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HUNGARY SERBIA ROMANIA BULGARIA 2024



10
Nights
11
Days



- Budapest
- Belgrade
- Timișoara
- Brașov
- Bucharest
- Veliko Tarnovo
- Plovdiv
- Sofia

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE TOUR

- A complete, all-inclusive value-for-money tour of Hungary, Serbia, Romania and Bulgaria with maximum quality sightseeing!
- Stay at comfortable and conveniently located hotels
- Daily buffet breakfast at the hotels except on Day 01
- Local/Western/Continental vegetarian/non-vegetarian lunches - as per the itinerary
- Indian/Local/Western/Continental vegetarian/non-vegetarian dinners - as per the itinerary
- **Guided City Tour of Budapest**
- Visit Buda Castle
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- Visit the Open Air Ethnographic Museum of Etara
- Visit Kazanlak - the Valley of the Roses
- Visit the Thracian Tomb of Kazanlak
- Walking tour of Plovdiv
- Visit the Regional Ethnographic Museum
- Visit the Roman Stadium of Philippopolis
- **Guided City Tour of Sofia**
- Services of an experienced and professional tour manager throughout.



Budapest

DAY 01

Arrive Budapest, Hungary!

Today, begin your beautiful journey through Hungary, Serbia, Romania and Bulgaria with Airtours Holidays. Arrive at Budapest Ferenc Liszt International Airport where you will be met by your Tour Manager at the arrival area after clearing immigration and customs. Kindly make your own arrangement if you are unable to meet the Tour Manager at the designated time. Later, transfer to your hotel. **Tonight enjoy an Indian dinner.**

Overnight in Budapest (D)

Budapest - Guided City Tour - River Danube Cruise

After a buffet breakfast, proceed for a guided tour of Budapest. The guided city tour will lead you to most interesting and famous sights of the Hungarian capital: Budapest Parliament House, Castle District, Citadella, Andrassy Avenue, St. Stephen's Basilica, State Opera House and Hősök tere (Heroes' Square). See all the wonderful sights of Budapest: the grand squares, monuments and churches of the city and the unique panorama of the River Danube! Enjoy a local lunch. Later, embark on a Budapest Danube Boat Tour and explore beautiful sights while sailing along the River Danube. The river that separates the two parts of the city is 230 m wide at its narrowest point in Budapest. Buda is built on the higher river terraces and hills of the western side, while the considerably larger Pest stretches out on a flat and sandy plain on the river's opposite bank. Pest's terrain rises with a slight eastward gradient, so the easternmost parts of the city lie at the same altitude as Buda's smallest hills, notably Gellert Hill and Castle Hill. **Tonight enjoy an Indian dinner.**

Overnight in Budapest (B, LL, D)

DAY 03

Budapest - Drive to Novi Sad, Serbia- Onto Belgrade - Guided City Tour

After a buffet breakfast, check out and drive to Novi Sad. Novi Sad is a charming city built on the banks of the River Danube. Amongst other things the city is famous for its Petrovaradin Fortress, the fortress featuring the iconic Clock Tower with the Pijani Sat (*drunk or reversed clock*). The minute and hour hands on the clock tower are reversed

- the small hand shows minutes, and the big hand shows hours. This reversal was engineered so that fishermen on the River Danube could see the time from a long distance. Later, enjoy a local lunch and proceed to Belgrade. On arrival, discover the capital city of Serbia on a guided city tour. **Tonight enjoy an Indian dinner.**

Overnight in Belgrade (B, LL, D)

DAY 04

Belgrade - Timișoara, Romania - Onto Hunedoara

After a buffet breakfast, check out and drive to Timișoara. Embark on a walking tour to learn about Timișoara's fascinating history and visit its main sights and landmarks. Walk through the city's main squares (Liberty, Union, Victory) and admire the restored Art Nouveau and Baroque architecture. Pass by Timișoara's major landmarks: the 'Three Holy Hierarchs' Orthodox Cathedral, Opera Square, City Hall. Enjoy a local lunch. Thereafter, drive to Hunedoara where you will visit Corvin Castle, also known as Hunyadi Castle, one of the most beautiful castles in Romania and one of the largest castles in Europe. Its construction began in 1440, and it was designed as a defense fortress against the Ottoman Empire. **Tonight enjoy an Indian dinner**

Overnight in Hunedoara (B, LL, D)

