

Attend a touristic Wedding in Transylvania – customs and traditions Tour!

Small group 2020!

Date: 18th of July 2020! WTT072020

Group size: minimum of 6 and a maximum of 16!

Do you like weddings? What about the traditional ones? If you plan to visit Romania, to discover its history, traditions and see the best attractions, then this is the best tour for you. Attend a touristic wedding in Transylvania – a unique event specially created for you just to feel like a truly Romanian. Because we combine in this tour best visits, food and drink and not the last, Romanian traditional party!

Highlights of the tour:

- The most beautiful medieval towns of Transylvania as **Sibiu, Brasov, Sinaia, Sighisoara**.
- Visit the best castles as **Bran – Dracula’s Castle, and Peles** – the most beautiful palace in Europe – a masterpiece of his time.
- The villages of Romania as **Bran** where we will see Dracula’s Castle, **Viscri** – where even Prince Charles has a vacation house, **Sibiel** – where a secret **wedding** will take place and you can choose to be the groom or the bride if you want.
- A traditional wedding with local food and drinks and music, and dance Included!!**
- Transfagarasan Road** – named the world's best road by Top Gear presenter Jeremy Clarkson, the most fascinating road in Transylvania, due to its landscape, that it's the highest road in Transylvania (2042m), but also due to its interesting story!
- Bucharest – the capital! Dinner at the famous Caru cu Bere Restaurant - included!!!**
- Curtea de Arges Monastery** - the burial place of the Romanian Royal Family!

Day 1, Saturday, 18th of July 2020: All people come in Bucharest.

Time to meet new people; make new friends in the other corner of the world!

This day is for grouping the people and to discover the capital of Romania which has a lot to offer. No matter from which part of the world you come, you will meet your travel partners in Bucharest. The best time to meet the group is: taking part in the Bucharest guided city tour that we offer on this day, **included in the trip!**

Discover the highlights of Bucharest on an amazing half-day private **guided** tour that will start in the afternoon from the hotel.

First, we will visit the **Parliament Palace** (the second largest building in the world after the Pentagon) and then continue with the main attractions: the historical city center or the **Old Lipscani Town, Unirii Square**, then continue to the well-known Victoriei Avenue with the beautiful historical buildings as the former **Royal Palace** (nowadays the Art Museum), the **Athenaeum** - the country's most prestigious concert hall with an outstanding acoustics, the **Revolution Square**, with a short presentation of our revolution from 1989, then, the **University**, the **National Theatre** and the surroundings.

We will end the tour in the old town at **Caru cu Bere** restaurant – the most famous restaurant in downtown Bucharest, serving Romanian traditional dishes. Tasting “sarmale” and drinking beer or wine, is the best way to start a tour in Transylvania and get to know each other. Cheers!

<https://www.carucubere.ro/en/bucharest-restaurant/>

Overnight in Bucharest, Hotel Capitol 4* or similar, centrally located.

Optional for this day: transfer from the airport.

Extra cost: 25 euro/car (1-3 persons) for private transfer per one way.

Or you can very well take the bus 783 to the city center and the ticket cost around 3 euro, then walk to your hotel for 10 minutes. Because the arrival time depends on your flight schedule, we cannot organize a group transfer, only individuals.

Day 2, Sunday, 19th of July 2020: Bucharest – Peles Castle – Bran Castle – Brasov

Today we start the Transylvanian adventure. Pack your baggage and meet the guide at the hotel reception.

We will drive to **Sinaia** the beautiful mountain resort surnamed "**The Pearl of the Carpathians**" where we will visit Peles Castle: one of Romania's most beautiful palaces once the summer residence of the Romanian kings.

Peles Castle is the most notable residents Romanian Royal family, one of the most beautiful castles in Eastern Europe. A testimony to the 19th-century ruler's refinement, the wonderful edifice was built after the wish of Romania's first king, **Carol I**, and it happily mingled everything that was most beautiful and representative about the **neo-Renaissance**. www.peles.ro

After this, we will visit maybe the worlds most talked about castle, **Bran Castle – Dracula's Castle**, where, along the dark corridors and in the inner gardens one can still hear the steps of the "**prince of darkness**".

Situated at 30 Km from Brasov, between the Bucegi and Piatra Craiului Mountains, Bran Castle is an important national monument and landmark of the Romanian tourism, due not only to the beauty of the Castle and the landscape but also to the legend of Count Dracula. www.bran-castle.ro

In the afternoon we will arrive in **Brasov**, one of the most beautiful mountain towns in Transylvania, a medieval town. We will visit the medieval part of the city with: The Black Church, The Town Hall, The Black Tower, Ecaterina's Gate and the Rope Street – the narrowest street in Europe.

Your accommodation is right in the old town of Brasov, so after the city tour, you can have a walk under the moon and discover more of the beautiful town by eating an ice-cream or taste a local cheese donut.

Overnight in Brasov, Hotel Bella Muzica 3* or similar, centrally located.

Day 3, Monday, 20th of July 2020: Brasov – Viscri – Sighisoara

Breakfast and fresh air! After breakfast, we will drive to Viscri Fortified Church.

On the way to Sighisoara, we will visit **Saxon Villages of Transylvania** and we'll have a stop to one of the most beautiful named Viscri Village, where Prince Charles of Great Britain considers it his second home and where he owns a vacation house.

We will visit **the oldest fortified Church in Transylvania: Viscri**.

