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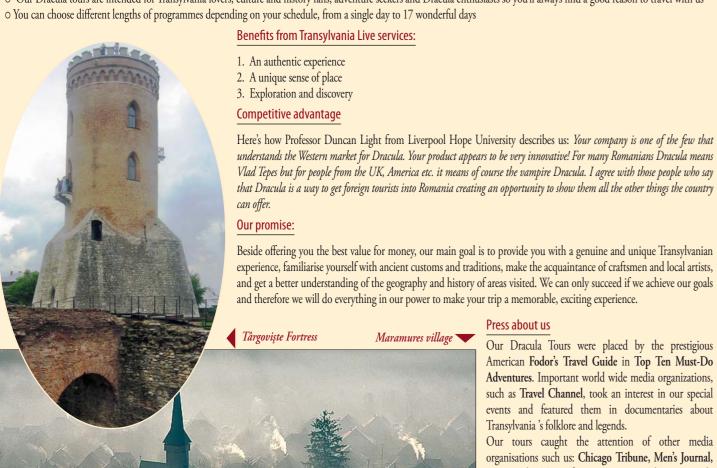
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Why Transylvania Live?

Transylvania Live specializes in travel to Transylvania, Romania and Eastern Europe.

The reasons to book with us:

- O You'll have a complete picture of the country and explore the most significant sights related to Vlad the Impaler, cover the folkloric aspects of the Dracula legend and enjoy unique events meant to bring out the essence of the genuine Transylvanian Folklore.
- O You can relax in inviting accommodations that will introduce you to the local atmosphere, from outstanding medieval hotels described by many of our guests as medieval fantasies with beds to charming guesthouses located in picturesque Transylvanian villages
- O There are mouth-watering traditional dishes in each area visited
- Our knowledgeable, professionally trained English speaking guides are excellent travel companions, who are aware of how much the success of your trip depends upon their communication skills and sense of humour.
- Our Dracula tours are intended for Transylvania lovers, culture and history fans, adventure seekers and Dracula enthusiasts so you'll always find a good reason to travel with us



understands the Western market for Dracula. Your product appears to be very innovative! For many Romanians Dracula means Vlad Tepes but for people from the UK, America etc. it means of course the vampire Dracula. I agree with those people who say that Dracula is a way to get foreign tourists into Romania creating an opportunity to show them all the other things the country

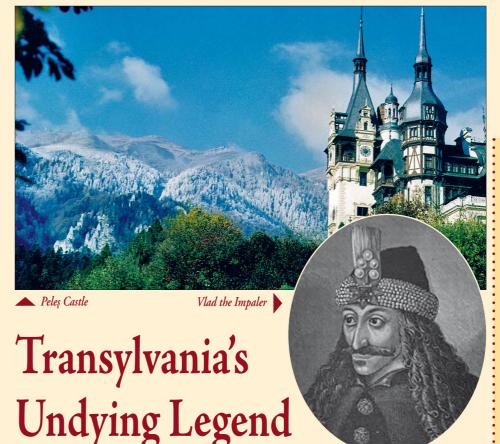
experience, familiarise yourself with ancient customs and traditions, make the acquaintance of craftsmen and local artists, and get a better understanding of the geography and history of areas visited. We can only succeed if we achieve our goals and therefore we will do everything in our power to make your trip a memorable, exciting experience.

> Our Dracula Tours were placed by the prestigious American Fodor's Travel Guide in Top Ten Must-Do Adventures. Important world wide media organizations, such as Travel Channel, took an interest in our special events and featured them in documentaries about Transylvania 's folklore and legends.

Our tours caught the attention of other media organisations such us: Chicago Tribune, Men's Journal, Los Angeles Times from USA, BBC, The Sun, Daily Mirror, Paul O'Grady Show, Living TV from UK, Irish Independent, Tubridy Tonight Show from Ireland and Canadian Biker.

Founded in 1995, the company goal was to offer a unique tourist product - "the live Transylvania". The "live" concept means that our guests are encouraged to discover Transylvania through its traditions and enjoy colourful festivals, privileged meetings with craftsmen or artists and unique re enactments of traditional customs. Transylvania Live is member of ASTA - American Society of Travel Agents and Responsible Travel UK.







The best preserved inhabited medieval citadel i Europe, a UNESCO World Heritage site and Vlad the Impaler's birth place

Also known as Dracula's Castle, a legendary Transylvanian fortress dating back to 1377

Where, according to the legend, Vlad was buried after his assassination

Vlad's old and faithful citadel perched high on a cliff more than 1000 stairs to climb

The best preserved rural fortification in Transylvania and the largest one in Eastern Europe

5 Day Private Departure from Bucharest Tour code: Ro4.3RoVa

A private 5 day Dracula Tour in Transylvania departing from the capital city of Bucharest including historical and legendary places related to Vlad the Impaler.

DAY 1, Thursday, Bucharest - Sinaia - Rasnov - Poiana Brasov

Airport pick up. Transfer to Sinaia, the pearl of mountain resorts in Romania. Visit Peles Castle, one of the best preserved and beautiful royal residences in Europe. Travel next to Rasnov Citadel, the best preserved rural fortification in Transylvania and the largest one in Eastern Europe. Your accommodation is in Poiana Brasov, situated at the foot of Postavaru Mountain, and surrounded by dense pinewood forests in a magnificent natural setting.

DAY 2, Friday, Poiana Brasov - Bran - Brasov - Sighisoara

Visit Transylvania's legendary symbol, Bran Castle. It owes its fame both to its unique charm and to the myth Bram Stoker created around Dracula. Queen Maria, turned the castle into a beautiful summer residence. Travel to the Medieval Saxon Citadel of Sighisoara, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Founded by Saxons during the 12th century, Sighisoara still stands as one of Europe's most beautiful inhabited fortified citadels. Your accommodation is in a 3* hotel, located in the heart of the citadel. Dinner can be enjoyed in Casa Vlad Dracul Restaurant, the very place where Vlad

DAY 3, Saturday, Sighisoara - Biertan - Medias — Sibiu

Enjoy medieval charm at its best, visit the Clock Tower, the Medieval Weapon Collection and the Torture Room. Another important UNESCO World Heritage Site on your itinerary, the traditional Saxon village of Biertan, home

to the best known of all the Saxon fortified churches in Transylvania. In Medias, you will make the acquaintance of a unique artist, the only one in the world who uses spider webs for his paintings. Transfer next to the fortified city of Sibiu, the European Capital of Culture in 2007, containing the largest concentrations of famous sites in Romania. Your accommodation is in a 3* hotel.

DAY 4, Sunday, Sibiu - Poienari - Arefu - Curtea de Arges - Bucharest

Enjoy a visit of Poienari, Vlad's old and faithful fortress. The fortress located close to Fagaras Mountains, on a canyon formed by Arges River is perched high on a cliff. To visit the impressive fortress and admire the breathless view from the top you'll need to climb over 1000 stairs. Travel next to the capital city of Romania, christened "the little Paris". Your accommodation is in a 3* hotel, central located. For dinner we recommend Count Dracula Club Restaurant, with a strong medieval touch, where you can even have a face to face meeting with the count.

DAY 5, Monday, Bucharest - Snagov - Bucharest

Visit Snagov Monastery where, Vlad was buried after his assassination. The architectural style of the monastery follows that of the Holy Mount of Athos in Greece. Transfer to the airport for the return flight.

The services of a professional trained English speaking guide experienced in escorting Dracula theme tours

I night in a 4* hotel, 3 nights in 3* hotels

all land transfers by coach, minibus or car - air conditioned.

depending on the number of travellers and transfer by boat to

Entry fees to:

Peles Castle, Rasnov Citadel, Bran Castle, Horror Castle in Bran, Clock Tower in Sighisoara, Fortified Church in Biertan, Spider Web

We will both remember the holiday for a long time. thanks to you and all your staff for the well organised holiday. Your country is very beautiful and I would certainly recommend Romania to any of my friends. I was very impressed by how friendly all the people are. Thanks again and Noroc to you!

Helena and Dave G, Isle of Wight, UK

Vampires in Transylvania

7 Day Guaranteed Departure from Bucharest Tour code: Ro4.4RoVa

HIGHLIGHTS

Also known as Dracula's Castle, a legendary Transylvanian fortress dating back to 1377

Snagov Monastery

Where, according to the legend, Vlad was buried after his assassination

Ritual Killing of the Living Dead

Performed according to the old burying rituals in Transylvania, will introduce you to the genuine local folklore. Masquerade Party afterwards to celebrate the victory or recover from defeat

Sighisoara Medieval Citadel

The best preserved inhabited medieval citadel in Europe, a UNESCO World Heritage site and Vlad the Impaler's birth place

Dracula's Castle in Transylvania

Bram Stoker's imaginary castle in Borgo Pass where he placed the Bloody Count Dracula; accommodation, candle lit dinner and a camp fire with all the right stories.

The famous medieval Knights of Sibiu will introduce you to the medieval rituals.

Vlad's old and faithful citadel perched high on a cliff, more than 1000 stairs to climb.

Introducing Unique Characters

Make the acquaintance of a unique artist who uses spider web for his paintings

Enjoy Jonathan Harker's Menu, the same meal Bram Stoker's hero ate when in Bistrita citadel, and indulge yourself further with a Vampire Menu in Turda

Included services:

The services of a professionally trained English speaking guide experienced in escorting Dracula tours.

