



Romania – Explore the Carpathian Paradise: 21-27 of June 2017

Visit a country rich in culture, religion and diverse landscapes, a place full of unique sights and an overwhelming history where Central Europe intersects with the culture of the Balkans. Romania is one of the few Countries in Europe, where you can still find unchanged villages and rural areas. Are you in? ☺



1: Cluj – Turda - Alb Iulia – Sibiu:

After breakfast we will depart south towards **Turda**, a city famous for its huge salt deposits which were known since Roman times. The old mine, built in the 18th century, under Habsburg rulership was turned into a Museum and will be our first stop.

At noon we will arrive in the old capital city of Transylvania, **Alba Iulia**. The city's history goes back over 2000 years, to the Roman times. It used to be an important place on a Gold transport route which started in the neighboring Western Carpathians and went all the way to Rome. Today the city is regarded as a symbol of the Unification of Transylvania with Romania, due to the fact that this is the point where on the 1 of December 1918 a large gathering decided to take this historical step. The city is also a symbol of religious tolerance, just a couple of meters away from each other we have both a Catholic and Orthodox cathedral. All this surrounded by a very well preserved Habsburg fortification.

In the afternoon we will reach **Sibiu**, the former European Capital of Culture in the year 2007, a place where tourism has flourished ever since. Despite the massive exodus of its former German speaking population after the Second World War, this city has preserved its medieval charm.

After visiting the city we will drive to our last destination, **Sibiel**, a small Shepherders village where the Romanian hospitality is at its best. We will enjoy some homemade products like cheese, bacon, cabbage rolls (the famous *sarmale*) and some local wine. After all this we will return to **Sibiu** for a good night rest.





2: Sibiu – Altana - Alma Vii – Sighisoara– Viscri:

After the breakfast we will say goodbye to **Sibiu** and head across the Valea Hartibaciului, along *the route of fortified churches*. This is one of the least visited parts of Transylvania, a fact that gives it a distinct flavor, being renowned as one of the most beautiful regions in the country.

After the massive exodus of the 1990s this place has remained quiet deserted. In the small village of **Alțâna** we will explore a small museum of multiculturalism, a private initiative of two enthusiastic brothers who have collected in over 20 years an impressive amount of local memorabilia.

Our next stop is **Alma Vii**, a village with a pristine fortified church of the 14th century, located on a small hill. This is where some very intense restoration works have been done. The houses in the village date from the 15 – 18 century, one of them being home to our host, who will invite us over for lunch.

Departing from **Alma Vii** we will take the route to **Sighișoara**. It is one of the few inhabited European Citadels, a place full of legends and history. The medieval houses, workshops and defensive structures can be still seen today. One of the major attractions of this location is the presumed birthplace of Dracula. The two evangelical churches are considered open books of Transylvanian history and art, a major curiosity being a fresco of the holy trinity in which the Holy Spirit is portrayed as a woman.

Our last destination is **Viscri**, one of the most renowned villages in the region, included in the UNESCO World Heritage. A local household will be inviting us over for a traditional outdoor open fire meal accompanied by some homemade wine and brandy. The village is the main focus point of a restoration project managed by an organization supported by **HRH Prince Charles of Wales**. The connection between Prince Charles and Transylvania, but also the results of their work will be the focus point of our evening discussions. Another activity of the day will be a horse-drawn carriage which will take us to the fortified church, one of the oldest in Transylvania. The sacral building was fortified to keep the invading armies away. The carriage will later take us to a tile and brick workshop where we will discover how the characteristically roofs are covered.

Our dinner and accommodation will take place in small houses of the long forgotten centuries, all of them perfectly restored.

3: Viscri – Bran – Prejmer – Brasov:

After Breakfast we will leave the idyllic village behind and continue our trip to **Bran**. The famous citadel was erected by the German colonist as a guard post on the Transylvanian-Wallachia border. In the first half of the XX century the construction was donated to the Royal Family of Romania just to be turned into a summer residence by Queen Mary. This location became particularly renowned due to the fact that it is considered the home of Count Dracula. If this is just legend or it is actually true remains to be discovered.

