

MAREA LOJĂ DISTRICTUALĂ A MAEȘTRILOR MASONI AI MĂRCII DIN ROMÂNIA

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Ladies' day :
Saturday, 11th October 2025

Ladies' Day in Romania – Cultural Heritage Tour October 2025

Join us for a special one-day journey from Bucharest to explore two of Romania's most distinguished noble residences – Golești Estate and Vila Florica – set amidst charming landscapes just two hours away.

You will discover Romania's aristocratic past through elegant manor houses, beautiful gardens, fascinating museums, and inspiring family histories. The tour moves at a gentle pace, ensuring comfort, with frequent rest opportunities and warm hospitality throughout.

- ◆ Golești Estate – Unique fortified manor house (1640), home to the Golescu family, with restored salons, the office of Carol Davila, and the exquisite 17th-century Golești Church.
- ◆ Vila Florica – Former home of the Brătianu family, leaders of Romanian liberalism, featuring Neo-Romanian architecture, rich interiors, and peaceful parklands.

What to Expect

History, culture, and nature in perfect harmony – an inspiring day filled with refinement, storytelling, and the warm welcome of Romanian hospitality.

Practical Details

- ◆ **08:00 am** Private coach transport – Meet the guide at the reception of "**MARSHAL GARDEN HOTEL 5***"
- ◆ **08:15 am – 4:00 pm** – Trip, visits and activities according to the program
- ◆ Guided tours in English, adapted for a relaxed pace
- ◆ Scenic drive between sites (15 minutes)
- ◆ **05:00-06:00 pm** -Return to Bucharest by early evening "**MARSHAL GARDEN HOTEL**"

Dining and Practical Advice

Meals and Dietary Needs

To ensure everyone enjoys the day, we kindly ask all guests to inform us in advance of any special diets, food allergies, or restrictions.

The menu will be selected beforehand, with two or three options available for each course, including vegetarian choices.

You will be able to choose from:

- Starter: (e.g. soup or salad, with a vegetarian option)
- Main course: (options featuring chicken, pork, fish, and a vegetarian dish)
- Dessert
- Mineral water

If you have other dietary requirements (such as gluten-free, dairy-free, or specific medical restrictions), please let us know so we can accommodate your needs.

What to Wear

As October in Romania can be cool, we recommend:

- Wearing comfortable shoes suitable for gentle walking (as both estates have gardens and paths, and there are some stairs at Vila Florica)
- Bringing a warm layer, such as a cardigan, jacket, or coat
- A scarf or shawl may be useful for extra warmth and flexibility

Much of the tour will be indoors, but there will be opportunities for short walks in the gardens or grounds, and some rooms at Vila Florica are accessible only via stairs.

Mobility and Walking

- Most routes are easy to walk and steps are minimal, but Vila Florica includes some staircases.
- If you prefer, it is possible to skip some stairways or walking sections; guides will offer assistance.
- Please let us know in advance if you have mobility concerns or wish to minimise stairs.

The Goleștiilor Mansion <https://muzeulgolesti.ro/en/prezentare-media-muzeu/> Welcome to the Golești Estate – A Journey into Romania's Noble Past

Your visit to the distinguished Golești Estate will focus on its remarkable manor house, a unique and fortified residence built in 1640 by Stroe Leurdeanu and Vișa of Golești. This historic home — unlike any other surviving noble dwelling in Romania — was at the heart of a family whose story is closely connected to the shaping of modern Romania.



Inside, you will explore beautifully restored salons and the memorial museum, offering a glimpse into aristocratic life from the 18th to the 20th centuries.

Highlights include the elegant reception rooms, the study where the 1848 Revolution was planned, Zinca Golescu's private chamber, and the office of Carol Davila – not merely a prominent physician, but the founder of Romanian medical education and a key figure in the country's modern health system. The manor also welcomed distinguished guests, among them the future King Carol I.