3 nights in 3* hotels, 3 nights in 4* hotels (or best available at an equal classification)

Transportation

Transfer from/to Bucharest airport, all transfers inside the tour by coach, minibus or car - air conditioned, depending on the number of travellers and boat transfer to Snagov Monastery. 6 breakfasts, 6 dinners (out of which 3 special dinners: Vampire

Dinner, Candle Lit Dinner in Dracula's Castle, Medieval Dinner in Poiana Brasov)

Entry fees to Snagov Monastery, Tirgoviste Citadel, Peles Castle, Bran Castle, Horror Castle, Dogarilor Tower, Dracula's Castle, Dracula's Coffin, Turda Salt Mines, The Ritual of Killing of a Living Dead, Spider Web Artist, Witch Trial, Poienari Citadel.

* The Halloween edition of the tour also includes the Halloween Party in the Medieval Citadel of Sighisogra, Dracula's birth place – 3 course festive dinner and the alcoholic drinks in accordance with the menu, dessert and the special Halloween programme and excludes the Masquerade Party.

A 7 day escorted Dracula Tour, departing from Bucharest, including the most important historical places related

DAY 1, Friday, Bucharest

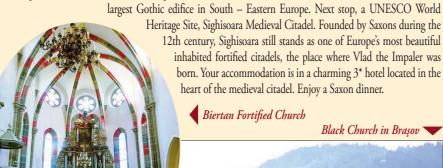
Welcome to the Romania! Our English speaking guide collects you from Bucharest Airport and drives you to Snagov to visit the Snagov Monastery where, according to the legend, Vlad was buried after his assassination. The monastic establishment is located on a small island of Snagov Lake so you'll also enjoy a boat trip across the lake. The architectural style of the monastery follows that of the Holy Mount of Athos in Greece. Your first day in Romania ends with a welcome dinner in one of Bucharest's top traditional restaurants. Your accommodation is in a 3* hotel, central location.

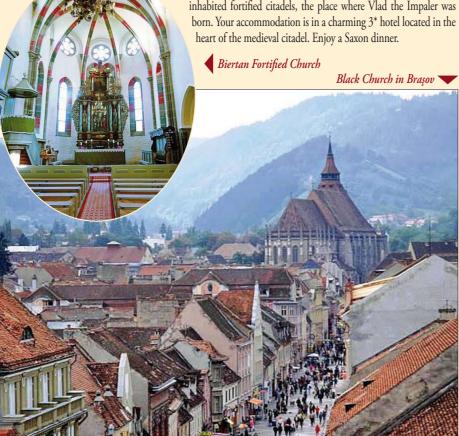
Day 2, Saturday, Bucharest – Targoviste – Sinaia – Poiana Brasov

Morning drive to Targoviste, former capital of Walachia County situated on the right bank of Ialomita River, to visit the ruins of Vlad Tepes Old Court. Continue your journey with Sinaia, the pearl of mountain resorts in Romania. Explore the main point of attraction, the royal Peles Castle, one of the best preserved and beautiful royal residences in Europe. The edifice was built in 1873 and is an architectural mixture of the German School and Neo-Renaissance style. Your accommodation is in Poiana Brasov. Situated at the foot of Postavaru Mountains, Poiana Brasov is surrounded by dense pinewood forests in a magnificent, mountainous natural setting. Dinner in the Medieval Restaurant of an outstanding 4* hotel.

Day 3, Sunday, Poiana Brasov — Bran — Sighisoara

Visit Transylvania's symbol, Bran Castle. The edifice owes its fame both to its unique charm and to the myth Bram Stoker created around Dracula. Documentary evidence of the castle dates back to 1377. Close to the castle there is a shrine that is set in the wall of a mountain which once sheltered the heart of Queen Maria of Romania. Your next stop is the Medieval Saxon City of Brasov. Three quarters of the city is surrounded by mountains, and it is one of the best preserved medieval cities in Europe. The most famous landmark of Brasov is the Black Church , the









Mediaş Street Concert 📤

DAY 4, Monday, Sighisoara - Bistrita

Stroll around the streets of the old citadel; visit the Clock Tower, concentrating Sighisoara's history, the Church on the Hill, the Covered Stairs. You can even enjoy lunch in the very house where Vlad the Impaler was born, turned today into a cosy restaurant. Drive next to Bistrita Citadel and visit Dogarilor (Coopers) Tower. Standing 35 meters tall and dating back to 1895 the tower hosts an interesting puppet exhibition made entirely from recycled materials, the work of Misiuga, Baron of Dracula, and initiator of the Dracula's Castle in Borgo Pass project. In Bistrita you can also visit Golden Crown Restaurant and enjoy the very meal Jonathan Harker, the main character of the Dracula Novel, ate when in Bistrita Citadel. Next stop is Dracula's Castle in Borgo Pass, a 3* hotel built in accordance to Bram Stoker's imagination. After visiting Dracula's coffin you'll enjoy a candle lit dinner at the castle followed by a fire camp near by, with all the right stories for a night to remember.

DAY 5. Tuesday, Bistrita Citadel - Turda

Morning transfer to the city of Cluj Napoca, an important Transylvanian cultural and economic centre, the former Hungarian provincial capital. It's hard to believe, but here in the heart of Transylvania you can find the best Turkish kebab, that we strongly recommend for your lunch, in spite of the irony – a Turkish specialty in Vlad Dracul's country, given the fact that he was the worst enemy the Turks could have had. How about a genuine Dracula tattoo? Should you wish to permanently remember your trip to Transylvania, here is your chance. From Cluj drive to Turda, a small town with an intimate medieval atmosphere, home to one of the oldest Salt Mine in Romania. Delight yourself with a Vampire Dinner. Still, an evening to fear, you'll attend The Ritual of Killing of the Living Dead. Masquerade Party afterwards to celebrate the victory or recover from defeat.

DAY 6, Wednesday, Turda - Sibiu

Prepare to descend to the heart of one of the biggest salt caverns in Romania, the Salt Mines of Turda, with impressive halls named after kings and queens. Drive next to Medias and make the acquaintance of a unique artist, the only one who uses spider webs for his paintings. Evening in Sibiu, the European Capital of Culture in 2007. The fortified town of Sibiu is one of Romania's most beautiful cities, containing the largest concentrations of tourist attractions in Romania. Your accommodation is in a 4* hotel, enjoy a traditional Saxon dinner in one of the best restaurants in Sibiu. Attend a Witch Trial after dinner. You'll meet "Gladius Dei", the famous medieval Knights of Sibiu. They'll introduce you to medieval rituals and, should you be well prepared, turn you into a knight.

DAY 7, Thursday, Sibiu - Bucharest

Enjoy a morning visit of Poienari, Vlad's old and faithful fortress. The fortress located close to Fagaras Mountains, on a canyon formed by Arges River is perched high on a cliff, in fact a steep precipice. To visit the impressive fortress and admire the unique and breathless view from the top you'll need to climb over 1000 stairs. Late afternoon arrival in Bucharest, past 5:00 pm. (Should you wish to, we can complete your staying with an add-on programme).



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Round Vampires in Transylvania Short Break

3 Day Guaranteed Departure from Cluj Napoca Tour code: TR4.3RoSh

HIGHLIGHTS

Help a haunted spirit to gain his peace - attend the ritual of killing a Living Dead meant to introduce you to the genuine Transylvanian folklore.

Also known as Dracula's Castle, a legendary Transylvanian fortress dating back to 1377.

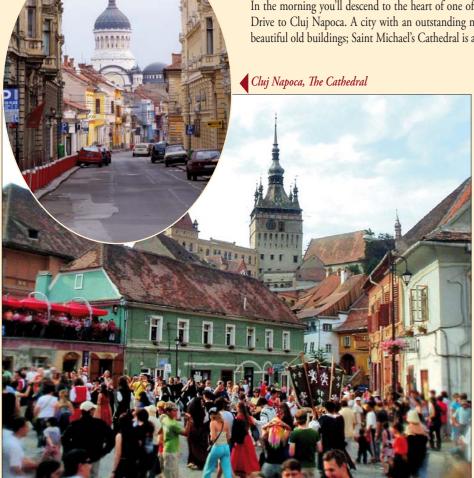
The Medieval Saxon Citadel of Sighisoara

Dracula's birth place, the best preserved medieval citadel in Europe, a UNESCO World Heritage Site

Enjoy a Vampire dinner to find out why it's worth

Descend to the heart of one of the biggest salt mines in Transylvania, you'll then know you still have a soul

The only artist in the world who uses spider web for



Intended for those who wish to discover the best parts of Transylvania's legendary realms in a shorter period time, this 3 day break includes UNESCO World Heritage Sites – such as the medieval Saxon Citadel of Sighisoara, unique events which caught the attention of media world wide like the live re enactment of the Ritual of Killing of the Living Dead, and a privileged meeting with one of Romania's unique artists, the only one who uses spider web for his paintings. The entertaining programme is complemented by a relaxing 4* accommodation, and the mouth-watering vampire dinner! We bet our 9 lives you'll love it.

Day 1, Monday, Cluj — Alba — Sibiu — Brasov

Welcome to the Transylvania! Our English speaking guide collects you from Cluj Napoca Airport. Drive to Sibiu. The fortified city of Sibiu has been the centre of Romania's German minority since medieval times and it is one of Romania's most beautiful cities. The city contains the largest concentrations of famous sites in Romania. Your next stop is the Medieval Saxon City of Brasov, one of the best preserved medieval cities in Europe, home to the impressive Black Church, the largest gothic edifice in South Eastern Europe. Accommodation is in a 3* hotel.

Day 2, Tuesday, Brasov — Bran — Sighisoara — Turda

Explore Transylvania's symbol, Bran Castle. It owes its fame both to its unique charm and to the myth Bram Stoker created around Dracula. Drive next to Sighisoara Citadel, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Founded by Saxons during the 12th century, Sighisoara still stands as one of Europe's most beautiful inhabited fortified citadels. Sighisoara is also the place where Vlad the Impaler, also known as Dracula, was born.

