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## Romanian Gastronomy

### Day 1 – Bucharest

You will meet your guide upon your arrival in Bucharest, then you will transfer to the city center. After dropping the luggage at the hotel you will be taken to a short sightseeing tour of the capital also and stopping to see a small craft brewery and tasting their products.

Dinner will be in a restaurant in Bucharest the old town center followed by accommodation in a 4\* hotel in the center of the city.

### Day 2 – Bucharest – Sinaia – Azuga – Bran

In the morning you will leave Bucharest and drive north, to Dealu Mare region, well known for its wines.



Here you will visit one of the many local wine producers and you will taste their wines, then you will resume your journey North via Prahova Valley, stopping in Azuga for lunch. Another wine cellar means another visit and tasting: producing wine by „Champenoise“ method, the Rhein Cellars are the official sparkling wine suppliers of the Royal family of Romania. The specialist of the cellar will guide you through the cellars, explaining the whole process of sparkling wine making on the way.

You will then continue across the mountains and down into Transylvania, to the village of Bran where you will be accommodated in 3\* guesthouse.

### Day 3 – Bran - Brasov – Rotbav – Viscri

In the morning you will visit Bran Castle (well known for its connection to Dracula's legend), the most visited place in Romania, and then continue to Rotbav village to visit a farm belonging to three brothers who started their business in 1998. Following the family tradition of three generations, they are producing several types of cheese with local recipes attested since 1412 and also different type of meat products. You will visit the cheese production unit where you will sample some of their products, and then have lunch at the farm.



Next, you head to Viscri village (Deutschweisskirch). This is a Saxon village included in the UNESCO World Heritage list, one of the villages in Romania where the Prince of Wales owns a traditional house.

After you “check-in” in traditional peasant houses renovated to accommodate guests, you will we take a ride in horse pulled carriages around the village and the surrounding hills. On the way you will see some local craftsmen at work.



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Before dinner you will also visit a small private distillery and see how plum brandy is made. Traditional dinner accompanied by local brandy and wine.



### **Day 4 – Viscri – Miercurea Ciuc – Izvoare**

In the morning you will pay a visit to the local baker and to the neighboring fortified church.

Then you will leave Viscri for your next destination, a small village where you will visit a brewery belonging to representatives of the Szekey minority. The brewery has started producing craft beer in 2013, and they only use malt, hop and water. Visit, tasting and lunch.

You will then continue towards Izvoare village where you get to taste some typical game products. You will also find your accommodation here, in a beautiful guesthouse. Dinner with venison specialties will be served by your hosts.



### **Day 5 – Izvoare – Topa – Sighisoara – Sibiel**

In the morning you will visit a wildlife park of about 450 ha where you have the chance to see several animals in semi freedom. Then you will continue to Topa village, where you will make a stop at a small eco farm producing fresh vegetables (tomatoes, peppers, potatoes, onion, carrots, spinach, cabbage etc.) but also some cereals and aromatic herbs. From the 12 cows they own they produce bio cheese. They are promoters of small scale agriculture and local producers' rights.

Here you will visit, taste some of their products and have lunch prepared by your hosts.

You then resume your journey to Sighisoara – medieval citadel included in the UNESCO patrimony, birth place of Vlad Tepes, also known as Dracula. You will have enough time here to visit the winding cobbled street of this historic jewel.

In the afternoon you will arrive in Sibiel village where you have dinner and you are accommodated in traditional guesthouses.



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### **Day 6 – Sibiel – Sibiu – Sibiel - cooking demonstration at our hosts**



After breakfast you transfer to Sibiu – European capital of culture in 2007. You will take time to wander the streets of this charming city and have lunch in a locally owned restaurant, part of a bigger group including two animal farms and one trout farm. Lunch includes most of the products from their own production.

You will then return to Sibiel where you will, upon your own choice, cook with your host, Mr. Aurel Pau. Dinner and accommodation as the previous night.

### **Day 7 – Sibiel – Bucharest**

Today you leave Sibiel and head back towards the capital city. On the way you will stop to visit Cozia monastery. With its main church dating from the 14th century, Cozia's architecture is a wonderful blend of styles and it is a very good insight into the Orthodox religion.

You cannot leave Romania without trying its typical street food – „mici” – „the little ones” – and the best place to do this is a roadside grill.

After reaching Bucharest, you will visit a local craft beer brewery. They have been producing craft beer since 2015 and they have launched the first American IPA beer produced in Romania, the first beer with more than 9% alcohol. They use specific yeast for every type of beer, no additives, no preservatives, no dyes and no extracts. Everything they produce is 100% natural, unfiltered and unpasteurized.



After the visit and dinner you will check in at your hotel for the night.

Accommodation in a 4\* hotel in the city center.

### **Day 8 departure**

Depending on your flight, you will have time to discover some more of Bucharest. Transfer to the airport.

~ End of the program ~



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