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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 escourted day tour we visit, Viscri Fortified Church and asthonishig 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 trough the main gate located under the Clock Tower wich is 64 m height, has for 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 uknown women gave birth to a child ,Vlad, who will become famous all over the world as Dracula.

These streets, which also ignores 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 incites 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 th century, wich still has the original baroc altar toghether

with a splendid colection of oriental carpets from 16 th and 17 th centuries, rare sculptures and religios paintings. Inside the Citadel Square, wich 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 citadell we admire the five centuries old houses along with the towers erected by various guilds of the citadel, from wich 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 wich 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), wich was visited five times by Prince Charles.

Viscri name comes from the German Weisse Khirche, 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, 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 asthonishig surroundings! Don't forget your camera to capture the spectacular views

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 peace beig inscribed with its owner's house number, to avoid any comfusion. 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 Viscri village. We continue our trip on the road that was once followed by merchants and knights and we arrive in Sighisoara, one of the few citadels still inhabited in the world.

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

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

Not include: Entrance fees, meals, tips

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