

# **TIRGU MURES – SOVATA – PRAID – TIRGU MURES TOUR**

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**Route: 130 km**

We start our day, by making a short trip to **Sovata**, to visit **Bear's Lake ( Lacul Ursu)**. You'll have some free time in city center of Sovata for shopping and after that we go to Praid Saline.

Situated at 10 km away from Sovata resort in the Harghita District, **Praid Saline** is one of the biggest salt mines from the country and even Europe. Its exploitation has been standing for income source for the inhabitants of the area for hundreds of years. Having an elliptical shape, the deposit has the diameter of 1, 2-1, 4 km and the depth of 2.700 meters. Its deposits are almost 500 years old, the saline itself represents a true treasure for the economy of Transylvania. Subterranean holes of great dimensions can be spotted, because of the massive salt exploitations. This way, a saline microclimate has slowly individualized itself, where the temperatures are relatively constant, between 14-16 degrees Celsius, the humidity is low (66-70%) and the pressure is stronger than the pressure of the surface (735-738 mm Hg).

After visiting the Saline, we come back to Targu Mures.

### **Prices (from Targu Mures):**

1 person = 50 euro,

2 persons= 44 euro/person,

3-7persons = 33 euro/person.

**Prices (from other part of Romania):** dependig of the group size.

**Included:** Transport by car/van, driver, English speaking guide, permanent assistance.

**Not include:** Entrance fees, meals,tips

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## **Fortified Churches Tour**

**TIRGU MURES- SIGHISOARA – SASCHIZ – VISCRI – RUPEA – TIRGU MURES TOUR**

**Route: 260 km**

\*plus additional 20 km depending on the preferences of tourists

On this adventure you'll discover Romania's unbeatable mix of Medieval World charm and vibrant natural beauties. In this escorted day tour we visit, Viscri Fortified Church, Saschiz

, and astonishing Sighisoara Citadel, and also Rupea Citadel  
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We start the journey by traveling to Sighisoara's Citadel. The only citadel populated from Europe. We enter into Sighisoara citadel through the main gate located under the Clock Tower which is 64 m height, has four levels and is hosting the History Museum. But the main reason to visit it is the balcony from where you have an amazing 360 panorama. Few steps away is Medieval Weapons Museum and the Torture Chamber that we will visit also. Walking around the narrow streets we can admire, under the shadow of the old Clock Tower, the house where an unknown woman gave birth to a child, Vlad, who will become famous all over the world as Dracula.

The second stop is at Saschiz. The name of Saschiz comes from the word "KEZ" in Hungarian, which means hand (in terms of defense), as attested for the first time in 1309, as Kapitel Kisder and is located in the southeast part of Mures County, on road linking Sighisoara and Brasov. The evangelical fortified church was built at the end of the 15th century on the place of a 13th-century basilica. Saschiz is surrounded by crops, pomegranate, viticulture and hops, hay fields, and forested hills. Traveling to Sighisoara, meet the Forest of the Hanged at the right, but peasant fortress city on the hill dominates the landscape.

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If you asked long time ago a local people about the village location , he would have answered, so full of joy that would be forgotten the road description "Saschiz, with our beautiful church and the old peasant citadel is worth to be seen , you should really go together there". Saschiz village (UNESCO World Heritage), is renowned not only as home to one of Transylvania's finest fortified churches but also as a carpentry and wood-painting center. It was here that Saschiz blue pottery was born in 1702.

The third attraction in this tour, one of the most interesting Saxon fortified churches (UNESCO World Heritage), which was visited five times by Prince Charles, is located in Viscri village (Weisskirch in German). The name comes from the German Weisse Kirche, meaning white church. Unlike other Transylvanian fortified churches, Viscri was built around 1100 by the Szekler population and taken over by Saxon colonists in 1185. This explains why this unique gothic church displays a plain straight ceiling rather than a traditional vaulted one. In the 14th century, the eastern section was rebuilt and around 1525, the first fortification walls with towers were added.

In the 18th century, the church from Viscri was endowed with a second defensive wall. Inside, you can admire a classic 19th century altar featuring Blessing of the Children, the masterpiece of painter J. Paukratz from Rupea. Another issue that deserves attention is the Bacon Tower. Here, due to low temperature, was kept (guarded continuously) bacon and ham supplies of all villagers, each piece being inscribed with its owner's house number, to avoid any confusion. Inside one of the towers is arranged an interesting small museum which exhibits traditional costumes, tools and other personal items donated by the Saxons who had left the Viscri village.

