

## OPTION 4

### A Journey Back in Time – Enjoy the Charming Countryside of Transylvania and Maramures – 7 Days Guided Tour

#### Day 1 – May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024

- Pick you up from your Hotel in Bucharest
- Drive 2h and stop in Sinaia Mountain Town where we visit **Peles Palace** – the former Summer Residence of the Romanian Royal family and one of the most beautiful palaces of Europe
- Have a cake and coffee and drive 1h to **Brasov Medieval Town**
- Have a relaxed walking tour in Brasov / afternoon on your own to enjoy the Old Town

#### OVERNIGHT IN BRASOV MEDIEVAL TOWN

#### Day 2 – May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024

- Drive 45 minutes and visit the famous **Bran Castle**, a great opportunity to learn about what is real and what is fiction about Vlad the Impaller, aka Count Dracula
- Drive 1.5 and arrive in the beautiful **Viscri Saxon Village** – walk in the village and have a delicious home cooked lunch at a local woman's house
- Visit the **Fortified Church**, a Unesco WH site
- Learn why this village became the favorite village of king Charles III who bought an old Saxon house here
- Drive 1h and arrive in **Sighisoara Medieval Citadel** – one of the last inhabited citadels of Europe – relaxed walk in the afternoon

#### OVERNIGHT IN SIGHISOARA CITADEL

#### Day 3 – May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024

- Drive 2h and visit **Turda Salt Mine**, the most impressive salt mine of Romania
- Drive 45 min and arrive in **Cluj Napoca** city, the biggest city of Transylvania – walk in the Old Town

#### OVERNIGHT IN CLUJ NAPOCA

#### Day 4 – May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024

- Today we go to **Maramures**, the most traditional area of Romania
- After 2h drive stop and visit **Surdesti Wooden Church**, a 300 years old Unesco WH site
- Drive 45 min and arrive in **Breb Village**, one of the most traditional villages from Maramures
- Have lunch at a local traditional small restaurant
- Enjoy the village and, in the evening, taste the local cuisine – a home cooked dinner at a local woman's house (20 euro per person paid directly to the lady)

#### OVERNIGHT IN MARAMURES

### Day 5 – May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2024

- A day to discover the traditions of **Maramures** and see how the locals live there
- Visit **local craftsman who makes wooden gates**
- we will see a traditional woolen mill in a nearby village, 20 minutes away. You may have an opportunity to purchase handcrafted wool slippers, see the traditional wool fabrication process from fur to fabric, and how the wool is woven.
- visit **Desesti Wooden Church** - Unesco WH, 250 years old
- - at noon, stop for lunch at a local good restaurant specialized on fish dishes
- - back in the village / rest / enjoy the day in the village
- - dinner at another local woman (20 euro per person paid directly to the lady)
- **OVERNIGHT IN MARAMURES**

### Day 6 – May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024

- A longer day driving today
- Drive 3.5h and visit **Turda Salt Mine**, one of the most impressive sites of Romania
- Drive 1.5h and arrive in the charming **Sibiu Medieval City**, probably the most beautiful city of Romania – walking tour in the Old Town
- **OVERNIGHT IN SIBIU**

### Day 7 – May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024

- After breakfast, have a nice walk at **Astra Open Air Museum**, a great collection of old traditional houses and churches from all over Romania
- Have lunch before driving back to Bucharest where we arrive at 5pm

#### **OVERNIGHT IN BUCHAREST**

- *Sibiu has an International Airport which is well connected with Europe (Germany, UK etc ...) It may be a good option to fly out of Romania from Sibiu*

#### **INCLUDED:**

- 7 night accommodation – breakfast included at 3&4 star hotels very well located
- 7 seat minivan or coach AC
- English speaking guide
- All transport costs
- Entry fees for sites visited
- All guide/driver's expenses

#### **NOT INCLUDED:**

- Minibars at the accommodations

PRICE:

- In a group of 2 people: 1700 euro per person
  - In a group of 4 people: 1200 euro per person
  - In a group of 6 people: 1100 euro per person
  - In a group of 8 people: 1100 euro per person
  - In a group of 10 people: 1000 euro per person
  - In a group of 12 people: 950 euro per person
  - **For single accommodation: + 160 euro per solo traveler**
- \*\* If a traveler decides to fly out from Sibiu on the 24<sup>th</sup> of May – minus 100 euro