

Romantic Romania

Privately escorted tour

9 days / 8 nights

Day 1: Bucharest

Arrival Bucharest. You will be met and transferred to your hotel. Overnight Bucharest.

Day 2: Bucharest to Sighisoara

Morning sightseeing of Bucharest. Highlights include Manuc's Inn, the fascinating Palace of the Parliament and a visit to the Village Museum. Continue to Sighisoara via medieval Brasov. Overnight Sighisoara. **B**

Day 3: Sighisoara

Sighisoara is the best preserved medieval citadel and the only inhabited one in Europe. See the clock tower, ancient city walls and the 16th century Biertan fortified church. This afternoon visit the delightful city of Sibiu, once an important stronghold for Saxon merchants. Overnight Sighisoara. **B**

Day 4: Sighisoara to Targu Mures & Baia Mare

After breakfast, take a drive via Targu Mures and Cluj, with a brief tour of each city, then continue on to Baia Mare, the capital of the Maramures region, famous for its crafts and rural traditions. Dinner and overnight Baia Mare. **BD**

Day 5: Baia Mare to Bukovina

Today visit the 'Merry Cemetery' in Sapanta, with its brightly painted carved wooden crosses and humorous illustrations. Drive to the Iza Valley, rich in rural traditions,

with tiny villages and distinctive wooden churches. Overnight Sucevita. **B**

Day 6: The Painted Monasteries & Piatra Neamt

Today you visit the famous 15th century painted monasteries of Bukovina. The vivid colours of these three UNESCO-listed Monasteries of Sucevita, Moldovita and Voronet have been preserved to this day. Overnight Piatra Neamt. **B**

Day 7: Piatra Neamt to Brasov & Sinaia

Head south this morning through the dramatic Bicz Gorges. See the spectacular Red Lake on your way to Transylvania and Brasov. Your sightseeing of this 14th century city includes the Black Church, St Nicholas Church and the Museum of the first school in Romania. Overnight Sinaia. **B**

Day 8: Sinaia to Bran & Bucharest

This morning take a short drive to Bran Castle, built in 1378 as a toll station and often referred to as "Dracula's Castle". Return to the mountain resort of Sinaia to visit the monastery and Peles Castle, the summer residence of Romania's royal family. Continue to Bucharest. Take an optional dinner at a local restaurant tonight. Your guide can advise you. Overnight Bucharest. **B**

Day 9: Bucharest

Tour services end after breakfast with your transfer to the airport. **B**



Sighisoara



Sibiu



Bukovina, Sucevita Monastery

Inclusions

- ① 8 nights accommodation in hotel category of your choice with breakfast
- ① Dinner in Baia Mare
- ① Arrival/departure transfers
- ① Transportation by air-conditioned minibus or car **with driver and professional English-speaking guide***
- ① Sightseeing as specified

* You have the option of taking this tour with a driver-guide. Please ask for details.

Tour price & departures

Prices shown per person in AUD.
Wed & Thu departures mid Apr-Oct 2011.

Hotel	Twn	Sgl	1 per only on tour
★★★	2697	3078	5106
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■ This tour can be combined with Bulgaria – please ask for details.

Your hotels

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- ④ BUCHAREST – Central
- ④ SIGHISOARA – Sighisoara or Wagner House
- ④ BAIA MARE – Mara
- ④ SUCEVITA – Bukovina Inn
- ④ PIATRA NEAMT – Ceahlau
- ④ SINAIA – Sinaia

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- ④ BUCHAREST – Novotel
- ④ SIGHISOARA – Sighisoara or Wagner House (3-star)
- ④ BAIA MARE – Carpati
- ④ SUCEVITA – Sofia
- ④ PIATRA NEAMT – Ceahlu (3-star)
- ④ SINAIA – Palace

■ Hotels of a similar standard may be substituted.