



THE BEST OF TRANSYLVANIA MEDIEVAL TOWNS, LEGENDARY CASTLES AND CULTURAL TREASURES

SPECIAL HALLOWEEN DEPARTURE

Air and Land 9 Days, 8 Nights Including Hotels, Meals, Day Trips, and Airfare
From New York including a 2 Night Optional Extension to Bucharest

Dracula's Bran Castle



Discover the beauty, mystery, and romance of Romania on this unforgettable Halloween-time journey through Transylvania, where medieval towns, legendary castles, breathtaking mountain scenery, and rich cultural traditions come together in one remarkable adventure. Specially designed for mature American travelers seeking something truly unique, this thoughtfully planned program blends history, comfort, and authentic local experiences in one of Europe's most enchanting regions. Stroll the charming streets of Braşov and Sibiu, visit magnificent Peleş Castle, explore Bran Castle and its connection to the Dracula legend, and uncover UNESCO-listed treasures that bring Transylvania's history and romance vividly to life. Traveling during the Halloween season adds an extra sense of atmosphere and excitement, highlighted by a special Halloween party at dramatic Corvin Castle, where legends, music, live entertainment, local traditions, and festive celebration create an evening unlike any other. Along the way, enjoy traditional cuisine, warm Romanian hospitality, folk music, and memorable moments in timeless villages and storybook settings. This captivating journey offers the perfect blend of comfort, culture, discovery, and seasonal enchantment, while an optional Bucharest extension adds even more history, charm, and unforgettable sights.

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PROGRAM INCLUDED FEATURES

- **AIR TRANSPORTATION** Air transportation from New York
- **FIRST-CLASS ACCOMMODATIONS** 7 nights in first-class hotels
- **MEALS** 11 included meals consisting of 7 breakfasts, 1 lunch and 3 dinners
- **THE PROGRAM** Sightseeing, including local guide and all entrance fees as follows: a tour of Sinaia, Peles Castle and Prejmer, a tour of Brasov and Bran Castle, a tour of Sighisoara, a tour of Corvin Castle and a tour of Cozia Monastery
- **JOURNEY OF DISCOVERY SERIES** Our program encompasses cultural connections, in-depth learning on the local economy and social systems, and interaction with locals such as a visit to the House of Dracula Restaurant, traditional plum brandy tasting, birthplace of Vlad the Impaler, and a traditional dinner, featuring a four-course meal with live folk singers, plum brandy, and wine, learning about how traditional icon art is made, a Cultural Evening and Halloween Party at the 15th century Corvin Castle
- **PROFESSIONAL TOUR DIRECTOR** Assistance of a professional Tour Director for the entire length of the tour upon arrival in Bucharest
- **FIRST-CLASS MOTORCOACHES** Touring by private first-class air-conditioned motorcoach
- **BAGGAGE HANDLING AND TRANSFERS** Baggage handling for one piece of checked luggage in/out of each hotel

DESTINATION HIGHLIGHTS

Brasov Old Town • Council Square • Black Church • Ecaterina’s Gate • White and Black Towers • Sinaia • Magnificent Peleş Castle • Carpathian Mountain scenery • UNESCO-listed Prejmer Fortified Church • Bran Castle • Dracula legend mystique • Sighişoara Medieval Citadel • Traditional Plum Brandy Tasting • UNESCO World Heritage Site • Clock Tower • House of Dracula Restaurant • Elegant Sibiu • Big Square and Small Square • Bridge of Lies • Alba Iulia • Alba Carolina Citadel • Sibiel Village • Horse-drawn wagon ride • Traditional Icons Museum • Romanian folk music and village dinner • Corvin Castle • Special Halloween Party • Vlad the Impaler • Cozia Monastery • Bucharest • Palace of Parliament • Village Museum • Historic Old Town • Caru’ cu Bere • Ceauşescu Mansion • and much, much more

