

**Discover Romania**  
**9 days – 8 nights**  
**Bucharest, Curtea de Arges, Sibiu, Sighisoara, Brasov, Bran, Sinaia**  
**Discovery, Culture, History**

**This program may be operated for individuals or for groups**  
**This is a suggested itinerary**

*Take a walk in the heart of the communist architecture of the civic center of Bucharest. Visit the magnificent Bran Castle. Tour the Saxon citadels. Stroll through the alleys of the medieval city of Sighisoara. Discover the narrow alleys of the old Schei district in Brasov, the medieval heart of Kronstadt or follow in the footsteps of the prestigious Saxon guilds*

### **Day 1: Bucharest**

Upon arrival at Bucharest international airport you'll be met by our representative and transferred to your hotel. Rest of day free. Dinner and overnight at the hotel. [D]

### **Day 2: Bucharest**

Bucharest is known as "Paris of the East" for its wide Parisian-style boulevards and fine pre-World War I buildings. Start the tour with a visit to the Royal Palace, built in the early 19th century and the former seat of the State Council, that also houses the National Art Museum in its South Wing, Next visit Stavropoleos Church and note its arabesque facade with a columned portico carved with delicate tracery. The Patriarchal Cathedral, seat of the Romanian Orthodox Church, is located on a hill overlooking the southern side of the city. See the Palace of Parliament, a colossal building and the third largest in the world. Our tour ends at the open-air Village Museum. The rest of the day is free. Dinner and overnight at the hotel. [B/D]

### **Day 3: Bucharest, Curtea de Arges, Sibiu**

Leave Bucharest behind and drive to Sibiu. En route, stop at Curtea de Arges, to visit the Episcopal Cathedral, made from polished white stone resembling a very large and elaborate mausoleum, built in Byzantine style with Moorish arabesques. Lunch at a local restaurant. Continue to Sibiu where you`ll have some free time to explore the city on your own. Dinner and overnight at the hotel. [B/L/D]

### **Day 4: Sibiu**

Start the day exploring Sibiu, which combines styles of the late Renaissance, Gothic, Classical and Transylvanian Baroque architecture. Discover Sibiu through its different historic stages: the little Saxon community established on the bank of a river, the little fortress with no more than one hundred inhabitants, the best fortified citadel in Transylvania, the medieval town, the greatest trade center in Transylvania, the best developed town in the Eastern part of the Austro-Hungarian Empire. Visit various churches, the famous Brukenthal Museum, towers, bastions, walls of fortification, old buildings, narrow streets, dark and mysterious inner yards. In the historic part of the city you can visit some of the churches of different denominations: Roman-Catholic, Evangelical, Reformed, Orthodox, Greco-Orthodox and Franciscan in addition to a Synagogue. Free time to relax or to continue the visit on your own. Dinner and overnight at the hotel. [B/D]

### **Day 5: Sibiu, Sighisoara, Brasov**

Travel to Sighisoara, a beautifully preserved medieval town, which citadel is on the UNESCO World Heritage list, with city walls encircling cobbled streets lined with 16th century burghers' houses and churches. You will also see the marvelous Old Clock Tower, which dates back to the 13th century. The particularity of this clock is that each day a different wooden figure emerges from the belfry on the stroke of midnight. Visit the Gothic Saxon Church of the Dominican Monastery with its interior stark whitewashed walls dressed by hung colorful carpets, similar to those in Brasov's Black Church. After lunch at a local restaurant continue to Brasov for dinner and overnight. [B/L/D]