The last stop of this tour is fortification of Rupea Castle. It is made up in three stages. At first, older than the German colonization, was built above the city, the city was built in

the middle of the century. 15 and enlarged at the beginning of the century. 17 and bottom-century fortress. 17, the city's current appearance is the result of many additions, changes and repairs. Rupea fortified castle was along time a place of refuge for people from surrounding villages during the Turks and Tartars.

**Prices (from Targu Mures):**

1person= 99 euro,

2 persons = 83 euro/person,

3-7persons = 66 euro/person.

**Prices (from Sighisoara):** dependig of the group size ; price starting from 66 euro/person.

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# TRANSFAGARASAN TOUR

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**TIRGU MURES – SIBIU – TRANSFAGARASAN – SIGHISOARA – TIRGU MURES**

**ROUTE: 390 KM**

\* plus additional 20 km depending on the preferences of tourists

This escorted day tour lets you to discover the highest mountains of Romania- Fagaras Mountains- also known as Transylvanian Alps. We cross the Land of Fagaras and will follow the alpine road that passes through Fagaras Mountains (the highest mountains in Romania – Moldoveanu peak – 2544 meters) and that connects Walachia and Transylvania..

We leave the Targu Mures and drive towards Sibiu. Our route then winds through rolling farmland, following the rivers and lakes of the Land of Fagaras. From Cartisoara Village we follow Transfagarasan road. After a short stop where you can admire the noisy falling waters we continue our trip on Transfagarasan road that climbs through Balea, Doamna and Tunsu edges and get to Balea Glacial Lake. Transfagarasan road will give everything to those addicted to adrenaline.

Because of the countless turns, the average speed is maximum 40 km per hour. Along this route there are 27 viaducts and bridges, and the longest road tunnel in Romania – 887 meters. The landscape is fantastic, and the differences of altitude and the curves represent a challenge for both cars and drivers.

Don't forget your camera to capture the spectacular views!

We stop at Balea Lake to enjoy this splendid monument of nature which is situated at 2034 meters altitude and together with about 180 hectare of land around it is declared natural reservation since 1932. Also, the first ice hotel in Eastern Europe is built near the lake every winter since in 2006.

Ample time is allocated to take part in some of numerous activities and to admire the lake and the surroundings that will give you unforgettable moments!

The time has come for some last-minute photo-shootings and to say farewell to this beautiful place. We leave the Transylvanian Alps behind as we return to Targu Mures and drop-off at your location!

**Prices (from Targu Mures):**

1 person = 138 euro/person

2 persons = 99 euro/person

3-7persons = 83 euro/person.

**Prices (from other part of Romania)** dependig of the group size

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# Targu Mures – Sighisoara-Viscri- Tour

## **TIRGU MURES- SIGHISOARA – VISCRI TOUR**

**Route: 220 km**

\* plus additional 20 km depending on the preferences of tourists

On this adventure you'll discover Romania's unbeatable mix of Medieval World charm and vibrant natural beauties. In this escorted day tour we visit, Viscri Fortified Church and astonishing Sighisoara Citadel, and also Rupea Citadell ..

We start the journey by traveling to Sighisoara's Citadell. The only citadell populated from Europe. We enter into Sighisoara citadel through the main gate located under the Clock Tower which is 64 m height, has four levels and is hosting the History Museum. But the main reason to visit it is the balcony from where you have an amazing 360 panorama. Few steps away is Medieval Weapons Museum and the Torture Chamber that we will visit also. Walking around the narrow streets we can admire, under the shadow of the old Clock Tower, the house where an unknown woman gave birth to a child, Vlad, who will become famous all over the world as Dracula.

These streets, which also ignore the straight line and the horizontal plane, hide and reveal, at each step in an elaborate, but urban natural scenery, medieval paintings that delight the eye and incite the imagination. Unmistakable charm and personality of the city were built in time, by



harmonizing the successive deposits of history. Near the Museum Square is the Church of Dominican Monastery, dated 13<sup>th</sup> century, which still has the original baroque altar together with a splendid collection of oriental carpets from 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> centuries, rare sculptures and religious paintings. Inside the Citadel Square, which was the place of trials and ruthless death sentences and executions, we enjoy the architecture of the buildings that House with Stag in particular stands out. Inside Sighisoara citadel every year in July takes place the Medieval Sighisoara Festival, a good reason for people from all over the world to come and enjoy the party. For three days minstrels, knights in armor, vampires, witches and princesses will enchant you in every corner with street animation shows, evening concerts, exhibition of medieval costumes and medieval dance.