OPTIONAL EXTENSION TO BUCHAREST INCLUDED FEATURES

- **FIRST CLASS ACCOMMODATIONS** 2 nights in a first-class hotel
- **MEALS** 3 included meals consisting of 2 breakfasts and 1 lunch
- **THE PROGRAM** Sightseeing, including local guide and all entrance fees as follows: Full day City tour of Bucharest and a half day tour of the Ceausescu Mansion
- **PROFESSIONAL TOUR HOST** Assistance of a professional Tour Host for the entire length of the tour
- **FIRST CLASS MOTORCOACHES** Touring by private first-class air-conditioned motorcoach
- **BAGGAGE HANDLING AND TRANSFERS** Baggage handling for one piece of checked luggage in/out of each hotel





Day 1 – Depart the USA Begin your Transylvanian adventure as you depart the USA on an overnight flight to Bucharest, gateway to a land of medieval towns, majestic castles, mountain scenery, and rich cultural traditions. Relax onboard and enjoy meals and beverages as the anticipation builds for the unforgettable journey ahead.

Day 2 – Arrive in Romania | Bucharest – Braşov Welcome to Romania. Upon arrival at Bucharest International Airport, you will be met and transferred to Braşov, beautifully set amid the Carpathian Mountains. With its cobblestone streets, colorful baroque buildings, lively squares, and inviting cafés, Braşov offers a wonderfully romantic introduction to Transylvania. This charming city blends elegance, warmth, and old-world atmosphere in a setting that feels timeless and welcoming. Upon arrival, settle into your hotel and enjoy time to relax or perhaps step out for a breath of fresh mountain air and a first look at the enchanting Council Square. This evening, dinner is served at your hotel. (D)

Day 3 – Braşov | Sinaia, Peleş Castle and Prejmer After breakfast, set out for the lovely town of Sinaia, long associated with royal retreat and natural beauty. Here you will visit magnificent Peleş Castle, the 19th-century summer residence of Romania’s royal family. Commissioned by King Carol I, this extraordinary castle is admired for its Neo-Renaissance architecture, richly decorated interiors, stained glass, fine furnishings, and remarkable art collections. After your visit, enjoy free time in Sinaia for a stroll and lunch at your leisure. In the afternoon, continue to Prejmer Fortified Church, one of Transylvania’s most striking medieval monuments and part of the UNESCO-listed Villages. Founded in the 13th century by the Teutonic Knights, Prejmer offers a fascinating glimpse into Saxon heritage, with its mighty defensive walls and distinctive fortified design. Return to Braşov this evening with wonderful memories of a day filled with mountain beauty, royal history, and medieval character. (B)

Day 4 – Braşov | Historic Braşov and Bran Castle This morning, enjoy a guided walking tour through the historic heart of Braşov, one of Transylvania’s most atmospheric and inviting cities. Discover highlights such as Council Square, the Black Church, Ecaterina’s Gate, the Weavers’ Bastion, and the White and Black Towers, while soaking in the city’s rich Saxon heritage and storybook setting. Afterward, enjoy free time for lunch and the pleasure of wandering Braşov’s charming old town at your own pace. Browse elegant boutiques, relax in cozy cafés, and shop for traditional Romanian treasures such as embroidered blouses, carved wooden crafts, Horezu pottery, local honey, and fruit preserves. In the afternoon, continue to dramatic Bran Castle, perched on a rocky hill in the heart of Transylvania. Originally built as a medieval fortress in the late 14th century and later transformed into a beloved royal residence by Queen Marie, Bran Castle enchants visitors with its turrets, stone courtyards, winding staircases, and fairytale mountain setting. Forever linked to the mystique of the Dracula legend, the castle captures the romance, mystery, and Gothic allure that have made Transylvania famous throughout the world. After your visit, enjoy a little free time to browse the souvenir stalls before returning to Braşov. (B)

