



The Medieval spirit of Transylvania

Difficulty level: medium

Activities: Hiking, Sightseeing, Biking, Visiting the local craftsmen.

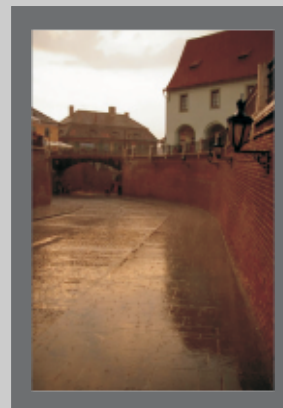
Sights:

Fortified Churches : Cisnadioara, Cisnatie, Agnita, Merghindeal, Valea Viilor, Ighisul Nou.

Medieval Towns: Sibiu, Medias, Biertan, Sighisoara, Brasov.

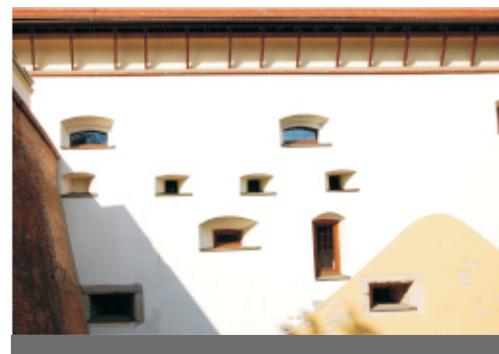
The Village Museum (Sighetul Marmatiei)

Visit the local craftsmen (Clay Modeling)



Overview :

The fortified churches are an unique phenomenon in Europe. They can only be found in some parts of Europe, while in Transylvania there have been more than 300 fortified German churches due to the danger represented by possible Turkish and Tartar invasions. Another representative aspect is the mixture of architectural styles. The tourist can observe on the same monument influences ranging from Romanic to Late Gothic styles. Some of them have disappeared, some are due to disappear, while most of them still exist in remote villages. However, seven of them have had a better fate and have been enlisted on the UNESCO heritage list. We invite you to spend a holiday in the heart of Transylvania, experiencing a place of history, living traditions and fairytale landscapes.



Day by day description

Day 1:(by car) Bucharest - Pitesti - Ramnicu Valcea - Sibiu - Cisnadioara





Day 2: (Bike Day) The towns hidden between the hills shelter **imposing fortified churches that we will visit in order to discover their history.** In Sibiu, after lunch, we will get acquainted with the city by taking **part in a Treasure Hunt.** Next, we will return in Cisnadioara on bikes.

Day 3: During this day **we will visit the workshops of traditional craftsmen and have dinner in a sheepfold,** thus discovering aspects of the people's lifestyles.

Day 4: We will leave early in the morning and cross wooded hills in order to reach Rasinari. Further on, **after the green forests, our eyes will witness the beauty of pastures, hayfields and sheepfolds.** We will get to Sibiu by the tram that crosses a forest on the way to its destination.

Day 5: We will visit **one of the most beautiful Village Museum in Romania.** The museum is built around a lake in the Dumbrava Forest and exposes houses, churches, water- and windmills from all over Romania.

Day 6: On our way to the UNESCO monument in Biertan we will visit other unique fortified churches(Agnita, Merghindeal, Valea Viilor and Ighisul Nou)

Day 7: (Bike Day) We will ride our bicycles once again and **stroll through Transylvanian villages, with their fortified churches.**

Day 8: We will go for a walk on the hills, visit a lovely church and have a picnic surrounded by a breathtaking scenery.

Day 9: Visits to important medieval towns in Transylvania (Medias, Sighisoara and Brasov)- Bucharest

Day 10: Transfer to the airport

**The transport will be made by minibus/car and we will provide the bicycles.*

**The accomodation will de made in agro-touristic boarding houses in Cisnadioara (for 5 nights) and Biertan for the next 4 nights.*





Description per day:

Day 1: (by car) Bucharest - Pitesti - Ramnicu Valcea - Sibiu - Cisnadioara

We will head out for Sibiu admiring the landscape of Oltenia. In the evening we will arrive in the town of Cisnadioara, a town surrounded by hills and watched over by the old fortified church, strategically situated on a hill.

Day 2: Cisnadioara (visit to the local fortified church) – Cisnadia (visit to the fortified church) – Selimbar – Sibiu (visit to the historic center) - return to Cisnadioara

We will explore the area on bicycles, this being a more appropriate way for you to get close to nature. First of all we will visit the fortified church of Cisnadioara, one of the oldest and most representative monuments, as far as Romanic style is concerned. Further on, we will visit the church in Cisnadia, one of the best conserved in Transylvania and one of the few that still shelters religious ceremonies. Once arrived in Sibiu, we invite you to discover the magic of the old center in an original manner, by taking part in a treasure hunt.