Hunedoara - Sibiu - Sighișoara - Viscri - Onto Brașov

DAY 05

After a buffet breakfast, check out and drive to Sibiu. See the prominent historical and cultural monuments such as St. Mary's Evangelical Church - a Gothic architectural masterpiece; The Bridge of Lies - a legendary pedestrian bridge located in the center of Sibiu; Tour du Conseil - the symbol of Sibiu, often found on Sibiu souvenirs; The Small Square with The Eyes of Sibiu - the iconic eyebrow dormers on the roofs of Sibiu's houses, and the Brukenthal National Museum. Later we drive to the citadel of Sighișoara. Marvel at the numerous towers, especially the 64 m-high Clock Tower. See the house where Vlad the Impaler was born as per legend and the Stag House. Next we visit the Scholar's Stairs, a covered staircase built in 1642 to allow people to reach the school and the church easily in winter time as heavy snowfall covered most of the citadel. Only 176 of the 300 original steps have lasted to this day. Enjoy a local lunch. Continue to the small village of Viscri - one of Romania's most beautiful Saxon villages, best-known for its centuries-old fortified church and traditional houses. King Charles III of the UK has properties in Viscri. Proceed to Brașov. **Tonight enjoy an Indian dinner**

Overnight in Brașov (B, LL, D)

Bran Castle





Peleş Castle

DAY 06

Braşov – Guided City Tour - Bran – Sinaia - Onto Bucharest

After a buffet breakfast, check out and proceed on a guided city tour of Braşov - a medieval city, founded in 12th century. The tour leads you to the historical city center with the big square, the old city-hall, and the Black Church - the main Gothic-style monument in Romania. Continue to Bran where you will discover Dracula's Castle and the truth behind the legend. The castle was originally built in 1377 to safeguard the trading route between Transylvania and Wallachia. Later it became the Royal Residence in the 1920s under Queen Marie of Romania. Enjoy a local lunch. Next we drive to Sinaia, the erstwhile royal family's favourite city. Sinaia is also known as the 'Carpathian Pearl'. This town has abundant beauty in its landscapes, guarding a treasure of Romanian history: The Peleş Castle, used as a summer residence by the royal family. Later, drive to Bucharest.

Tonight enjoy an Indian dinner

Overnight in Bucharest (B, LL, D)

Bucharest - Guided City Tour

After a buffet breakfast, proceed on a guided city tour of the Romanian capital. Visit the Royal Palace, the Central University Library, the Bucharest City Hall and other interesting sights of Bucharest - also called 'Little Paris' because of the architectural style of the buildings that was inspired by the monuments in Paris. Later visit the Parliament Palace - the second largest administrative building in the world. Thereafter, proceed to visit Dimitrie Gusti National Village Museum, a charming open-air museum that showcases traditional Romanian village life with all the original houses restored. Moreover, the village museum hosts many traditional fairs, where you can find traditional food, arts and crafts. Located near the Village Museum, proceed to Herăstrău Park that is considered the most spectacular and the most visited park in Bucharest. Enjoy a steamboat ride with lunch at a local restaurant along Herăstrău lake. **Tonight enjoy an Indian dinner**

Overnight in Bucharest (B, LL, D)

DAY 07

DAY 08

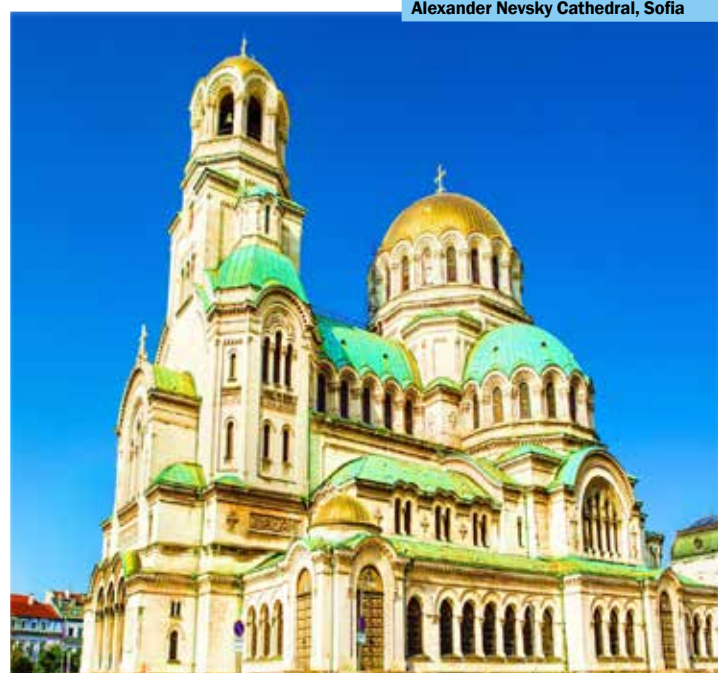
Bucharest – Drive to Ruse, Bulgaria – Onto Veliko Tarnovo