**Day 6: Brasov**

Braşov, a medieval town with ornate Saxon churches and townhouses, boasts everything from dynamic modern city life to old world charm and fascinating scenery. Here you will visit the 15th century Town Hall, with its quaint Trumpeter's Tower on top, and the Lutheran Black Church, the largest Gothic church in the country, and its 7-tone bell, the largest in Romania. Inside there are fine hanging Turkish carpets and a huge organ with 4,000 pipes built by Buchholz. Continue to the Orthodox St. Nicholas Cathedral, which is easily recognized by its black spires. Next to St. Nicholas Church is the First Romanian School (started in 1583), and a statue of Coresi. Nearby is a cemetery, where Ioan Meşotă, Aurel Popovici, Vasile Saftu, and Nicolae Titulescu are buried. Dinner and overnight at the hotel. [B/D]

**Day 7: Brasov, Bran, Sinaia**

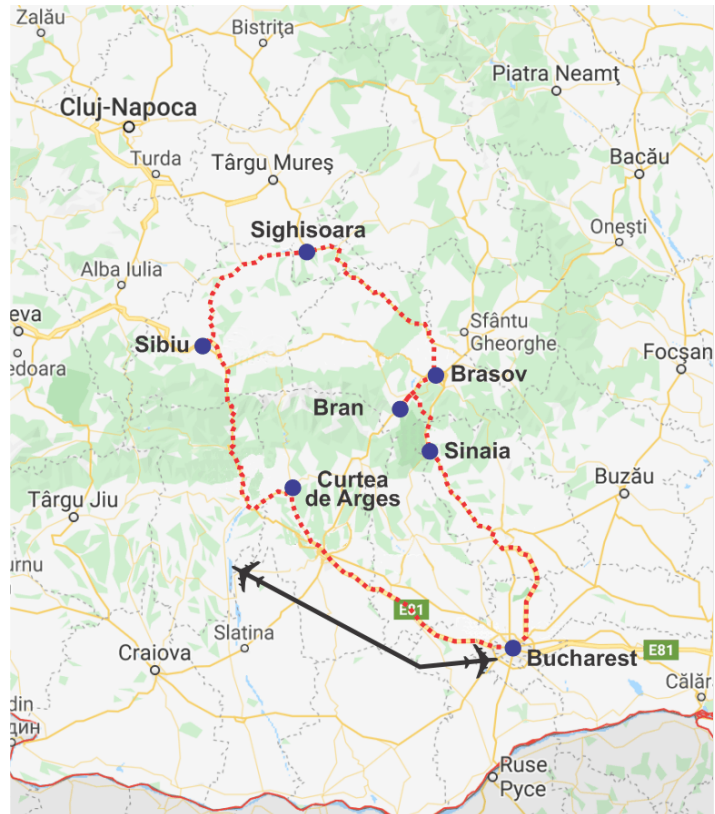
Travel to Bran and visit 'Dracula's Castle'. The Castelul Bran site in Romania embodies the Dracula Castle for many visitors in search of thrills. Between historical facts, literary personage and Slavic legends, this listed monument never ceases to fascinate. Despite being the former residence of Dracula, this building represents a major historic monument in Transylvania. The original wooden fortress was built on a cliff in the 13th century by Teutonic Knights. The current castle was then built between 1377 and 1388 by order of King Louis I of Hungary, and it quickly became a property of the Habsburg dynasty, princes of Transylvania. After the collapse of the empire in 1918, the royal family of Romania settled there for 27 years. Secret passages are then discovered, which nourishes the aura of mystery that surrounds this ancient building from the Middle Ages. After the visit, stop for lunch at a local restaurant and continue to Sinaia, known as the "Pearl of the Carpathians" due to its magnificent mountain scenery and Royal Castle. Visit Sinaia Monastery, which was built between 1690 and 1695. The monastery is now home to 20 Christian Orthodox monks. Our next stop is Peleş Castle, a royal palace set in a large landscaped Park. It was built in the late 19th century for Romania's first monarch, King Carol I, and took 39 years to complete. It has over 100 rooms richly decorated in ebony, mother of pearl and leather, and each room is styled on a particular country. Romania's first cinema was established in one of the castle's rooms. Then we visit Peleş Palace, completed in 1892 and also built in German Renaissance style. Some free time to relax before dinner and overnight at the hotel. [B/L/D]

