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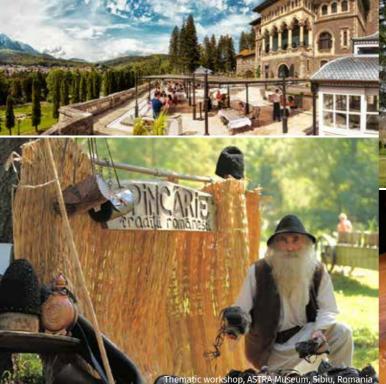
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MEET THE Team

We are the inbound team and we are based in Bucharest, Romania.

We are responsible for creating and promoting a large selection of specialised tours to Romania and the surrounding countries eg. Bulgaria and The Republic of Moldova.

Founded in the fall of 2016, the inbound department is a project initiated by Andrew Dixon, General Manager of G2 Travel's head office in Bucharest. A project which brought together a team of 4 enthusiastic members, irremediably in love with Romania, whose main goal is to show as many visitors as possible, all the beauties hidden by this really unexpected country.

We are mostly internal guides, legally licensed by the Romanian National Tourism Authority (ANT), with a proven track record of professionalism and reliability; ready to help our groups enhance their Romanian experience.



CARMEN MIRON

tour quide senior destination specialist

English & Italian

"Life is a chess board where people are the pieces. It depends on us to make it a beautiful game, to be creative, to think about our movements and evolve to happiness and fulfilment through responsibility, hard work and courage. I like to share and I am enjoying the people I meet. Intuition tells me to greet every day with energy and perserverance and my smile is my business card."

DIANA BORCEA

tour guide destination specialist

English & Japanese

"My friends always tell me that strong essences are stored in a small recipient. Despite my slight appearance I am full of an energy that only increases when I am doing what I love: travelling, meeting new people and showing the wonders of my country, Romania, to anyone who would listen. I have a passion in me that can create storms and hurricanes. Just give me a chance to show VOU."

ANDREW DIXON

general manager

"I've lived and worked in Romania for almost 6 years now and have fallen in love with this beautiful country and its amazing people. So I consider myself very lucky and privileged to be heading up G2 Travel's operations in Romania - a team of almost 500 people dedicated to supporting G2's business globally.

I'm particularly passionate about our inbound business and the small team that we have built to support this exciting part of G2 Travel's portfolio.

No other company can offer the quality of service that we do. It's service built on passion, care and a small drop of national pride.

We are looking forward to welcoming you to our beautiful

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"I have been gifted with lots of appetite for life, positive energy and passion for traveling, I love connecting with people as there's always something new to learn from anyone you meet with, however the thing I love the most is to share all of these with others, and this is why, I would say that I haven't chosen working as a guide, the job chose me. I do what I love and I love what I do!"

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external guides





why romania should be added to your european trip

The World
Heritage Sites **UNESCO**are awe-inspiring. Romania
is home to no less than 8 World
Heritage Sites of which 6 are
cultural, having a total of **31 attractions** and 2 natural just
waiting to be explored.

Timisoara, the most western city in Romania will be the **European Capital of Culture** in 2021 for its diversity and cultural values.

The incredible hospitality of Romanians.

Hospitality has always been a cornerstone of Romanian culture. Praised since ancient times, when foreign guests were welcomed at the border with bread and salt – the most valuable gifts of the land, it is equally praised today.



is still going strong.
The 'IA' (traditional blouse) is
the most important element of the
Romanian folk costume!
Yves Saint Laurent, Jean Paul
Gaultier, Oscar de la Renta, Tom Ford
or Carolina Herrera are among the
designers who found inspiration from
this tradition.

Romania is still preserving nature

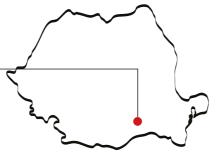
Internet is fast and cheap.
As surprising as it may sound, Romania has one of the fastest internet speeds in the world.

It is said that eternity stems from the villages!

His Royal Highness, Prince Charles, the Prince of Wales, is a true ambassador of rural Romania and the owner of 2 cottages in one of the most picturesque Transylvanian villages, Viscri, an UNESCO site.



Bucharest





The days when Bucharest was known as **Little Paris** may be gone, but the city retains many beautiful architectural examples from that period. The Romanian capital continues to redefine itself, merging its storied history with a modern identity.

Carturesti - The Carousel of Books is one of the world's most beautiful bookshops that offers 6 floors of **art**, **books**, **music** and **culture** in a modern yet dreamy setting. Located in the hustle and bustle of the old town, the entertainment hub of Bucharest, this former 19th century bank has been converted into a bookstore in 2015 as an experiment of culture inhabiting the **old city centre** by offering reading space, socialising and artistic exploration of the city core.



The Old Town Business hub for local merchants and craftsman in the 1400's, nowadays home to antique shops, art galleries, restaurants, coffee shops and nightclubs. It still keeps the charm of those past days with its cobbled stone streets and period buildings. The Old Town made Bucharest one of the undisputed party capitals of Europe. Some of the attractions that can be visited here are: *The Old Court Palace* – Vlad the Impaler's fortress (the Wallachian ruling prince that personified Dracula, the fictional character in Bram Stocker's novel), *The National History Museum of Romania, The National Bank of Romania, Manuc Inn, Stavropoleos Monastery, The Savings Bank Palace (CEC Palace).*

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The Romanian Patriarchal Cathedral

A historical monument built from 1655 to 1668 and seat of the Romanian Orthodox Church, also known as the Metropolitan Church, is a functioning religious and civic landmark in centre Bucharest. The interior contains the most dazzling of the city's iconostasis, as well as a couple of exquisitely carved side altars.



Museum of Senses

An experience that challenge your senses so you are inspired to discover more and therefore, feel more. Live the unimaginable, experience a world of sensations, mind-blowing optical illusions and test your senses at an extraordinary museum.

A place as fun as it is educational, as amazing as it is enigmatic, and as crazy as it is rational!





Ceausescu's Private Residence

Ever wondered what the home of the leader of one of the most repressive totalitarian regimes in the history of the modern world looked like?

Ceauşescu Residence (also known as Primăverii Palace) was the private residence of Romania's head of state during the latter half of the 20th century, Nicolae Ceauşescu.

Think dark polished woods, marble staircases, lots of gold, a home theatre, an indoor garden, a closet bursting with fur coats, and – best of all – a spectacular gold and pink bathroom.















National Village Museum the village in the capital's heart

The National Village Museum Dimitrie Gusti is an open-air ethnographic museum located in the Herăstrău Park (Bucharest, Romania), showcasing traditional Romanian village life.

The museum extends to over 100,000 m2, and contains 272 authentic peasant farms and houses from all over Romania.

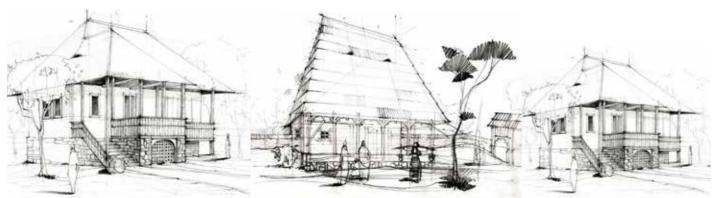








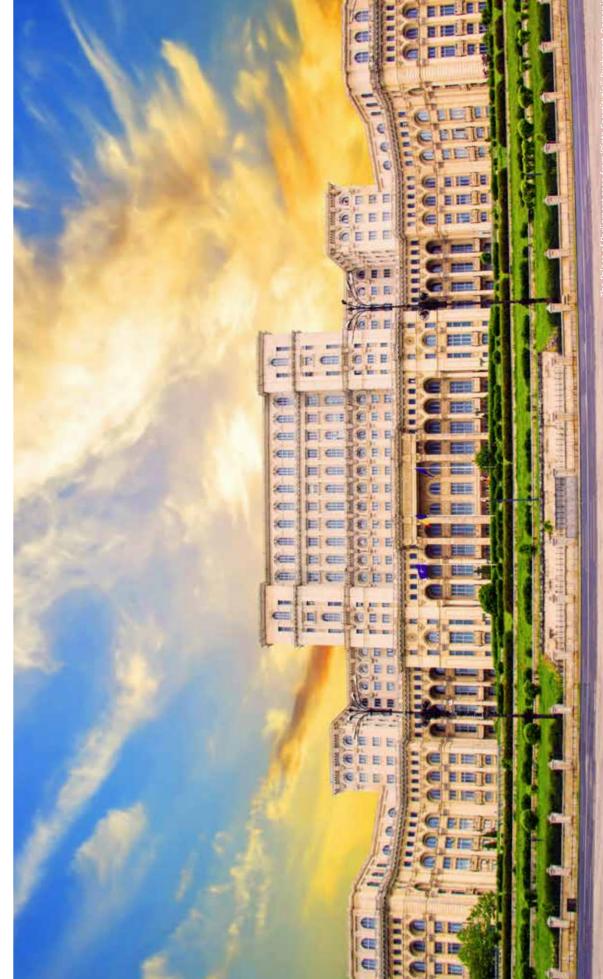






The Palace of Parliament

Claimed to be **the second-largest administrative building in the world** after the Pentagon and former communist leader Nicolae Ceaușescu's most infamous creation.