Late in the afternoon you'll reach the town of Medias with its beautiful medieval centre where you'll make the acquaintance of a unique artist, the only one who uses spider web for his paintings. You'll spend the evening in the town of Turda. Delight yourself with a vampire dinner, to see why it's worth killing for a meal! You'll attend the Ritual of Killing of the Living Dead. Performed according to the old rituals of burying in Transylvania, the event is meant to reveal the fact that Transylvania, and in fact entire Romania, had no knowledge of vampires until Bram Stocker created

Day 3, Wednesday, Turda — Clui

In the morning you'll descend to the heart of one of the biggest salt mines in the country – Turda Salt Mines. Drive to Cluj Napoca. A city with an outstanding medieval atmosphere, Cluj will surely impress you with its beautiful old buildings; Saint Michael's Cathedral is a must-see. Transfer to Cluj Airport for the return flight.

It is very obvious that Transylvania Live goes to extraordinary lengths to make sure its clients are satisfied. We are very thankful to our guide for being not only a well-informed guide but also for being courteous, dependable, friendly, and always doing his best make sure that the trip was a pleasant experience for us, which it was.

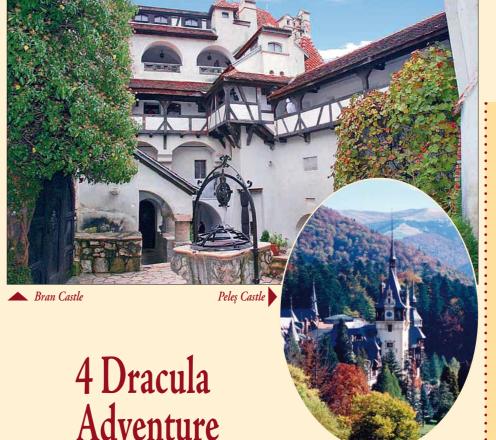
Steve and Karen, Beverly Hills, US

Included services:

The services of a professional trained English speaking guide experienced in escorting Dracula theme tours Accommodations: 1 night in a 4* hotel and 1 night

Meals: 2 breakfasts and 2 dinners (out of which a Saxon Dinner

Transportation: entire land transfers by standard European car microbus or coach, depending upon the number of travellers. Entry fees to the following tourist attractions: Bran Castle, Clock Tower & Medieval Weapon Collection & Torture Room in ighisoara Citadel, Turda Salt['] Mines, Spider Web Artist Special Events: The Ritual of Killing of the Living Dead





HIGHLIGHTS

Also known as Dracula's Castle, a legendary Transylvanian fortress dating back to 1377

The best preserved inhabited medieval citadel in Europe, a UNESCO World Heritage site and Vlad the

The best preserved rural fortification in Transvlvania and the largest one in Eastern Europe

Where, according to the legend, Vlad was buried after his assassination

A city of outstanding medieval atmosphere which has played a vital role in Romania's history, both old

4 Day Private Departure from Bucharest Tour code: RO 4.5RoHa

A 4 day private Dracula tour concentrating on the most important places related to Vlad Dracul and his legend: Snagov Monastery, Bran Castle, the Medieval Saxon Citadel of Sighisoara and the outstanding city of Brasov.

Day 1, Thursday, Bucharest

Welcome to the Romania! Our English speaking guide collects you from Bucharest Airport. You will then drive to Snagov to visit Snagov Monastery where, according to the legend, Vlad was buried after his assassination. The monastic establishment is located on a small island of Snagov Lake. The architectural style of the monastery follows that of the monasteries on the Holy Mount of Athos in Greece.

Day 2, Friday, Bucharest — Sinaia — Bran - Rasnov - Poiana Brasov

Morning transfer to Sinaia, the pearl of mountain resorts in Romania. The main point of attraction is Peleş Castle, one of the best preserved and beautiful royal residences in Europe. Continue your journey with Bran Castle, Transylvania's legendary symbol. Bran owes its fame both to its unique charm and to the myth Bram Stoker created around Dracula. Close to the castle there is a shrine that is set in the wall of a mountain which once sheltered the heart of Queen Maria, the niece of Queen Victoria of Great Britain. Cheese tasting is strongly recommended in Bran as the village is renowned for the delicious home made traditional cheese assortments produced there. Visit next Rasnov Citadel. Standing on top of a hill that is overlooking an incredible Transylvanian landscape, Rasnov is the best preserved rural fortification in Transylvania and the largest one in Eastern Europe, first documented in 13 century. Your accommodation is in a medieval 4* hotel in Poiana Brasov.

Day 3, Saturday, Poiana Brasov — Brasov — Sighisoara

Explore in the morning the medieval Saxon city of Brasov, one of the best preserved medieval cities in Europe. Visit the Black Church, the largest Gothic edifice in Southern Europe dating back to 14th century. Initially called St. Virgin Mary the church was renamed after the great fire in 1689 that blackened its walls. Transfer next to the medieval Citadel of Sighisoara. Founded by Saxons during the 12th century, Sighisoara still stands as one of Europe's most beautiful inhabited fortified citadels with UNESCO World Heritage Site. Visit the main attractions: the Clock Tower, the Torture Room and the Medieval Weapon Collection. Your accommodation is in a 3 * hotel located in the very heart of the medieval citadel. For dinner we recommend Casa Vlad Dracul Restaurant, the very place where Vlad Dracul was born, turned into a cosy restaurant.

Day 4, Sunday, Sighisoara — Bucharest

Morning transfer to Bucharest Airport for the return flight.

Included services:

The services of a professional trained English speaking guide/ driver, experienced in escorting Dracula Tours

2 nights in 3* hotels and 1 night in a 4* hotel, breakfasts included

All land transfers by standard European car, boat transfer across

Entry fees to the following tourist attractions

Snagov Monastery, Peles Castle, Bran Castle, Rasnov Citadel, Black Church, Clock Tower – Medieval Weapon Collection – Torture Room, admittance fee for Sighisoara Citadel.

Romania, Bucharest and Transylvania were beautiful and exciting places to visit, rich in historic and scenic beauty. Your guide George was superb! He was most enjoyable and made the trip special. He is a true jewel of Romania. Any serious visitor to Romania definitely does need a tourist service similar to your own.

Anthony W. - Philadelphia, PA.





Dracula Weekend in Transylvania

Private Departure from Bucharest Tour Code: TR4.3RoBu

HIGHLIGHTS

Also known as Dracula's Castle, a legendary Transylvanian fortress dating back to 1377

The best preserved inhabited medieval citadel in Europe, a UNESCO World Heritage site and Vlad the

The Medieval Saxon City of Brasov

One of the best preserved medieval cities in Europe

The largest Gothic edifice in Southern Europe

The best preserved rural fortification in Transylvania

This private escorted 3 day break is intended for those who would like a weekend getaway. In a weekend you can discover the very essence of Transylvania: the legendary Bran Castle, Sighisoara Citadel, Dracula's birth place and the outstanding medieval city of Brasov.

Day 1, Friday, Bucharest-Sighisoara

Our English speaking guide collects you from Bucharest Airport. Transfer to the medieval Saxon Citadel of Sighisoara. Founded by the Saxons during the 12th century, Sighisoara still stands as one of Europe's most beautiful inhabited fortified cities, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Sighisoara is also the place where Vlad the Impaler, known as Dracula, was born. The building still stands and it was turn into a cosy restaurant where one can taste the

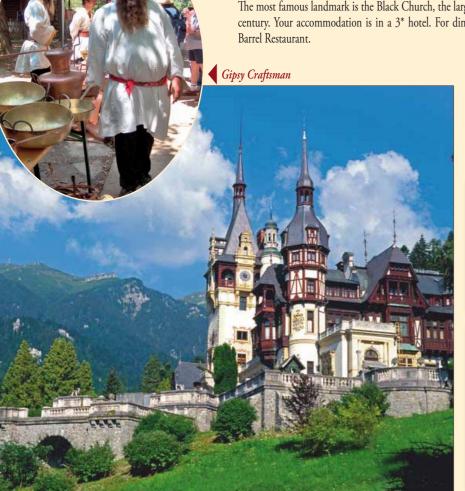
Your accommodation is in a medieval 3 * hotel located in the very heart of the citadel.

Day 2, Saturday, Sighisoara — Bran — Rasnov — Brasov

Visit today Sighisoara's main attractions: The Clock Tower, standing 60 meters tall on top of the citadel's hill, it hosts a museum and offers a great view over the citadel. Continue your journey with Bran Castle, Transylvania's legendary symbol. Bran owes its fame both to its unique charm and to the myth Bram Stoker created around Dracula. Queen Maria, the niece of Queen Victoria of Great Britain, turned the castle into a beautiful summer residence. Close to the castle there is a shrine that is set in the wall of a mountain which once sheltered her heart.

Lunch can be enjoyed in Bran village. Cheese tasting is strongly recommended as the village is renowned for the delicious home made traditional cheese assortments produced there. The ones smoked in pine tree bark are

Travel next to Rasnov Citadel. Standing on top of a hill that is overlooking an incredible Transylvanian landscape, Rasnov is the best preserved rural fortification in Transylvania and the largest one in Eastern Europe. For accommodation, transfer to the medieval Saxon city of Brasov, one of the best preserved medieval cities in Europe. The most famous landmark is the Black Church, the largest Gothic edifice in Southern Europe dating back to 14th century. Your accommodation is in a 3* hotel. For dinner we recommend the delicious Saxon cuisine at Saxon's



Day 3, Sunday, Brasov — Bucharest

Early in the morning depart for Bucharest Airport, for the

Included services:

The services of a professional trained English speaking guide/ driver, experienced in escorting Dracula theme tours.

