

5 Days

# Romania

## Roman Orthodox & Count Dracula

Join us on an action-packed five-day tour as we travel deep into Transylvania, a land of rugged beauty, medieval towns, volcanic springs, caves and gorges and the home of Count Dracula. Beside the unspoiled, breath-taking Carpathian Mountains, we will discover the different religious and historic heritage, beliefs and crafts of the local communities. Combining vibrant Bucharest with the charm and beauty of the Carpathian Mountains, Romania makes a great destination for schools looking for a great value experience.



# Recommended tour itinerary

## Day 1

### Arrive Bucharest

Welcome to Romania! Fly from London to Bucharest's Otopeni airport where you will be met by our experienced team and, if time allows, transferred straight to Revolution Square. This area has witnessed most of the important events in Romanian history. Afterwards we transfer to our first hosts in the small Saxon Village of Vulcan, nestled deep in Transylvania. Here we stay in a guesthouse and after a welcome briefing, we sample our first three course Romanian dinner.

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## Day 2

### Bears & Priests

This morning we rise early to visit the bear sanctuary in Zarnesti. The sanctuary is home to a few of the oldest bear species in Romania which have been rescued from captivity and are sadly not able to be released back into the wild. There are 76 European brown and Tibetan black bears living here.

After our visit we walk back to the village to enjoy lunch. Later this afternoon we will visit a 13th century Saxon church to meet with a local priest. The priest is also a well-known community leader and will deliver a talk on the history of the local religion and culture.

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## Day 3

### Roman Orthodox

Today we travel to a different mountain village and check in to our new guesthouse in Moieciu de Sus. On route we stop to visit the thirteenth century Rasnov Citadel. This impressive citadel stands impressively atop a hill, built by the Teutonic Knights to protect the once residents from Tatar invasions. To this day it offers beautiful views over Bucegi mountains and Piatra Craiului Massif.

Next we'll visit the famous Bran Castle and learn about the famous Count Dracula. This afternoon we'll visit an Orthodox Priest who will share with us stories about the majority of the populations sacred faith – we can even participate in the local church service! Tonight we finish the day with a traditional Romanian home cooked meal.

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## Day 4

### Carpathian Mountains

It's time to stretch our legs! Today we set off on a day trek to the Carpathian Mountains.

Our destination is the spectacular Bucegi Mountains and the route we take winds through picture post-card landscapes, green meadows and traditional mountain villages. Approx. 18km, 5hrs walking. This evening we leave our new found friends and countryside behind to travel back to the nation's capital, Bucharest. We will venture in to the city this evening for dinner and a show!

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## Day 5

### Bucharest to London

This morning we will enjoy breakfast at a local café before taking in some of Bucharest's top sights such as the Orthodox Stavropoulos Monastery, built in 1724, Palace of Parliament or National Museum. Finally, we board our flight back to the UK.

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# Further information

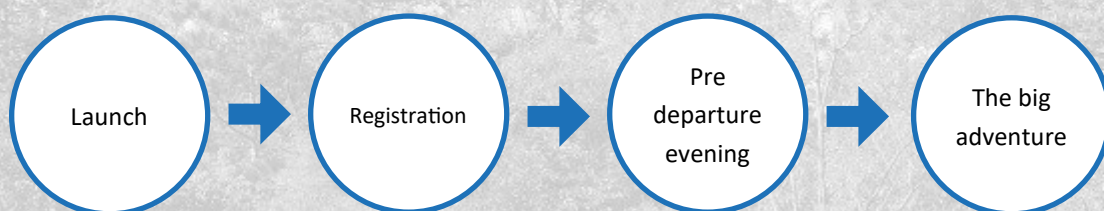
## Look what's included!

- International flights
- All accommodation
- All food
- All transportation and activities
- Bi-lingual, first-aid qualified local tour leader
- Parent and student trip launch evening
- Pre-departure preparation evening
- 1-day offsite safety INSET day for staff
- ATOL financial protection
- Medical Emergency / Repatriation Travel Insurance
- Group first aid kit and prescription meds pack
- BS8848 safety management and risk assessments
- Detailed pre-departure information and kit lists
- Comprehensive teacher travel packs
- Permanent operations team in your destination
- 24-hour UK operational support whilst overseas
- Carbon offsetting of all flights
- Free t-shirt for every participant and teacher

## What's excluded?

- Transport to airport in UK
- Drinks (advice will be given on purification of water)
- Visas or tourist cards if required
- Any required inoculations
- Personal spending money
- Tips for guides, drivers and porters
- Airport departure taxes paid locally
- Cancellation and personal effects insurance

## Your educational journey timeline



## Physical journey rating:



Some low level physical activities included in your trip, including walking on uneven terrain, maybe a morning/afternoon trek of two to four hours. That said, no physical preparation is required to make the most of the tour. High humidity and temperatures can occur at certain times of the year.

## Culture shock rating:



Expect to find local life broadly familiar to that in the UK, however aspects of the trip are likely to be in remoter areas where differences are more profound. Whilst English may not be the native language, you can expect it to be widely spoken. There may be some cultural differences and although western pallets should be well catered for there will be the opportunity to try new dishes.



# A journey of 1,000 miles...

Starts with a single step... Contact us now to start your educational journey.

## 1 Get your tailor-made proposal and further information

If this itinerary doesn't quite scratch your educational travel itch then let us tailor-make one for you. Our wealth of experience and expert in-country contacts means we can design an itinerary just for you. Contact us for more information and a detailed quote.

## 2 Ask for risk assessments and marketing materials

We can provide initial risk assessments and destination threat assessments to help you with your expedition approval process. Ask for posters and your pre-booking information pack too.

## 3 Arrange a trip launch evening at your school

This is a chance for students and parents to hear more about the planned adventure with a comprehensive information evening and an opportunity for questions.



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