Timisoara

The European capital of culture in 2021



Located in western Romania, Timisoara has been selected to be the European Capital of Culture in 2021 for its diversity and cultural values.

The city hosts between **3.500** and **4.000** cultural events each year.

Called Little Vienna, the city is characterised by a multicultural diversity, found in the architectural elements and traditions.

Top sights in Timisoara:

- 1989 Revolution Memorial Museum
- Banat Village Museum
- Recas Vineyards
- Timisoara Art Museum
- Romanian Orthodox Metropolitan
 Cathedral
- The Roman Catholic Cathedral
- Victory Square
- **Union Square**

Sibiu

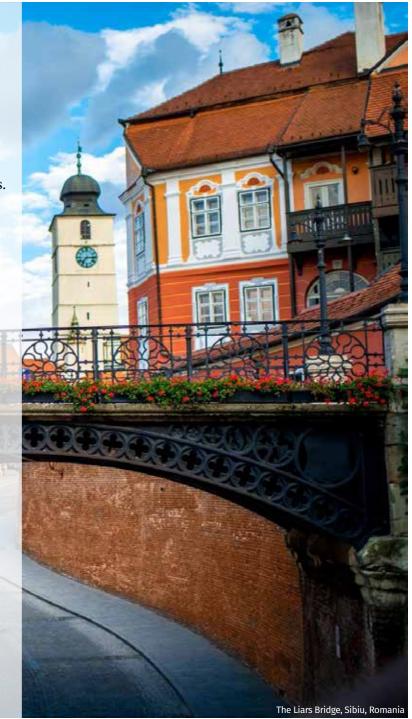
Bohemian atmosphere behind medieval walls

Former European Capital of Culture in 2007 and the future European Region of Gastronomy in 2019, Sibiu is a fusion of Romanian, Saxon and Hungarian cultures, displaying an interesting blend of architectural styles, a labyrinth of medieval squares, narrow streets, churches and bridges.

The Citadel of Sibiu is an absolute must-see place, as it remains one of the best-fortified citadels across Europe.

Top sights in Sibiu:

- Sibiu's Towers
- The Big Square
- The Small Square
- **Huet Square**
- Council Tower
- Brukenthal Museum
- The Bridge of Lies
- The Stairs Passage
- Orthodox Metropolitan Cathedral
- ASTRA Open Air Museum



Brasov

From the german Kronstadt to the city of Stalin

Gothic spires, medieval gateways, and a huge Hollywood-style sign: Braşov's skyline is instantly compelling. A number of medieval watchtowers still glower over the town. Between them sparkle baroque buildings and churches, while easy-going cafes line the main square - Piaţa Sfatului. One of the attractions not to be missed in here is The Black Church, the biggest Lutheran church, constructed in gothic style on the route between Vienna and Istanbul.



Top sights in Brasov:

- Rope Street
- The Council Square
- Black Church
- The Old Town Hall
- Defensive Fortifications
- Tampa Mountain Cable Car
- Saint Nicholas Orthodox Church
- 1st Romanian School Museum
- Weavers' Bastion Museum

Cly Mayoca Academic city

Romania's second-largest city, with the fastest developing economy in the country, Cluj Napoca is today a vibrant cultural and educational centre.

The six state and several private universities located here also make Cluj Napoca the city with the highest percentage of student population in Romania.

Top sights in Cluj Napoca:

- St. Michael's Cathedral
- Banffy Palace
- Ethnographic Museum of Transylvania
- Union Square
- Tailors' Bastion
- Fortress Hill
- Alexandru Borza Botanical Garden



Prodeo The city with the most elegant center in romania

One of the western cities in Romania, located only 490 km from Vienna, Oradea has been breathing the magnetism of the West since the earliest moments of its history.

The architecture, heavily influenced by the Art Nouveau movement and greatly touched by the Austrian Secession is just a breathtaking proof of the city's Western influences. Oradea is a city of young people, health and relaxation. Oradea is amongst the top touristic destinations in Romania, after the capital city, Bucharest.



Top sights in Oradea:

- Oradea Fortress
- Roman-Catholic Diocese Comple
- Queen Mary State Theatre
- King Ferdinand Square
- City Hall
- Palace Tower
- Union Square
- Black Eagle Palace
- Aqua Park Nymphaea
- Republicii Street
- Baile Felix thermal baths

An ancient metropolis and the oldest continuously inhabited city in Romania, and home to the country's largest sea port, Constanta traces its history some 2,500 years.

This beautiful city lies on the western coast of the Black Sea, 185 miles north of Istanbul and Bosphorus Strait (Turkey) and 99 miles north of Varna (Bulgaria).

It's coastlines it's offering a generous variety of restaurants overlooking the Black Sea, with delicious disches based on fresh fish and seafood.

Top sights in Constanta:

- National History & Archeological Museum
- Natural Sciences Museum Complex
- Roman Mosaic
- Casino
- Naval History Musuem
- Art Museum
- Planetarium
- Great Mahmudiye Mosque



Tasi

Hometown to one of the world's most beautiful libraries

Romania's fourth-largest city is a cultural delight. Once nicknamed the 'city of the hundred churches', Iasi is indeed bursting with centuries of architectural creations. Yet besides the monasteries, theatres and other historic buildings, this eclectic place has botanical parks, big squares and both communist-era concrete structures and gleaming modern shopping malls.

Top sights in lasi:

- Iasi Technical University's Library
- The "Tram of Communism" tourists can now travel trough the city like the Romanians did during communism being accompanied by specialised guides that will tell you everything about life during the communist era.
- Palace of Culture
- Moldavian Mitropolitan Cathedral
- Church of the Three Hierarchs

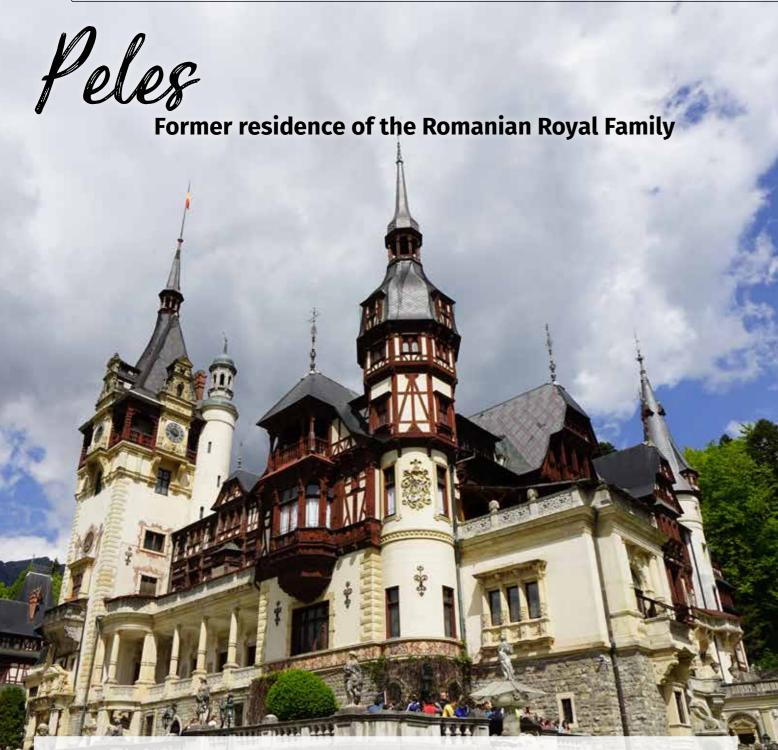








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One of Europe's most beautiful castles, Peles was built between 1875 and 1914 by King Carol I of Romania. It Is an example of Neo-Renaissance German architecture surrounded by the Carpathian mountains. Its 160 rooms, which were the Royal Family's summer residence until 1947, are enriched with Murano glass chandeliers, precious frescoes, sculptures and bas-reliefs, handwritten and leatherbound books, German armour together with many luxurious furnishings.

castles

Bran



How can we not start from what is known as the Dracula Castle? Bran Castle, its official name, is certainly the most famous and the most visited castle in Romania, also because of the dramatic history of **Vlad the** Impeler, one of the wicked sovereigns of all times, who inspired the figure of Dracula the vampire, in Bram Stoker's novel.

Located a few kilometres from Brasov, its architecture which has evolved over the centuries, is magnificent: soaring towers, underground passages, narrow and winding staircases and timber framed rooms, all create a unique atmosphere.