Day 5 – Braşov | Sighişoara – Sibiu After breakfast, depart Braşov and travel onward to Sighişoara, one of Transylvania’s most enchanting medieval towns. This beautifully preserved UNESCO-listed citadel, founded by Transylvanian Saxons, welcomes visitors with pastel-colored houses, cobble lanes, and storybook towers that evoke pure old-world charm. On your walking tour, discover some of its most memorable sights, including the Clock Tower, the Church on the Hill, the Scholar’s Stairs, the Monastery Church, and several of the original guild towers that once protected the citadel. Lunch is included today at the famed House of Dracula Restaurant, birthplace of Vlad the Impaler in 1431. Afterward, enjoy free time to browse local craft and antique shops before continuing to elegant Sibiu, your new home for the next stage of your Romanian adventure. With its grand squares, pastel façades, and distinctive Transylvanian charm, Sibiu offers a refined and welcoming atmosphere. Check into your hotel and relax. This evening, perhaps enjoy a quiet stroll through the old town or settle into a local café and savor the timeless beauty of the city. (B,L)

Day 6 – Sibiu After breakfast, enjoy a relaxing free day in elegant Sibiu, where you can wander the medieval squares, admire the charming “eyes” of the old houses, visit local markets and artisan shops, sample traditional Romanian pastries or wine in a cozy café, and simply soak in the timeless atmosphere of one of Transylvania’s most beautiful cities or take an optional tour to Alba Iulia and Sibiel Village. Depart for historic Alba Iulia, a city shaped by centuries of history and known for its grand avenues, imposing fortifications, and strong sense of heritage. Here you will visit the remarkable Alba Carolina Citadel, with its impressive Vauban-style fortification system, as well as the Orthodox Cathedral, Catholic Cathedral, and traces of the city’s Roman past. Later, continue to the picturesque village of Sibiel, nestled in the scenic Mărginimea Sibiului region. This charming traditional village offers a glimpse into the slower rhythms of rural Transylvania, surrounded by pastoral beauty and enduring local customs. Enjoy a horse-drawn wagon ride through the village, followed by a visit to the Traditional Icons Museum. Here you will enjoy a “Cultural Discovery” learning about how traditional icon art is made by local artisans. This evening, your day concludes with a “Cultural Discovery” a truly memorable traditional dinner, featuring a four-course meal with plum brandy, wine, water, and apple juice, all accompanied by live folk singers. It is a warm and authentic cultural experience that beautifully captures the spirit of Romania. (B,D)

Day 7 – Sibiu | Corvin Castle – Hunedoara After breakfast, enjoy a guided walking tour of Sibiu, one of Transylvania’s most elegant and historically important towns. Founded in the 12th century and long associated with the Transylvanian Saxons, Sibiu charms visitors with its medieval squares, towers, and graceful architecture. During your tour, discover the city’s Big Square, Small Square, Staircase Tower, the iconic Bridge of Lies, and the city’s three principal cathedrals: Orthodox, Lutheran-Evangelical, and Catholic. After some free time to relax, the day builds toward a memorable evening unlike any other. In the early evening, travel to one of Europe’s most haunted locations, Corvin Castle



in Hunedoara, a dramatic 15th-century stronghold completed in 1453 and later expanded by Matthias Corvinus. With its soaring towers, grand halls, and storybook silhouette, the castle provides an extraordinary setting for tonight's special event: a Cultural Evening and Halloween Party inside one of Europe's most atmospheric medieval castles. Step into a world of legends, mysticism, old customs, music, and theatrical performances as the castle comes alive for the evening. Your celebration includes a buffet dinner, local drinks, and live entertainment with singers, dancers, and actors. The party begins at 7:30 p.m. and continues until midnight, with shuttle service arranged back to your hotel in Hunedoara, if you wish to leave earlier. (B,D)