2 nights in 3* hotels, double room, breakfast included

Entire land transfers by standard European car, fuel, parking fees,

Entry fees for the following tourist attractions: Bran Castle,

Clock Tower in Sighisoara.

Admittance fee for Sighisoara Citadel.

Testimonials

I would like to thank you for providing us a very special weekend. Sorin was really kind and told us many histories about the places and country that made the trip even special. I would like to tell that he was the perfect guide. For sure we have now so many beautiful pictures to show our friends and family in Brazil.

Ana Jorjao, Sao Paolo, Brazil





HIGHLIGHTS

Built in the 15th century by Vlad Tepes

Visit Snagov Monastery located on a small island on Snagov Lake where, according to the legend, Vlad Tepes was buried after his assassination

Indulge vourself with a Dracula dinner to find out why it's worth killing for a meal!

A medieval & vampire fantasy in Bucharest

Bucharest Dracula Day Trip

Private Trip Tour code: TR 7.1DrBu

Bucharest - Snagov

Prepare to discover Bucharest's darkest secrets!

You will be collected by our English speaking guide from your accommodation in Bucharest. Transfer to Snagov to visit Snagov Monastery where, according to the legend, Vlad was buried after his assassination. The monastic establishment is located on a small island of Snagov Lake so you'll also enjoy a boat trip across the lake. The architectural style of the monastery follows that of the Holy Mount of Athos in Greece.

Snagov - The Old Princely Court - Dracula themed Restaurant

Visit The Old Princely Court, built in the 15th century by Vlad Tepes, the Romanian ruler also known as Dracula. According to the local folklore, Vlad kept his prisoners in the dungeons of this court, dungeons which extended under the city. Still standing today are only a few walls and arches, tombstones and a beautiful Corinthian Column. The Old Court Museum dates back to 1972 when archaeologists discovered the ruins of the court along with the oldest document attesting to the city's origin under the name Bucharest issued and signed by Vlad Tepes.

Enjoy a special Dracula Dinner in a themed restaurant, decorated in rustic Transylvanian style:

hand-carved wooden chairs, service plates from the ceramic centre of Corund and walls adorned with pottery and festival masks. Endowed with three different dining salons, The Medieval Room, Transylvania and Hunting Room, the restaurant has even its own Library, Cellar, Chapel and an Alchemist Bar. There is a Dracula show, free of charge on Thursdays and Fridays starting with 9

Included services:

The services of a professional trained English speaking guide/ driver, experienced in escorting Dracula Tours

Entire land transfer by standard European car – air conditioned, transfer by boat to Snagov Monaster

A special Dracula Dinner in Bucharest

Testimonials

Bucharest was not after all only business! Thank you for putting together such an interesting package. Our team fully enjoyed the day trip and we're considering returning to Romania to spend some more time visiting Transylvania.

Jacob B. London, UK





Halloween in Transylvania with Vlad the Impaler - the Full Tour

HIGHLIGHTS

Ritual of Killing of the Living Dead

Performed according to the old burying rituals in Transylvania, the ritual will introduce you to the genuine local folklore.

Wine Tasting in Toka

It was the Tokaj wine that Dracula served to his guests, also a favourite tipple of the Dumas's musketeers

The Magic World of Romanian Folklore

A live presentation offered by a distinguished Romanian ethnographer will enrich your universe with more fantastic creatures than you could ever have imagined.

Introducing Unique Characters

Meet the Vampire Wooden Stake Specialist, renowned woodcraftsman Grigore Tulean from Maramures, a VIP of the tour. Make the acquaintance of a unique artist who uses spider web for his paintings

Vampire Treats

Enjoy Jonathan Harker's Menu, the same meal Bram Stoker's hero ate when in Bistrita citadel, and indulge yourself further with a Vampire Dinner in Turda

Dracula's Castle in Borgo Pass

Bram Stoker's imaginary castle where he placed the Bloody Count Dracula; accommodation, candle lit dinner and a camp fire with all the right stories for a night to remember

Halloween Party in the medieval Saxon Citadel of Sighisoara

Dracula's birth place - festive dinner & special programme.

Bran and Corvinesti Castle

Legendary castles in Transylvania with plenty of good stories for a Halloween tour.

10 Day Guaranteed Departure from Budapest

Tour code: Hu4.3RoHa

Departing from Budapest, Halloween in Transylvania offers a 10 day trip back in time, following Jonathan Harker's footsteps but revealing the genuine historical facts and places related to Vlad the Impaler.

DAY 1, October 27, Budapest - Tokaj - Satu Mare

Welcome to Budapest! Our English speaking guide collects you from Budapest Airport. Stop for a glass of wine in Tokaj, Hungary. It was the Tokaj wine that Dracula served to his guests! Stop in Satu Mare for accommodation in a 3* hotel. Along with a welcome dinner, you'll receive your talisman: a cross carved by a famous popular craftsman to keep your body safe and your spirit alive, as well as a survival certificate.

DAY 2, October 28, Satu Mare - Sapanta - Sighetul Marmatiei — leud

Drive to Sapanta, home of the merriest cemetery in the world! The Cemetery owes its name to the wood-carved memorial crosses, decorated in vivid colours depicting the deceased in a cartoon like manner. Next stop is Sighetul Marmatiei where a distinguished ethnographer, will introduce you to the magical world of Romanian folklore during your visit of the Village Museum. You'll spend the evening in guest houses in Ieud, where you can enjoy a Maramuresean home cooked meal. Try on the traditional Maramuresean clothing and enjoy a carriage ride by torch light up to the village church; delight yourself with stories of the haunted houses of the area!

DAY 3, October 29, leud - Rozavlea - Sacel - Bistrita

In Sacel you'll make a truly necessary friend: a renowned woodcraftsman. He'll teach you how to make the perfect wooden stake! Travel next to Bistrita Citadel. You could enjoy your lunch in the Jonathan

Harker Saloon, a reference point for the Halloween tour, and feast with the same menu as he did before meeting Count Dracula. Drive

Standing 35 meters tall and dating back to 1895 the tower hosts an interesting puppet exhibition made entirely from recycled materials, the work of Misiuga, Baron of Dracula, and initiator of the Dracula's Castle in Borgo Pass project. Visit Dracula's Coffin and enjoy

next to Bistrita Citadel and visit Dogarilor (Coopers) Tower.

Included services:

a candle lit dinner.

The services of a professional trained English speaking guide experienced in escorting Dracula theme tours.

5 nights in 3* hotels, 3 nights in 4* hotels and 1 night in guesthouses (or best available at an equal classification). Transportation: all land transfers by coach, minibus or car - air conditioned, depending on the number of travellers.

9 breakfasts, 9 dinners (out of which 5 special dinners: traditional Maramuresean dinner, Vampire Dinner, Halloween Festive Dinner in Sighisoara, Candle Lit Dinner in Dracula's Castle, Medieval Dinner) and Wine tasting in Tokaj – Hungary

Entry fees to

Merry Cemetery, Village Museum in Sighet, Carriage ride in leud, Woodcraftsman Workshop, Dogarilor Tower, Dracula's Castle in Borgo Pass, Turda Salt Mines, The Ritual of Killing of the Living Dead, Spider Web Artist, Fortified Church in Biertan, Clock Tower in Sighisoara, Bran Castle, Horror Castle in Bran, Peles Castle, Corvinesti Castle.

Halloween Party in Sighişoara Citadel, Dracula's Birthplace

DAY 4, October 30, Bistrita - Cluj Napoca - Turda

Morning ride to Cluj, admire here the impressive Saint Michael's Church. How about a genuine Dracula tattoo? For lunch we recommend a Turkish Kebab, in spite of the irony – a Turkish specialty in Vlad Dracul's country! Drive next to Turda, here you'll descend to the heart of one of the biggest salt mines in the country – Turda Salt Mines, with impressive halls named after kings and queens. Delight yourself with a Vampire Dinner.

DAY 5, October 31, Turda - Medias - Biertan - Sighisoara

In Medias you'll meet a unique artist, the only one who uses spider web for his paintings. Stop next to the fortified church of Biertan, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Drive to Sighisoara, the best preserved inhabited medieval citadel in Europe and a UNESCO World Heritage Site, Vlad Dracula's birth place! For your lunch we recommend 'Vlad Dracula's House', the very place where Dracula was born. It's time for the Halloween party: a delicious traditional Romanian festive dinner washed down with fiery spirits, excellent Romanian wine and accompanied by a special programme including a Witch Trial, Dracula's Wedding, The Ritual of Killing of the Living Dead and many dark surprises. If you survive, you'll find refuge in a 3* medieval hotel.

DAY 6, November 1, Sighisoara - Poiana Brasov

Drive to the medieval Saxon city of Brasov, one of the best preserved medieval cities in Europe. Visit the Black Church, the largest gothic edifice in Southern Europe dating back to 14th century. Initially called St. Virgin Mary the church was renamed after the great fire in 1689 that blackened its walls. It was here, that Vlad led raids against the Saxon merchants. In this context you can only expect a medieval dinner! November the 1st is in fact the Romanian Halloween. You'll visit a cemetery to witness how Romanians commemorate their lost ones on "Luminatie".