After a buffet breakfast, check out and drive across the River Danube to Ruse, known for its 19th- and 20th-century Neo-Baroque and Neo-Rococo architecture. It is often called the 'Little Vienna'. The city is also the main Bulgarian port along the banks of the River Danube. Visit the Rusenski Lom River Valley, which together with the wider area of the Lom Rivers harbours a rich variety of flora and fauna. Enjoy a local lunch. Visit the Rock-hewn Churches of Ivanovo, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. In the 12th century, hermits dug out monasteries, chapels and churches here. The 14th-century murals testify to the exceptional skill of the artists belonging to the Tarnovo School of painting. Later in the afternoon, visit the historical Tsarevets Fortress and see the Patriarchal Church and Baldwin's Tower.

Tonight enjoy an Indian dinner

Overnight in Veliko Tarnovo (B, LL, D)

Alexander Nevsky Cathedral, Sofia





Lavender Field, Kazanlak

DAY 09

Veliko Tarnovo – Arbanasi – Etara – Kazanlak - Onto Plovdiv

After a buffet/boxed breakfast, check out and transfer to the village of Arbanasi famous for its 17th- and 18th-century churches and examples of Bulgarian National Revival architecture. Later, drive to the Open Air Ethnographic Museum in Etara, where you will discover over 300 years of Bulgarian tradition. Continue onwards to Kazanlak, also known as the 'Valley of the Roses', to learn about the production of Bulgarian rose oil followed by a visit to the 4th century Thracian Tomb, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Enjoy a local lunch. Thereafter, arrive in Plovdiv and discover the city's highlights on a walking tour through the beautiful Old Town. Visit the Regional Ethnographic Museum, the St. Konstantin & Elena Church and the Roman Stadium of Philippopolis.

Tonight enjoy a local dinner

Overnight in Plovdiv (B, LL, LD)

Plovdiv – Sofia - Guided City Tour

DAY 10

After a buffet breakfast, check out and drive to Sofia, the capital of Bulgaria. On arrival embark on a guided city tour. Visit the historical 5th century Saint Sofia Church. In the 14th century, the church gave its name to the city, previously known as Serdika. Continue on the city tour and see the National Assembly, the Serdica Archaeological Complex and the Patriarchal Cathedral of St. Alexander Nevsky. Enjoy a local lunch. In the afternoon explore Sofia's modern side along the Vitosha Boulevard, which is lined with shopping outlets, restaurants, cafés and the imposing Sofia Court House. **Tonight enjoy a local dinner**

Overnight in Sofia (B, LL, LD)

DAY 11

Farewell!

After buffet/boxed breakfast, check out and transfer to the airport for your flight back home. Return home with wonderful memories of your holiday. **(B)**

TOUR

COST 2024

HUNGARY, SERBIA, ROMANIA, BULGARIA

Land Cost (10 Nights 11 Days)

Per Person on Twin Share	: USD 2,650
Single Room Supplement	: USD 705

Note:

- Rooming in South Korea is on Twin Bed basis. Double Bed rooms are strictly subject to availability.
- As a 3rd person in a triple room, most hotels use rollaway beds and room size may be the same as the double bed. There will be no reduction for triple sharing.
- Single Room Supplement charges will be applicable in case two different people are sharing a room and one of them cancels the tour.

TOUR

DATES 2024

September: 09 October: 14

Note:

- Tour starts in Tokyo, Japan on the above-mentioned dates
- There could be possibility of flight departure on the previous evening.
- On certain departure dates the itinerary may be operated in reverse order. However, all services and inclusions will remain the same.

