



Explore Romania: Bucharest to Transylvania

8 Days



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➤ Explore Romania: Bucharest to Transylvania

Step off the usual tourist route with a walking trip through Romania, a fascinating playground for adventure and culture. Beginning in Bucharest's elegant Old Town, you'll travel into the heart of the Carpathian Mountains and stunning Piatra Craiului National Park. Be amazed by impressive mountain scenery as you follow rugged trails beneath snow-capped peaks. Next it's on to Transylvania, where ancient castles and churches await in Viscri and Sibiu. Along the way, stay in charming guesthouses, savor delicious traditional cuisine, and slow down to the peaceful pace of Romanian country life.

Details

Arrive:	Bucharest, Romania
Depart:	Bucharest, Romania
Duration:	8 Days
Group Size:	6-12 Guests
Minimum Age:	18 Years Old
Activity Level:	

Testimonials

"Great experience every time with some of the most knowledgeable guides in their fields. We always come home with wonderful memories of the people we meet and things we see."

Bob J.

"I have taken 12 trips with MT Sobek. Each has left a positive imprint on me—widening my view of the world and its peoples."

Jane B.

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Why Take This Trip With Us?

REASON #01

This weeklong adventure perfectly blends active hiking in Romania's stunning mountain landscapes with cultural immersion in its medieval cities.

REASON #02

MT Sobek has been operating hiking in adventures in Europe for over 40 years and works with the best local guides in the business.

REASON #03

After exhilarating days exploring the Carpathian Mountains you can enjoy restful nights in elegant hotels and charming guesthouses.

What to Expect



ACTIVITIES

Moderate hiking between 2 and 8 miles, city walking tours, and cultural touring of medieval cities and UNESCO-listed sites.



LODGING

Charming guesthouses and classic hotels, plus one night in Bucharest's prestigious Athenee Palace Hotel.



CLIMATE

May is usually dry with moderate sun. June is hot and rain is rare. September is warm but flash storms can occur.

Meet Our Guides

Our expert guides and trip leaders are truly the key to our trips' success. Many are locals who live in-country year-round; others have made it their second home—all are passionate, enthusiastic and endlessly knowledgeable. Meet two of the guides that might be on your trip.

Alexandru Grigorescu

Andrei Popescu

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Itinerary

DAY 1

ARRIVE IN BUCHAREST

Welcome to Romania! Your MT Sobek guide will meet you at the Bucharest airport just outside the arrivals sliding door. Transfer to the Athenee Palace Hilton in downtown Bucharest, a short 30-minute drive away. After checking into the hotel, join your guide for a short walking tour to discover Old Town and central Bucharest. Enjoy a festive welcome dinner at a local restaurant, and get a taste of the week ahead.

Meals: D

DAY 2

WALK THROUGH OLD TOWN BUCHAREST & HEAD TO THE CARPATHIAN MOUNTAINS

After breakfast at the hotel, transfer to the nearby Palace of Parliament for a walking tour through Old Town to discover Bucharest's stately government buildings, beautiful churches, and local parks. Next, you'll transfer to the Carpathian Mountains for lunch and a visit to the ornate 19th-century Peles Castle, located in the picturesque town of Sinaia. Then settle in and enjoy a traditional dinner at our charming mountain guesthouse in Samedru.

Activity: City walking tour

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 3

EXPLORE THE WILD CARPATHIAN MOUNTAINS AT PIATRA CRAIULUI NATIONAL PARK

Today you'll transfer to the entrance of Piatra Craiului National Park for a challenging hike in some of the Carpathian Mountains' most impressive scenery. Enjoy amazing views as you ascend up to the Curmatura Lodge (4,823') — perched high in the mountains. After lunch on the trail, walk back down the mountains to the park entrance. In the late afternoon, board a short transfer back to the Samedru Guesthouse, with time to freshen up before dinner.

Activity: 8 hours/8 miles hiking with 2500' elevation gain and loss

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 4

EXPLORE VISCRI, A TRADITIONAL SAXON VILLAGE

Rise for an early breakfast and continue deeper into Transylvania, with a visit to Viscri, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Look out for Viscri's whitewashed fortified church and its beautiful roof tiles as you explore the village, and then visit a local blacksmith. After your tour, feast on a traditional Saxon lunch with fresh vegetables from the restaurant's gardens before a short, two-hour hike into the hills surrounding Viscri. The views are fantastic. Return to Viscri in the late afternoon and transfer to Copsa Mare, home for the next two nights.

Activity: 1 hour/2 miles walking tour and 2 hours/4 miles hiking with 500' elevation gain & loss

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Meals: B, L, D

DAY 5

DISCOVER THE VILLAGES OF TRANSYLVANIA

After breakfast, depart directly from the guesthouse for a leisurely walk to Biertran, a nearby village and home to a 15th century fortified church. Explore Biertran and learn its fascinating medieval history, then walk back to Copsa Mare for a wonderful picnic on the grounds. Join your guides this afternoon for an optional 2-3-hour hike over the hills to reach Malancrav, home to another fortified church with beautiful frescoes. Return to Copsa Mare in time to enjoy a drink before sitting down for another delicious meal together.

Activity: 3 hours/5 miles hiking with 650' elevation gain & loss or 4 hours/6 miles hiking with 1,640' elevation gain & loss

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 6

FOREST HIKE & WALKING TOUR OF SIBIU

Today, transfer to Richis for a beautiful walk through the forest. Follow the path through a pretty woodland landscape to eventually reach Alma Vii. Enjoy lunch in a local café before making out way to Sibiu this afternoon, home for the next two nights. Check into the guesthouse and relax before taking a guided walk through Sibiu. Stroll Sibiu's ancient streets and fortifications, and learn about its medieval Saxon history as you visit traditional Romanian houses, inns, and mills. Dine at a local restaurant tonight.

Activity: 3 hours/4 miles hiking with 820' elevation gain & loss and 2 hours/2 miles city walking tour

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 7

HIKE TO PALTINIS & EXPLORE SIBIU

After breakfast, board the van for a 1-hour transfer to Paltinis, the starting point of your hike today. Follow the scenic path through the Gaujoara meadow, towards Săua Batrana, with views of the Cindrel Mountains' peaks. Return to Paltinis by foot and enjoy lunch at a local restaurant in town. In the afternoon, return to Sibiu with some time to shop and further explore the town. Savor the last of Romania at a festive farewell dinner at local restaurant in Sibiu.

Activity: 4 hours/4 miles hiking with 2,000' elevation gain & loss

Meals: B, L, D

DAY 8

TRANSFER TO BUCHAREST & DEPART

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This morning, enjoy breakfast in Sibiu's main square, just a five-minute walk from the hotel, and a great place to take a final picture of the city. Then return to Maison Elysee to checkout and transfer to nearby Sibiu International Airport, or back to Bucharest International Airport.

Meals: B

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Dates

May 25 - Jun 1, 2020

Jun 26 - Jul 3, 2020

Sep 2 - 9, 2020

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Pricing

2020

\$ 4,995 per person

Additional Cost

\$ 600 Single Supplement

PRICE INCLUDES

- Expert leadership from experienced adventure guides
- Accommodations as noted in the itinerary
- Meals as noted in the daily itinerary
- Potable water and snacks throughout
- 1 glass of wine or beer at dinner
- All group entrance fees, activities, and ground transportation
- Arrival and departure day group airport transfers

PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE

- International airfare, any airport taxes, or excess baggage charges
- Optional tips to your adventures guide(s) and driver(s)
- Personal expenses such as medical immunizations, phone calls, laundry, or souvenirs
- Airport transfers if arriving or departing outside of the group transfer
- Optional travel protection

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