Busteni, Prahova County

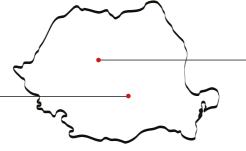
Cantacysino The legacy of a great Byzantine family





Placed at the foothills of Zamora Mountain, in Busteni, and enjoying grand views of the Bucegi Mountains, Cantacuzino Castle is part of the impressive cultural and material legacy of the Cantacuzino family whose origins go back one thousand years to the Byzantine Empire.

The castle is built in **Neo-Romanian style**, probably the most extensive heritage Romania gave to the world culture, by **Prince Gheorghe Grigore Cantacuzino**, a very influential political personality in 20th century.



Corvin Catle, The Knights Hall, Hunedoara, Romai

Copvin

One of the most enchanting Gothic castles in Europe



Also known as Hunyad Castle, Corvin Castle is a medieval fortress found in Transylvania.

It was built in the 15th century in Gothic - Renaissance style and is considered to be one of the most beautiful castles in the world thanks to its towers, bastions and a dungeon. It is perhaps no surprise that the castle has been used in numerous movies.

According to tradition, it was here that Vlad the Impaler, the so called Dracula, was held captive for **seven years** by Matyas Hunyadi, King of Hungary.

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Brasov

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Citadel,

Bucovina & Maramures

Located in the northern side of Romania, these two historical regions, pride themselves on a collection of 16 attractions which form part of a UNESCO world heritage site. A journey through Bucovina and Maramureş opens a window into **Romanian culture**, spirituality and history.

Although it has been an old tradition of building wooden churches throughout Eastern Europe, by far the most spectacular examples are found in the beautiful, isolated region of Maramureş from northern Romania.

While Maramureş gained its fame for the wooden churches proclaimed as masterpieces of religious art and architecture, Bucovina is known for its **painted monasteries**, unique for the exterior frescoes painted with colours very well preserved along the years and representing passages from the Bible.

Citadel, Hunedoara

Neamt Citadel, Moldova

Alba Carolina Citadel, Alba Iulia

Rasnov Citadel,

Brasov



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Sucevita Monastery, Suceava

Voronet Monastery, Suceava

Barsana Monastery, Suceava









For the Romanians, Sighişoara is the product of childhood stories, the "city museum" and the "fairy tale town"

ighișoara is a small piece of the world that has managed to trick time; a part of Romania that speaks today about the beauty and dignity of our country as well as Europe's history.

colourful world belonging to long faded times.

Founded in 12th century by the Saxons brought into these places by the Hungarian Kngs, the city of Sighişoara is today one of the best preserved medieval cities of Europe. The charm and the historical value of the constructions and streets, led to their inclusion on UNESCO's World Heritage list.

but, perhaps the most emblematic are 'The Clock Tower', 'Vlad Dracul's House', 'The Church of the Dominican Monastery' 'The School Staircase' or 'The School on the Hill'.

Happy blend of history, authenticity and comfort, Sighișoara can be described in dozens of pages, but will never be fully understood and savoured unless it is visited and enjoyed.

Ever since early childhood, our dreams have been fed with stories in which tall houses, beautiful clock towers and skilled craftsmen were weaving together enchanted tales transposing us into a

city's attractions are multiple,

Fortified Churches



- **Apafi Fortified Church** Malancrav
- Viscri **Fortified Church** Brasov
- Prejmer **Fortified Church** Brasov
- **Biertan Fortified Church** Sibiu
- Harman **Fortified Church** Brasov
- Saschiz **Fortified Church** Brasov

Pitadel

the only still inhabited medieval fortress in Southeast Europe

historpa











Unique experiences



world" (Jeremy Clarkson ...

... host of the TV show Top Gear) named Transfăgărăşan the best road in the world during a road trip in Romania in 2009.

It is 90 km (56 miles) long and runs through the southern section of the Carpathian Mountains. Rising to a height of 2,042 meters and having numerous steep hairpin bends, Transfăgărăşan poses challenges for any driver, hiker, cyclist or motorcycle enthusiast. Nonetheless, the unparalleled breath-taking landscapes make the entire journey unforgetable.

Fully open only from June to October.

Turda Salt Mine - Underground fun

If you happen to be in Cluj county, be sure not miss this out of this world famous salt mine. Placed by Business Insider at the top of their list of the ten 'coolest underground places in the world'.

The excellent condition of the mining compartments made possible the conversion of the chambers in a halotherapy centre, and are now a popular tourist attraction. Besides the spa and wellness centre inside the mine, you can find a panoramic lift, a lake with an island, minigolf, bowling, a sports field, an amphitheatre, a carousel and a playground.

Open for visitors all year round.

Mocanita - Travel back in time

Mocanita, as it is known by locals, is the only operating narrow gauge forestry steam train in Europe. It can be found in the northern part of Romania, in Maramures County and it has been the only form of mechanised transportation into the rugged Vaser River Valley since 1910.

Nowadays, besides carrying logs for the well-known gates manufactured in Maramures, Mocanita has been given another role - that of carrying tourists from all over the world along the picturesque Vasser River Valley, one of the most beautiful and wild landscapes in Romania.

Available for visitors all year round.

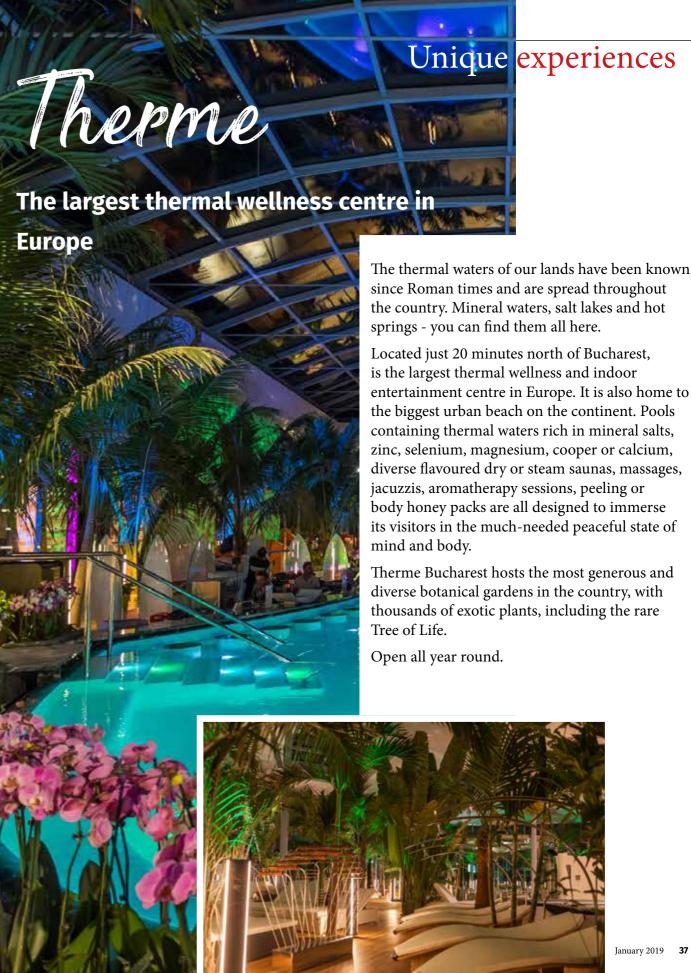
Culture Bucharest

A topic of controversy, mystery and even stigmatisation in the last centuries, the Roma minority, often reffered to as gypsies, is a characteristic of Romanian life often hidden from most Romanian government sponsored tourism advertisements.

We recommend a visit of a gypsy community in the heart of Transylvania to uncover the intangible cultural heritage of the Roma (traditions, customs, crafts). You will have the opportunity to discover their everyday customs and activities as well as the language, the traditional 'port' (costume) and food.

This unconventional experience highlights the positive role played by the Roma in the communities they belong to, through the objects created by them and used in almost everyones' households.

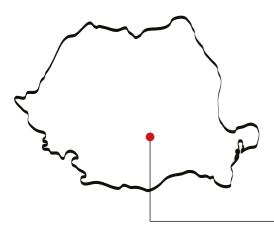




Unique experiences

The Bear Sanctuary

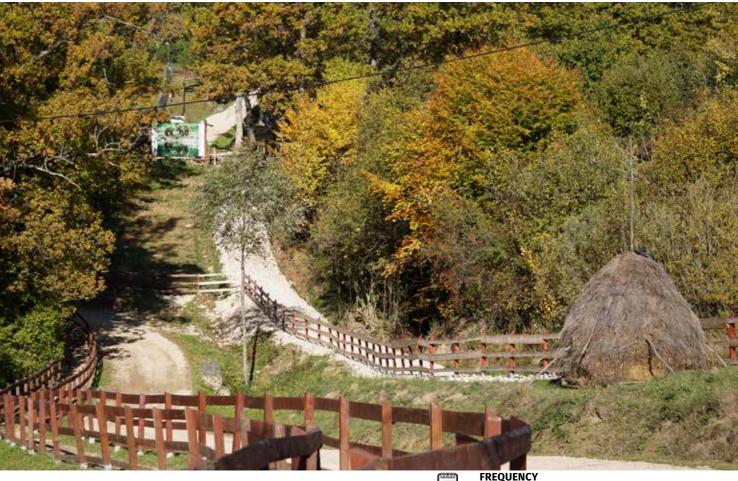




Here in Romania, brown bears are being rescued from a life in captivity,. From sometimnes cruel and abusive conditions in private zoo's or circus', they are returned back to nature where they belong, so they can run free in 'Libearty' - the largest sanctuary of brown bears in the world mesuring 69 hectares of oak forest. Named as one of the best ethical wildlife attractions in the world by National Geographic Traveller.

