

A DAY INTO THE HEART OF ROMANIA 11th October 2026

Early morning Departure. Leaving the City Behind

At 8:30 am, we will depart by coach from the CARO HOTEL, Bucharest, leaving behind the busy capital city and heading north, towards the Carpathian Mountains.

As the urban landscape slowly fades, we will follow the valley of the Argeş River, entering a region where Romanian history, legends and dramatic mountain scenery come together in a single, unforgettable day.

Driving time: approx. 2 hours 30 minutes (including comfort buffer).

Curtea de Argeş. Where Romania's Story Began

Our first stop is Curtea de Argeş, one of the most important historical towns in Romania and a place deeply connected to the birth of the Romanian medieval state.



Here we will visit the Curtea de Argeş Monastery, a masterpiece of Eastern European architecture, famous not only for its elegant stone carvings but also for the powerful legend of Master Manole. According to the legend, the monastery could only be completed after a great personal sacrifice, a story that speaks of devotion, destiny and creation. The monastery also serves as the royal burial place of modern Romanian kings and queens, adding a unique layer of recent history to this ancient site.

Time to spend on site: approx. 1 hour.
Including time for photos, quiet reflection and guided explanations.

Leaving Curtea de Argeş, we continue our journey deeper into the mountains, following winding roads and forests as the landscape becomes increasingly dramatic.

Driving time: approx. 1 hour.

Vidraru Dam. A Giant Between Mountains





We will stop at the impressive **Vidraru Dam**, one of the most spectacular engineering achievements in Eastern Europe. Built in the 1960s, the dam rises dramatically between steep mountain walls, holding back the emerald waters of **Vidraru Lake**.

From the dam, we will enjoy breathtaking views over the lake and the surrounding peaks, as well as see the iconic statue symbolizing energy and human ingenuity.

One of the most relaxing moments of the day follows: a **boat cruise on Vidraru Lake**. From the water, we will experience the Carpathian Mountains from a completely different perspective. Forested slopes descend directly into the lake, the air is crisp and clean, and the atmosphere is calm and almost timeless. This is a perfect moment to slow down, take photographs and simply enjoy nature.

Cruise duration: approx. 1 hour.

Poenari Fortress. The Real Castle of Dracula



We then reach Poenari Fortress, the authentic stronghold of Vlad Țepeș, the historical ruler who inspired the Dracula legend.

Unlike famous castles built for display, Poenari is a true mountain fortress, strategically positioned high above the valley. Reaching it requires climbing approximately 1,480 steps, a challenge that rewards those who choose to ascend with spectacular panoramic views and a strong sense of achievement.

For participants who prefer not to climb, there will be time to relax at the base, surrounded by fabulous mountain natural scenes.

Total time allocated: approx. 1 hour 45 minutes (ascending, descending, rest and photos).

“Dealul Goleștilor” Winery. Tradition, Taste and Celebration



At end of the day in true Romanian style, we will gather at “Dealul Goleștilor” Winery, a welcoming estate set among gentle hills.

Here we will enjoy a traditional Romanian dinner, accompanied by a live folk music and dance performance. Colorful costumes, rhythmic dances and authentic melodies will introduce us to the joyful spirit of rural Romania, creating a warm and convivial atmosphere.

Dinner & show: approx. 2 hours 30 minutes.



Returning to Bucharest

After dinner, we will begin our comfortable journey back to Bucharest.

Driving time: approx. 2 hours 30 minutes

Estimated arrival: around 10:00 pm

Practical Recommendations (Very Important)

- **Footwear:** comfortable walking shoes or trainers (essential for Poienari Fortress)
- **Clothing:** layers recommended. October can be cool in the mountains.
- **Optional:** light jacket or windbreaker.
- **Physical level:** moderate. Climb to Poienari is optional.

Why is this Day Special?

- Combines history, legends, mountains and Romanian gastronomy.
- Offers both active and relaxed options.
- Take us in a journey into the Romanian popular music and dances world.
- Introducing Romania through authentic places and experiences, not clichés.

Pentru informatii suplimentare privind confirmarea participarii la acest eveniment precum si pentru orice alte detalii va rugam sa contactati echipa noastra de organizare din Bucuresti.

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