Our next destination is **Prejmer**, another fortified church part of the UNESCO World Heritage, a masterpiece of the former defensive structures in Transylvania. It was constructed by the knights of the Teutonic Order during the 13th century and has one of the strongest defensive walls. A focus point of this stop are the deposit rooms situated on the wall itself, which used to be the local storing facilities during harsh times.





The last stop of this day is **Braşov**, one of the largest trading settlements of the middle ages in Southeastern Europe. It was founded by the same knights of the Teutonic Order about 900 years ago and still houses some of the most iconic monuments in Transylvania. Our city tours will take us to the renowned „Black Church”, a masterpiece of the 14th century decorated with old oriental carpets, but also around other old constructions like the former city hall. The German speaking community of Braşov, just like all similar communities in Romania, has left the city after the second world war. Nevertheless the city still has a German teaching school and German mass in the evangelical church. For the remaining time the visitors may spend some time in the city to explore the many interesting restaurants and pubs, or just take the cable car to the **Tâmpa Mountain**. Dinner and accommodation are close to the city center.

4: Brasov – Lacu Rosu – Agapia – Gura Humorului:

Today's journey will take us through the Carpathian Mountains in the historical region of **Moldova**. We will start early in the morning and drive through the *Székely Land*, one of the Hungarian speaking regions of the country with rich traditions and customs. After stopping at the Red Lake we will drive through the **Bicaz Canyon** which was formed over a millions of years.

Our first stop in Moldova will be the **Agapia** monastery, the place where a couple of hundred nuns still live today, some people call it the largest monastic communities in Europe. The monastery's interior was painted by the famous Romanian painter **Nicolae Grigorescu**. We will also take a look at the workshop operated by the nuns.

Later in the day we will cross into the region of Bucovina, a mountainous region where we will spend the following 2 nights.

5: The Painted Monasteries:

Bucovina, a small mountainous region, part of Moldova, is considered to be the center of Romanian orthodoxy. We will visit the colorful monasteries of **Moldoviţa**, **Suceviţa** and **Vornet**. This is another place where we will get to know *people and places*; in **Marginea** a local potter will show us his workshop. We will also get to visit an egg painting workshop in **Moldoviţa**; this is where the famous tradition is still kept alive.

Dinner will consist of traditional Romanian dishes.





6: Gura Humorului – Prislop Pass – Barsana – Poienile Izei – Viseu de Sus:

After breakfast we will cross the Carpathian Mountains and head west for the region of **Maramureș**. We will cross the over 1500 meter high **Prislop Pass** and get to see some breathtaking landscapes. On the other side of the mountains a region full of tradition awaits us, a place where modern times haven't change the lifestyle of the people very much.

Most of the houses have a wooden gate and a weaver's bench where people sit for a chat during their free time, sometimes playing cards and gossiping. Even the means of transportation here are traditional, you can often see horse and oxen drawn carriages, used for transporting hay, cereals or fruits and vegetables. Another attraction of the regions are the many wooden sculptures, which are part of houses and churches. The typical art of the region is composed of geometric figures, related to superstition and religion.

In **Bârsana** we will visit one of the new monastic settlements in the Region, situated in a beautiful landscape, constructed to replace an older monastery which had burn down. The architectural features are very traditional and respect the particularity of the region. Our next stop is at **Poienile Izei**, a quite small settlement which has a lot to offer. The wooden church is included in the UNESCO World Heritage, renowned for its interior paintings.

Later in the day we will visit a local farmer who will invites us over to get an insider view of how people actually live in this region. The women in the family will teach us how weaving is done and the men will play some traditional music. The friendly atmosphere will continue with a good meal and some homemade moonshine. Our last stop of the day will be **Vișeu de Sus**.

7: Viseu de Sus – Sighet – Sapanta – Cluj:

Whoever ruled over the **Maramureș** region has always cherished the rich forest covering the land. Maria Theresia settled Slovaks and Germans from the Zips region (today Slovakia) in Maramureș, they were responsible of constructing the longest narrow gauge forest line in today's Romania, called **Mocănița**.

Thanks to a private initiative the line was saved and is still in use, for industrial purposes but also for tourism. On this very track wood is transported from the most isolated parts of the forest to the lower parts of the mountains. In the past years this has also become an important tourism attraction, where we will get to see untouched nature and friendly people, a place where wild animals still roam. One of the most interesting moments of the trip will be our meal, served right next to the steam locomotive and river.