**Day 8: Sinaia, Bucharest**

After breakfast we take a 2-hour drive to Bucharest for check-in at your hotel. The rest of the day is free for you to explore the city, shop and relax. [B]

**Day 9: Bucharest**

Breakfast at the hotel. At the appointed time you'll be picked-up and transferred to Bucharest airport to board your flight back home. [B]



[[B] = Breakfast | [D] = Dinner | [B/D] = Breakfast and Dinner | [B/L/D] = Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

**Your Tour includes:**

- Round-trip airfare USA-Bucharest
- Arrival and departure transfers
- 8 nights' accommodation:
  - Bucharest 3 nights
  - Sibiu 2 nights
  - Brasov 2 nights
  - Sinaia 1 night
- Meals;
  - Breakfast daily
  - 3 lunches
  - 7 dinners
- Bucharest sightseeing
- Curtea de Arges Episcopal Cathedral
- Sibiu Sightseeing
- Brukenthal Museum
- Sighisoara Old Clock Tower
- Dominican Monastery
- Brasov's Black Church

- St. Nicholas Cathedral
- First Romanian School
- Dracula's Castle
- Peles Castle
- Pelisor Palace
- English-speaking driver-guide
- Local English-speaking guides
- A/C vehicle adjusted to party's size
- Entrance fees for sites visited
- All local taxes

**Tour does not include:**

- Taxes or surcharges related to airline tickets
- Travel insurance
- All alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks
- Other meals not mentioned in itinerary
- Extras and gratuities
- Early check-in, late check-out
- Expenses of personal nature

**Recommended hotels in your Tour:**

City	Hotel Name	Tripadvisor
<b>Tourist Class</b>		
Bucharest	Hotel Bucharest Boutique	5
Sibiu	Plaza 35	5
Brasov	Belfort Hotel	4.5
Sinaia	Villa Camelia	4.5
<b>First Class</b>		
Bucharest	Hotel Christina	5
Sibiu	Republique Hotel	5
Brasov	Drachenhous	4
Sinaia	Hotel International Sinaia	4.5
<b>Deluxe</b>		
Bucharest	Hilton Garden Inn Old Town	4.5
Sibiu	Hilton Sibiu	4.5
Brasov	The Pines Boutique Villa	5
Sinaia	Hotel Boutique Belvedere	4.5

Hotels will be confirmed at time of booking

**Tour Prices:**

**From: \$1,309 including airfare**

Add-ons available from all US gateways.

Prices are per person and may change without notice

These programs can be customized for individuals and for groups

Changes to this program may be requested by phone (1855-55-TOURS) or using the web FIT Quote Request

• **Airfare**

We also be glad to add the necessary airfare from your gateway so you take advantage of our special discounted leisure fares

• **Program**

You may add or remove;

- Trip days
- Cities and sites
- Meals
- **Other options**
  - The program was designed with private services, however, we may substitute shared sightseeing where available
  - If you prefer deluxe services we may operate this program including private driver, private guide and concierge service.
- **Quotation**

Once we have designed the program the way you want we'll give you a quote within 2 business days.

**Tour Code:** RO01BUH21VT

**Options:**

- Lunches and dinners can be arranged for individuals, families and groups at top restaurants or any restaurant requested by you.
- We can revise the itinerary to spend more time and provide more depth in those areas that you are interested on.
- Any other changes to the itinerary will be accommodated depending on the facilities available in the area.

**Group Quotations**

- If you wish to use these programs for your group or as the basis for a customized journey please either call us (1-855-55-TOURS or use the web Group Quote Request.
- In either case our specialists will work with to refine all the details and they will get you a quote with 2 business days. Quotes may be obtained for the air and land portions of just for the land journey.
- Booking both air and land with us will represent savings for you because of our buying power and longtime relationship with the airlines.
- We will also may have the choice between regular fares and special leisure fares not available to the public.