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## Transylvania Explorer

From \$1,299 per person // 12 days



Travel from the castles of Transylvania, through Romanian capital Bucharest and onwards to the Black Sea resort of Constanta on this Romanian rail adventure.

### The Essentials

- Discover Cluj Napoca, the unofficial capital of Transylvania
- Take a day trip to “Dracula’s” Castle during a stay in Brasov
- Visit the historic towns of Sibiu and Sinaia
- Finish your trip in Romania’s capital city, Bucharest

### Tailor make your holiday

- Decide when you would like to travel
- Adapt the route to suit your plans
- Upgrade your hotels
- Add extra nights, destinations and/or tours

### What's included

- First Class rail travel (where available) with seat reservations
- 11 nights’ handpicked hotel accommodation with breakfast
- City maps and comprehensive directions to your hotels
- Clearly-presented wallets for your rail tickets, hotel vouchers and other documentation
- All credit card surcharges and complimentary delivery of your travel documents

## - Suggested Itinerary -



### Day 1 - Arrive Cluj Napoca

On arrival in the historic city of Cluj Napoca, you will head to the Lol et Lola Hotel (or similar) for an overnight stay. If you would like to travel to Romania from another European city by rail, this can easily be arranged. Please contact us with your requirements and we would be happy to provide a quote.



### Day 2 - Cluj Napoca To Sibiu

Your trip will start with a morning free to explore Cluj, the hub of Transylvania. This pretty, compact city has a thriving arts scene as well as numerous points of architectural interest including the famous gothic St Michael's Church. If your schedule allows, it is well worth considering extending your stay in Cluj to visit the awe-inspiring Turda Salt Mines (pictured). After lunch, head to the station to take your first Romanian train, heading south-east towards Sibiu where you will check in at the Ramada Sibiu (or similar).



### Day 3 - Sibiu

Sibiu is arguably the cultural heart of Transylvania, offering museums, theatres and classic music to visitors, all amidst beautiful architecture. The city also has several attractive parks and squares, making it a lovely place to amble, relax, and people watch? TMR RECOMMENDS: Depending on when you visit, you might want to spend an extra day in Sibiu and take the opportunity to drive what many auto journalists call 'the best road in the world': the famous Transfagarasan Highway.



### Day 4 - Sibiu To Brasov

Your day starts with a 140 kilometre train ride on board a Romanian InterCity service. The line to Brasov will take you east and you will be able to enjoy the scenery from your seat. On arrival in Brasov, you will head to the Aro Palace Hotel (or similar) for a 2-night stay. Brasov offers visitors an exciting mix of modern bars and restaurants as well as more traditional pavement cafés. Much of the city's best eateries are centred on the main square (pictured, left), Piata Sfatului.



### Day 5 - Brasov And Bran Castle

Just south of your base in Brasov is Bran Castle, perhaps better known as "Dracula's Castle". This beautiful but eerie castle is said to have inspired Bram Stoker in his depiction of the famous vampire's Transylvanian home. Your day trip to Bran includes entrance to the museum and an opportunity to explore the castle grounds. Back in Brasov after lunch, you might want to take a cable car to the summit of Mount Tampa to drink in the dramatic views.



### Day 6 - Brasov To Sinaia

After a relaxing morning in Brasov, your train journey this afternoon will take you through stunning scenery along the banks of the Prahova River. This wonderful route will treat you to about an hour of spectacular views before delivering you to one of Romania's most highly-regarded holiday resorts: Sinaia. Having dropped your bags at the International Hotel (or similar), you'll have time to explore this pretty town which is home to the impressive Peles Castle and its famous art collection.



### Day 7 - Sinaia To Constanta

It is your last morning in the Carpathian mountains so you may want to make use of the city's ski lifts and take in the incredible views. Alternatively, you could investigate the impressive architecture of Sinaia Monastery (pictured). Your afternoon train will take you towards Constanta and the Black Sea. From the Constanta station, make your way to Hotel Carol (or similar) where you will be staying for 2 nights.



### Day 8 - Constanta

Sitting on the western edge of the Black Sea, the ancient city of Constanta provides a fascinating mix of architecture for visitors to explore. From the numerous Roman remains you can visit, some of which include beautiful mosaics, through to the art-nouveau Constanta Casino (pictured), there's something for almost every taste and interest. There are also a wide-range of local restaurants and you are close to vineyards and traditional Romanian villages.



### Days 9, 10 & 11 - Bucharest

From Constanta station, you will catch an InterCity train to Bucharest, checking into the K+K Hotel Elisabeta (or similar) for a 3 night stay. As Romania's financial, political and cultural hub, Bucharest has plenty to offer to visitors. The recently renovated old town allows you to imagine the city as it once was, whilst the enormous Palace of the Parliament, built during Nicolae Ceausescu's dictatorship, is an incredible sight. The city also offers a vast array of dining options and even fine dining is relatively affordable, so it is a real chance to indulge yourself and finish your trip in style!



### Day 12 - Depart Bucharest

You have a final morning to explore Bucharest today before heading to the airport to catch your flight home. Alternatively, if you would like to take trains from Bucharest to another European city, please do let us know your requirements.

## Pricing

From \$1,299 per person

These prices are based on two people sharing a twin or double room. Single supplements will apply for sole occupancy. It is based on First Class rail travel (where available) and includes seat reservations as necessary. It is based on the best fares on the trains. If you travel during a peak period, particularly at short notice, then supplements may apply.