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Our last stop will be at **Săpânța**, a small lively village, home to a mixture of traditional and modern. The most renowned site here is the cemetery, a place full of tradition where crosses deliver a message in a unique way, through humor. A mixture of love stories, towards women and alcohol, communist party members and evil mother-in-law are no rare sight.

Dinner will be another opportunity to find out more about the rituals and traditions of this region, our guest will be a village family which still keeps the spirit alive. We will also have splendid surprise, a local music and dance group, with children from the village.

From **Săpânța** we will depart towards **Cluj**.

The minimum number of participants required for the journey to take place is 5.

The booking deadline is the 1st of April 2017

Price: 610 Euro/ in double room. For single rooms a price of 90 Euro is added.

Included:

- Half board (Accommodation, breakfast, dinner) in good hotels and pensions.
- Transport in modern bus with A/C and microphone (size of bus depends on number of participants)
- English tour guide.
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Romania, explore the Carpathian Garden: 24th – 27th of June 2017

Join us on a nostalgic trip to one of Europe's richest regions, filled with virgin landscapes, culture and tradition, everything combined with friendly people and a nice atmosphere. Welcome to the regions of Maramureş and Bukovina.



1: Cluj – Surdesti – Sighetu Maramtiei – Sapanta – Viseu de Sus

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After driving through the former mining areas we will reach our first point of interest, **Surdeşti**. The village is home to the highest wooden church in **Maramureş**. It was constructed by the Greek-Catholic community in the first half of the 18th century. It was decorated with carpets, icons and items made by the villagers. Just after crossing the **Gutâi Pass** one can easily understand why 5000 brown bears still roam the Carpathians; the country still has a vast surface of wild forests.

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2: Viseu de Sus – Sucevita:

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Later in the day we will cross the Carpathian Mountains over the 1500 meter high **Prislop Pass** in the historical region of Bucovina. Dinner and accommodation for two nights.

3: Moldovita – Sucevita – Voronet – Humor:

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4: Sucevita – Bistrita – Cluj:

Today we will say goodbye to **Bucovina** and drive back to **Transylvania**. On our way we'll see **Vatra Dornei**, one of the most beautiful holiday destinations of the former Austrian Hungarian Empire. Another focus point of the day is the **Borgo Pass**, mentioned in the novel Dracula written by the famous Irish writer Bram Stoker, as the home of the bloodsucking count.

On the other side of the Carpathians lies Transylvania and one of the most important historical towns founded by the German colonist which settled in the region, **Bistriţa**. After the Second World War the number of German speakers in the city has dramatically decreased but the old houses and palaces have survived. One of the main focus points in the city is the evangelical church, a place full of history. Later in the day we will reach **Cluj**.





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Transylvania – the blessed land: 2nd – 5th of July 2017

Beyond bloodthirsty vampires, myths and legends, Transylvania is one of Europe's best hidden gems. We invite you on an amazing adventure in the homeland of fortified churches, castles, brown bears and wolves, but also of friendly people.



1: Cluj – Turda – Alba Iulia – Sibiu:

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After visiting the city we will drive to our last destination, **Sibiel**, a small Shepherders village where the Romanian hospitality is at its best. We will enjoy some homemade products like cheese, bacon, cabbage rolls (the famous *sarmale*) and some local wine. After all this we will return to **Sibiu** for a good night rest.





2: Sibiu – Transfagarasan – Bran – Brasov:

After breakfast we will drive to the south, on one of Romania's most exciting mountain roads. It was erected out of the order of former dictator Nicolae Ceaușescu in the 1970s. It goes up to 2000 meters over the sea-level, forming amazing U-turns across breathtaking landscapes. The famous TV-show Top Gear has described it as the most exciting road in the world: the **Transfagarasan**.

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Dinner and accommodation are in the city center.

3: Brasov – Zarnesti – Viscri:

Today's program will start with a trip to the **Piatra Craiului Mountains**. Here we will meet the symbol of the **Carpathian Mountains**: the brown bear. In the vicinity of the small city **Zărnești** we will visit one of the most exciting ecological projects in Romania. On an area of over 100 hectares lies a sanctuary of bears which were saved from different places (Zoos, circuses, private owners), now living in conditions similar to the wilderness.