DAY 7, November 2, Poiana Brasov — Sibiu

Continue your journey with Bran Castle, Transylvania's legendary symbol. Dating back to 1377, Bran owes its fame to its unique charm and to the myth Bram Stoker created around Dracula. Queen Maria of Romania turned the castle into a beautiful summer residence. Close to the castle there is a shrine that is set in the wall of a mountain which once sheltered her heart. Not far from here is the Horror Castle, a special treat dedicated for the strong-hearted! For a walk on the famous Bridge of Liars you'll travel to the medieval city of Sibiu. Enjoy a traditional dinner in one of the oldest restaurants in Sibiu.

DAY 8, November 3, Sibiu - Deva - Hunedoara — Arad

In the morning tour Sibiu, the centre of Romania's German minority since medieval times. The city has two levels: the "upper town", which contains most of Sibiu's historic sights, and the "lower town", which is a charming chaos of old houses and cobbled squares. Drive to Hunedoara to visit the greatest Gothic style castle in Romania, Corvinesti, built in the 14th century. It was here that Vlad was brought up. Evening in Arad, your accommodation is in a 3* hotel.

DAY 9, November 4, Arad - Szeged — Budapest

Travel to Budapest. Stop en-route to Szeged also called Sun City, enjoy a city tour. For lunch we recommend "Halaszcsarda" Restaurant for the fine fish specialties you can try here. Your accommodation is in 3* hotel in Budapest. During your farewell dinner your survivors' certificate will be handed over proving that Transylvania does exist and it's not the Utopia people imagine.

DAY 10, November 5

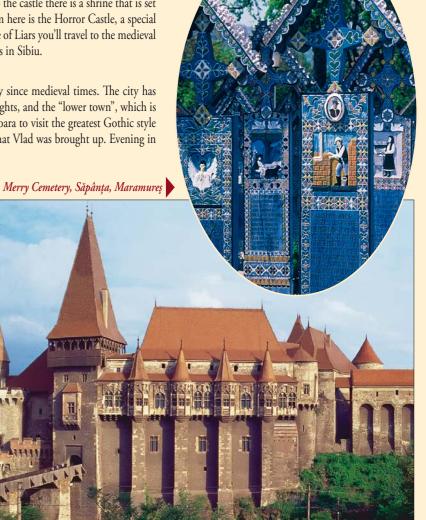
It's time to take your soul back home ... hopefully.

TRANSYLVANIA LIVE

Testimonials

I just wanted to let you know that we all enjoyed the trip very much. Our guide, Sorin, was very knowledgeable with a great sense of humor. We are very happy that we chose Transylvania Live. It was really nice to meet the people from Transylvania Live during the party. I will be sure to recommend you to any friends who might ask about Romania. Thank you again for all of your help, and most of all your patience with all of my many questions!!! Multumesc!!!!

Damon B, New York, USA



Corvineștilor Castle, Hunedoara

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Halloween in Transylvania Short Break

3 day Guaranteed Departure from Cluj Napoca Tour code: TR 4.3RoHa

HIGHLIGHTS

A delicious traditional Romanian festive dinner washed down with fiery spirits, excellent Romanian wine and accompanied by a special programme including the Ritual of Killing of the Living Dead, the Witch Trial, Dracula's Wedding and many dark

Dracula's birth place, the best preserved medieval citadel in Europe, a UNESCO World Heritage Site

Also known as Dracula's Castle, a legendary Transylvanian fortress dating back to 1377

Concentrating the largest number of famous sights

The only artist in the world who uses spider web for

One of the best preserved medieval cities in Europe

🕻 Halloween Party in Sighisoara Citadel - Dracula's birth place! A 3 day short break including a UNESCO World Heritage is Site, Sighisoara Medieval Citadel, Vlad the Impaler's birthplace, Transylvania's iconic image, Bran Castle and the Medieval Saxon city of Sibiu, concentrating the largest number of famous sights in Romania.

The Halloween Party includes a delicious traditional Romanian festive dinner washed down with fiery spirits, excellent Romanian wine and accompanied by a special programme including the Ritual of Killing of the Living Dead, the Witch Trial, Dracula's Wedding and many dark surprises.

Day 1, October 30, Cluj Napoca — Sibiu

Welcome to the Transylvania! Our English speaking guide collects you from Cluj Napoca Airport. Drive to the fortified city of Sibiu, one of Romania's most beautiful cities, containing the largest concentrations of famous sites in Romania. Enjoy a city tour including the Evangelic Church, one of the finest examples of Gothic architecture in Romania, Vlad the Impaler's son, Prince Mihnea the Evil was stabbed on the stairs of the church in 1510. Accommodation is in a 4 * hotel. You'll enjoy a traditional Saxon dinner in one of Sibiu's finest restaurants.

Day 2, October 31, Sibiu — Bran — Brasov — Sighisoara

Explore Transylvania's symbol, Bran Castle. The edifice dates back to 1377. Queen Maria of Romania, the niece of Queen Victoria of Great Britain turned the castle into a beautiful summer residence. Close to the castle, there is a shrine that is set in the wall of a mountain which once sheltered her heart. Lunch can be enjoyed in Bran village. Cheese tasting is strongly recommended as the village is renowned for the delicious home made traditional cheese assortments produced here. Your next stop is the Medieval Saxon City of Brasov, home to the impressive Black Church, the largest gothic edifice in South Eastern Europe. Continue your journey with Sighisoara Citadel, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, the place where Vlad the Impaler, also known as Dracula, was born. Get ready then for the Halloween Party: a delicious traditional Romanian festive dinner washed down with fiery spirits, excellent Romanian wine and accompanied by a special programme including the Ritual of Killing of the Living Dead, the Witch Trial, Dracula's Wedding and many dark surprises.

Day 3, November 1, Sighisoara — Cluj

Visit Sighisoara's main tourist attractions: The Clock Tower, standing 60 meters tall on top of the citadel's hill, it hosts a museum and offers a great view over the citadel. Drive next to the town of Medias where you'll make the acquaintance of a unique artist who uses spider web for his paintings. Transfer next to Cluj Napoca for the return flight.



The services of a professional trained English speaking guide experienced in escorting Dracula theme tours.

Accommodation: 1 night in a 4* hotel and 1 night in a 3* hotel Meals: 2 breakfasts and 2 dinners (one traditional Saxon dinner and one Festive Halloween dinner including a 3 course meal plus Transportation: entire land transfers based on standard Europea car, microbus, coach, depending upon the number of travellers Entry fees to the following tourist attractions: Bran Castle, Horror House Clock Tower in Sighisoara Special Events: Halloween Party Programme

We had great time in Romania. The Halloween party was a great night. We just would have liked more time over there.

The tours were good too. Ilinca our tour guide was very helpful and overall we were happy with everything provided.

We will have to come back again for some of that fire water.....

Thanks again for everything.

Damien F., Doublin, Ireland



▲ Vlad and his guests at the Halloween Party

Halloween Party in Transylvania

2 Day Guaranteed Departure Short Break Tour code: TR4.4RoHa



Included services:

return transfer from Bucharest, Sibiu or Cluj Napoca Airports

1 breakfast 1 festive Halloween Dinner and Party

The Halloween Party was a blast, I never had such a good time at a party before. We all had a great time, we enjoyed so much the events, the food was delicious and the wine plenty! I love Romanian music! Thanks for the coolest party in my life.

Richard K. Chicago, US

A 2 day self guided break departing from the Romanian airport of your choice. You can decide for yourself the level of classification for accommodation in the citadel, from hostel style dormitories to an exquisite, intimate 5* medieval hotel.

The Halloween Party is without a doubt one of the most remarkable events anyone could experience in Transylvania. There is Transylvanian cuisine, folk singing and many exciting surprises to prove that every legend has truth in it! The first event you'll enjoy is performed by the Transylvanian Knights. The "Witch Trial" will reveal the medieval rituals of judgment for a witch, testing the courage of the guests. Should anyone dare to handle the sword and fight along with the knights to save the damned woman, will be anointed as a knight. There can be no Halloween Party without Dracula! His majesty will join you and even make a few confessions about his wedding. "Dracula's Wedding" is a non verbal performance set on stage by a professional band of actors. Since we're all very familiar with dramas, we'll then focus on having a fabulous time, and what a better way to do this than dancing! You will be introduced to the melodious and cheerful traditional Romanian folk songs! You will attend The Ritual of Killing of the Living Dead to discover who was dwelling the magic realm of Transylvania prior to Bram Stoker's vampires.

Close to midnight we will all step out to watch the moon and count down the minutes to 12 o'clock, a time of powerful magic when all bad wishes come true! (Let's just say that your neighbors' cat won't bother you anymore). A glass of champagne and the traditional Rest in Peace song will delight us afterwards. The Count has a gift prepared for the Best Howl at the Moon (after a glass of strong red wine boiled with cinnamon you won't lack courage or strength!)

The culinary event of the evening is the Halloween cake, shaped as a coffin and delicious as fresh blood. This might just be the first coffin you have tried and you will like it! The DJ will then take over the party! The last person standing will receive a bottle of wine courtesy of the house and Romanian tips on how to handle the hang over.

Wedding in Transylvania

Say, "I do" in the most romantic wedding location, a medieval citadel, unique in Europe.

If you enjoy half timbered houses, cobbled streets, medieval architecture and legends of the past, then Sighisoara is the best location for your wedding! We are able to offer you the most suitable package, and guarantee perfection.

Our policy is to ensure that each and every wedding is treated individually. We will be glad to discuss any and all of your wishes.

We can assist you with both Civil and Religious ceremonies, organize the wedding party and plan vour honevmoon!

You can even get married on the Halloween day and attend our fabulous Halloween Party instead of a formal wedding gathering!

Thank you for a truly memorable wedding. Sighisoara exceeded our expectations, it was the location we dreamt of and even more. I'm so happy we dared to do something different for our wedding, the religious ceremony was so touching, the party a success and the sights we visited incredible. A big heart felt thank you from Donna

Donna and Matt, Bath, UK

Wedding in Transylvania

Best of Transylvania and Romania

10 Day Guaranteed Departure from Bucharest Tour code: Ro5.2RoSi

HIGHLIGHTS

Also known as Dracula's Castle, a legendary Transylvanian fortress dating back to 1377.

One of the most beautiful royal residences in Europe

One of the largest rural fortifications in South

A city of outstanding medieval atmosphere, one of the best preserved medieval cities in Europe

UNESCO World Heritage sites, Voronet, Moldovita.

One of Europe's most beautiful inhabited fortified citadels, a UNESCO World Heritage site.

Discover in the picturesque and traditional region of Maramures how a cemetery can be merry.

The fortified city of Sibiu

Containing the largest concentrations of famous

Dracula's Castle, Borgo Pass

Built in accordance to Bram Stoker's imagination on the border between Transylvania and Moldavia

A 10 day, half board tour, ideal for first time visitors who desire to gain a first-time impression of larger geographic areas, offering a well rounded Romanian experience.

DAY 1, Friday, Bucharest

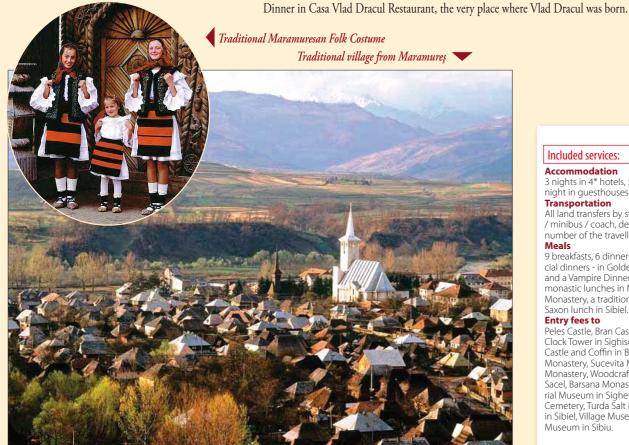
Welcome to the Romania! You'll connect with our English speaking guide at the airport. Enjoy a city tour; discover why the capital city of Bucharest was christened the little Paris. Major highlights include: Romanian Athenaeum, the Parliament Palace the second largest building in the world after the Pentagon; Stavropoleos Church, an architectural jewel, a combination of Romanian and Byzantine architecture. To have a complete picture on the Romanian capital you'll enjoy a delicious traditional welcome dinner with folk show. Your accommodation is in a 3* hotel, central location.

DAY 2, Saturday, Bucharest — Sinaia — Rasnov — Bran — Brasov

Transfer to Sinaia, and visit the royal Peles Castle, one of the best preserved and beautiful royal residences in Europe. Continue with Transylvania's symbol, Bran Castle. Bran owes its fame both to its unique charm and to the myth Bram Stoker created around Dracula. Queen Maria, the niece of Queen Victoria of Great Britain, turned the castle into a beautiful summer residence. Rasnov, the best preserved rural fortification in Transylvania and one of the largest one in Eastern Europe first documented in the 13th century is your next destination. Your journey ends in medieval Saxon city of Brasov. Your accommodation is in a 3* hotel located in the historic centre. To better capture the Saxon atmosphere, you'll enjoy a traditional Saxon

Day 3, Sunday, Brasov — Sighisoara

Explore Brasov, a city with an outstanding medieval atmosphere which has played a vital role in Romania's history both old and new. Next stop is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, Sighisoara Medieval Citadel. Founded by Saxons during the 12th century, Sighisoara still stands as one of Europe's most beautiful inhabited fortified cities. Sighisoara is also the place where Vlad the Impaler, also known as Dracula, was born. Your accommodation is in a 3* medieval hotel, located in the heart of the citadel.



Included services:

Accommodation

3 nights in 4* hotels, 5 nights in 3* hotels, 1

All land transfers by standard European car / minibus / coach, depending upon the number of the travellers

9 breakfasts, 6 dinners (out of which 2 special dinners - in Golden Crown Restaurant

and a Vampire Dinner) and 3 lunches: 2 monastic lunches in Moldovita and Barsana Monastery, a traditional home-cooked Saxon lunch in Sibiel

Entry fees to

Peles Castle, Bran Castle, Rasnov Citadel, Clock Tower in Sighisoara, Dracula's Castle and Coffin in Borgo Pass, Moldovita Monastery, Sucevita Monastery, Voronet Monastery Woodcraftsman workshop in Sacel, Barsana Monastery, The Memorial Museum in Sighetu Marmatiei, Merry Cemetery, Turda Salt Mines, Icon Museum in Sibiel, Village Museum and Brukenthal

Day 4, Monday, Sighisoara - Târqu-Mureș — Reghin — Bistrita

An important UNESCO World Heritage Site on your itinerary today, the traditional Saxon village of Biertan, home to the best known of all the Saxon fortified churches. Drive next to Targu Mures to get acquainted with Transylvania's Szeckler influences. You can treat yourself with Hungarian recipes in Laci Czarda Restaurant. Evening in Bistrita Citadel, visit Dogarilor Tower hosting an interesting puppet exhibition made entirely from recycled materials. Dinner in the Golden Crown Restaurant, you'll delight yourself with the same dishes, the main character of the Dracula novel, had when in Bistrita!



Day 5, Tuesday, Bistrita — Gura Humorului

You'll visit today Dracula's Castle in Borgo Pass, where Bram Stocker placed the castle of the famous Count Dracula. Travel next to Moldovita Monastery for a little prayer, if you wish. The Church of the Annunciation of the monastery has a UNESCO World Heritage Site status. The most spectacular fresco of that is considered to be The Fall of Constantinople. Enjoy a monastic lunch prepared by the nuns. Sucevita Monastery is your next stop. Your accommodation is in a 4* hotel in Gura Humorului. For dinner we recommend Casa cu Pridvor Restaurant for the delicious traditional Bucovinean dishes you can enjoy here.

Day 6, Wednesday, Gura Humorului – Voronet – Sacel – Birsana – Sighetu Marmatiei

Visit the most beautiful monastery of Bucovina, Voronet, the most accomplished example of Moldavian architecture and painting, known as the "Sistine Chapel" of the East, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The fame of Voronet is due especially to its exterior painting realized on an inimitable blue background, and known throughout the world as the "blue of Voronet". In Sacel you'll visit the workshop of a skilled woodcraftsman and witness how wood takes shape in his hands. Continue with Barsana Monastery built on the right bank of Iza River. Lunch at the country-inn run by the nuns.

Day 7, Thursday, Sighetu Marmatiei — Sapanta — Baia Mare

Get acquainted with another face of Romania's history; visit the "Memorial" – an old communist prison turned into an impressive museum. The Merry Cemetery in the beautiful region of Sapanta is the next highlight of your day. The Cemetery owns its name to the vivid colours of the headboards on which are naively painted scenes narrating the biography of the deceased. Your accommodation is in a 3* hotel in Baia Mare and enjoy dinner in the restaurant of the hotel.

Day 8, Friday, Baia Mare — Cluj — Turda

Say good-bye to Maramures region and transfer to the city of Cluj Napoca, an important Transylvanian cultural and economic centre, the former Hungarian provincial capital. The Main Square, Piata Unirii, home to beautiful Gothic, Renaissance, Baroque and Neo-Classical buildings is dominated by the 15th century Saint Michael's Church. Stay overnight in the town of Turda, your accommodation is in a 4* hotel, often referred to as a medieval fantasy with beds. Enjoy a Vampire Dinner.

Day 9, Saturday, Turda — Sibiu

Prepare to descend to the heart of one of the biggest salt mines in Romania, the Salt Mines of Turda, with impressive halls named after kings and queens. Drive next to the traditional Saxon village of Sibiel, enjoy a home cooked lunch and visit the Icon Museum, displaying the largest collection of painted glass icons in Europe. Spend the evening in Sibiu, the European Capital of Culture (in 2007). The fortified city of Sibiu contains the largest concentration of famous sites in the country. Visit the Village Museum, the second-largest open-air museum in Europe, exhibiting peasant settlements from all over Romania. Your accommodation is in a 4* Sucevita Monastery

hotel. You can complete your staying in Sibiu with a wine tasting session.

Day 10, Sunday, Sibiu — Bucharest

In the morning visit the Brukenthal Museum, Transylvania's finest art museum. Transfer to Bucharest Airport for the return flight.

Testimonials

I am just writing to thank you for putting together a wonderful trip to Transylvania. It was a real delight. There was so much to enjoy it is difficult to pick out a highlight. We were very fortunate that in both Sighisoara and Sibiu we arrived in the middle of festivals, which meant that not only did we enjoy the beauty of these two places; we were also able to savour the real atmosphere that they can provide. I have to give you special praise for the organisation of the trip. Not only have I been singing the praises of Romania to my friends since my return, but also those of Transylvania Live! Ivar S., Bonnybridge, Stirlingshire, Scotland, UK

Dark Legends of the East

17 Day Private Tour in Eastern Europe, from Prague to Bucharest Tour code: Ch5.4Ro.Si

HIGHLIGHTS

Surnamed the golden city, and the city of the 1000 towers

Sedlec Ossuary

A small Christian chapel decorated with human

The ruins of the castle of the bloody countess Flizabeth Bathory

Known as the capital of spas and the "Pearl of the

The medieval Hungarian Citadel which served as a prison for Vlad the Impaler, also known as Dracula

Dracula's Castle in Transvlvania

Bram Stoker's imaginary castle in Borgo Pass where he placed the Bloody Count Dracula

The best preserved inhabited medieval citadel in Europe, a UNESCO World Heritage site and Vlad the Impaler's birth place.