Zarnesti

Did you know that Romania is the home of the largest population of brown bears in Europe?



TOUR DESCRIPTION

The tour starts at Maya's monument with the touching story of Maya the bear, whose life inspired the founding of Libearty Bear Sanctuary and to whom the sanctuary is dedicated. Explore the sanctuary with specialised guides and learn all about the 80+ bears here and the terrible conditions they have been rescued from. Feel the bears happiness in their new home, and take lots of photos. But beware! You might fall in love with them when you'll see them playing, smelling the flowers, bathing in the pools or climbing trees. For those who prefer not to walk, you can ride through the sanctuary on the tourist train.



Tuesday - Sunday. Closed on Easter day, December 25th and January 1st.



START TIME

9AM-11AM (May - October) 11 AM - 12 AM (November - April)



DURATION



Medium - 1.5 km / 0.93 miles walking distance on a paved road with light slopes



CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT ➤Tracking shoes



Local Products



Tasting

Preserving food is still a living tradition among all Romanian families. A tradition past down through generations. Most probably this is the reason why they all taste so delicious.

This experience is about tasting goodies full of flavour such as jam, pickles, dulce de leche, syrups and chutneys accompanied by coffee, cake and water in a Saxon house in Transylvania and find out their stories and secret recipes from your guide.

From personal experience, we know that guests will want to take some jams home so the host is offering the possibility to buy products for very attractive prices.

This delicious tasting can be organised all year round.



Amazing food, great wines and inspiring culinary workshops

Prepare together a **complete menu** that will be enjoyed by the whole group at the end of gourmet experiences. Everything is made from scratch, from fresh pasta made out of wheat flour to smoked meats and desserts. For getting the most delicious dishes, the cooks will be able to use fresh ingredients picked from the garden.

Another workshop focuses on **traditional bread making**, put your strength to the test in kneading the dough.





Unique experiences

Skip traffic, take the train!





Hyperion is Romania's newest train service linking Bucharest with Sinaia and Brasov. It heralds a new era of train transport in Romania.

Its comfortable air conditioned carriages let you sit back and enjoy the stunning scenary as you pass through the beautiful Carpathian Mountains.

Train timetable

Departure

	Bucharest Nord	Si	naia	Brasov				
	09:28	10):51	11:55				
Return								
	Brasov	Si	naia	Bucharest Nord				
	14:55	15	:54	17:24				



Transylvania is becoming more and more renowned for the excellent quality of its truffles, so this package is for those wanting to find out how they are found on a truffle hunting tour in the mysterious Transylvanian forests.

The truffle hunting experience begins with a welcome drink and continues with walking through forests, accompanied by an expert truffle-hunter with trained dogs. During this experience, your guide will tell you about the traditions, history, and legends of this precious tuber.

welcome drink

The package includes

- 3 course menu with truffles
- guided truffle hunting tour with an experienced truffle-hunter accompanied by trained dogs

Viscri

Cund

• available between September and January



Sighisoara Medieva Festival

What better way to discover the only still inhabited medieval citadel in S-E of Europe than attending the Sighişoara Medieval Festival organised every summer since 1992 in the last weekend of July.

It's also the biggest and the longest lasting festival in Romania.

You will have the chance to meet knights, monks, witches and embodied spirits, all coming from a world where fabulous and terrible are living together!

Sighisoara



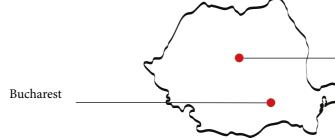




Every two years there's magic to be heard on the streets of Bucharest. Pianos, violins, cellos, clarinets swirl in a dance of sounds to create one of the most prestigious music festivals around the world – **George Enescu Festival**.

This beautiful event celebrates the life and work of the first Romanian composer. The most important location for this festival is **The Romanian Athenaeum,** an architectural monument and important landmark in Bucharest which hosts George Enescu Philharmonic orchestra.

Next festival will be help in September 2019.



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UNTOLD

Best major European festival

The largest **electronic music festival** held in Romania takes place each summer in the first **weekend of August**, right in the center of Cluj Napoca. It was awarded **'Best Major European Festival'** in 2015 and last year's line-up only enforces this title: **Jason Deruolo, Armin van Buuren, David Guetta, Tiesto, The Prodigy, Martin Garrix, ATB, Dimitri Vegas & Like Mike, Faithless, Tinie Tempah, Parov Stelar, Scooter, Ellie Goulding** and many others.



Festivals

arts and crafts

Arts and Crafts



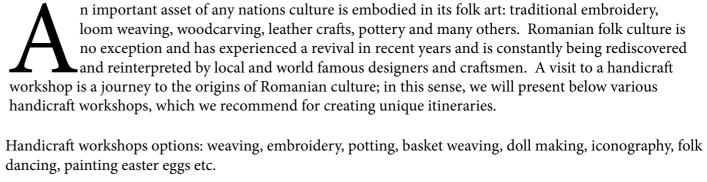


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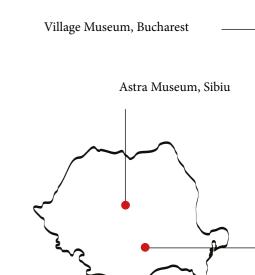












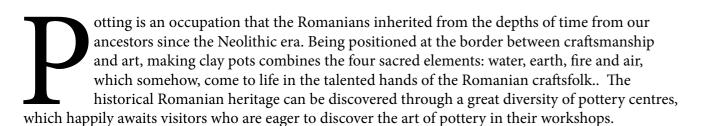




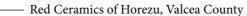
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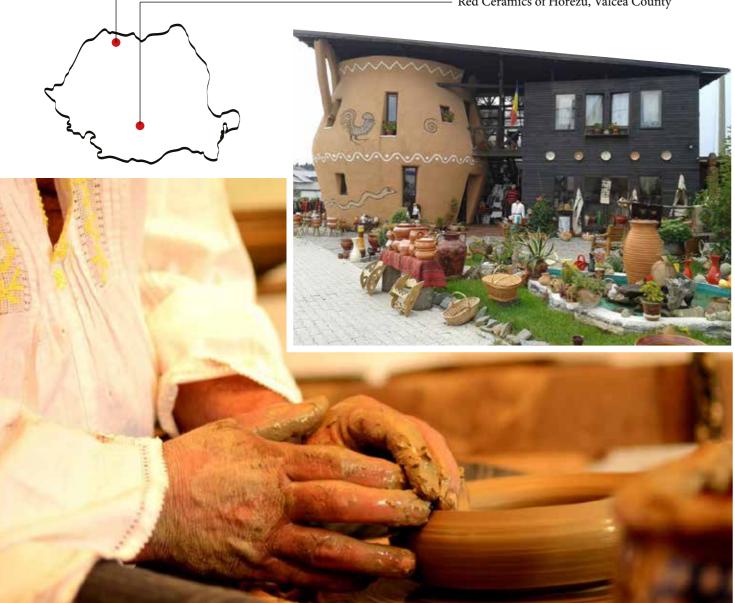
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The ceramics of Maramures, Maramures County







It's all about fusion ... the language we speak, the food we eat and the culture that shaped us

A trip to Romania is no exception to the old saying "The easiest path to get to one's heart is through the stomach". Romanian cuisine is an almost perfect reflection of the country's agrarian roots and twisted history. Dishes borrow heavily from neighbouring cultures – Turkish, Hungarian, Germanic and Slavic. The results are starters and main courses with a familiar homemade quality, built around staples such as pork, chicken and lamb, but made special through the addition of organic fruits and vegetables.

Romania has been catching up fast with international food trends in recent years. You can now eat the as well in Romania as you can in most parts of Europe at value for money prices.

In the following pages we will introduce you to Romanian cuisine, some fine dining options and a variety of Asian restaurants.





traditional food

'Mititei' (1), small skinless grilled sausages with garlic, made mainly from beef with spices and/or a mixture of pork, lamb minced meats.

'Zacuscă' (2) a dish made from: eggplants, tomatoes, peppers and spices that can be preserved in jars for a long time. Typically served with bread as a starter.

'Eggplant salad' (3) a simple but delicious salad made out of baked eggplants and onions served with toasted bread), 'Sarmale' (4) is a mixture of pork, beef and lamb, or just plain pork, with onions and rice, wrapped in sour cabbage or grape leaves and then placed in a pot with tomato paste and pork cuts. This dish is than slow cooked and commonly served with polenta.