An integral part of the estate is the Golești Church, founded in 1646. This architectural jewel blends Romanian craftsmanship with Renaissance elegance and serves as the final resting place of the Golescu family's most notable members — warriors, scholars, and visionaries. Its serene atmosphere invites quiet reflection.

The estate's grounds are a delight to explore, featuring shaded gardens, restful pavilions, and gentle walking paths.

For those wishing to immerse themselves in Romania's rural traditions, the open-air ethnographic museum provides authentic examples of village architecture and craftsmanship.



What to Expect:

- A guided tour at a relaxed pace, tailored to your group's comfort.
- Fascinating stories of Romanian history, culture, and heritage.
- Spots to rest and enjoy the surroundings throughout the visit.
- An experience combining elegant architecture, noble history, and warm Romanian hospitality.

We look forward to welcoming you to the Golești Estate and sharing with you its many treasures.

Brătianu Manor In Florica

Welcome to Vila Florica – The Heart of Romanian Liberalism

After discovering the treasures of Golești Estate, your journey continues to the enchanting Vila Florica, nestled amid the tranquil parks of Ștefănești.



This distinguished villa was the lifelong home and birthplace of the Brătianu family, Romania's most influential political dynasty, renowned for their pivotal role in the creation and modernisation of the Romanian state.

Vila Florica began as a modest country house built by Ion C. Brătianu in 1858 and lovingly evolved into the refined manor you see today, reflecting over four decades of architectural progress.

Its elegant facade and interiors blend the Neo-Romanian style with touches of Oriental and Western grandeur, designed by celebrated architect Petre Antonescu. The park surrounding the villa is peaceful and shaded, ideal for gentle strolls and reflection.



As you enter the manor, you'll find a memorial museum that beautifully preserves the family's legacy. Each salon tells poignant stories — from the Reception Hall with its coffered ceilings, to drawing rooms furnished in styles from abroad, including German, Turkish, and French influences.

The villa also houses remarkable collections of period furniture, antiques, family portraits, and treasured artefacts narrating the fascinating history of Romania's liberal movement.

Vila Florica was much more than a residence; it served as a centre for political discourse and cultural creation. Here, significant decisions were taken that shaped Romanian history, and celebrated guests, such as kings, diplomats, and artists, were welcomed. The home's serene chapel is the resting place of several Brătianu family members, including Florica, the beloved daughter after whom the estate is named.

Throughout your visit, our guides ensure a relaxed pace, with opportunities to rest and enjoy the gardens and shaded terraces, offering comfort and ease at every step. The estate invites you to discover not only architecture and history, but also the spirit of Romanian hospitality, evident in the warmth and charm of both the place and its people.

What to Expect:

- A gentle, guided tour full of captivating stories from Romania's political and cultural heritage.
- Well-preserved historic interiors, beautiful parklands, and quiet corners for rest and contemplation.
- Insightful displays of family life, national history, and artistic tradition.
- A welcoming atmosphere, tailored to your comfort and curiosity.

Let Vila Florica enchant you with its elegance and the inspiring legacy of the Brătianu family — the very place where Romanian liberalism was born and nurtured. We look forward to sharing this special chapter of history with you!

Participation Fee & Booking Information

The participation fee includes all entrance tickets to the estates and museums, lunch, an English-speaking guide for the museums, and comfortable coach transport throughout.

This is a special programme, designed to make the day truly unforgettable and in perfect harmony with the exceptional event in which we will take part.

For all details and to apply for the “Ladies’ Day” programme, please use the following link to book:

<https://ordinulmark.ro/produs/en-mark-convent-2025/>

We are truly excited for our LADIES to attend and to enrich the programme simply by their presence.

We look forward to welcoming you to Romania and sharing this memorable day with you — in the spirit of friendship and cultural exchange, as your hosts, a group of Romanian ladies, proud wives of the gentlemen from the Mark Master Masons of Romania.

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For additional information concerning, events confirmation and other details please contact the organizing **Ladies’ Day** team in Bucharest:

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