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Bulgaria & Romania combined tour

14 days/ 13 nights

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Day 1: Sofia (Monday)

Price: **1460 Euro/person sharing a double room breakfast included**

Single room supplement: **350 Euro**

Half Board Supplement: **220 Euro/person**

The price includes:

- Airport/Train Station pick-up and drop-off in Sofia/Bucharest.
- Accommodation with breakfast 14 nights at 3-star hotels or guest houses
- Transport by car, minibus or coach
- Professional English speaking guide
- Entrance fees to museums, monasteries and other visited sites

- Arrival in **Sofia**, the capital of Bulgaria.
- Pick-up from the airport and transfer to your hotel.
- The rest of the day is free. In the evening you will meet your guide and the fellow travelers.
- Overnight in Sofia.

Optional: Dinner in a Bulgarian traditional restaurant with folklore program 22Euro/person.

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Day 2: Sofia (Tuesday)

- After breakfast, sightseeing tour of Sofia.
- Visit of the Alexander Nevsky Cathedral - one of the largest Eastern Orthodox cathedrals in Europe, as well as one of Sofia's symbols and a primary tourist attraction with the richest collection of icons on the Balkan peninsula, St. George Roman Rotunda dating from the 4th century, the St. Sofia Basilica built by the Roman emperor Justinian in the 6th century, the Ruins of Serdica, the National Theatre Ivan Vazov, the former Royal Palace, the National Bank, the Presidency and the Ministry Council, the Statue of St. Sophia, etc.
- Overnight in Sofia

Optional: Half day visit of Boyana Church and the National History Museum with transportation and professional English guide. Tour duration – approx. 3 hours. 25 Euro/person including entrance fees

Day 3: Sofia - Rila Monastery - Plovdiv (Wednesday)

- After breakfast trip to Rila Monastery. Tour of the monastery complex, church and museum with its lavish collection of precious old manuscripts, icons, jewellery, masterpieces of woodcarving, ethnographic exhibition of fabrics and carpets.

Continue to Plovdiv – a city ranking second in importance after Sofia, passing through the highest Bulgarian mountain – Rila with a short break in the Borovets Resort.

- Overnight in Plovdiv

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Day 4: Plovdiv - Bachkovo Monastery - Kazanlak (Thursday)

- Sightseeing of the Old town of Plovdiv with its 3,000 years long history, National Revival architecture and excavations from Roman times
- Visit of the ancient Roman Amphitheater with impressive marble statues, decorative columns and arcades
- Visit to the Ethnographic Museum, the Roman Stadium, the Church St. Constantine and Helena, etc.
- Excursion to the Bachkovo Monastery (11th c)
- Departure to town of Kazanlak, the capital of the famous Valley of Roses and Thracian kings
- Overnight in Kazanlak

Optional: Visit to the Museum of Rose in Kazanlak. It owns unique collection of articles related to the traditional rose-oil production since 1660: photos and documents of merchants of rose-oil, produce vessels and others. 10 Euro/person (entrance fees are included)

Day 5: Kazanlak - Shipka Pass - Tryavna - Veliko Tarnovo (Friday)

- Visit the recently discovered Thracian golden treasures in Kazanlak Historical Museum

- Continue with one of the UNESCO's sites – the Thracian Tomb dating back from the 4th c.BC. Visit the replica of the Thracian tomb.
- Departure to the town of Tryavna via the historical Shipka Pass
- Walking tour of Tryavna, where vaulted stone bridges, houses, churches and square with a clock tower preserve the spirit and talent of the artist from Tryavna School of Art from the 17th century
- Visit the Woodcarving Museum of Tryavna
- Visit the ethnography village Bojentsi
- Overnight in Veliko Tarnovo

Option: Visit of the Shipka Memorial Church 3 Euro/person. Tsarevets in Sound and Light show in Veliko Tarnovo. Price depending on the group size.

Day 6: Veliko Turnovo - Arbanassi (Saturday)

- Sightseeing of Veliko Turnovo, including Tsarevets hill - an impressive sight with imposing medieval fortifications and dramatic architecture
- Departure to the museum town of Arbanassi boasting a genuine gallery of art in its Church of Nativity. The houses in the village of Arbanassi resemble fortresses on the outside and are artistically fashioned and beautifully decorated inside. A former residence of the communist leader Todor Zhivkov is also situated here.
- Overnight in Veliko Tarnovo

Optional: Half day excursion to Etera Open-Air Ethnographic Museum, representing the Bulgarian customs, culture and craftsmanship. The park features typical Bulgarian Revival houses and the tourists are able to see how locals use original old instruments in crafts such as wood carving, pottery, coppersmith, needlework, etc. 35 Euro/person with coffee break

Day 7: Veliko Turnovo - Ivanovo - Rouse (Sunday)

- Departure to Rouse - the largest city on Bulgarian Danube Coast, called Northern Gate of Bulgaria
- Visit en route one of Bulgaria's unique monuments, included in the UNESCO List of World Culture Heritage - the rock churches near the village of Ivanovo - Bulgarian Medieval Churches, chapels and monastic cells, hewn into the craggy gorge of the Roussenski Lom River
- Overnight in Rouse

Day 8: Rouse - Bucharest (Monday)

- Free time in the morning
- In the afternoon departure to Bucharest
- Overnight in Bucharest

Optional: Dinner in a local Romanian traditional restaurant with folklore program 22 Euro/person

Day 9: Bucharest - Curtea de Arges - Sibiu (Tuesday)

- After breakfast, sightseeing tour of Bucharest including visit at the famous Parliament Palace
- Departure to Curtea de Arges, the former capital of Walachia and visit Curtea de Arges Monastery

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- In the afternoon we will drive along the picturesque Olt Valley to visit Cozia Monastery and then we will arrive in Sibiu.
- Overnight in Sibiu.

