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ROMANIA: IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF TRADITION

SUGGESTED ITINERARY ONLY

9 DAYS & 8 NIGHTS BUCHAREST, SIBIU, TARGU MURES & SUCEAVA

With its rich heritage, picturesque villages and wonderful scenery, Romania offers many delights to the adventurous traveler. Discover the country's highlights on this in-depth journey, including Transylvania's fortified Saxon churches, Bucovina's exquisite painted monasteries, the dramatic castles of the Romanian countryside and the beautiful landscapes of the Carpathian Mountains. Along the way, learn about the art of woodcarving in a unique museum, and visit the birthplace of the ruler who was the inspiration for Count Dracula.



JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS

Marvel at the medieval architecture of the city of Brasov

Discover the cultural and historical wonders of Sibiu

Visit the birthplace of Bram Stoker's fictional Count Dracula

Discover medieval Sighisoara's UNESCO World Heritage-listed citadel

Learn about Romania's Roman heritage in Alba Iulia

Immerse yourself in the beauty of the Carpathian Mountains

Trace the artistry of Romanian craftspeople

Make a pilgrimage to Bucovina's magnificent painted monasteries

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Departure Date:

Through March 2020

Note: Prices listed are per person, based on double-occupancy

*Internal Airfare is from \$70 per person

Price From:
*Two People

\$2,545

Day 1: Arrive Bucharest

Upon arrival, you will be escorted to your hotel. Later today, take a guided visit of the city. *Athénée Palace Hilton – 2 nights*

Day 2: Bucharest

Embark on a full-day visit to the city of Brasov. Founded by the Teutonic Knights in 1211 on an ancient Dacian site and settled by the Saxons as one of the seven walled citadels, giving the region the German name Siebenbürgen, Brasov exudes a distinct medieval ambiance and has been used as a backdrop in many recent period films. With your expert local guide, delve into the history and legends of this beautiful town. **(B)**

Day 3: To Sibiu

After breakfast, depart Bucharest for

Curtea de Arges, the former capital of Wallachia. Visit the Episcopal Church where the Romanian kings are buried. Then, drive through the picturesque Olt Valley to Sibiu, one of the oldest towns in Transylvania. Originally named Hermannstadt, Sibiu is home to a multitude of historical treasures. Upon arrival, embark on a privately guided walking visit of the medieval town, including the grand main square; the 14th-century Evangelic Church, which boasts the tallest tower in Transylvania; and Romania's oldest cast-iron bridge. *Hilton Sibiu – 2 nights (B)*

Day 4: Sibiu

This morning, depart for the city of Alba Iulia, one of the oldest settlements in Romania and the largest military and economic center during Roman times. Visit



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Moldovita Painted Monastery

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the city center to learn about the area's history before leaving for Cluj Napoca, the second-largest city in Romania and a center of culture, the arts and education. **(B)**

Day 5: To Targu Mures

Travel to Sighisoara, a perfectly intact 16th-century gem with towers, cobbled streets, burgher houses and ornate churches that rival those of historic Old Prague or Vienna. It is also the birthplace of Vlad Dracula, also known as Vlad the Impaler, ruler of the province of Walachia. It was he who inspired Bram Stoker's fictional creation, Count Dracula. In the afternoon, continue to Targu Mures. Named literally for a "market" on the Mures River, the town enjoys the best of both Romanian and Hungarian cultures. See the Culture Palace, the Eastern Orthodox Churches, the fortress and the famous Teleki library. **Hotel Plaza V – 1 night (B)**

Day 6: To Suceava

Drive to Bucovina, home of the UNESCO World Heritage painted monasteries. In

Campulung Moldovenesc, visit the fascinating Wood Art Museum, which contains more than 15,000 pieces of highly decorated wood. Travel onward before arriving in Suceava, the former capital of Moldova, for the evening. **Hotel Sonnenhof – 2 nights (B)**

Day 7: Suceava

Your drive today will take you to the Moldovita and Sucevita monasteries, which feature vivid mural frescoes, created to educate and entertain illiterate soldiers and peasants of the 15th and 16th centuries. **(B)**

Day 8: To Bucharest

Enjoy a leisurely morning in Suceava before being escorted to the airport for your domestic flight to Bucharest. Transfer to your downtown hotel and enjoy an evening at leisure. **Athénée Palace Hilton – 1 night (B)**

Day 9: Depart Bucharest

Bid farewell to Romania. You will be escorted to the airport for your onward flight. **(B)**

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- All hotel accommodations as per the itinerary
- Meals as noted in the itinerary (B=Breakfast; L=Lunch; D=Dinner)
- All transfers and transportation
- Sightseeing as described in itinerary including entrance fees and services of professional local guides

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- International air travel
- Airport departure taxes
- Visa fees
- Travel insurance
- Excess baggage fees
- Personal items and alcoholic beverages
- Gratuities to your guides, drivers, porters and hotel service



Curtea de Arges Monastery

¹ Price per person in US dollars based double occupancy and subject to availability. ^{**}Price per person in US dollars based on two people traveling together, double occupancy and subject to availability. Single Supplements and Solo Traveler rates are available upon request. [†]Internal Air prices are based on economy class and are subject to change until paid in full. Further restrictions may apply. Please contact your Travel Professional or Cox & Kings for more details or visit coxandkingsusa.com.
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