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4: Viscri – Sighisoara – Mica – Cluj

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Romania – the real deal: 2nd – 11th of July 2017

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Overnight stay and dinner will be in the upper city.





5. Sighisoara – Sibiu – Bran – Braşov:

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6. Braşov – Berca – Donau Delta:

After breakfast we will say goodbye to Transylvania and drive over the **Siriu Pass** towards **Buzău**. The landscape is unique and the views are spectacular; we will stop on our way to take some photos. Later in the day we will arrive in **Berca**, a place renowned for its **Muddy Volcanoes**, interesting formations which release gas and form small volcano like structures.

In the industrial city of **Galaţi** we will cross the **Danube** by ferry and reach the historical region of **Dobrogea**, a mosaic of cultures and ethnicities. Romanians, Greeks, Turks, Tatars, Italians and Jews live in this strip of land. The **Danube Delta** stretches over a large part of this region, a natural wonder which we will visit in the next days. The last stops are **Murighiol** and **Uzlina**. Our dinner will include fish specialties.

Weiter werden wir in der grossen Industriestadt **Galati/Galatz** die Donau mit einer Fähre überqueren und erreichen die historische Provinz **Dobrogea/Dobrutscha**. Es ist eines der interessantesten des Landes, eine Völkermosaik, der aus Rumänen, Griechen, Türken, Tattaren, Italiener, Juden etc besteht. Auf einem grossen Teil dieser Povinz streckt sich das Donau Delta. Mitten dieses Naturparadieses werden wir in den nächsten zwei Nächten schlafen. Wir steigen aus dem Bus in **Murighiol** aus und werden mit kleinen Motorboote nach **Uzlina** gefahren. Abendessen mit Fischspezialitäten ist geplant.





7. Delta:

Today we will explore the rich and diverse flora and fauna of the Delta, a world full of birds, fish and animals. After breakfast we'll use a motorboat to reach a pelican colony, and see on the way different other species of birds. The migration of these animals forms a perfect process which has remained unchanged over the past millennia. We will also get to see people living their traditional lifestyle and see their daily activities. Nevertheless we could also try to help them fish.

During the day we will stop for a picnic and return in the evening for a delicious dinner.

8. Delta - Meer:

Today is all about the natural wonders of the **Danube Delta**. Early in the morning we will use a boat to reach the protected areas and see the ecosystem. During the day we will have a relaxing picnic and later reach the Black Sea, a place where the fresh water of the Danube flows into the salty seawater, home to a huge number of bird species. Despite the fact that it lays only a couple of kilometers from the popular sea resorts, this place is totally different; wild and untouched.

Taking a swimming suit is a good recommendation.

9. Delta – Constanta – Bucuresti:

After breakfast we will return to our bus and drive to **Constanța**, a port city full of history, home to one of the largest floor mosaics dating back to the roman times. On the former Agora of the city we will be greeted by Ovid, the roman writer, who lived the last part of his life here. The archeology museum has one of the most valuable collections in Romania. Some other attractions are the former casino building, the mosque and the old lighthouse. We will also have some spare time for a short swim. Later in the day we will depart for **Bucharest** and have dinner in the city.



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10. Bucuresti:

After breakfast we will explore the capital city of Romania. On a city tour we will visit the athenaeum, the former royal palace, the Stavropoleos church and the square of the revolution. One of the highlights of the tour will be the „people’s palace”, the second largest administrative building in the world. We will discuss here more about communism in Romania and about the 1989 Revolution which put an end to the system.

The minimum number of participants required for this journey is 5.

The booking deadline is the 1st of April 2017

Price:

945 Euro/ in double room. For single rooms a price of 145 Euro is added.

Included:

- Half board (Accommodation, breakfast, dinner) in good hotels and pensions.
- Full board in the Danube Delta.
- Transport in modern bus with A/C and microphone (size of bus depends on number of participants)
- English tour guide.
- Accommodation and meal in historical houses in Viscri.
- Trip with the narrow gauge train.
- Dinner with folklore in Săpânța.
- Egg painter shop in Moldovița.
- Potters workshop visit in Marginea.
- All entrances to objectives.
- Two private trips in the Danube Delta.
- Brochures about the region.
- Welcome drink.

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