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**\$8,350** AUD

Single Room

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**12 days**

Duration

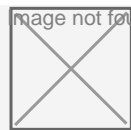
**Romania**

Destination

**Level 4 - Challenging**

Activity

# Romania Small Group Walking Tour for Seniors



Aug 26 2024 to Sep 06 2024

## Romania Walking Tour

Odyssey offers easy, convenient, and relaxed escorted small group tours across Western Europe and beyond into Romania. We explore Romania's fairy-tale natural beauty, its ancient heritage, its World Heritage Sites, and world famous city, all with some truly spectacular scenery along the way. This and more is all waiting to be explored on one of Odyssey's small group tours of Romania, designed for the senior traveller, and led by experienced, and enthusiastic like minded people

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Our Romania small group walking tour for seniors explores the magnificent landscapes of the Carpathian Mountains and, additionally, takes in the vibrant culture and rich heritage of Romanian village life.

The tour is particularly noteworthy for the country's breathtaking natural wonders, and the beautiful architecture and villages we encounter throughout.

## Highlights of the Romania Walking Tour

The small group tour begins in Cluj Napoca, a vibrant town in the Transylvania region of Romania. We walk through several picturesque Romanian villages, including Ieud and Sarbi, with local guides explaining historical and cultural landmarks.

Stopping in the city of Sapanta, we visit the Merry Cemetery (a national tourist attraction, due to the colourful paintings on tombstones, which depict the lives of those interred there) and the Peri Monastery Church (the tallest wooden structure in Romania). We also take a coach through the gorgeous Moldovita Valley, where we tour the village and monastery where monks and hermits have lived since the 14th Century.

Our Romania small group walking tour is the perfect way to comprehend the country's natural beauty. During the tour we witness the Cascada Cailor, a stunning 90m waterfall with an altitude of 1300m. Especially memorable is the National Park at Harghas, where we climb the Harghas Pass. The Park incorporates the Harghita and Neamt counties, and covers some 6,800 hectares. Home to a vast number of rare birds and plants, it also contains one of the only barrier lakes in Eastern Europe, towering limestone gorges, as well as flower-laden meadows.



## Highlights

1. Explore the stunning National Park at Hasmas, home to a vast number of rare birds and plants.
2. Take in the magnificent Carpathian Mountains, and experience the majesty of peaks like Pasul Gutai Mountain.
3. Take tours through several of the region's oldest monasteries and churches, many of which are wooden and date back to Pre-Modern Europe.
4. Walk through several picturesque Romanian villages, including Ieud and Sarbi, with local guides explaining historical and cultural landmarks
5. Visit the Merry Cemetery, a national tourist attraction in Romania, due to its colourful headstones and oddly festive atmosphere.

## Itinerary

### Day 1

**Locations:** Ocna Sugatag

**Overview:**

We meet at Cluj Napoca, where we take a coach tour to Ocna Sugatag, heading towards Northern Transylvania. On the way, we have spectacular views of the Pasul Gutai Mountain, before arriving in Ocna Sugatag for free time and dinner. We stay overnight at the Pensiuna Cristal or a similar hotel.

### Day 2

**Locations:** Ocna Sugatag

**Overview:**

This morning we take a walk to Breb, exploring the lush countryside, before we board the coach and head for Sapanta. We have lunch at a local restaurant on the way, before exploring Sapanta with a city tour, as



well as visiting the Merry Cemetery (a national tourist attraction, due to the colourful paintings on tombstones, which depict the lives of those interred there) and the Peri Monastery Church (the tallest wooden structure in Romania).

### Day 3

**Locations:** Ieud

**Overview:**

After breakfast, we take a coach to Ieud. First stop is Hoteni, where we have a local guide to show us the main sights of the Iza Valley. We visit a local mill in Sarbi, and take a walk through the religious commune of Barasana. We stop to view the wooden church at Poinile Izei, where we enjoy a picnic lunch. From there, we travel into Ieud, where we tour the main sights, visit the second oldest church in Romania, and enjoy a 3-course dinner at a local guesthouse.

### Day 4

**Locations:** Sucevita

**Overview:**

Today we take a more in-depth tour of Ieud, taking the chair lift to Borsa and exploring the Rodna Mountain. Along the way, we stop to see the Cascada Cailor, a stunning 90m waterfall that has an altitude of 1300m. We enjoy a picnic lunch on Rodna Mountain, before touring the Golden Bistrita valley and returning to the hotel for dinner.

### Day 5

**Locations:** Sucevita

**Overview:**

Following breakfast, we take the coach to the breathtaking Moldovita Valley, where we tour the village and monastery, where monks and hermits have lived since the 14th Century. We explore the beautiful wooden church, and view the ruins of the original monastery. We then travel to Runc Village, where we see the main sights, before heading to

Sucevita for dinner.

## Day 6

**Locations:** Viscri area

**Overview:**

After breakfast, we travel to the National Park at Hasmas, where we climb the Hasmaul Pass. The Park incorporates the Harghita and Neamty counties, and covers some 6,800 hectares. Home to a vast number of rare birds and plants, it also contains one of the only barrier lakes in Eastern Europe, towering limestone gorges, as well as flower-laden meadows. In the afternoon, we travel on to Viscri, where we see the main sights via coach, before heading to our hotel for dinner.

## Day 7

**Locations:** Gheorgheni

**Overview:**

Today we take a morning walking tour around Sucevita, visiting the monastery and the incredible Museum of Mr. Popa, before travelling to Gheorgheni. We enjoy dinner together in the hotel.

## Day 8

**Locations:** Viscri area

**Overview:**

This morning we tour the city in horse-drawn carriage, before stopping for a two-course lunch. There's free time to explore the city in the early afternoon, before we regroup to see the beautiful Viscri Monastery.

## Day 9

**Locations:** Cluj- Napoca

**Overview:**

After breakfast, we travel to Sighisoara, where a local guides gives an in-depth tour of the picturesque medieval village of Cris. Settled by

German Craftsman and merchants known as the Transylvanian Saxons during the 12th Century, the village has a rich culture and history. We take a tour of the village, before taking a walking tour of Malancrav. Later on, we head to a hotel in Cluj-Napoca, where we enjoy a three-course dinner.

## Day 10

**Locations:** Cluj- Napoca

### Overview:

After breakfast, we say our farewells and the tour comes to a close.

## Inclusions / Exclusions

### What's included in our Tour

- 9 nights hotel accommodation.
- 10 breakfasts and 9 dinners.
- Transport in comfortable and modern coach.
- Gratuities and necessary tips.
- Services of Tour Leader for the duration of tour.

### What's not included in our Tour

- International airfares and departure taxes.
- Comprehensive travel insurance.
- Items of a personal nature such as telephone calls and laundry.

### Level 4 - Challenging

Participants must have a high level of physical fitness and appropriate expertise in the program activities, and should expect full days of fast-paced, strenuous physical challenges.

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