

Romania

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with

Dacre Stoker



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Embark on an **epic tour** where **vampire myths and fine wines collide. Discover Romania's culture and stunning landscapes, one sip at a time...**



Explore Romania's fascinating **history** and immerse yourself into local **culture, and folklore.**



Experience the fine flavors of Romanian **wine** and taste local dishes, a delightful **fusion of traditions** where East meets West.



Follow in the footsteps of the author of the novel *Dracula*, through the research of his great-grandnephew, **Dacre Stoker**, your exclusive tour leader!



Best tour on the planet ...! Our beautiful and kind hosts educate the travelers about historical and fictional locations in Romania... A dream come true! One of the world's best kept secrets. Don't miss out on another trip into The Land Beyond the Forest!
Dylan Hillerman & Julia Reodica, 2024



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Itinerary



Day 1

Bucharest (arrival) + Ceptura

Kick off the adventure in the morning together with your local guide Nora Vintila, during a combined walking and panoramic bus tour of **Bucharest**. Get a concise overview of Romanian history, from Vlad the Impaler to dictator Ceausescu, to discover how this country became a crossroads of Eastern and Western culture.

Next, you will travel to Ceptura in the Dealu Mare wine region at the foothill of the Carpathians. Along with a light lunch and a fascinating wine tasting at one of the most renowned vineyards of Ceptura, we explore the history of Romanian wine. The afternoon continues with a visit to the cellars of **Stoker Wines**. Later, we will check in and have dinner at a charming vineyard manor.



Day 2

Peles Castle + Bran Castle

Travel from Ceptura towards Transylvania to explore its legendary castles. Your first stop is the royal **Peles Castle**, right where Wallachia borders "the land beyond the forest". A delicious lunch is served at a nearby restaurant.

In the afternoon, enjoy an exclusive guided visit to the iconic **Bran Castle**, known as Dracula's Castle for reasons that your tour host, Dacre Stoker, will reveal to you. The castle was built in 1377 and restored by Queen Marie of Romania in the 1920s. You are welcomed at a quaint boutique hotel, within walking distance from the castle. The day concludes with an exclusive presentation by Dacre: "**Stoker on Stoker**," and a delectable dinner.



Day 3

Brasov + Sighisoara

Wander through the enchanting streets of **Brasov**, led by Nora, who will reveal the local legend of Katharina Siegel, alleged mistress of Vlad Tepes. Lunch is served in an iconic setting of the town.

The adventure continues as you explore an incredibly well preserved **fortified church**, a medieval structure built to protect against invaders. We experience the ancestral country life in Viscri, a Transylvanian village that charmed King Charles III so much that he purchased a little traditional house here back in 2006. Dinner is served at a local inn, in the village. At dusk, we leave towards the breathtaking **UNESCO World Heritage city of Sighisoara**. We spend the night in an historical hotel close to the medieval walls of the city.



Day 4

Sighisoara

Today Nora will take you through the hidden paths of the colorful streets of **Sighisoara**. This isn't your average historical tour. You'll explore the fascinating connections that link Sighisoara to some of the world's most enduring tales and even modern-day science. As we wind through the city's crooked alleys, you'll hear about the real-life inspirations for the Brothers Grimm's dark fairytales, often rooted in the harsh realities of medieval life. Beyond renowned figures like Vlad Dracula, you'll find out about other fascinating personalities who inhabited this time-capsule of a town. The afternoon is free for you explore on your own.

We gather again in the evening for dinner at the house where **Vlad Dracula** is said to be born.



Day 5

Reichesdorf + Reichau

You continue your adventure through **Weinland**, the region where the settlers from the Rhine and Mosell areas brought their ancient vine tradition from the early 13th century. Your first stop is one of the genuine Transylvanian Saxon villages, where you'll be welcomed with a delightful, slow-cooked family-style meal.

The adventure continues to **Reichau** Inn for a relaxing evening under the stars, complete with a cozy bonfire, an atmospheric guitar recital, and readings of contemporary vampire stories.



Day 6

Sibiu

Today you'll explore **Sibiu**, a town brimming with captivating history. Enjoy the majestic architecture, from the Large and Small Squares to the legendary Bridge of Lies. With Dacre and Nora, you'll dive into the life of Emily Gerard, a literary trailblazer who once lived here. It was within these very streets that she wrote tales of Transylvania's superstitions, coining the term "Nosferatu", which provided a lot of the dark folklore for Bram Stoker's *Dracula*.

Hermannstadt is famously called the "Town of a Thousand Eyes," a place where the unique dormer windows on the rooftops stare back at you from every angle. This evening, enjoy an insightful lecture by Dacre before dinner, followed by a special movie night, back at the traditional inn of Reichau.



Day 7

Corvinus Castle + Alba Iulia

Start the day with a visit to the awe-inspiring **Corvinus Castle**, a gothic masterpiece steeped in legend and intrigue. After exploring its formidable halls and visiting the torture chamber, you'll be treated to a traditional Romanian soup lunch and a walking tour of **Alba Iulia**. Travel in time, from the dusk of the Roman Empire, later remembering the medieval era by paying respects at the final resting place of the János Hunyadi, and admiring the Habsburg grandeur of the 1700's. The evening's grand finale: a delicious dinner within the walls of the Mühlbach citadel, followed by a thrilling medieval knights' show.



Day 8 + 9

Farewell dinner + departure from Sibiu

Unwind and savor your final day at Reichau. The morning is yours to enjoy a last dip in the pool or relax in the soothing salt room.

In the afternoon, get hands-on with a cooking class where you'll learn to prepare traditional Romanian specialties. The day culminates with a memorable farewell dinner served in the garden (weather permitting). Check-out will be on the next day after breakfast, when Dacre and Nora are saying "La Revedere!"

3520 €



This program was carefully designed by the local guides of Experience Transylvania in collaboration with Dacre Stoker. Our goal is to provide a unique and enjoyable experience rooted in literary & cultural accuracy and responsible tourism.

Flight recommendation

We suggest that you plan to arrive in Bucharest and fly out of Sibiu.

Ask our travel consultants for advice before booking your flight. We're happy to help!

Included in the price:

- ✓ Dacre Stoker as tour host & Dracula literary expert
- ✓ Nora Vintila as certified local guide
- ✓ 8 nights accommodation in 3* & 4* hotels and guesthouses, in **double occupancy (single 295 €)**
- ✓ Meals: 8 breakfasts, 6 lunches, 8 dinners (water included)
- ✓ Wine: 2 tastings + complimentary glass with 2 of the meals (beer or soft drink alternative)
- ✓ Entrance to Peles Castle
- ✓ Entrance to Bran Castle (exclusive private guided tour)
- ✓ Entrance to Corvinus Castle
- ✓ Medieval knights entertainment, entrance to fortified church
- ✓ Traditional Transylvanian cooking class
- ✓ Private transportation starting from Bucharest and ending in Reichau, according to program

Not included in the price:

- ✗ Flight & airport transfer
- ✗ Travel insurance & costs due to unforeseen travel disruptions
- ✗ Additional meals
- ✗ Drinks
- ✗ Other activities & personal expenses

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