Day 8 – Hunedoara | Cozia Monastery – Bucharest After breakfast, depart for Bucharest, Romania's fascinating capital, with a scenic stop en route at Cozia Monastery. Set dramatically on the banks of the Olt River, this remarkable monastery is one of Romania's great medieval treasures. Founded by Mircea the Elder in the late 14th century and consecrated in 1388, Cozia is admired for its beautiful blend of Byzantine and Wallachian architecture, serene setting, interior frescoes, and the tomb of its founder. A visit here offers a peaceful and enriching glimpse into Romania's spiritual and artistic heritage. Continue onward to Bucharest, arriving in the afternoon. The remainder of the day is at leisure to relax and settle into the rhythm of the capital. (B)

Day 9 – Bucharest | Return to the USA or Optional Bucharest Extension After breakfast, transfer to the airport for your return flight to the USA, taking with you cherished memories of Romania's medieval towns, royal castles, mountain landscapes, and rich cultural traditions. Or, continue your journey with an optional Bucharest extension and discover even more of the elegance, history, and energy of Romania's captivating capital. (B)

Tour Activity Level



Active Tour

Active tour: On and off coach/boat, a traveler needs to be in good physical condition. Walking tours could be up to 2-3 hours a day, on slopes, city streets, or village cobblestones.

OPTIONAL BUCHAREST EXTENSION

Day 9 – Bucharest | Capital Sights and Old Town Charm After breakfast, enjoy a guided tour of Bucharest, a city of grand boulevards, elegant architecture, and fascinating contrasts between royal, Belle Époque, and communist-era history. Your panoramic tour includes the Palace of Parliament, National Cathedral, University Square, Victoriei Square, and the Triumph Arch. You will also visit the Village Museum, one of the city's most engaging attractions, where traditional houses from different regions of Romania are beautifully displayed in an open-air setting. Continue your panoramic drive along Victoriei Boulevard and Revolution Square, then set out on foot to discover Bucharest's Historic Town, including the Athenaeum, Royal Palace (today the Art Museum), the former Communist Party Headquarters, Kretzulescu Church, and the lively Lipscani area. During your walking tour, enjoy an included lunch at the famed Caru' cu Bere Restaurant, celebrated for both its cuisine and magnificent architecture. This afternoon, enjoy free time to stroll elegant avenues, relax in inviting cafés, browse chic boutiques, and shop for traditional Romanian treasures such as hand-painted eggs, embroidered blouses, Horezu pottery, carved wooden crafts, local wines, and artisanal sweets. (B,L)

Day 10 – Bucharest | Ceaușescu Mansion Discover one of Bucharest's most intriguing and talked-about landmarks on this fascinating half-day tour of the former residence of Nicolae Ceaușescu and his family. Hidden behind its understated exterior lies an extraordinary world of elegance, luxury, and history, offering a rare glimpse into the private life of Romania's former ruler. During your guided visit, explore the mansion's beautifully preserved interiors, where grand reception rooms, lavish décor, and finely crafted details reflect the style and privilege once enjoyed by the country's ruling elite. As you move from room to room, your guide will share the stories, history, and surprising details that bring this remarkable residence to life. More than simply a beautiful home, the Ceaușescu Mansion offers a revealing window into an important chapter of Romania's past. From its refined architecture and rich ornamentation to the captivating history behind its doors, this visit combines cultural discovery, historical perspective, and memorable insight in a way few places can. After the tour, enjoy free time to experience Bucharest at your own pace. You may wish to relax over lunch at a charming local restaurant, enjoy coffee and a pastry at an elegant café, stroll along Calea Victoriei, admire the grand architecture of the Romanian Athenaeum, or browse inviting shops and galleries. (B)

Day 11 – Bucharest | Return to the USA Today bid farewell to Bucharest, a city of broad boulevards, rich history, and vibrant charm, as you transfer to the airport for your return flight home. Depart with treasured memories of your captivating journey through Romania's historic treasures, scenic landscapes, timeless villages, and the elegant energy of its fascinating capital. (B)

(B) - Breakfast, (L) - Lunch, (D) - Dinner.

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