Today's highlights: Sighisoara, Europe's best preserved medieval town!

We will continue our day discovering the beautiful medieval citadel of Sighisoara.

Sighisoara is one of the most beautiful towns in the heart of Transylvania. The whole medieval citadel is a part of **UNESCO World Heritage**. German architectural influences are visible throughout the entire

city. One of its most famous attractions is the Clock Tower (Council Tower), built in the 14th Century. The tower has seven foot thick walls and was used to store ammunition, food reserves, archives and the city's treasures.

We can enjoy a nice meal on the terrace of Vlad Dracul's House (Vlad the Devil's Home), the house where Vlad the Impaler was born in November or December 1431, and a famous restaurant today. You can taste the Vampire wine and eat his favorite plate.

Overnight in Sighisoara, Hotel Casa Wagner 3* or similar, centrally located, right in the citadel.

Day 4, Tuesday, 21st of July 2020: Sighisoara – Sibiu – Sibiel – wedding day!

Breakfast and depart to Sibiel.

Today is the special day of a wedding. Prepare yourselves for a fun day, for good food and good drink and of course traditions, folk music and folk dance.

The wedding traditions in Romania are different, depends on the region. We choose a folklore wedding in Sibiel as a very nice experience. At this event, all local participants make up the wedding suite wearing the traditional folklore costume. Together with the groom and the god-parents, they take the bride from home and the dowry she received from her parents. After the religious ceremony (which we will skip), the wedding party gets together at the Village Pavilion where the party goes on. The entire ceremony is organized according to the old traditions and guests are pampered with exquisite dishes.

The food is homemade, organic and specific to this part of Romania. We will eat local food (cheese, homemade sausages, tasty traditional food, homemade cake, drink "palinca" – Romanian plum brandy especially for the mans, but also "afinata", "visinata" – bilberry, cherry brandy for the ladies, local wine, and other local goodies.

In the afternoon, we will go to **Sibiu** town where we stay in the city center. Then we will have a walking guided tour of the old town to discover the beauty of the medieval town. After this culinary experience, I am sure you will skip dinner this evening! (Full tummies get rest☺)

Highlights of Sibiu tour: Piata Mare (The Big Square), Piata Mica (The Little Square), Piata Huet (Huet Square), Iron Bridge, Biserica Evangelica (The Evangelical Church) and Metropolia (The Orthodox Church).

Overnight in Sibiu, Hotel Imparatul Romanilor 3* or similar, centrally located.

Day 5, Wednesday, 22nd of July 2020: Sibiu – Transfagarasan Road – Bucharest

Serve a great breakfast and get ready for the most spectacular Road! This trip couldn't end better!

Transfagarasan: Probably the Best Road in the World.

This is the best road in the world – said **Jeremy Clarkson in a Top Gear episode** while comparing it to a race track. Still, Transfagarasan offers so much more besides the amazing driving experience, connecting the south of Romania with Transylvania, going straight across the massive Fagaras Mountains through five tunnels and winding roads that needed 6,500 tons of dynamite to be built.

Transfagarasan is 90 km long and reaches an altitude of 2,042 meters, being the second-highest road in Romania after Transalpina that has the maximum altitude of 2,145 meters. It is a veritable road from the clouds, but with a history that has much to do with the communist regime and its obsession with oversized projects. The road was built during Ceausescu's time, by his order.

Another top attraction from the Transfagarasan is Balea Lake, an iconic glacial lake located at an altitude of 2,034 meters, close to the highest point of the road. It's the main resource for creating a unique attraction in Romania, the Ice Hotel. Every year, the hotel is built from ice blocks taken from Balea Lake, and every year it's fully booked before it starts to snow in Romania.

At the end of the road it is the famous Poienari Citadel which can be admired from away (it is closed to the public for renovation). This was the other home of Dracula..

In the second part of the day, we will visit Curtea de Arges Monastery, built between 1514-1517 years. The church was rebuilt to its actual shape in 1885, after a devastating fire. We will admire the interior columns (12) representing the 12 apostles, the relics of different Saints and the tombs of King Ferdinand, Carol I and of queens Maria and Elisabeth. Here you will learn about the myth of the artisan Manole.

Arrive in Bucharest in the evening.

Accommodation in Bucharest to a 4* hotel, centrally located. End of the tour.

Day 6, Thursday, 23rd of July 2020: Bucharest – departure.

Breakfast!

Optional for this day: transfer from the airport. Extra cost: 25 euro for private transfer/car.

Or you can very well take the bus 783 to the city center and the ticket cost around 3 euro, then walk to your hotel for 10 minutes. Because the departure time depends on your flight schedule, we cannot organize a group transfer.

Price: 780 euro/pp in double room for a minimum of 6 people

Single supplement: 150 euro

Included:

- 5 nights' accommodation: Bucharest x 2, Brasov, Sighisoara, Sibiu
- transport by minivan or minibus for the entire tour
- English speaking guide for the entire trip - escorted tour.
- Bucharest city tour as a bonus in the first day
- 1 welcome dinner in Bucharest at Caru cu Bere Restaurant – traditional menu
- 1 wedding party in Sibiel with traditional lunch included, drinks, music and folklore dance

Not included:

- entrance fees at the attractions
- photo tax
- transfers from and to the airport. We can organize for an extra cost depends your arrival/departure time.
- others that are not included.