Explore Romania & Bulgaria – 12 days

May 17 – 28, 2019

Bulgaria and Romania, part of Eastern Europe, share many similarities but in the same time have their unique traits. During this tour we will discover two capitals, Bucharest and Sofia, two different languages, historical regions, medieval cities and other famous tourist landmarks.

\$3400*

PER PERSON

Based on double occupancy

Package includes:

Round trip air to Sofia and Bucharest 10 nights accommodations All Transfers 9 breakfasts, 1 lunch, 5 dinners English speaking guides Sightseeing per itinerary Entrance fees per itinerary Porterage at hotels Pre and Post Party

Price Does Not Include: Gratuities and individual daily expenses Additional beverages Travel Insurance

Important dates and payment information:

Deposit: check for \$600 payable to Trip Headquarters on or after June 1, 2018

Payment schedule: \$1300 due October 28, 2018, Final payment due February 28, 2019

Land Only (double occupancy) subtract \$1165 Single supplement \$325

Post Trip Extension to Moldova

May 28 – May 31, 2019

Visit Moldova, Europe's least visited country on the periphery of eastern Europe

\$650*

per person add-on based on two per room

Price Includes

Flight to Chisinau from Bucharest All Transfers 3 nights accommodations 3 Breakfast 1 dinner English speaking guides Entrance fees per itinerary Flight from Chisinau to/from Bucharest

Deposit: \$250 payable to Trip Headquarters to hold your spot. Single Supplement \$165

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Tentative Itinerary

Friday, May 17 Fly to Sofia, Bulgaria

Airline to be determined.

May 18 Arrive Sofia (Land only joining point at hotel)

After our arrival transfer to hotel. Welcome dinner. Sofia is the capital of Bulgaria.

May 19 Sofia / Plovdiv

After breakfast we will be introduced to Sofia and visit the Archeology Museum and Boyana Church. After Sofia we depart to visit the Rila Monastery, the largest and the most impressive Bulgarian monastery. After our visit to the monastery we will head to Plovdiv. Dinner in the Old City with the group for a traditional dinner with traditional music.

May 20 Plovdiv / Valley of Roses / Varna

After breakfast a walking tour of Plovdiv, one of the most ancient towns in Europe, older than Rome. Depart to the Valley of Roses before stopping for a rose oil tour we visit the Kazanluk Thracian tomb. After the Rose oil tour we depart for Varna.

May 21 Varna

After breakfast you will have a free day to explore Varna. There will be an option for a hiking tour in the afternoon.

May 22 Varna to Veliko Tarnovo

After breakfast we head to the Ovech Fortress, then to the Holy Transfiguration of God medieval monastery then on to Veliko Tarnovo to see the medieval fortress and walking tour of the City. Tonight, we have dinner at a heritage restaurant with wine tasting.

May 23 Veliko Tarnovo to Bucharest

After breakfast we head to Bucharest we will take Ferry Svishtov once we get to the border of Bulgaria and Romania. Once we get to Bucharest we will have a two-hour walking tour of the City. You will have free time to explore on your own.

May 24 Bucharest to Bran

After breakfast we will head to Sinaia to visit the castle and monastery. After lunch we had to Bran to tour Drakula's Castle. After we check into our hotel we will have a group dinner.

May 25 Bran

Today we head to Brasov to see the City and you will have the option to have free time in Brasov or hike in the Carpathian Mountains.

May 26 Bran

Today we will have a tour of Transylvania or do some hiking in the Carpathian Mountains, your choice.

May 27 Bran to Bucharest

After breakfast we depart for Bucharest. You will have the afternoon free to explore Bucharest. Tonight, we have our group farewell dinner.

Tuesday, May 28 Base Group Returns to Minneapolis (land only leaving point at hotel)

Transfer to the airport for your onward flight.

May 28 Extension to Chisinau, Moldova

After breakfast depart for Chisinau after checking into the hotel we head to Cricova Wine Cellar for tour and wine tasting

May 29 Chisinau

At your leisure today. Or join an optional tour to Tiraspol and Kvint Brandy Factory

May 30 Chisinau

After breakfast a morning walking tour. Tonight, we have our group farewell dinner.

May 31 Extension Group returns to Minneapolis

Transfer to the airport for your onward flight.

Mail Form to: Karen Wiemeri, with check payable to Trip Headquarters, 3248 Old Highway 8, St Anthony, MN 55418

Legal Name (as it appears on your passport):			
Mailing Address:			
City:	State:		Zip:
Phone (home):	Cell:	email:	
Passport No.:	Date of Birth:		Passport Expiration Date:
Moldova Extension NOYES \$250 deposit to hold your spot	Single Supplement NOYES Land Only NO YES		Name of desired roommate: