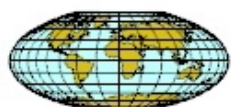


# Jim Gold International Folk Tours



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# ROMANIA!

August 5-17, 2017

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Led by Jim Gold

Folk Dancing, Folk Festivals, Folk Music, Folk Art,  
History, Culture, Folk Shopping, Adventure !

Bucharest, Sibiu, Cluj,  
Sighetu Marmatiei, Piatra Neamt,  
Brasov

SEE A WHOLE RANGE OF ROMANIANS!

- ★ Wallachia-Bucharest--old and new Romanians
- ★ Transylvania--Germans and Hungarians
- ★ Maramures--the old customs and unique dances
- ★ Moldova--14th century monasteries and old traditions
- ★ Meet with local folk dance groups !
- ★ Castles, palaces, historic sites, and museums !
- ★ Breathtaking scenery from mountains to sea !
- ★ Visit villages, meet crafts people, dance with traditional village groups!
- ★ Price includes round trip air, city tours, transfers, hotels, two meals daily, our own private air-conditioned tour bus, all entrance and performance fees.

## OUR ITINERARY:

**Day 1: August 5, Saturday:** Departure from Newark airport in Newark, NJ. Fly to Bucharest.

**Day 2: August 6: Sunday:** Arrival in **Bucharest**. Meet our guide at the airport and transfer to your hotel. Traditional welcome dinner at Carul cu Bere restaurant, a traditional world pub. Overnight in Minerva hotel.

**Day 3: August, 7. Monday:** Breakfast to our hotel. **Bucharest city tour** including the Romanian Athenaeum, the Patriarchal Church, the Old Royal Court and village museum - an open-air ethnographic museum showcasing traditional Romanian village life. Then





continue on a walking tour of Bucharest. See the Old Center, Noble Court, Lipschani old street, and Hanul lui Manuc. Then along Victoriei Way to Revolution Square. Our bus will bring us to the **Peasant's Museum** to see hand woven carpets, painted eggs, ceramics and wooden carvings and also buy some souvenirs. Evening **meeting with Romanian folk dancers dressed in national costumes. We'll learn folk dances from the Wallachia region.**



**Day 4: August 8, Tuesday: Bucharest—Curtea de Arges—Sibiu**

After breakfast, drive to the Transylvania area. En route, stop in **Curtea de Arges, former capital of Wallachia.** See remnants of the Noble Court, Noble Church, and the white stone sculpted Curtea de Arges monastery -a Byzantine monument, built in the 14<sup>th</sup> century. Lunch served in restaurant with a **beautiful view of Vidraru Lake—Valea cu Pesti.** Then on to Cozla monastery, which preserves the memory of its 14<sup>th</sup> century builder, Mircea, the Old Romanian ruler. Arrive in **Sibiu**, with its narrow, crooked streets, old Gothic houses, gables, and pointed roofs. Folk dancing and overnight in Imparatul Romanilor hotel.



**Day 5: August 9. Wednesday: Sibiu—Sibiel—Sibiu**

Morning sightseeing tour of Medieval Sibiu including the historic city center, Main Square Little Square, Old Town Hall's Tower, Ladder Tower, Maria Kirche Teutsch (Evangelical church), and Council Hall's Tower. Afternoon drive to **village of Sibiel** a traditional lunch cooked by local families and served to their homes. Then on to Sibiel Glass Icons Museum, hosting the largest collection of painted glass icons in Europe — more than 700, as well as furniture and ceramics. **Meeting with a local Transylvanian folk group dressed in traditional costumes. Dance performance and folk dance lessons in Transylvania/ German dances.** Overnight Imparatul Romanilor.



**.Day 6: August 10, Thursday: Sibiu—Alba Iulia—Cluj**

Morning drive to Cluj. En route, stop in Alba Iulia to visit the Roman-Catholic Cathedral "St. Michael", built in the 13<sup>th</sup> century, and containing the tombs of two of the regions's royals. On to **Cluj.** We'll tour the old university of Cluj, check into our hotel, then drive in a rural area to enjoy the local traditions: horse cart ride, horse back riding and taking a traditional **Transylvanian dinner** cooked on an open wood fire with plum brandy and folk music. Stop to visit **Turda Salt Mine**, one of the most important and recently renovated salt mines in Transylvania. Folk dancing and overnight Capitolina hotel.



**Day 7: August 11, Friday: Cluj—Ieud—Rozavlea—Botiza Sapanta—Sighetu Marmatiei**

Morning drive to **Maramures**, most northern region of Romania. Here ancient Romania co-exists with modern one. We'll visit a land of wooden churches, unique folk costumes and timeless traditions, Experience local Romanian culture and local peasant lifestyle with a delightful village family. We'll visit the **Merry Cemetery** in Sapanta Village with its brightly colored

grave markers. simple paintings and epitaphs. Evening dinner with "ceterasl," the **local violin players, accompanied by local dancers who will teach us how to dance Maramures folk dances.** Overnight in Sighetu Marmatiei Gradina Morii Hotel.

**Day 8: August 12, Saturday: Sighetu Marmatiel—Moldovita—Sucevita—Arbore monastery—Gura Humorului**



Drive through Bargau Pass to the historical region of Moldavia. En route, we'll stop to visit some of the greatest monasteries in Moldova region, the **painted monasteries of Moldovita, Sucevita and Arbore,** famous for their wall frescoes. The oldest, Moldovita, dating from 1410, received the "Pomme d'Or" (Golden Apple) in 1975 for its unique paintings. Architecturally, with its fascinating interior and exterior paintings, Sucevita is the most complete monastery. Lunch in local restaurant. Folk dancing. Overnight in Best Western Bucovina hotel in Gura Humorului.



**Day 9: August 13, Sunday: Gura Humorului—Voronet—Humor Monastery—Dragomirna monastery—Gura Humorului**



After a rich traditional breakfast, today we will explore the **Bucovina monasteries of Voronet, Humor and Dragomirna.** Voronet is famous for the unique blue color of Voronet, and the Judgement Day scene embodied on the western facade. Then, visit the local markets and **meet the farmers of Humor Village** before touring the Wooden Spoons Museum with its private collection of 6,000 spoons. Dinner to our hotel with entertainment by **local folk dancers dressed in national costumes.** Folk dancing and overnight in a Best Western Bucovina hotel Gura Humorului.



**Day 10: August 14, Monday: Gura Humorului—Agapia—Varatec—Matra Neamt**

Morning departure from Bucovina and continue to Piatra Neamt. On the way, stop to visit the monasteries of Agapia and Varatec, with interior frescoes painted by the famous Romanian painter, Nicolae Grigorescu and workshops used by the nuns for embroideries and carpet weaving. Lunch inside the monastery will be prepared by the nuns. Evening arrival in city of Piatra Neamt. Folk dancing. Overnight in Ceahlăul hotel.



**Day 11: August 15, Tuesday: Matra Piatra Neamt—Bran—Brasov**

Visit the mediaeval Transylvanian town of Brasov. Guided walking tour in the historical center of Brasov including the Black Church, largest gothic structure between Vienna and Istanbul. On to Bran castle where Dracula, the legendary hero, inspired by Vlad Tepes, the Romanian ruler who defended this part of Transylvania, was imprisoned in 1462 by the Hungarian king Matei Corvin. After the visit, we'll see the open-air shopping area, where traditional Romanian artisan crafts can be purchased. Drive to our mountain resort of Poiana Brasov. Dinner in an traditionally decorated hut in the mountains, Folk dancing. Overnight in Sport hotel Polana Brasov.



**Day 12: August 16, Wednesday: Brasov — Bucharest**

Morning drive to Bucharest. En route, stop at Peles castle, a masterpiece of German new-Renaissance architecture, commissioned by King Carol I in 1873, completed in 1883, one of the most beautiful castles in all of Europe. Lunch at a local restaurant in Sinaia. Upon arrival in Bucharest, check-in to the hotel. Farewell dinner. Overnight in Minerva Hotel in Bucharest.

**Day 13, August 17, Thursday:**

Breakfast at hotel, then departure to the airport for the flight back home.

**Land Only: \$3395    Land and Air: \$4495**

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