and monastic accommodation*;
- Daily breakfast plus 3 traditional meals, with 2 different village families;
- One monastic dinner;
- A private folklore show;
- A bread baking workshop;
- A wine tasting of local wines, in a castle built around 1580;
- 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).