WHAT YOUR TOUR PRICE INCLUDES

SIGHTSEEING AND EXCURSIONS

HUNGARY

- Budapest** : Guided City Tour
: Visit Buda Castle
: Cruise on the River Danube

SERBIA

- Novi Sad** : Visit Novi Sad and see the iconic Clock Tower also known as the 'Drunk Clock'

- Belgrade** : Guided City Tour

ROMANIA

- Timișoara** : Walking tour of Timișoara

- Hunedoara** : Visit Corvin Castle

- Sibiu** : Visit St. Mary's Evangelical Church

- Brașov** : Guided City Tour
: Visit Bran Castle

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- : Visit Peleş Castle

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- : Visit the Parliament Palace

- : Visit Dimitrie Gusti National Village Museum

BULGARIA

- Ivanovo** : Visit the Rock-hewn Churches of Ivanovo

- Veliko Tarnovo** : Visit the Tsarevets Fortress

- Arbanasi** : Drive through the picturesque village

- Etara** : Visit the Open Air Ethnographic Museum

- Kazanlak** : Visit Kazanlak - the Valley of the Roses

- : Visit the Thracian Tomb

- Plovdiv** : Walking tour of Plovdiv

- : Visit the Regional Ethnographic Museum

- : Visit the Old Town and the Roman Stadium of Philippopolis

- Sofia** : Guided City Tour

HOTELS

- 02 nights at Hotel Novotel Budapest Centrum or similar in Budapest
- 01 night at Hotel Mercure Belgrade Excelsior or similar in Belgrade
- 01 night at Werk Hotel and Spa or similar in Hunedoara
- 01 night at Hotel Ramada Brasov or similar in Brașov
- 02 nights at Mercure Bucharest Unirii or similar in Bucharest
- 01 night at Yantra Grand Hotel or similar in Veliko Tarnovo
- 01 night at Ramada by Wyndham Trimontium or similar in Plovdiv
- 01 night at Hotel Best Western Terminus or similar in Sofia

CITY AND HOTEL TAXES

- All city and hotel taxes

MEALS - AS SPECIFIED IN THE ITINERARY

- Daily buffet breakfast at the hotel except on Day 01
- Daily Local/Western/Continental vegetarian/non-vegetarian lunches
- Daily Indian/Local/Western/Continental vegetarian/non-vegetarian dinners

TIPS, PORTERAGE & WATER

- Tips to drivers and guides
- Porterage of one bag (20 kgs) per person at hotels
- 2 bottles (500 ml) mineral water per person per day

TRANSFERS

- All transfers and excursions will be conducted by a deluxe air-conditioned coach.

TOUR MANAGER

- Services of a professional and experienced tour manager throughout your tour.

WHAT YOUR TOUR PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE

➤ COST OF INTERNATIONAL AIR TICKETS

- Cost of deviation: In case you wish to deviate from the group departure dates mentioned in the brochure i.e. either travel before the departure date of your tour or would like to come back on a later date after the tour ends, there will be an additional charge that will be applicable which will be advised to you by our sales team. The same is subject to availability of seats & class for the given dates & ticket validity. Kindly also note, the deviation request is to be made at the time of booking.

- Cost of Transfer: The individual arrival & departure transfer in case you are not arriving / departing as per group ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE timings.

- Medical/ Travel insurance.

- Any expenses of personal nature such as laundry, wines, mineral water, food and drink not in the regular menu provided by us, mini bar, telephone calls, pay channels, cruise shore excursion and any type of beverages in cruise etc. Anything not specified under inclusions.

- Meals other than what is mentioned in your itinerary

- Cost of excursions, city sightseeing, entrance fees and local guides availed of by the passengers, other than that mentioned in 'What your tour price includes'

- Departure taxes except where included.

VISAS REQUIRED TO TRAVEL ON YOUR TOUR

HUNGARY

- USA Citizens : No Visa required
Indian Passport with Green Card : Tourist Visa required

SERBIA

- USA Citizens : No Visa required
Indian Passport with Green Card : Tourist Visa required

ROMANIA

- USA Citizens : No Visa required
Indian Passport with Green Card : Tourist Visa required

BULGARIA

- USA Citizens : No Visa required
Indian Passport with Green Card : Tourist Visa required

- Cost of the above-mentioned visas **are not included** in your tour price

OVERSEAS TRAVEL INSURANCE

- It's very important to find out before you leave whether or not your medical insurance will cover you overseas. Your regular U.S. health insurance may not cover doctors' and hospital visits in other countries. **We recommend clients take overseas travel insurance to cover any eventuality while on tour.**

BOOKING TERMS & CANCELLATION POLICY

All services such as Airline seats/Hotels accommodation/ground transportation for group tours are pre-blocked well in advance. We are liable to pay penalties to all our suppliers/vendors if these services are released within the below mentioned time frame. If circumstances make you cancel the tour, the cancellation must be intimated to us in writing. Such cancellation will attract the following cancellation charges:

Booking Terms & Cancellation Policy

Non-Refundable deposit to book your tour	US\$ 1000 Per Person
Full payment to be made	75 Days prior to Departure date
Cancellation of Tour due to border closure in Origin or Destination, 60 days prior to Departure date	Administrative Fees US\$ 100 Per Person
60 Days to 45 Days	50% of Total Tour cost Per Person
44 Days to 30 Days	75% of Total Tour cost Per Person
29 Days till Tour date	100% of Total Tour cost Per Person

Mandatory travel requirements: Keeping in view the safety of all travellers and as per the requirement of various countries, only people who have completed both the vaccinations at least 14 days before the travel date will be allowed on the tour.

