

## **Bucharest Extension:**

**D1** – Arrival in Bucharest. Make your own way to the hotel. Free evening & dinner. Accommodation for 4 nights in a central hotel.

**D2** – Meet the guide in the morning at your hotel. Guided visit of Bucharest for the day. We will then begin our tour, first by going to be impressed by the Parliament Palace (“Palatul Parlamentului”), which is the second biggest administrative building in the world after the Pentagon. Here we will hear more about Bucharest's communist history. Next, we'll visit the best, hidden parts of old Bucharest. We will go back to its roots and learn more about how surprisingly cosmopolitan this city used to be before its industrialisation. On our checklist, we have the Mihai Voda Monastery, “Curtea Veche”, Hanul Lui Manuc (Manuc`Inn) and more. We will visit historic monasteries and old inns along the Dambovitza River which served as commercial meeting grounds for traders, writers, politicians and other important personalities. We will also visit spectacular monuments such as the History Museum and the Art Museum (which gave Bucharest its nickname of the “Little Paris”) before we continue to Cismigiu Park, Bucharest's charming central park.

**D3-4** – Free days to explore Bucharest. This trip will show you the best gems of « the city of the joy » or Bucharest ("bucur" meaning joy in Romanian).

Its story began about 5 centuries ago when Bucharest was a just a little village located straight on a commercial road by Dambovitza River. Not too long after, Prince Vlad Tepes (the Wallachian prince, native from Transylvania, who inspired the Dracula character) transformed it into the capital. At the beginning of the 1800s, Bucharest had around 60,000 inhabitants, but by the end of the century, it managed to develop so much that it reached the 1 million mark just before the beginning of the Second World War. It was around that time that Bucharest earned its nickname as the "Little Paris" thanks to its beautiful, French-inspired architecture. Nowadays, Bucharest is a wonderful mixture of medieval (influenced by the Ottoman Empire), neo-classic, communist and modern architecture.

**D5** – Transfer to the airport. End of the trip

### **Included:**

- 4 nights in a 3\* central hotel in Bucharest
- 4 breakfasts
- 1 guided day
- 1 group transfer to the airport on the last day

**Price: 6-9 pax: £200 / per person**

**10-14 pax : £180 / per person**

### **Flight details 16th - 20th Sept.**

From London Heathrow

Outward - Dep LHR 11.40      Arr. OTP 17.00

Return - Dep. OTP 07.55      Arr. LHR 09.30

Cost £93 with hand luggage only