



The Best of BULGARIA & ROMANIA Tour



8 days / 7 nights / 1780 km.

**Sofia / Rila Monastery / Plovdiv / Kazanlak / Etara / Veliko Tarnovo / Ruse / Bucharest /
Snagov / Mogosoia / Brasov Bran / Sinaia / Bucharest**

**Package prices start from USD 990 per person in DBL shared room
for a group of minimum 20 pax**

These two Balkan countries, situated at a crossroads of civilizations, separate with each other by the Danube River. Their history dates back centuries ago...invaders, settlers, battles and fights have come and gone in each country... Bulgaria and Romania are characterized with a unique culture influenced by the Eastern Orthodox Church. A lot of interesting places can be seen in Romania, among of which the famous castle of Dracula. Taste the delicious food and wine of Bulgaria. Explore the ancient archaeological and historical objects in Bulgaria.

Discover the unique culture of these two countries and the hospitality of their people.

The package includes the following services:

- Airport pick-up and drop-off;
- Accommodation with breakfast 7 nights as per the above program in 4-star hotels;
- Transport by modern car, minibus or coach;
- 3 dinners in a local restaurants in BG;
- 1 dinner in a traditional restaurant with live folklore show;
- 3 lunches in local restaurants in BG;
- 1 dinner in a local restaurant in RO;
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- Professional English speaking guide through the whole itinerary. Other languages – on request;
- Entrance fees to museums, monasteries and sites included in the program.
- Frontier taxes and fees, parking;
- All local taxes and VAT.

The package does not include:

- Air tickets to/from Sofia;
- Food and beverages not mentioned in the program;
- Personal expenses, tips for driver and guide.
- Visa expenses;

Program

Day 1st: Sofia – arrival at Sofia Airport – Sightseeing tour

Meet and greet at the Airport by the representative of MIEL and the Guide. Transfer to the hotel. Accommodation. If the time allows – sightseeing tour of the city /by bus and by foot – 3 hours/.

Dinner in a local restaurant. Overnight.

Day 2nd: Sofia – Rila Monastery – Plovdiv

After breakfast - transfer to Rila Monastery /the biggest monastery in Bulgaria and part of the UNESCO world heritage list/. Visit the monastery and the museum. **Lunch in a local restaurant.** Continue to Plovdiv via Borovets – a winter resort in Rila Mountain. Accommodation in a hotel in Plovdiv /second biggest city in Bulgaria with over 3000 years history/. They will have a sightseeing tour of the city including the Old Town, Roman Amphitheatre and other highlights. **Dinner in local restaurant.** Overnight.

Day 3rd: Plovdiv – Kazanlak – Roza Damascena – Kazanlak

After breakfast – transfer to the city of Kazanlak – the center of the Valley of roses. The city is also in the so called Valley of the Thracian Kings – this is the region with numerous Thracian burial tombs. The guests will visit the Thracian tomb in Kazanlak – listed in UNESCO world heritage list. Accommodation in the hotel. Transfer to the complex “Roza Damascena” – the guests will have the possibility to learn about the producing of the rose oil /attar of roses/. **Lunch in a local restaurant.** Return to the city. **Dinner in a traditional restaurant with live folklore show.** Overnight

Day 4th: Kazanlak – Etara – Veliko Tarnovo

After breakfast – transfer to Veliko Tarnovo. En route visit the open air ethnographical museum “Etara” (Entrance fees included). Lunch in a local restaurant. Continue to Veliko Tarnovo. Accommodation in the hotel. Sightseeing tour of the city with visit of the medieval fortress “Tsarevets”. **Dinner in a local restaurant.** Overnight.

Day 5th: Veliko Tarnovo – Ruse – Bucharest /crossing the border – Danube River/

After breakfast – transfer to Ruse – The guests will cross the border through Danube Bridge between Ruse and Giurgiu Romania. They will be met by the Romanian guide and will continue to Bucharest. Half Day Sightseeing Tour of Bucharest including visit at the Parliament Palace and the Village Museum. The guide will show you the most interesting sites of the city and will offer social, cultural and historical information about Bucharest and Romania. **Dinner in a local restaurant.** Overnight.

Option: Lunch in a local restaurant

Day 6th: Bucharest – Snagov – Mogosoia – Bucharest

Breakfast at the hotel. Around 10:00 departure to Snagov and visit the monastery on the lake. The Snagov monastery is mainly known for its connection with the story of Vlad the Impaler, sometimes associated with count Dracula. Next stop will be Mogosoia Palace – a beautiful Romanian Renaissance building surrounded by beautiful Gardens. On the way back to Bucharest you can stop and have **lunch in a very nice restaurant** located on the top of a 18-level building located in the north of Bucharest. The panorama view is magnificent. After the lunch you will go and visit Cotroceni Palace – the former residence of King Carol I and the actual residence of the Romanian President. Return to the hotel and free afternoon. Overnight.

Option: Dinner in a local restaurant.

Day 7: Bucharest – Sinaia – Brasov – Bucharest

Breakfast at the hotel. Around 08:00 departure to Sinaia – a beautiful mountain resort. Visit Sinaia Monastery and Peles Royal Castle – the former summer of Romanian Royal Family. Then you go to Bran and visit Bran Castle – also known as Dracula’s Castle. On your way back to Bucharest there will be a stop for a walking tour in downtown Brasov – one of the most beautiful cities in Transylvania. Return to Bucharest around 20:00 h. Overnight at your hotel in Bucharest.

Option: Lunch / Dinner in a local restaurant.

Day 8: Bucharest – departure

Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to the airport. Departure.

Notes:

- **MIEL can rearrange this program according the wishes and flight details of the client.**
- **MIEL will support the issue of needed documents for visas for the client.**