Also known as Dracula castle, a legendary Transylvanian fortress dating back to 1377

Containing the largest concentrations of famous

Where Vlad the Impaler was buried after his assassination

Sedlec Ossuary – the chapel decorated with human bones

The capital city of Romania, christened

Discover "the city of gold"; enjoy "the pearl of the Danube", learn about the bloody Countess Elizabeth Bathory, explore Bratislava, visit Count Dracula's legendary realms - discover the dark legends of the East.

Czech Republic Day 1, Friday, Prague

Welcome to Prague! Located on River Vltava, Prague is the largest city of the Czech Republic, with an impressive historic city centre included in the list of the UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Prague has its share of dark legends. The Golem of Prague, a statue of clay, was brought to life by Rabbi Judah Loew to protect the Jewish community from harm. Your accommodation is in a 3* hotel.

Day 2, Saturday, Prague

Enjoy a city tour including major highlights: Prague Castle, the largest ancient Castle in the world dating back to the 9th century, concentrating the history of the city, also enjoy an Absinth tasting! Witness the process, learn about the herbs and spices and dare to taste the mysterious potion. The Absinth produced in Prague is recognized as one of the best, based on ancient recipes. Your accommodation is in a 3* hotel.

Day 3, Sunday, Prague - Terezín - Prague

Visit Terezin, a former fortress dating back to the 18th century turned into a prison camp during the Second World War. Terezin Memorial is the only institution of its kind in the Czech Republic commemorating the victims of the Nazi political and racial persecution. In the evening return to your accommodation in Prague.

Day 4. Monday, Prague – Kutná Hora – Sedlec – Kutna Hora

Drive to Kutná Hora, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, considered the jewel of the country. The town developed as a result of the exploitation of the silver mines and became a royal city. One of the most bizarre, yet very popular attraction is the Sedlec Ossuary, a small Christian chapel decorated with human bones. Your accommodation is in Kutna Hora in a 3* hotel.

Slovakia Day 5, Tuesday, Prague (Czech Republic) — Cachtice (SK) - Budapest (HU)

Transfer to Slovakia, to the village of Cachtice to visit the ruins of the castle of the bloody countess Elizabeth Bathory who lived here at the turn of the 16th century. She allegedly killed 600 young girls to bathe in their blood to stay forever young. Drive next to Bratislava the capital city of Slovakia and enjoy a city tour. Transfer for accommodation in Budapest, the city of spas and hot, spicy goulash.

Hungary Day 6, Wednesday, Budapest

Visit the House of Terror, an impressive memorial museum of the victims of totalitarian terror, containing exhibits related to the fascist and communist regimes. Visit the exquisite Matyas Church and the Fishermen's Bastion, built in 1895 in neo-Romanesque style. Have a walk in the beautiful Castle District and enter the famous Labyrinth of Buda Castle. Your accommodation is in a

Day 7, Thursday, Budapest – Visegrad – Budapest

Travel to Visegrad, the medieval Hungarian castle, standing on a hill top overlooking the Danube, which served, for 12 years, as a prison for Vlad the Impaler, also known as Dracula. Head back to Budapest and enjoy some time on your own: shop, take advantage of the generous spa offer or simply stroll around the streets and enjoy the remarkable examples of medieval architecture. Your accommodation is in a 3* Hotel.

Kutna Hora, The Italian Court

Romania Day 8, Friday, Budapest – Baile Felix (Romania)

Just like Bram Stoker's main character, Jonathan Harker, your Transylvanian adventure starts from Budapest. You will be collected by the English speaking Romanian guide from your hotel. Transfer to Baile Felix, a Transylvanian spa resort, well known for the curative effects of its thermal springs. Your accommodation is in a 4* hotel in Baile

DAY 9, Saturday, Baile Felix — Oradea — Baile Felix

In the morning you can choose to relax in a swimming pool with thermal water or you can try the services of the wellness centre of the hotel. In the afternoon take a trip to Oradea to visit the old town and admire the Secession style buildings that give a special elegance to this town. Return to your hotel in Baile Felix.

Day 10. Sunday, Baile Felix — Sunset Mountains — Turda

Explore Turzii's Gorges, one of the most important natural reservations of the Apuseni Mountains. Your accommodation is in a 4* hotel. You could enjoy a Vampire Dinner in the restaurant of the hotel decorated in an authentic rustic style.

Day 11. Monday, Turda — Clui — Bistrita — Borgo Pass

Transfer to Cluj Napoca, an important Transylvanian cultural centre, dating back to the 2nd century AD. Next stop is Bistrita Citadel. Lunch can be enjoyed in Golden Crown Restaurant, delight yourself with the same meal Jonathan Harker had when in Bistrita. You will overnight in Dracula's Castle in Borgo Pass, built in accordance to Bram Stocker's imagination. A candle lit dinner at the Castle is recommended.

Day 12, Tuesday, Borgo Pass — Tirgu Mures — Sighisoara

Get acquainted with Transylvania's Szeckler influences by visiting Targu Mures. Next stop is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, Sighisoara Medieval Citadel. Founded by Saxons during the 12th century, Sighisoara stands as one of Europe's most beautiful inhabited fortified cities. Your accommodation is in a medieval 3* hotel located in the heart of the citadel. Dinner could be enjoyed in Casa Vlad Dracul Restaurant, the very place where Dracula

Day 13, Wednesday, Sighisoara — Bran — Rasnov — Brasov

Visit Transylvania's iconic image, Bran Castle. It owes its fame both to its unique charm and to the myth Bram Stoker created around Dracula. Queen Maria turned the castle into a beautiful summer residence. Rasnov, the best preserved rural fortification in Transylvania and the largest one in Eastern Europe is your next destination. Drive to the medieval Saxon city of Brasov, visit the Black Church, the largest Gothic edifice in South – Eastern Europe. Your accommodation is in a 3* Hotel.

Day 14, Thursday, Brasov — Sibiu — Sibiel

The fortified city of Sibiu contains the largest concentration of famous sites in the country. Visit the Village Museum, the second-largest open-air museum in the world. Drive next to the traditional Saxon village of Sibiel. Enjoy a carriage ride to your welcoming guest house accommodation, and delight yourself with delicious traditional home cooked Saxon dishes.

Day 15, Friday, Sibiu — Cozia — Tirgoviste — Bucharest

In the morning drive to Targoviste, former capital of Walachia County, to visit the ruins of Vlad Tepes Old Court. Vlad spent here 7 years as ruler of Walachia. Transfer next to the capital city of Bucharest, christened the "little Paris". Your accommodation is in a 3* hotel.

Day 16, Saturday, Bucharest — Snagov — Bucharest

Visit Snagov Monastery, where Vlad Tepes was buried after his assassination. The architectural style of the monastery follows that of the monasteries on the Holy Mount of Athos in Greece. Return to Bucharest to visit Vlad's Old Princely Court and to enjoy a panoramic tour of the city. Your accommodation is in a 3* hotel.

Day 17, Sunday, Bucharest

The end of your Eastern Europe adventure. Transfer to Bucharest Airport for the return flight.



Included services:

The services of professional trained, local English speaking guides/

Accommodation

Czech Republic – 4 nights in 3* hotels, breakfasts included Hungary – 3 nights in 3* hotels, breakfasts included Romania – 3 nights in 4* hotels, 5 nights in 3* hotels, 1 night in

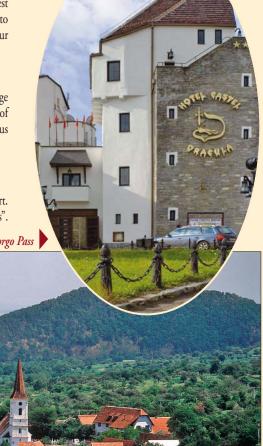
Transportation

All land transfers by standard European car – air conditioned.

Entry fees to the following tourist attractions:

Czech Republic - Teresin Concentration Camp. Sedlek Ossuary Church of Saint Barbara, Kutna Hora local museum

Romania - Turzii Gorges, Dracula's Castle in Borgo Pass, Clock Tower, Medieval Weapon Collection and Torture Room, Bran Castle, Horror Castle, Rasnov Citadel, Village Museum in Sibiu, Princely Court in Tirgoviste, Snagov Monastery, Old Princely Court in Bucharest.



Traditional Village of Sibies



Conquer Transylvania's Alps

7 Day Guaranteed Departure from Bucharest Tour code: Ro6.2RoHi

HIGHLIGHTS

Bran Castle

Also known as Dracula's Castle, a legendary Transylvanian fortress dating back to 1377

2 overnights at highest Mountain Hut in Romania

Located at an altitude of 2505 meters

Fagaras Mountains

Part of the Southern Carpathians, the wildest, most imposing and spectacular mountains in Romania, home of the highest Romanian peak and incredible blue glacial lakes.

The Highest Romanian Peal

Moldoveanu Peak, altitude 2544 meters

Omu Peak

The highest peak of Bucegi Mountains, altitude 2505 meters

Babele and Omu

Spectacular mountain megaliths shaped by wind and rain in human forms.

The Cross on Caraiman Mountains

An initiative of Queen Mary of Romania

Sinaia

The pearl of mountain resorts in Romania home of the royal Peles Castle

The Medieval Saxon city of Brasov

One of the best preserved medieval cities in Europe

Included services:

The services of an experienced English speaking guide with intricate knowledge in Romania's hiking routes.