One of the best-known desserts in Romania is 'Papanaşi' (5), which consists of fried cottage cheese doughnuts, topped with sour cream and blueberry jam.

'Colivà' (6), there's a saying: 'you don't want to mess with a people whose favourite dessert is Coliva' - a sweet, very specific and traditional pudding offered

during memorial services as a way to commemorate those who have passed away. It's ingredients are wheat kernel, sugar, honey, crushed walnuts, lemon zest, orange zest, icing sugar and cocoa for decoration. Mind you, we're talking about cross-shaped decorations.

From Roman times we have the simple (meat, cheese or fruit) pie called 'Plăcintă' (the word keeps the initial meaning of the Latin word placenta, which is flat cake).

The Turks brought some different kinds of meatballs with local variations such as the ones used to prepare 'Ciorba de perişoare' (7), a sour soup with small meatballs; from the Greeks there is the 'Musaca' (moussaka), an eggpant or potato based dish often including meat.

'Covrigi' (8) (hot pretzels); from the Bulgarians; from the Austrians there is the 'Sniţel' (schnitzel), thin slices of meat fried in bread crumbs ... the list could go on!





Caru cu Bere

With a history of more than 130 years, Caru' cu Bere is a symbol of **Bucharest's old town**, being the favourite meeting spot for locals and tourists.

Bucharest

Visited by international personalities such as Kirk Douglas, Jean-Paul Belmondo, Edward Kennedy, the Rolling Stones' band members, Demi Moore, Jon Voight, Danny Trejo, and Naruhito, the Japanese heir prince.

Should probably be the first stop on the food and drink list of any visitor to Bucharest. Wonderful interiors, painted ceiling and woodwork make the place an attraction in itself.



Crama Ileana



Traditional Romanian food as good as it gets.

In a glorious setting complete with regional costume on the walls, big wooden tables and heavy carved chairs the food could be overpowered: it isn't. There is a wide range of great ciorba (sour soup), pork knuckles the size of a house and stews as thick and tasty as your Romanian mother-in-law might make. Friendly staff and good location, near the historical centre of Sibiu.





Sergiana

Sergiana is certainly one of the most famous and appreciated restaurants in Brasov. Its reputation being based on quality raw products, coming from the restaurant's own farms.

Located in a former cellar, in the historic centre of Brasov, the restaurant recreates a pleasant rural atmosphere. Groups are served with treats from the house consisting in homemade pork pieces, bread and onion.

From the same chain of restaurants, equally appreciated are Ceasul Rau and Casa Tudor, also located in Brasov.

* Seasonal goodies - peasant's cheese with laurel and nutmeg dust, or seasoned with just one pimento grain and nutmeg, as well as delicious Romanian style lamb haggis made from minced offal (heart, liver, lungs), with special condiments and spring onions



Beraria 700

Beraria 700 is a traditional renowned restaurant in Timisoara that aims to continue the tradition started in 1761. It benefits of a very good location, in the city centre and the dishes are among the most tasty, prepared after recipes transmitted from generation to generation.





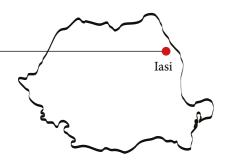
countryside food

La Conac

La Conac is a traditional Romanian restaurant, located in the heart of Iasi city.

Decorated by craftsmen and folk artists; the restaurant can easily be confused with a folk art museum.

The recipes used by the chefs cannot be more traditional than this, transmitted from generation to generation, they 'give life' to starters and main courses with a familiar homemade quality, just like grandma used to make.





Roasted Duck Leg With Braised Cabbage

In Romania, there is an increasing number of villages, famous worldwide for the agro-tourism activities practiced here, like agriculture, growing animals or manufacturing of traditional products.

We want to propose the inclusion of an authentic gastronomic experience to create programmes that visitors will never forget. A lunch in a farm house located in the heart of beautiful Transylvania consisting of delicios homemade dishes prepared only with products coming from the host's own farm (cheese, large variety of smoked meats, fruits and vegetables, plum brandy, wine).

We have chosen the most picturesque locations in Transylvania without compromising the accessibility by coach.

One of these villages is Sibiel, located in southwestern Transylvania with a tradition of over 35 years in rural tourism, in 2015 being declared "The European Destination of Excellence for Tourism and Gastronomy".

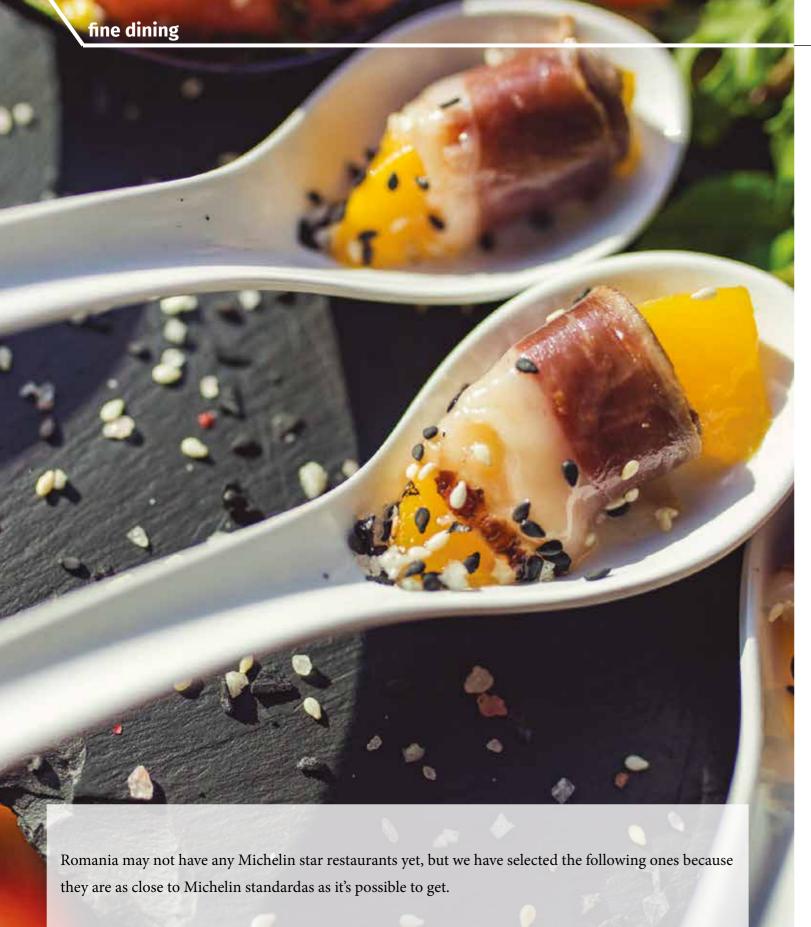
Viscri village, better known worldwide for its association with the name of Prince Charles, The Prince of Wales, who owns a property in the village since 2007 and for hosting one of the 31 UNESCO World Herritage monuments, The Fortified White Church.

Crit Village, will greet you with its old facades, dusty road, colorful windows and an entire world of rural authenticity, located just 30 km away from Sighisoara city.

This experience can be customised with other countryside activities like a warm welcoming of the guests with horse riders dressed in traditional costumes greeting the group at the entrance in the village, horse carriage transfer from the entrance of the village to the host house, folk music, dance show, attending handicraft workshops, visit at sheepfold.







The Artist Molecular Cuisine

The Artist is for sure, the restaurant with the most spectacular presented food in Bucharest, ranked 19th position in "Best fine dining restaurants in Europe" by TripAdvisor.

Opened by the Dutch chef Paul Oppenkamp, the restaurant is located in the historic centre of Bucharest.

The menu is focussed on contemporary cuisine, the chef has built a special concept that highlights modern cooking techniques using molecular gastronomy elements thus reinterpreting some traditional Romanian dishes.

Before coming to Romania, in 2012, the chef worked on "The World" - the largest private mega yacht in the world.





The menu, classical grande cuisine based, has been created and implemented by a Romanian chefs team led by Sorin Miftode, together with Sebas an Gravé, an experienced French chef in restaurants awarded by the Michelin guide.

The restaurant benefits of an excellent location as well, in a historical building in the heart of Bucharest, behind the Romanian Athenaeum, the main concert hall in the country, and nearby Hilton Hotel, undoubtedly rises to the expectations of Michelin level.

Inside, Le Bistrot Français hosts an impressive collection of art from the end of the 19th century and the beginning of the 20th century, together with samples of the Romanian cultural heritage.



Casa Hipscher

An unexpected surprise located in the historical center of Brasov. With its Haute Cuisine, a symphony of Mediterranean and French tastes, is meant to delight your senses.

The menu offers carefully selected dishes; surprising appetizers, creamy soups for all tastes, tasty meats such as Bistecca, Fiorentina, the best beef, seafood plates and fish in salt crust.

A complex wine menu with a large variety of Romanian and international wines, always delivered by the restaurant's sommelier who will advise you to make the right choice according to the meal.