Day 10: Sibiu - Sighisoara - Bistrita (Wednesday)

- After breakfast, you will enjoy a walking tour of Sibiu
- Drive to Biertan to visit the impressive Saxon fortified church.

- The day continues with a stroll on the streets of Sighisoara, the birthplace of Vlad the Impaler (also known as Dracula). Visit the medieval citadel (the Upper Town): the Clock Tower and the Church on the Hill.
- Departure to Targu Mures – panoramic tour of the elegant city centre well known for its architecture. Drive on to Bistrita - one of the 7 main medieval towns of Transylvania.
- Overnight in Bistrita

Day 11: Bistrita - Moisei - Viseu de Sus - Sapanta - Sighet - Vadu Izei (Thursday)

- After the breakfast you will be driven toward Maramures region, a place where the purity of nature blends with the beauty of the old villages, a place where the locals kept untouched their traditions, where the carved wood represents a common way of building.
- Passing through Moisei and Viseu de Sus you will reach Sapanta village where you will admire the famous Merry Cemetery.
- In the same village you'll stop to admire the highest wooden structure in the world: Peri Convent, recently rebuilt.

- In Sighet you will hear more about the horrors of the communist regime. You will visit a prison where during the communist years many important Romanian leaders but also, common people who were against the regime, lost their lives.
- Overnight in a local guest house in Vadu Izei

Optional: Visit at Ellie Wiesel's house, awarded with the Nobel Prize for peace. In 1944, Ellie Wiesel, together with other 38 000 Jewish from Maramures, were sent by the Nazis to different concentration camps. In his many books, Ellie tells different stories about these moments. 10 Euro/person

Day 12: Vadu Izei - Barsana - Dragomiresti - Moldovita - Sucevita (Friday)

- Today the journey is long and beautiful. First, you will visit Toader Barsan's house, a local wood carver who took part at the Smithsonian World Festival in Washington. In the same village, you'll visit one of the highest wooden churches in the world, Barsana church.
- Passing through the mountains of Maramures (Prislop Pass), you will reach for the first time Bucovina region, known for its painted monasteries, but also for the traditional houses adorned with beautiful floral and geometrical motifs, for its traditions kept over the centuries and for its hospitable people
- The Convent of Moldovita is the first painted church visited in Bucovina. It is famous for its "Siege of Constantinople" fresco. Then you'll be driven to the nearby Sucevita Monastery, which is the largest of all, looking more like a mighty fortress than a monastery. "The ladder of John of Sinai" fresco is considered one of the best of Sucevita.
- Overnight in Sucevita

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Day 13: Sucevita - Voronet - Agapia - Baile Tusnad (Saturday)

- First visit of the day is at the most famous painted monastery of all, Voronet Convent.
- Then you will leave behind Moldova, not before seeing Agapia, the largest convent of Europe, known for its 700 nuns and amazing frescoes painted by the famous Romanian painter Nicolae Grigorescu.
- Overnight in Baile Tusnad.

Day 14: Baile Tusnad - Brasov - Bran - Sinaia - Bucharest (Sunday)

- After breakfast you will enjoy a walking tour of Brasov with visit of the old downtown with the beautiful buildings like Black Church which is built in Gothic and Renaissance style. Also you will see the narrowest street in Romania, Rope Street, Schei and Catherine's Gates, St. Nicholas Church and the old Schei neighborhood.
- Then, you will visit the famous Bran castle also known as Dracula's castle.
- After a scenic drive you will leave Transylvania and you will stop in Sinaia to visit one of the most beautiful castles in Romania – Peles Castle.
- Overnight in Bucharest

Day 15: Bucharest (Monday)

- In the morning free time in Bucharest and transfer to the airport

Depending on the availability, this tour can be organized at any other dates and for any number of persons, but the price could vary. Our

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company reserves the right to amend the itinerary in order to provide the tourists with an improved experience.

End of the program.

	Adult in DBL room/regular bed	Adult extra bed	Child regular bed	Child extra bed
20+1				
25+1				
30+1 or more full paying tourists				


SGL supplement + **Euro.**

All the prices above are NET and in Euro.

There is one SGL room for your Tour Leader – free.

The package includes:

- hotel accommodation for 6 nights in 3 and 5 star hotels on BB basis;

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- transportation with air-conditioned bus from arrival at the airport in ISTANBUL until the last day when group is leaving again in ISTANBUL AIRPORT (9 days – every day use for excursions);

All the tours are included into the price per person above. You can sell all the excursions as optional tours as we are doing with other agents, and all this income will be for your agency. If you don't have a tour leader from your side – our guide can sell this tours for you...

- English (Arabic) speaking guide during all the stay.

The package does not include:

- Meals are not included except the breakfasts.

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