Cancellation due to Border Closures: In case we are unable to operate a tour due to Border Closure, Airtours Holidays LLC will refund the deposit amount after deducting the administrative fees of USD 100 per person. In the event that the entire tour cost has been paid by you and we in turn have paid our overseas tour operators, after which the tour gets cancelled due to Border Closure, then it is possible that we are not able to get the amount back, then we will try and get the refund or a credit note for a later travel date. Any loss due to the exchange rate will affect the refund amount.

The company reserves the right to cancel any tour prior to the departure, without assigning any reason. All monies paid by you will be fully refunded in USD only, and no compensation will be payable. In case of cruises, 100% of the cruise cost paid will be forfeited in case of any cancellations irrespective of time of cancellation. The company cannot assume responsibility for any fees relating to the issuance and / or cancellation of air tickets or other arrangements not done through the company. Single Room Supplement Charges will be applicable in case any of the client cancels the booking of sharing the room together.

IMPORTANT POINTS TO BE NOTED

- Only fully vaccinated persons are eligible to travel on this tour over and above the prevailing covid protocols outlined by the respective countries
- Passengers taking early morning flights will be provided with boxed breakfast.
- All tours will be operated subject to a minimum of 25 full paying passengers traveling together. In case there are less than 25 full paying passengers the clients will be given an option of travelling on another departure date.
- Keeping in view the Luggage compartment of coach & Internal Flight regulations, we strongly recommend you to carry only medium size Bag of 20 kg and 1 carryon bag of 5 kg per person.
- The dates and granting of Visas is at the sole discretion of the concerned consulate. Air Tours Holidays is not responsible for granting of visas and are only a facilitator in the visa application process and any situation arising out of delay in granting visa by the consulate/embassy.
- In case you are not able to continue the tour due to loss of passport, theft, illness, or any other life-event beyond our control, Air Tours is not liable to give any refund on unutilized services.
- Please note that in case any clients loses their passport, the cost of getting a new passport and necessary charges to revise the arrangement to return home will be borne by client, and there will be no refund for any unutilized services.
- Air Tours shall not accept any liability or responsibility for any delay in flights or change in Schedule by the airline and any situations arising out of the same. Any damages caused to the hotel rooms/coach during your stay, shall be payable by the passengers. Air Tours will not be liable for the same.
- Air Tours shall not accept any liability or responsibility for any damages, loss, injury, accident, death, delay, breakdown or irregularity which may occur in carrying out of the tour arrangement.
- Air Tours will not be liable in any loss of baggage by the Airline. However, we will provide assistance in tracing any lost baggage.
- Air Tours reserves the right to charge any additional expenses due to delay or changes in train, plane, bus, ship or other services, weather conditions, strikes, war, quarantine and any other cause whatsoever and all such losses or expenses must be borne by the passengers.
- Air Tours reserves the right to amend, alter, vary or withdraw any particular departure, excursion advertised or substitute a hotel of similar class if deemed advisable or necessary.
- There will be no refund on unutilized services or partly utilized services.
- For the convenience of our passengers, Air Tours will sometimes amend the itinerary; however all the other services will remain the same.
- If clients prefer to have meals on their own there will be no refund.
- All hotels may not have Tea or Coffee machines in the room.
- It is strictly not allowed to eat, drink or smoke inside the Coach.
- Coaches may not have any Wi-Fi facilities or USB phone charging options on board.
- Single Room Supplement charges will be applicable in case two different people are sharing a room and one of them cancels the tour.
- The Tour Cost is a combination of all the arrangements and hence cannot be calculated on an individual service basis. Tour cost is one component and not calculated individually.
- Standard check-in at hotels is 1400-1500 hours and check out is 1100-1200 hours.
- Updating of mileage is subject to Airlines terms & conditions in group fare.
- We request the airlines for your preferred seats however this is as per their policy and at their discretion.
- Please refer to the booking form for detailed cancellation policy and 'Terms and Conditions'.