

Tour # 11

Transfagarasan - World's Famous Alpine Road



Day Trip (12 hours). See below the itinerary!



“Bucuresti” – Bucharest
(the capital city, first mentioned in documents as early as 1459)

“Pitesti” - the earliest traces of human settlements in this area relate to the Paleolithic

“Curtea de Arges” – one of the oldest city in Romania; According to tradition it was founded early in the 13th century by Negru Voda (or Radu Negru), succeeding Câmpulung as capital of Wallachia. Hence its name (“Curtea” - The Court). The city is the site of several medieval churches (among them the Curtea de Arges Cathedral) having been a bishopric since the close of the 18th century. The most important church is the Biserica Domneasca (Royal Church – 1352) built by Basarab I, completely renovated in 2003-2004. It resembles a stone fortress, connected through catacombs to a guard tower on a nearby hill.

“Manastirea Curtea de Arges” – Curtea de Arges Monastery (it resembles a very large and elaborate mausoleum, built in Byzantine style, with Moorish arabesques; one tablet records that the founder was Prince Neagoe Basarab I (1512-1521); another that Prince Ioan Radu completed the work in 1526; a third describes the repairs executed in 1681 by Prince Serban Cantacuzino; a fourth, the restoration, in 1804, by Joseph, the first bishop)

The Royal Tombs

“Cetatea Poienari” – Poienari Fortress (1457; also known as Poienari Citadel, on a canyon formed on the Arges River valley, close to the Fagaras Mountains. It stands on a cliff, on the right side of the Transfagarasan road which climbs high into the mountains. Poenari Castle is said to be one of the most haunted places in the world. It was erected around the beginning of the 13th century by the first Romanian rulers in the South region of Romania, known as Wallachia. Around the 14th century, Poenari was the main citadel of the Basarab I rulers. However, in the 15th century, realizing the potential for a castle perched high on a steep precipice of rock, Vlad III the Impaler repaired and consolidated the structure, making it one of his main fortresses. To reach the castle, visitors need to climb 1,500 steps.



“Barajul Vidraru” - Vidraru dam & manmade lake (built in 1965 on the Arges River; it is an arch dam built on a foundation of rock, and it was built to produce hydroelectricity. Its construction has also created a reservoir, Lake Vidraru; at the completion date, it ranked 5th in Europe and 9th in the world).

“Transfagarasan” - World's Best Road Trip according to TOP GEAR - also known as **Ceausescu's Folly**, is a paved mountain road crossing the southern section of The Carpathian Mountains of Romania. It has national-road ranking and is the second-highest paved road in the country after the Transalpina. It starts near the village of Bascov, near Pitesti, and stretches 90 kilometers to the crossroad between the DN1 and Sibiu, between the highest peaks in the country, Moldoveanu and Negoiu. The road, built in the early 1970s as a strategic military route, connects the historic regions of Transylvania and Wallachia

Return trip to Bucharest via Sibiu and Oltului Valley Route.

Price per person	1 person	2 persons	3 persons	4 persons	5 persons	6 persons	7 persons
	€ 445.00	€ 235.00	€ 160.00	€ 130.00	€ 110.00	€ 95.00	€ 85.00

Included Services: transportation, driver / tour guide.

Recommended departure at 7 am.

Lunch is not included!

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