Live piano music from Monday to Sunday from 19:30 to 22:15.





restaurant recommendation



Tea House Queen Marie's Refuge

Bran Estate was offered by Braşov citizens to Queen Marie, the 2nd Queen of Romania.

Queen Marie enthusiastically started the renovation and redecoration works and she soon turned Bran Castle from a cold and unwelcoming military fortress into a warm family residence, unique through its interior decor. The small barn at the bottom of the castle was transformed, with the help of the famous Czech architect Karel Liman, into a teahouse.

Until Queen Marie's death, in 1938, Bran was very close to her heart, together with Balcic, which is why she left it in her will to Princess Ileana, Romania's beloved princess and the Queen's favorite daughter.

Stolen, plundered and abandoned by the Communist regime, Tea House Restaurant comes back to life under Queen Marie's grandson, Archduke Dominic Habsburg's close supervision and reopens as a fine dining restaurant and tea house for all those visiting the castle.

Today, both, the location and the dishes have kept the refinement and charm they used to have centuries ago. From the restaurant's cuisine are coming out recipes from the interwar period, adapted to the nowadays gastronomic trends. The products used in their preparation are BIO, procured from local suppliers. Selections of hot and cold beverages, desserts, salads or snacks served on the terrace, near the lake, or inside the restaurant, all to define the most complete experience at the Tea House.







that is romantic and elegant. In summertime, one can dine on the terrace to a breathtaking landscape featuring the Bucegi Mountains and Caraiman Cross.

The menu is more contemporary French and International than a Romanian one based on secret castle recipes, but has some traditional dishes.

Jules Bistro

Jules Restaurant is a charming bistro in the old town of Sibiu, located in a building part of the most important ensemble of civilian Gothic architecture in Transylvania.

It's French inspired theme, the romantic terrace and the wine bar, make any experience here unforgettable.

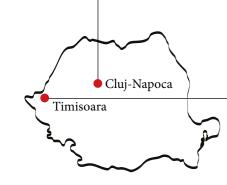
Following its mission, Jules proposes a quality menu, tribute to high quality ingredients, carefully selected and prepared by a dedicated and innovative team.

On request the restaurant can organize wine tastings and cooking classes.





Boema



Currently it is one of the most appreciated restaurants in Cluj-Napoca for its menu and the location's unique design.

The building hosting the restaurant has a long history being the same place where the aristocratic class of the city met 180 years ago.

Casa Boema's kitchen influences cover a few areas with an exceptional culinary tradition. You will find both Romanian and Hungarian dishes as well as Mediterranean, Mexican or Arabic dishes and delicious meals for vegetarians.



Red Lentil Ragout With Sauteed Salad



restaurant recommendation

WAG Gastro wine bar

Designated as one of the best restaurants in Romania, according to the rankings of the prestigious Gault & Millau guide, VINTO is a gastro wine bar that aims to take its guests through the fascinating world of wine along with an unforgettable dining experience.

Set in an old wine cellar dating from the 1800s, the restaurant is decorated in an eclectic historic style.

The menu is ispired from nature, more precisely from the 4 seasons of the year and by the culinary culture of different wine regions in Romania. The restaurant has a sommelier, always there ready to recommend the most suitable wines for the chosen menu.



Contemporary thai cuisine in Bucharest



Kunnai is a Thai contemporary cuisine retreat in the heart of Bucharest. A hidden piece of modern Thailand in the midst of Eastern Europe, Kunnai offers an intricate variety of Thai dishes, carefully designed and crafted by Anne Ampawan and Chef Songrit.

Recommended menu:

Authentic Vegetarian Spring Rolls, Typical Chicken Satay, Northern Curry Sausage, Fish Spring Rolls, Spicy & Sour Chicken Salad or Spicy Salad with Grilled Pork Tom Yam Koong Soup, Green Curry with Chicken, Stir Fried Chicken with Cashew nuts, Stir Fried Noodles with Vegetable, Fried Noodles with marinated Pork, Deep Fried Banana by Chef TJ

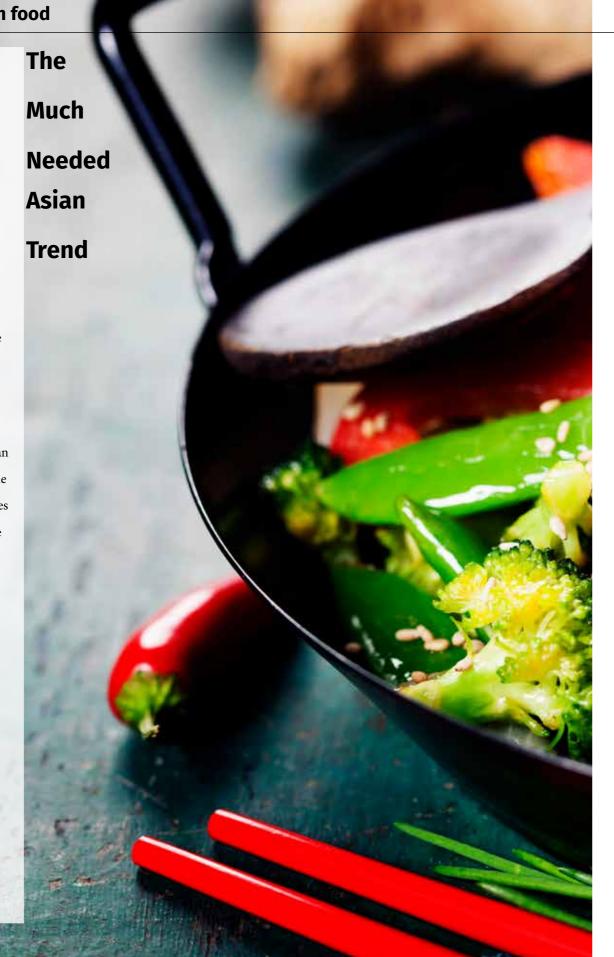


As the country's capital, Bucharest is offering a much larger variety of Asian specific restaurants than the other cities, which preserves the authentic flavour of the dishes.

and more popular in

opened in Bucharest.

In the following pages we will present some of the Asian-specific restaurants that have won the hearts of those who visited them, locals and visitors alike.





Zen Garden Best chinese cuisine in Bucharest

At Zen Garden, Chinese cuisine carefully selected by Chef Li Wei, will offer an unforgettable culinary experience, Asian flavors will take you to another dimension of your senses.

Wishing to create a restaurant with authentic Chinese food, the menu has been well thought out and includes recipes from all four regions of China: Guangdong, Sichuan, Zhejiang and the northern region. All these regions brought new elements in the Chinese kitchen, each one of them being different from another.

The restaurant has 200 seats, organised in 7 elegant and refined salons and a beautiful terrace, all in the centre of the capital.







Berukarar Japanese steakhouse & sushi bar

Part of the Benihana International Restaurant chain, which celebrates 55 years since the opening of the first New York restaurant, founded by Rocky Aoki. Benihana reconstructs the oriental brand identity through traditional Japanese details such as genuine ceramics and kimonos, and offers its customers live cooking experiences including teppanyaki as well as a creative sushi bar.

The Japanese restaurant, under the leadership of Ashlie Dias, Executive Chef at the Sheraton Bucharest Hotel, proposes a menu consisting of traditional recipes based on shrimp, beef, duck and lobster.



restaurant recommendation



YUKI welcomes you to experience the true "flavours" of Japan!

Authentic Japanese home dishes slowly prepared and politely served by a dedicated team.

Named after the restaurant's owner and chef, Yuki is a place where you can find the real Japanese cuisine.

The menu is carefully selected and pays close attention to the quality of the ingredients. Here they prepare their homemade 'dashi' broth and most of the sauces with natural ingredients.





The restaurant's design, inspired from Chinese culture along with chef Yan Haijiao dishes, originate from Shanghai with an experience of over 15 years in the kitchen and the best possible location, in the historic centre of Brasov, are the strengths of this restaurant which will certainly not disappoint.

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alternative accommodation

where to stay when you are looking for something special



The standard of hotel accommodation in Romania is remarkably high by international standards, especially in the larger towns and cities.

Bucharest now boasts a multitude of good quality hotels. The city opened its first 6 stars property in 2018 and many new properties are due to open their doors in 2019.

The accommodation proposals on the following pages are for those looking for something less conventional, willing to relax at a peaceful 18th century castle, manor mansion or a guesthouse, eat fresh fruits from the trees, learn about Romanian culture and enjoy homemade traditional meals.

We truly believe that in order to discover the real Romania and its people, one must experience the local sights and way of life by visiting its unspoiled countryside.

In the past years, the locations in the pages below, have been carefully restored to recreate their original charm and have opened their doors to visitors allowing them to experience the rural life from ancient times and beyond.

Infrastructure in the region is not yet fully developed, so there is no technical perfection to be claimed. These locations are ideal for guests looking for rustic charm and original character.

We invite you to experience the real Romanian hospitality!