Walking along the wall that surrounds Sighisoara citadel we admire the five centuries old houses along with the towers erected by various guilds of the citadel, from which the Shoemakers, Tailors and Tinmakers Guilds towers are the most impressive. We visit the Church from the Hill but not before climbing the 175 covered steps which was built in 1642 in order to make easier access for the schoolchildrens. From this highest point of the citadel you have the view of whole citadel , so don't forget your camera!

We go further in our trip, and arrive at Viscri village to visit the enchanting Viscri Fortified Church , one of the most interesting Saxon fortified churches (UNESCO World Heritage), which was visited five times by Prince Charles.

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fortification walls with towers were added. In the 18th century, Viscri church was endowed with a second defensive wall. Inside, you can admire a classic 19th century altar featuring Blessing of the Children, the masterpiece of painter J. Paukratz from Rupea. Inside Viscri church (which has no electricity- is lited by using candles!), opening a oak wood door( 700 years old! ) we will go up to church tower to see asthonthig surroundings! Don't forget your camera to capture the spectacular views

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Hoping you have spent a special day with us, we return to Targu Mures and drop-off at your location.

**Prices (from Targu Mures):**

1 person = 83 euro,

2 persons = 72 euro/person,

3-7persons = 61 euro/person.

**Prices (from other part of Romania):** dependig of the group size

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## Targu Mures – Sighisoara- Bran – Sinaia- Rasnov- Targu Mures Tour

**Targu Mures – Sighisoara- Bran – Sinaia- Rasnov- Targu Mures  
Tour**

**Route : 480 km**

\*plus additional 20 km depending on the preferences of  
tourists

In this escorted day tour we invite you to discover three of  
the most important tourist attractions of Brasov area wich has  
more than 50 castle, citadels, fortified churches and  
fortresses, and also ones of the most beautiful from Romania.

We'll visit Peles Castle in Sinaia Town- a former royal summer

residence, than the famous medieval Bran Castle and in the end we'll stop at Rasnov Fortress.

We begin our journey in Brasov by meeting our guide in Targu Mures, or the location where you are staying at ( subject of request).

Our first destination is the tourist town of Sinaia, where Peles Castle is located. To get there we must go through Sighisoara and Brasov. Breathtaking natural beauty are opened in front of your eyes but the most spectacular view is from Sighisoara Citadell. First stop will be here.

After this, we'll go to visit Peles Castle, summer residence of the former Romanian royal family.

Peles Castle is one of the most beautiful museums in Romania and was built almost throughout 40 years by King Charles I. In the tour of Peles Castle you can admire furniture and decorative objects, sculptures, paintings, collection of weapons from 15 th to 19 th Centuries.

We continue our trip to famous Bran Castle . Also called Dracula's Castle, it is situated at the entrance of Bran-Rucar pass. A remarkable architectural, the monument was built between 1377-1382 on a rock 60 m due to the privilege of November 19th 1377 the Hungarian king Louis I of Anjou.

Bran Castle has been reinforced with vigilance and military functions on southeast Transylvania but also had trade and customs functions on trade route linking Transylvania and Wallachia by Rucar-Bran. Although Bran Castle suffered numerous changes being rebuilt several times (1377), this building keeps imposing Gothic elements of the original. Built originally as a fortress of trapezoidal shape, surrounded by a massive wall with shooting holes, Bran Castle proved to be a successful defence point because of his reputation as not having major problems during the more than 600 years of existence. In the inner courtyard of the castle was a fountain, 57 feet deep, to provide water in case of siege.

Bran Castle got its fame from the novel Dracula, written by Bram Stoker and Dracula movie due later directed by Francisc Ford Copplola. After the visit of Bran Castle, we go to have lunch in a lovely location-Vila Bran, a restaurant with a gorgeous view of the surroundings and Bran Castle.

Later in this tour we travel, to the town which, besides Rasnov picturesque streets with medieval houses disorderly arranged, will enchant you with its gorgeous Rasnov Fortress. Rasnov Fortress is one of the best preserved peasant fortress of Transylvania and was built in 13-14 centuries by the inhabitants of the settlement with the same name, the principal purpose to defend themselves against Tartars attacks and was conquered only once around the year 1600 by Prince Gabriel Bathory.

We will visit the small museum inside Rasnov Fortress, but the main reason to come here is the 360 degrees beautiful view over Brasov Depression and Piatra Craiului.

Near Rasnov Fortress were filmed some scenes in the 2003 film "Cold Mountain".

We end this tour by returning to Targu Mures , hoping you have spent a wonderful time and drop-off at your location.

### **Prices (from Targu Mures):**

1 person= 149 euro,

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3-7 persons= 88 euro/person.

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