

BUCHAREST HALF DAY TOUR WITH LUNCH – Village Museum



Bucharest - it is known as the city of joy, located between the Carpathians and the Danube. It is the capital of Romania and currently the largest city and the most important industrial and commercial center of the country. The first time the word Bucharest appeared was around 1459. It became the capital of Romania in 1862. Since then it has undergone a continuous transformation, being currently the most important Romanian artistic and cultural center.

In the period between the First World War and the Second World War in Bucharest developed an elegant architecture and an intellectual elite that made him deserve the pseudonym "Little Paris" or "Paris of the East".

10.00 – meet the English-speaking guide in the lobby of your hotel

10.00 – 11.00 – Panoramic City Tour

During the Panoramic City Tour, we will pass by Unirii Square, University Square, The National Theatre, Romana Square, Victoriei Square, Victoria Palace (The Headquarters of the Romanian Government), The Arch of Triumph, Victoriei Boulevard, The Romanian Atheneum, The Revolution Square, The Royal Palace, The Central Arms House, The Opera House.



11.00 – 12.00 – Visit the Village Museum

The Village Museum is an open-air ethnographic museum located in the Herastrau Park, 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. Visit the Village Museum and hand made painting by themselves on Romanian traditional pottery. After that, the guest will receive a cocktail in the yard of the museum. It features a collection of 50 buildings representing the history and design of Romania's rural architecture. Steep-roofed peasant homes, thatched barns, log cabins, churches and watermills from all regions of the country were carefully taken apart, shipped to the museum and rebuilt in order to recreate the village setting. Throughout the year, the Village Museum hosts special events where you will have a chance to witness folk artisans demonstrating traditional skills in weaving, pottery and other crafts. Folk arts and crafts are available at the museum gift shop.



12.00 – transfer to the Bucharest Old Town

12.30 – 13.00 – Bucharest Old Town Walking Tour ending at the restaurant for lunch

Known to most locals as Centru' Vechi (the Old Centre), Bucharest's Old Town is defined by the area bordered by the Dambovitza river to the south, Calea Victoriei to the west, Bulevardul Brătianu to the east and Regina Elisabeta to the north. The area is more or less all that's left of pre-World War II Bucharest. What the war didn't destroy (and it destroyed a fair bit: allied bombing was fierce during the early part of 1944) communism did, most notably in the form of the grandiose Civic Centre project that saw almost a fifth of the total area of the city flattened to make way for Bulevardul Unirii and Casa Poporului. Indeed, that anything survives at all is little short of a miracle.

The Old Town of Bucharest is popular throughout the world for its nightlife. From trendy bars to Irish pubs, hedonistic clubs to steamy strip shows – you will find what you are looking for in Europe's party capital. What's more, Bucharest is safe: you will not have to worry about wandering the streets late at night.

In the Old Town of Bucharest, you can also find the Old Court, which was first built on this site in the second part of the 15th century by Vlad Tepes (Vlad Dracula). Next door to this palace, it is the Old Court Church, which is the oldest in Bucharest, dating from 1545.



13.00 – 14.30 – Lunch at Caru cu Bere Restaurant (3 course menu, water included)

Caru Cu Bere Restaurant is one of the oldest and most recognized places in the historical center of Bucharest, declared "National Historic and Architectural Monument". It was inaugurated in 1879 in

neo-Gothic style according to the canons of the German breweries. At the end of the 19th century it was the meeting point of intellectuals in the capital.

The beer house on Stavropoleos Street is a traditional place full of history. It is one of the few places in the city where it seems that time has not passed and architecture remembers why Bucharest was considered the "little Paris". The wall paintings, stained glass and carved cross beams are distinctive elements of the beer house. The party spirit is still present today in an atmosphere reminiscent of the exuberant Bucharest of the early twentieth century.



14.30 – Transfer back to your hotel