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OVERVIEW

Those lucky enough to visit Viscri and stay at this unique Saxon-style guesthouse will enjoy the beautiful spaces and wonderful atmosphere. They can also take part in other activities, such as truffle hunting, bicycle tours of the surroundings, cooking classes featuring the season's delicacies, as well as photography and pottery workshops.

Located deep in the heart of Transylvania lies a village of such beauty to be worthy of the UNESCO World Heritage title. Better known worldwide for its association with the name of Prince Charles, The Prince of Wales, who owns a property in the village since 2007.

With its German influences and candid inhabitants, you will feel at home right away.

LOCATION

Viscri, Braşov County, Romania

FACILITIES

- 1 Apartment (2 x kingsize and 2 twin beds)
- 9 Double rooms with kingsize beds
- * Extra single beds can be added

ATTRACTIONS IN THE AREA

UNESCO Fortified White Church

Horse-drawn cart trips to watch the sheep milking or shearing, and taste the local cheeses (available between May and September)

Horse-drawn cart trip to the coal makers, a difficult craft on the verge of extinction (available between May and September)

Visit to the local blacksmith at work

Go truffle hunting in the surrounding woods (available between September and December) guesthouse

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guesthouse









OVERVIEW

Casa Kraus is the former parish house of the old village of Deutsch-Kreuz (Criţ) in Transylvania, which has been rebuilt as per the original designs. All rooms are decorated with hand-painted furniture is inspired by the character of a traditional Saxon home.

LOCATION

Crit, Braşov County, Romania

FACILITIES

5 double rooms

1 Chalet with 2 kingsize bed bedrooms

ATTRACTIONS IN THE AREA

hiking

cycling

nature walks

music concerts in fortified churches

themed workshops

local products tasting



ARTS AND CRAFTS

guesthouse



OVERVIEW

Set in the historic quarter of Baia Sprie, Arts and Crafts Guesthouse is surrounded by a breathtaking landscapes. Guests can experience the traditional ceramic pottery crafts at the onsite pottery school.

All rooms have private bathrooms with showers. They have wooden beams and a traditional, rustic-style décor with solid, dark wood furniture.

The artist's intention was that to create for the people who want to come and participate in the creation camps, the living conditions of the potter from the past. In a world where technology takes possession of life, the potter artist must stay close to his roots.

LOCATION

Baia-Sprie, Maramureș County, România

FACILITIES

1 double rooms

3 twin rooms

1 triple room

ATTRACTIONS IN THE AREA

Pottery workshops

Wooden churches in Plopiș, Bârsana, Surdești



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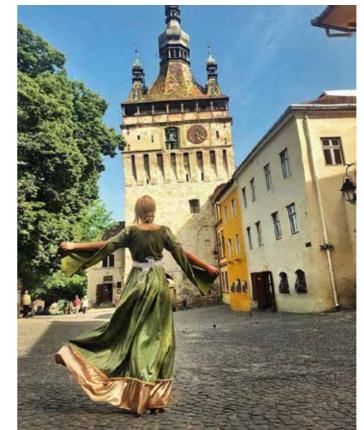












OVERVIEW

Located somewhere at the border of centuries, where history has left its mark, in the heart of the charming Transylvania, more precisely in the only still inhabited fortress left in south eastern Europe, Savri Guesthouse is a living legend having been reborn after its restoration in 2015. Savri is the oldest documented building in the city, dating back from 1568. This is a fact proven by the inscription on the façade fresco.

LOCATION

Sighișoara, Mureș County, Romania

FACILITIES

5 double rooms

1 triple room

1 apartment for 4 PAX

ATTRACTIONS IN THE AREA

carriage rides in Sighișoara medieval fortress music concerts in fortified churches off roading activities local products tasting

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guesthouse



DRACULA DANES DOMAIN



An impressive tourist complex named after the infamous ruler Vlad Ţepes "Dracula" located only a few kilometres away from the legendary citadel of Sighişoara, in a wonderful natural setting that gives guests the opportunity to admire the outstanding Transylvanian scenery, enjoy international and local cuisine and discover the fascinating equestrian world created around the horses.

Besides the guesthouse the estate operates a swimming pool, fishing and animal farms and a large equestrian centre.

LOCATION

Daneş, Mureş County, Romania



16 double rooms

indoor / outdoor meals and barbeque

horseback riding lessons

participating at daily life activities of the farm: horse grooming / attending horse shoeing process / cow and sheep milking / taking on shepherd duties / outdoor horse rides in the Transylvanian hills / horse-drawn carriage rides / sleigh rides (during winter season) / cleaning the horse stables Equestrian show where you can admire various horse

breeds along with elements of classical European training

ATTRACTIONS IN THE AREA

Sighisoara medieval citadel Biertan fortified church







HALLER

manor







Măldăr's Manor is an 18th century fortified house that has been converted into a hotel - a fine example of southern Romania's traditional architecture and decoration.

After the restoration works in 2006, Măldăr's manor house now has white walls and corss beam ceilings, sturdy wood furniture with handmade textiles, all of them bringing 'the flavour of a boyar country house' to the present day. With the addition of high-standard comfort, delicious food, charming hosts, a generous garden and clean country air, the place becomes a perfect destination for relaxation and a short journey back in time.

LOCATION

Măldărești, Vâlcea County, Romania

FACILITIES

15 rooms

indoor / outdoor meals and barbeque

ATTRACTIONS IN THE AREA

Avincis vineyard

Muierii, Polovragi and Bats caves

Demonstrations of ceramics art craft



castle



OVERVIEW

A castle with a rich tradition and history owned by a Saxon family is the Haller Castle in Ogra, whose foundations were set in the 17th century. The wine cellar is the original one, much appreciated for its collection of wines and generous space and can easily accommodate around 100 guests.

LOCATION

Ogra, Mureș County, Romania

FACILITIES

3 double ooms

1 single rooms

indoor / outdoor meals

ATTRACTIONS IN THE AREA

Wine tasting in the castle's cellar





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castle



castle



This is an incredible opportunity to stay in a castle that has been transformed into an amazing hotel and to enjoy a spot of indulgent luxury.

We invite you to discover step by step the hidden beauty of Sturdza Castle in Miclauseni. Built on a 600 years old Moldavian settlement, the castle built by George Sturdza at the turn of the 19th and 20th centuries represents today a neo - gothic architectural gem, distinguished by the ornamental coat of arms and ornaments, I decorate the façade and guard towers that guard the park.

The welcoming ambience of the Sturdza Castle in Miclauseni and the elegant hospitality of the hosts, the absolute Moldavian rituals of the house, the abundance of rich meals served by a national costume reveal the atmosphere of the story and the way of life that reigned in the boyar residence in the second half of the century XIX.



Miclăușeni, Iasi County, Romania

FACILITIES

29 beautifully appointed guest rooms

2 suites

ATTRACTIONS IN THE AREA

Visit of Miclăușeni Monastery and Park (30 km)

Visit of The Palace of Ruginoasa

Wine tasting and vineyard visit of Bucium vineyard

Visit of Iasi city, a major political and cultural center of the 19th century



OVERVIEW

Daniel Castle is a boutique-hotel with a historical theme located in the Szekely region, in Tălişoara, 50 km from Braşov.

Daniel Castle has a history of 347 years of existence. Enjoy its history and its medieval architecture and if you're travelling in groups you can indulge with the house specialties, such as wine pairing or a renaissance feast, including game dishes and a traditional dance programme.

LOCATION

Tălișoara, Covasna County, Romania

FACILITIES

8 rooms

ATTRACTIONS IN THE AREA

Horse riding

Brasov

Kálnoky Castle, Miclosoara





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wines & wineries



winery

ine production is such an old tradition in Romania, almost 200.000 hectares of vineyards, over 100 wineries and award winning brands in global contests, more than 12 native vine varieties unique in the world and thousands of years of wine tradition. Yes, you read correctly! Actually, Romania has one of the oldest wine traditions in the world – more than 6000 years of viticulture and it is believed that Dionysus, the God of wine, was born on this land.

We would like to recommend a few of Romania's most beautiful wineries waiting to open their doors for visitors.



Grape harvest, Avincis Cellars, Romania



Vila Vinea Winery, Mures, Romania



OVERVIEW

A personal favourite of our General Manager, Lacerta winery is the perfect representation of the so-called "new, new world". Modern, state-of-the-art technology and elegant, rich and silken wines.

Located in the southeast of Romania, only two hours distance by car from Bucharest, Buzau County, is not situated on the classical tourist route although the area has beautiful landscapes and many things to see.



Fintesti, Buzau County, Romania

FACILITIES

Cold appetizer plateau

Guided tour of the winery with a specialized guide

ATTRACTIONS IN THE AREA

Visit of Muddy Volcanoes

Living Fires

"Grape Harvest" – wine and fresh grapes juice available between 1 September – 31 October



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winery



winery



OVERVIEW

Rhein Azuga winery was recognised between the Second World War as the 'Royal Court official supplier' of Romania. The winery is believed to be the oldest location in Romania where sparkling wine has continuously been made using the traditional method.

