

Trip Start Date	Destination	# of Nights	Included Meals	Price Per Person	Single Supplement	Est. Tips
6/12/10	Romania	6	5B, 3D	\$780	\$278.50	\$36

Day 1

Arrive at the Bucharest International Airport where you will meet your guide and driver.
Transfer to the JW Marriott Grand Hotel.

Day 2

After breakfast, enjoy a sightseeing tour of Bucharest, once called the "Little Paris of the East". Visit the Parliament Palace, the second largest building in the world and the open - air Village Museum, also called "Romania in a nutshell". The tour will also bring you to the Revolution Square, the Romanian Athenaeum, the Military Academy and others.
Dinner in local restaurant and accommodation at JW Marriott Grand Hotel.

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Day 3

In the morning, depart from Bucharest and continue to Curtea de Arges, the first capital of Wallachia Region, certified since 1330. From 1359 it also became the centre of the Wallachia metropolitan church but it started to decay after the capital moved to Targoviste. The Princely Court was built at the middle of the 13th century and restored in 1340. The Episcopal Church, one of the most famous monuments of architecture from Wallachia, better known under the name of the Arges Court Monastery, was built between 1512-1517. Nearby are the ruins of the Poienari Citadel, one of the main fortresses used by the Vlad the Impaler. To reach the castle, visitors need to climb over 1,400 steps. Evening arrival in Sibiel where you will be served dinner at a local farmhouse with local dishes. Drive on to Sibiu, the European Capital of Culture in 2007.

Accommodation at Ramada 4* Hotel.

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Day 4

After breakfast have a city walking tour of Sibiu with the baroque style Roman Catholic Cathedral, the Evangelical Church, the Liar's bridge and the Old Squares. Visit the Brukenthal Museum, one of the oldest of its kind in Europe, displaying mostly the private collections of Governor Samuel von Brukenthal who left through his will, the house and the artworks to be transformed into a museum. Continue to the village of Biertan, with the local fortified church, which was built in the place of an old basilica at the end of the XV'th century with architectural elements from the late-Gothic and Renaissance style. Today it is one of the Romania's most important historical and architectural monuments, being included in the UNESCO list of World Heritage. It's oak door, with inlaid work, dates from 1515 and has a huge lock with a complicated mechanism on its backside. This was awarded a prize at the Paris World Exhibition in 1900 as it is considered a masterpiece of Transylvanian craftsmanship. Drive on to Sighisoara and make a walking tour through the medieval complex of Sighisoara, which remarked itself as a big handicraft and cultural centre and as a residential town. It is certified in documents from 1280 under the name of 'Castrum Sex'. The complex, situated on a hill, dominates the whole city, maintaining its initial shape of a nucleus of massive buildings that guard the narrow colorful streets. Visit the famous Clock-tower, with its Weapons Museum and the Torture Chamber, the house where Vlad the Impaler supposedly was born in 1431 and the Church on the Hill.

Return to Sibiu for accommodation at Ramada 4* Hotel.

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Day 5

In the morning, depart for Brasov, founded in the 12th century by the Saxon Settlers. Here you will visit the "Black Church", the largest Gothic edifice in Eastern Europe. The church acquired its name after the great fire of 1689 when it was badly damaged; the roof was destroyed and the walls blackened from the smoke. The reconstruction after the great fire took 00 years, most of the objects inside the church dating from the reconstruction time except the baptismal font which was cast in bronze by a local craftsman in 1450. The impressive church organ manufactured in Germany in 1829 has 4000 pipes and is considered the second largest in the country. Inside, there is also an impressive collection of Persian prayer rugs, a gift by the local merchants as gratitude towards God. In the afternoon depart for Bran, where you will visit the local medieval castle, made famous by Bram Stoker's novel as the residence of Count Dracula. In fact, the castle was built as a fortification by the Transylvanian Saxons to protect the border between Transylvania with Walachia. On the way to Sinaia, one of the most beautiful mountain resorts in Romania, you will also stop for a wine tasting at Azuga wine cellar where you will learn about the tradition of making sparkling wine, having the chance to also taste some. Evening arrival in Sinaia.

Dinner and accommodation at Palace 4* Hotel.

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Day 6

In the morning visit Peles Castle, built in 1883 by the first Romanian king, Carol the 1'st of Hohenzollen, as his royal summer residence. This castle is a true jewel of art and when it was built it was way ahead of its time, being the first European castle to have electricity and central heating. Also visit the Sinaia Monastery, religious edifice erected in 1695 in Romanian Brancovenesc style with an open veranda supported by columns of carved stone, tower and steeple above the veranda. After lunch on your own, enjoy a cable car ride to Cota 2000.

Accommodation at Palace 4* Hotel in Sinaia.

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Day 7

Transfer to Bucharest airport for your flight back home.