

# Romania

## PRIVATELY ESCORTED TOUR

### ROMANTIC ROMANIA

9 days / 8 nights

**Day 1: Bucharest.** Arrival Bucharest. You will be met and transferred to your hotel. Overnight Bucharest.

**Day 2: Bucharest to Sighisoara.** Morning sightseeing of Bucharest. Highlights include Manuc's Inn, the fascinating Palace of the Parliament and a visit to the Village Museum. Continue to Sighisoara via medieval Brasov. Overnight Sighisoara. **B**

**Day 3: Sighisoara.** Sighisoara is the best preserved medieval citadel and the only inhabited one in Europe. See the clock tower, ancient city walls and the 16th century Biertan fortified church. This afternoon visit the delightful city of Sibiu, once an important stronghold for Saxon merchants. Overnight Sighisoara. **B**

**Day 4: Sighisoara to Targu Mures & Baia Mare.** After breakfast drive via Targu Mures and Cluj, with a brief tour of each city and continue on to Baia Mare, the capital of the Maramures region, famous for its crafts and rural traditions. Dinner and overnight Baia Mare. **BD**

**Day 5: Baia Mare to Gura Humorului.** Today visit the 'Merry Cemetery' in Sapanta, with its brightly painted carved wooden crosses and humorous illustrations. Drive to the Iza Valley, rich in rural traditions, with tiny villages and distinctive wooden churches. Overnight Gura Humorului. **B**

**Day 6: Gura Humorului to the painted monasteries & Piatra Neamt.** Today you visit the famous

15<sup>th</sup> century painted monasteries of Bukovina. The vivid colours of these 3 UNESCO-listed Monasteries of Sucevita, Moldovita and Voronet have been preserved to this day. Overnight Piatra Neamt. **B**

**Day 7: Piatra Neamt to Brasov & Sinaia.** Head south this morning through the dramatic Bicaz Gorges. See the spectacular Red Lake on your way to Transylvania and Brasov. Your sightseeing of this 14<sup>th</sup> century city includes the Black Church, St Nicholas Church and the Museum of the first school in Romania. Overnight Sinaia. **B**

**Day 8: Sinaia to Bran & Bucharest.** This morning you have a short drive to Bran Castle, often referred to as 'Dracula's Castle'. Built in 1378 as a toll station it has a dramatic fairy tale appearance, but little connection with Vlad Tepeș (Dracula). Return to the mountain resort of Sinaia to visit the monastery and Peles Castle, the summer residence of Romania's royal family. Continue on to Bucharest for a farewell dinner at the Count Dracula Club restaurant for a traditional dinner. Overnight Bucharest. **BD**

**Day 9: Bucharest.** Tour services end after breakfast with your transfer to the airport. **B**

#### YOUR HOTELS

##### BUCHAREST

- Ⓐ Central ★★★
- Ⓐ Golden Tulip ★★★★★

##### SIGHISOARA

- Ⓐ Sighisoara or Wagner House ★★★
- Ⓐ Korona ★★★★★

##### BAIA MARE

- Ⓐ Mara ★★★
- Ⓐ Carpati ★★★★★

##### GURA HUMORULUI

- Ⓐ Elena House or Best Western ★★★
- Ⓐ Best Western ★★★★★

##### PIATRA NEAMT

- Ⓐ Ceahlau or Central ★★★

##### SINAIA

- Ⓐ Sinaia or Marami ★★★
- Ⓐ Palace or Smart ★★★★★

■ Hotels of a similar standard may be substituted.



Brasov, Black Church



#### TOUR PRICE & DEPARTURES

Prices shown per person in AUD. Wed & Thu departures Jan-Dec 2008.

Tour	Hotel	Minimum 4 per		Minimum 2 per		1 per
		TwN	Sgl	TwN	Sgl	Sgl
With driver/guide	★★★	1849	2309	2241	2701	4124
	★★★★	2040	2622	2443	3026	4460
With separate driver & guide	★★★	2174	2634	2992	3452	5626
	★★★★	2376	2959	3205	3788	6007

\*See price option for separate driver and guide.

**TIP: Multilingual tour also available. Guaranteed weekly departures on Saturdays, 26 Apr-18 Oct 2008.**