LOCATION

Azuga, Prahova County, Romania

FACILITIES

Sparkling wine tasting experience at a 120 years old winery including 3 types of sparkling wines

Cold appetiser plateau with mix of cured cheese and bred

Tour of the winery with a specialized guide and presentation of the sparkling wine producing techniques following the traditional

The wine shop in location is offering a wide range of wines at producer prices.

ATTRACTIONS IN THE AREA

Cantacuzino Castle

Peles Castle



OVERVIEW

An old noble house located on the top of a hill and surrounded by beautiful countryside, Urlaţeanu Manor. The wine cellars were built in 1922 and restored by Halewood in 1999 to meet those who want to rediscover the authentic atmosphere of old noble houses.

By visiting the underground cellar, where the red wines are aged, visitors have the chance to learn about how oak barrels are used to mature the wine, breathe in the smell of the cellar and aroma of the wine, hear the gentle sound of bottles being carefully moved and the echo of voices.

LOCATION

Urlați, Prahova County, Romania

FACILITIES

Wine tasting experience at a 20-century manor in the beautiful Romanian countryside

Cold appetizer plateau with mix of cured cheese and bread

Visit the underground cellar where the red wines are aged, and learn about how we use oak barrels to mature the wine

Initiation into wine tasting

Tasting of 5 types of wines

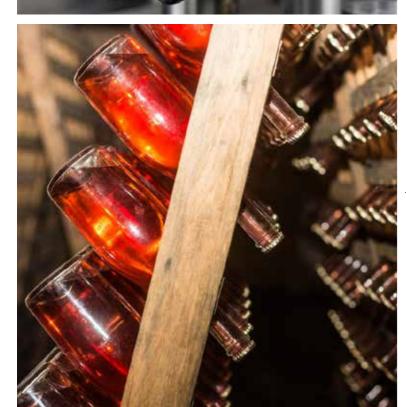
ATTRACTIONS IN THE AREA

Muddy Volcanoes

Peles Castle







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The story of AVINCIS winery begins in 1927 when the ancestors of the nowadays owners have bought in the historical region of Oltenia, a manor in Neo-Romanian style, inspired by the architecture of Brâncovenesc edifices, surrounded by vine-yards. In 2011 it reopened its doors as one of the most beautiful new generation wineries built so far in Romania.

LOCATION

Drăgășani, Vâlcea County, Romania

FACILITIES

10 double rooms

3 apartments

Wine tasting experience at a 20th century winery including 3 or 5 types of AVINCIS wines and Cold appetizer plateau with mix of cured cheese, dried tomatoes, olives and dried fruits

Learn about the history of the domain, the winery and winemaking process from a specialised guide

Indoor / outdoor countryside meals paired with amazing wines

ATTRACTIONS IN THE AREA

Wine Museum, Hurezi Monastery, Horezu Pottery, Cozia Monastery Maldar Manor

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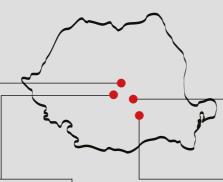
WINE TASTING BREAK



Wine Not? Sibiu, Romania

Why not introduce a wine tasting break during a city tour in a country known as one of the ideal places in the world for quality wine production?

It's a unique experience that can turn any classic tour into a high quality package.



wine tasting



Ie Somelier, Brasov, Romania



Villa Vinea, Sighisoara, Romania



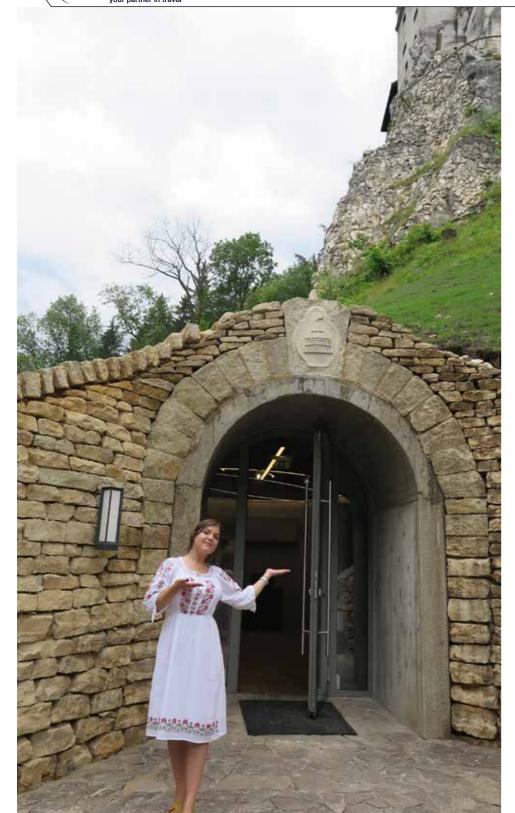
Villa Vinea, Sighisoara, Romania





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TRAVEL PRIVATE TOUR OF DRACULA'S CASTLE









exclusive visit

The Bran Castle offers you the opportunity of an exclusive exploration by privatising its rooms for a unique and exceptional visit. Accompanied by qualified guides, discover the history and magic of this wonderful place.

Private tour of the Castle, outside the visiting hours including wine and cured cheese tasting.

The Package includes the following services:

- Access to the Exhibition with Medieval Torture Instruments
- Guided tour in English
- Bar and buffet with Chateau Bran Everlasting wine, local cheese plate, grapes and crostini
- Time Tunnel ride on the way down
- Parking inside the compound



USEFUL INFORMATION

Location

South-east Europe, in the north of Balkan Peninsula.

Geographic coordinates: 45° N, 25° E

Access

Hungary (north-west), Ukraine (north and east), Moldavia (east), Black Sea (south-east), Bulgaria (south), Serbia (southwest)

Total Area

238.391 km2

Length of frontiers

3,149.9 km, of which 1085.5km land frontiers and 2064,4 km river and maritime frontiers

Population

19,310.216 (2017)

Bucharest

1,888.400 inhabitants (2018)

Form of Government

Republic

Official time

Eastern European Time (GMT + 2). From the last Sunday of March to the last Sunday of October is Romanian Summer Time (GMT + 3)

Legal Holidays

January 1, 2, 24, the first and the second day of Easter, May 1, June 1, the first and the second day of Pentecost, August 15, November 30, December 1, the first and the second day of Christmas – 25, 26 of December

Land Forms

The variety and proportionally show the symmetrical character of the landforms of the country: 35% mountains (Carpathians), 35% hills and plateaus (sub-Carpathians Hills and plateau of Transylvania) and 30% plains (Romanian Plain, West Plain)

Elevation

Lowest Point: Black Sea - 0 km

Highest Point: Moldoveanu Peak - 2,544 m

Emergency Call

112

Measurement units

Metric system

European statute

Romania has been a member of the European Union since January 1, 2007. Also part of the UN, International Monetary Fund, European Council, NATO, UNESCO and has embassies and consulates in many countries

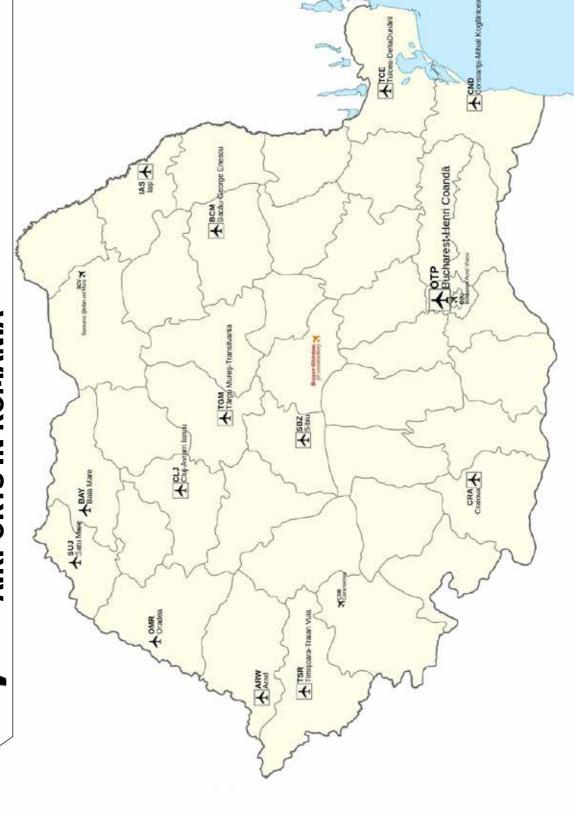
Currency

Romania's currency is the LEU (plural lei), divided into 100 bani. LEU notes come in denominations of 500, 200, 100, 50, 10, 5 and 1. There are also 50, 10, 5 and 1bani coins. €1 is currently worth around 4.44 lei

Credit Cards

Major hotels and restaurants chains accept credit cards, including MasterCard, Visa, American Express and Dinner Club.

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