Day 3: We will visit a village near Sibiu, where customs and traditions are still kept and we will try to get acquainted with people's lifestyle. Therefore, we will visit traditional craftsmen and their workshops and we will see how they work, following ancestral methods.

Day 4: Hiking tour: Cisnadioara - Curmatura Magura - Magura Peak - Poiana Trandafirilor - Catunul Prislop – Rasinari - Cisnadioara

We will go on a hike that will take us through breathtaking places. After climbing on Magura Peak, one of the highest in the area, we will descend on a road that intersects several sheepfolds. If we are lucky enough to meet the shepherd, we will ask him to give us some details about his ancestral occupation.





Further on, we will follow a narrow path through hayfields that will take us to the small village of Prislop. Prislop is an impressive gypsy village because of the contrast between people's poor condition and their enthusiastic attitude. Our trip will end in Rasinari, where we will take a tram that will lead us to Sibiu, through a forest. From here, we will get back to Cisnadioara by bus and have dinner.

Day 5: Cisnadioara - Sibiu - Village Museum - Cisnadioara

During this day we will visit The Astra Museum, one of Romania's most beautiful village museums, where you will take part in a dynamic and interactive visit, due to several games that we will organize. After visiting the museum, we will have dinner in a wonderful setting – a restaurant situated in one of the mansions exposed here. After lunch, we will go to Sibiu, say goodbye to the old city and have dinner in one of the most famous restaurants, as far as traditional German dishes are concerned.

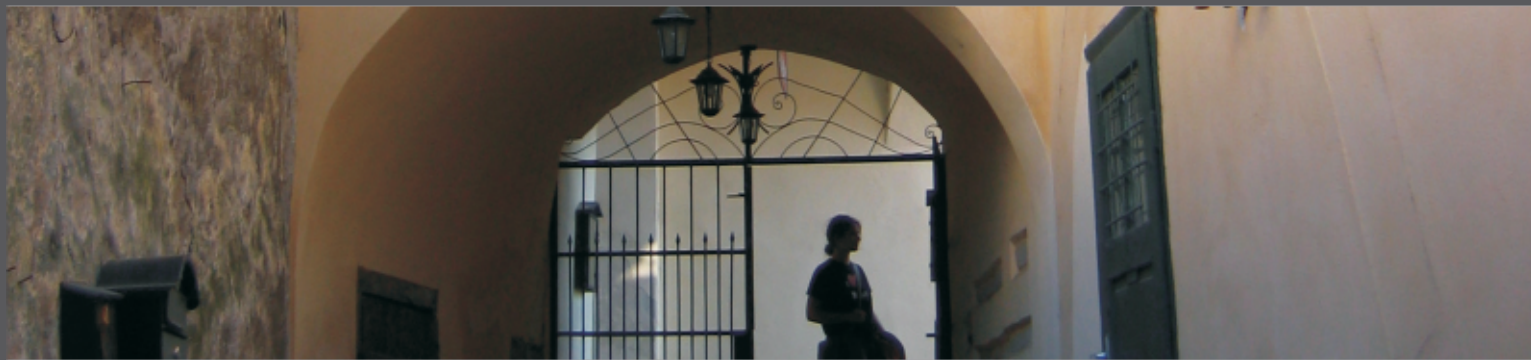
Day 6: Cisnadioara- Agnita (visit to the fortified church)- Merghindeal (visit to the fortified church)- Tapu- Seica Mica- Agarbiciu- Axente Sever- Valea Viilor (visit to the fortified church)- Ighisul Nou (visit to the fortified church)- Biertan.

We will say goodbye to our host and take the minibus to Medias, on a road winding through villages that shelter fortified churches. In this way, we will visit the churches in Agnita, Valea Viilor and Ignisul Nou. They are all unique, as they combine differently several architectural styles.

Day 7:(mountain-biking day) Biertan- Copsa Mare- Valchid - Saros pe Tarnave - Biertan

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Day 8: Biertan - Richis

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Day 9: Biertan- Medias- Sighisoara - Brasov - Bucharest

We will head towards Bucharest, making stops in other medieval towns. Medias and Sighisoara will take us back to long-forgotten times, while wandering on narrow streets and the city of Brasov will amaze us through the contrast between old and new. Further on, we will arrive in Bucharest, where we will accommodate in a hotel situated in a quiet part of the city.



Day 10: transfer to the airport

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