

# Romania & Hungary Eastern Europe Escape



## TRAVEL WITH ME EXCLUSIVE

Join Annette & Travel with Me on this unique overland journey from Bucharest to Budapest. Only available to those continuing with Uniworld River cruise from Budapest on 20 Sept. 24

Price from \$3475 pp Twin Share and from \$4695 Solo/ Flights are not included

**10 Days/9 Nights**  
**11 Sept to 20 Sept 2024**

### Inclusions

- Exclusive Travel with Me Journey
- Fully escorted by Travel with Me Director, Annette Porter
- Meals and Culinary activities where indicated
- Private meal in a local farmhouse
- Try Hungarian Palinka
- Touring and entrance fees where listed
- Deposit of \$600 required in 7 days
- Finals due 10 June 2024
- Max guests of 18 only

*Price and Itinerary are subject to change at any time*



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# ITINERARY

## Day 1: 11 Sept - Bucharest

Transfer to hotel before getting ready for our Folklore Dinner tonight

 *Central Hotel Bucharest or similar (D)*



## Day 2 - 12 Sept - Bucharest to Brasov

After breakfast and checkout of your hotel, please meet your driver/guide at in the hotel lobby, to embark on a guided tour of Bucharest, once nicknamed "Little Paris". Your sightseeing tour includes a visit to Parliament House, the second largest administrative building in the world after the Pentagon. The Royal Family's favourite city (Sinaia) will be our next target. The gateway to wild nature is possible here, a mountain resort known also as „The Pearl of the Carpathians“. This place impresses everyone by the beauty of its landscapes, guarding a treasure of the Romanian history: The Peles Castle, used as a summer residence for the royal family, this monument represents a symbol of elegance and nobility.

From there, we take the cable car on the Bucegi Plateau to 2300 meters. Here you will be able to see the wind-carved "Babele" and the "Sphinx" rocks. Then follow the hiking trail at the Bucegi Plateau to a viewing platform where you can see all the Prohova Tah Dinner at a local restaurant

 *Hotel Ambient Brasov or similar (B/D)*

## Day 3 - 13 Sept: Brasov - Bran - Prejmer - Brasov

After breakfast you will embark on a city tour of Brasov. On your tour visit the Black Church, one of the largest in Europe, and see the historic Old Town Hall, as well as the Hollywood-style city sign, perched high in the mountains. We go to Bran. Here, enjoys a tour of Bran Castle, commonly known as Dracula's Castle. Often referred to as the home of the title character in Bram Stoker's Dracula, Bran Castle has little connection to Vlad the Impaler, the inspiration for Dracula. The castle dates to around 1377 and has a long history of being used as a defensive fortress, with it now serving as a museum. The fortified church in Prejmer (UNESCO Heritage)- the most important and best-preserved fortified church in Transylvania.

 *Hotel Ambient Brasov or similar (B/D)*



## Day 4 - 14 Sept: Brasov - Sighisoara - Biertan - Sibiu

After breakfast, depart to the Old Country, to the perfectly preserved medieval towns of Medias and Biertan. See dozens of fortified churches as you explore the area once inhabited by Transylvanian Saxons. Continue to Sighisoara, Southern Europe's best preserved medieval city and the birthplace of Vlad Tepes, the 15th-century Wallachian prince also known as Vlad the Impaler. Sighisoara is charming mix of medieval towers and pastel-coloured buildings, with an old town enclosed by fortified city walls. Enjoy a guided city tour where you will visit the town's Clock Tower and fortress.

 *Hotel Continental Forum or similar (B/D)*

## Day 5 - 15 Sept: Sibiu - Sibiel - Sibiu

After breakfast, embark on a sightseeing tour of Sibiu, once the richest town in Transylvania. On your comprehensive city tour you will visit the Brukenthal Museum with a rich variety of exhibitions of art, books and antiques from the Transylvanian region. Also visit the Astra Open Air Museum, built to provide evidence about the distinctive features of the Romanian people, about what differentiates them from other peoples, things and phenomena that could explain to all who they are. Finish the day with a traditional home-cooked Romanian dinner this evening in nearby Sibiel village. Return to Sibiu for overnight.

 *Hotel Continental Forum or similar (B/D)*



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## Day 6: 16 Sept: Sibiu - Hunedoara - Turda - Cluj Napoca

After breakfast – departure to Cluj. On the road we visit Turda Salt Mine - This is the largest salt mine accessible to tourists in the world. Marvel at the vast spaces and discover the salt mine museum. In the afternoon, arrival in Cluj Napoca and city tour in the capital of Transylvania. Dinner and accommodation in Cluj.

 *Grand Hotel Napoca or similar (B/D)*



## Day 7: 17 Sept: Cluj - Hunedoara - Maria Radna - Timisoara

In the morning, we will visit first Hunedoara castle – one of the largest castles in Europe, build over the site of an older fortification on a rock above Zlaști River. In the afternoon, we drive to Maria Radna Monastery, which is the most important catholic church pilgrimage place in Transylvania. After a short stop in Charlottenburg (the only circular village in Romania) we will arrive in Timisoara. Dinner and accommodation in Timisoara for 2 nights.

 *Best Western Plus Lido Hotel or similar (B/D)*

## Day 8: 18 Sept: Timisoara - Recas - Silagiu - Timisoara

In the morning, we start the city tour of Timisoara - the European Capital of Culture 2023, where we will visit the most important sights, including also the Museum of Revolution 1989. Then we drive to Recas, the biggest wine yard of Romania where we will taste 5 wines of the region. After this we go to Silagiu where will have Gastronomy Experience (buffet with local products) at a farm house and we will taste other 4 wines of this region. In the late afternoon, return to Timisoara. If time permits, we also join a Theatre/Opera in Timisoara.

 *Best Western Plus Lido Hotel or similar (B/D)*

## Day 9 - 19 Sept: Timisoara - Kecskemet - Budapest (in Hungary)

After breakfast, continue to Kecskemet where we will visit the city and will have a tasting of the famous Palinka (local Hungarian brandy). In the afternoon we drive to Budapest.

 *Danubius Arena or similar (B/D)*

## Day 10: 20 Sept: Budapest

Start your tour with a drive down the picture-worthy Andrassy Avenue. This UNESCO World Heritage Site is a masterpiece of Neo-Renaissance architecture and city planning. In addition to the many beautiful museums, palaces, and other public buildings lining its sidewalks, this street is also among the most popular in Budapest for shopping and dining. Marvel at such sites as Heroes' Square, Franz Liszt Memorial House, House of Terror, the Széchenyi Baths, City Park and, of course, the Castle District. Your coach will head into Budapest's former Jewish quarter. Despite being one of the smallest districts in Budapest, it is still one of the liveliest, with a dense population and a plethora of bars, coffee shops and street food stands. You'll see the area's unique streets and hidden courtyards before exiting the coach at Dohány Street Synagogue. Dohány Street Synagogue, also known as Central Synagogue or the Great Synagogue, is the largest synagogue in Europe and the second-largest in the world. It's gilded onion domes and red-striped façade make it one of the most interesting buildings in Budapest. The interior is even more ornate, with intricately designed ceilings and a combined floor and gallery space that can accommodate thousands of worshippers.

*Transfer to Uniworld Cruise Ship (B/D)*



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