



EDUCATIONAL
TOURS

Bucharest to Budapest: Castles, Culture & the Carpathians

10 DAYS // 12 WITH EXTENSION

Discover an abundance of rich history when you explore Romania and Hungary from Bucharest to Budapest. Walk the halls of legendary castles and learn how their fascinating histories inspired *Dracula*, one of the world's most famous stories. Explore hidden architectural gems and medieval cities that still contain influences from the Roman and Ottoman Empires. As students traverse historic village squares and gaze upon symbolic monuments, they'll hear how ordinary citizens played a pivotal role in the revolution against communism. During this immersive adventure, a wealth of unique cultural experiences will open students' eyes to more of the beauty that Europe has to offer.



WHAT'S INCLUDED



Full-time Tour Director who's with you every step of the way



5 expert-led sightseeing tours in iconic destinations



All transportation, including round-trip flights



9 tickets to bucket-list experiences and attractions



Daily breakfast and dinner featuring regional cuisine



The option for students to receive academic credit



8 overnight stays in hotels with private bathrooms

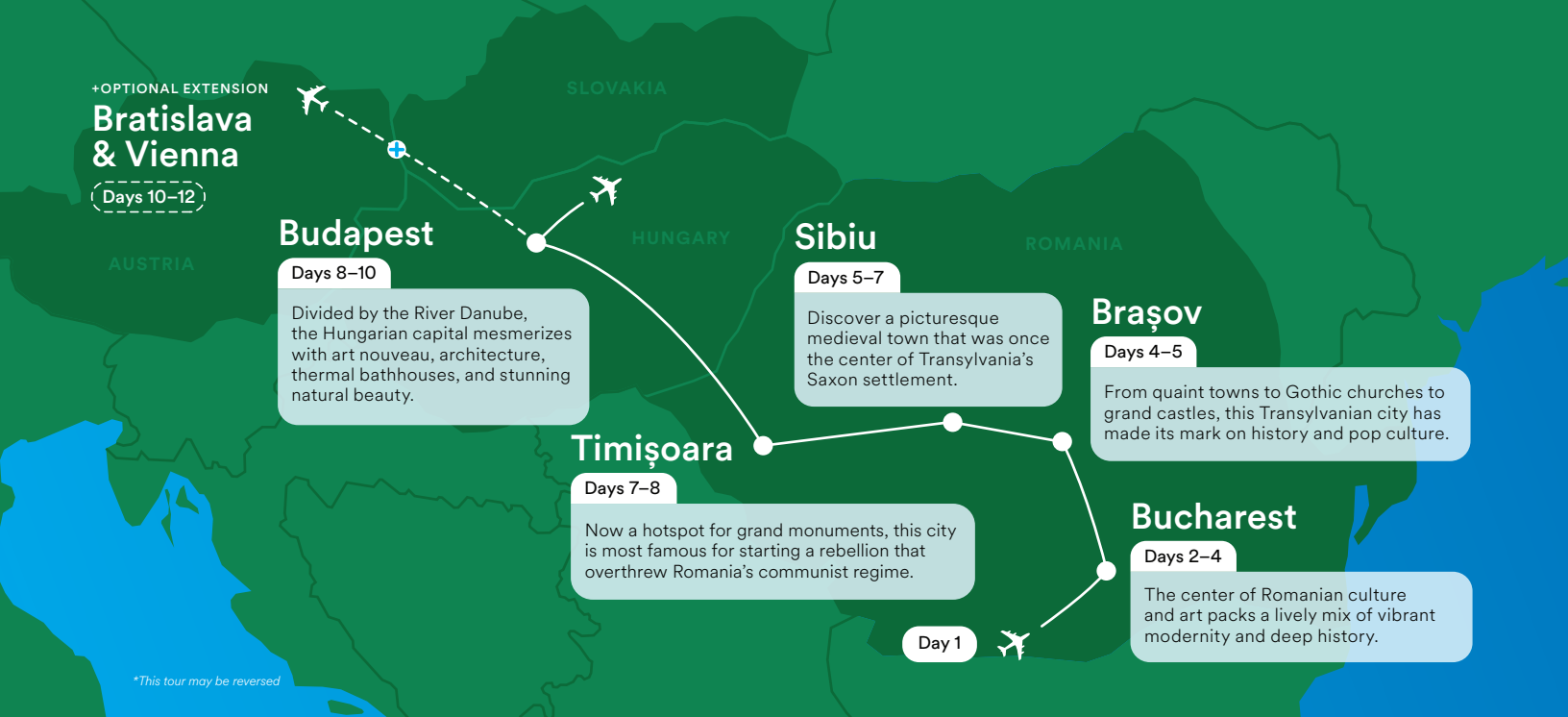


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YOUR TOUR NUMBER



Take in this tour's highlights

Bucharest

Learn about the city's connections to the Roman and Ottoman Empires, its communist past, and rich culture. See the immense Palace of Parliament, one of the heaviest administrative buildings in the world.

\$ Groups have the option to enjoy thermal baths.

Braşov

Step into a fairytale at Peleş Castle, a masterpiece of neo-Renaissance architecture and former summer home of the Romanian royal family. The castle had advanced technology for its time, being the first European palace to be powered by electricity and have central heating.

Unravel the legend of Dracula at Bran Castle. This imposing fortress perched on a dramatic hilltop once briefly housed Vlad the Impaler and is said to have inspired the setting for Bram Stoker's *Dracula*.

Explore this charming medieval city on a guided tour. Visit the Black Church, named for the damage it sustained in the Great Fire of 1689. Traverse the Council Square in the heart of Braşov, which is known for hosting grand markets.

Sibiu

Journey back in time at the ASTRA Museum, a vast open-air museum showcasing traditional Romanian village life.

Experience true Romanian hospitality with a home-hosted dinner in the nearby village of Sibiel. You'll connect with locals over a traditional meal prepared with fresh ingredients.

Sibiu (cont.) Visit a farm to learn about sustainable agriculture and engage in a hands-on workshop.

Explore the formidable Corvin's Castle, one of the largest Gothic castles in Europe. Hear about its legends, including the tale of Vlad the Impaler's supposed imprisonment within its walls.

Timișoara

Take a walking tour of Timișoara's historic Old Town and learn about its crucial role in the revolution against communism. Visit Victory, Union, and Liberty Squares, and see the impressive Orthodox Cathedral.

Budapest

Embark on a guided tour of Budapest, passing through important town squares and marveling at grand monuments like Vajdahunyad Castle.

\$ Groups have the option to participate in a chocolate-making workshop.

\$ Groups have the option to extend their tour by two days

Immerse yourself in Bratislava's deep history by traversing the Old Town and surveying its medieval influences. Then, take in the grandeur of Vienna through elegant architectural marvels like the Hofburg Palace and the Parliament Building.