1 night in a 3* hotel, 2 nights in 3* pensions, 3 nights in mountain huts (hostel style dormitories) with a fine position which helps shorten the routes between accommodations. Some of them have no hathrooms and have outdoor toilets

Transportation

- pick up from Bucharest, Henri Coanda Airport and transfer to Balea Lake
- transfer from Valea Sambetei to Bran village - train ride from Busteni to Bucharest
- cable car ride in Busteni

Meals

breakfasts (6) Entry fees to

Bran Castle

Testimonials

I thought the service from your office at Transylvania Live was excellent. I could ask for nothing more. Raul obviously knows the mountains very well indeed and had planned the trip very carefully, he was extremely helpful. When things were tough and my knee was hurting quite badly, Raul offered to take heavy things from my pack and carry them himself. This was excellent. I was very satisfied, and very pleased that we booked the trek with you.

David W. - Amsterdam, Nederland

A 7 day guided strenuous walking based in the beautiful scenery of Fagaras Mountains, home of the highest peak in the country and incredible blue glacial lakes. The routes include from 5 to 9 hours of strenuous walking per day, mainly on mountain paths.

DAY 1, Saturday, Bucharest — Sinaia — Brasov — Fagaras - Balea Lake

Pick up from Bucharest Airport. Transfer to Balea Lake, located at an altitude of 2034 meters. Stop en-route in Sinaia, to visit Peles Castle, one of the most beautiful royal residences in Europe. Next stop is the Medieval Saxon City of Brasov, visit the Black Church, the largest Gothic edifice in Southern Europe.

DAY 2, Sunday, Balea Lac Hut - Capra Lake - Dragon Window - Podragu Hut

Explore the beautiful area of Balea Lake and prepare to start the hiking programme in the Fagaras Mountains, part of the Southern Carpathians, the wildest, most spectacular mountains in Romania, home to the highest peaks in Romania and beautiful glacial lakes. In the evening you'll reach Podragu Peak, your accommodation is in a mountain hut near by.

DAY 3, Monday, Podragu Hut - Moldoveanu Peak - Valea Sambetei (1401 m)

Today you'll conquer the highest Romanian peak - Moldoveanu (2544 m) offering an incredible view over Fagaras Mountains. Continue walking on the main ridge up to Fereastra Mare a Sambetei and then descend on Sambetei valley for accommodation in a country inn.

DAY 4, Tuesday, Valea Sambetei – Bran

Descend to Sambata Resort from where you'll continue the road by car to Bran village. The main point of attraction is Bran Castle. Dating back to 1377, Bran owes its fame both to its unique charm and to the myth Bram Stoker created around Dracula. Your accommodation is in a 3* country-inn.

DAY 5, Wednesday, Bran - Poarta Valley - Gaurei Gorges - Omu Peak - Omu Hut

Conquer the highest peak of Bucegi Mountains - Omu Peak. It ranks number 9 in the top of the highest Romanian peaks with an altitude of 2505 meters. From Bran walk up to "Poarta Valley", crossing the imposing "Gaurei" Gorges also called "Delvil's Mill" and reach "Hornurilor" Shed from where the view is breath taking.

DAY 6, Thursday, Omu Hut — The Cross on Caraiman Mountains — Omu Hut

The highlight of this day is "The Cross on Caraiman Mountains", an initiative of Queen Mary of Romania. The hiking route is spectacular as well, descend from Omu Hut to the beautiful area of the "Cave" continue with Piatra Arsa then hike up to the Cross on Caraiman.



Transylvania Live, The Expert in Transylvania



Other Transylvania Live Programmes:

Transylvania Live offers a wide range of tours, providing answers to many travel requests. From luxury trips and business programmes to strenuous walking in the Carpathians, we can provide you with a programme matching all your travel needs and expectations. Our offer also includes wedding packages, motorcycle tours and motorcycle hire, cycling

tours, helicopter programmes, ski and climbing school, winter packages, hunting and fishing adventures, senior and volunteer vacations, pottery and woodcarving courses as well as grand tours of Eastern Europe. Our great knowledge of the country enables us to design some of the best tailor made itineraries based on our guests' specific requests.

General Terms and Conditions

1. Contract for Agent-Organized Tours

- 1.1 Responsibility rests with the company operating Agent-Organized Tours, hereinafter referred to as Transylvania Live Expert in Transylvania. Clients joining such tours shall conclude an Agent-Organized Tour Contract (hereinafter referred to as the Travel Contract) with Transylvania Live Expert in Transylvania.
- 1.2 The content and conditions of the contract shall conform to those specified for each tour itinerary.

2. Application for Agent - Organized Travel Contracts and their Conclusions

- 2.1 The client shall provide on the Transylvania Live application form information as required by Transylvania Live and submit the form together with the necessary reservation deposit. Said deposit shall be applied to the tour fare, cancellation charges or penalties.
- 2.2 PAYMENT OF THE RESERVATION DEPOSIT CONSTITUTES CLIENT'S ACCEPTANCE OF THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS SET OUT HEREIN.

3. Payment of Tour Fare

We require an advance deposit of 145 EURO per person for a holiday. Final payment is due no later than 60 days prior to departure. If your reservation is made within 60 days of departure, the entire cost of the trip must be paid at the time of confirmation. If the client has not paid the tour fare when due, Transylvania Live reserves the right to cancel the reservation. In such cases, the clients shall pay Transylvania Live the applicable cancellation charges.

4. Cancellation of Travel Contract by the Client before departure

- 4.1 The client is at all time entitled to cancel the Travel Contract, but must pay Transylvania Live a cancellation charge as stipulated below:
- 89 days or more prior to departure 90 EURO per person / per tour cancellation fee 88–61 days, loss of deposit
- 60–31 days will be subject to 50% of tour price
- 30 days or less will be subject to 100% of tour price
- 4.2 Cancellation Charges for Extra Services

Additional hotel nights and other extra services booked in connection with Transylvania Live programs are subject to cancellations received:

- 31 or more days prior to the service will be refunded in full;
- 30–15 days in advance will be charged 50% of the price;
- 14 or less days in advance will be charged 100% of the price.
- **4.3** When refunding, the bank commissions will be client's responsibility. Transylvania Live operates refunds by bank transfers.
- 4.4 All claims for days missed while travelling should be made in writing within 30 days of the termination of the program.
- In any of the following cases, the client may cancel the Travel Contract without paying a cancellation charge:
- a) when the contents of the Travel Contract have been substantially revised
- b) when the tour fare is increased more than 10%

5. Cancellation after Departure

- 5.1 Cancellation by client
- a) When the client leaves the tour group for personal reasons, Transylvania Live will

consider it a forfeiture of contracted rights

b) If certain services cannot be provided as promised in the Travel Contract for reasons beyond client responsibility, portions of the contract may be cancelled, with an appropriate refund deducted from the total tour fare.

5.2 Cancellation by Transylvania Live

Transylvania Live may cancel the Travel Contract for tours after the departure date in the following cases:

- a) when the client is unable to continue the tour owing to illness or other factors
- b) when the client disturbs the order of collective activities of tour participants
- c) when the tour cannot continue owing to natural disaster or any other causes beyond Transylvania Live control

6. Claims and Refunds:

- **6.1** If you have any reason to complain please immediately inform the hotelier, carrier or other supplier in question. Any verbal notification must be put in writing and given to them as soon as possible. If the complaint or problem is not resolved to your satisfaction straight away, you must contact us or your tour guide as soon as possible.
- **6.2.** Refunds will not be made for unused city tours, meals or any other services missed due to delays in programme or alteration of the programme caused by the client. For verifiable claims to be considered, they must be received in writing within 7 days of the termination of the program and be accompanied by supporting documentation from the guide of the tour verifying the claim. Any adjustment considered will be based on the actual price of the services involved and not on a per diem basis.
- 7. Authority on tour: Tour itineraries which specify "English speaking guide included" will provide such accompaniment as a general rule. The guide shall ensure the safety of clients and smooth operation of the tour as stipulated in the Travel Contract. By booking with us Client agrees to abide by the authority of the guide so that the tour can unfold safely and smoothly.
- 8. Liability of Transylvania Live and Exemptions: In performing its obligations under the terms of its Tour Contract, should Transylvania Live cause damage to the client through wilful negligence or fault, Transylvania Live shall be liable for such damages.
- 9. Acceptance of Risk: There are certain inherent risks in some of the tours, especially in adventure tours. The Client hereby assumes all such risk and does hereby release the Company from all claims and causes of action arising from any damages or injuries or death resulting from these inherent risks.
- 10. Arbitration Agreement: Any controversy or claim arising out of the contract is subject to Romanian Law and shall be settled solely and exclusively by binding arbitration in Cluj Commerce Chamber. The registered office of Transylvania Live Expert in Transylvania is 28, Republicii Street, 401167, Turda, Cluj County, and Transylvania, Romania.

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How to book a tour with Transylvania Live:

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- ▶ United Kingdom www.visit-transylvania.co.uk Free Line: 0808 101 6781
- ▶ United States www.visit-transylvania.us Toll Free: 866 376 6183
- Australia www.romania-tour.com Local land line: (02) 8005 7337
- ▶ Canada www.romaniatravel.ca Toll Free: 866 376 6183
- ▶ Ireland www.romanian-holidays.ie Local land line: (01) 442 8523
- ▶ Spain www.viajes-rumania.es Llamada gratuita: 900 931 391
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In order to book a tour you are required to fill in our Reservation Form, available online or which can be e-mailed or faxed to you. An advance deposit in the amount of Euro 145/person is required at the time of booking. Upon payment receipt, the Confirmation Letter is issued.

Final payment is due 60 days prior to tour departure. The Tour Voucher will be released on receipt of final payment.

Book with your travel agent:



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