



## **Climbing, Conservation and Cultural Adventure in Romania**

**June 18 - 27, 2020**

June 18th Welcome (D)

Please ensure your arrival to Bucharest by 5 p.m. to check in to hotel and get settled.

6:00 p.m. - Meet and greet orientation session with Tree Monkey

7:30 p.m. - Welcome dinner with traditional Romanian food

Overnight in Bucharest  
4 Star Hotel

June 19th History and Cultural Overview (B,L)

8:00 a.m.- Breakfast

9:00 a.m.- Presentation by a local historian of "Romania - Past, Present, Future"

11:00 a.m. City Walking and Bus tour - We will walk along the Strada George Enescu and the Strada Nicolae Golescu. We will continue on to the Calea Victoriei, one of the city's central arteries and most historic streets with many buildings and monuments. We continue to the Royal Palace, which is now home to the National Museum of Romanian Art, the country's finest collection of artwork.

1:00 p.m.- Lunch

2:30 p.m.- continue City Walking and Bus tour - We start at the historic Piața Revoluției (Revolution Square) which commemorates the 1989 Romanian Revolution that ousted the Communist dictator Nicolae Ceaușescu. It houses several landmarks such as the Royal Palace and Athanaeum, the Memorial of Rebirth. The buildings behind the plaza are the former Communist Party Headquarters where Ceaușescu gave his final speech before fleeing and being swiftly executed.

We end the afternoon with a visits to the Stavropoleos Monastery, the New St. George Church, and the Museum of the Peasant (if reopened) with a collection of textiles, icons, ceramics, and other artifacts of Romanian peasant life.

5:30 p.m. Return to hotel - Free time to rest, have dinner and explore on your own.

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June 20th Ecology and Forest Management (B,L,D)

8:00 a.m. Breakfast

9:00 a.m. Check out of hotel

9:30 a.m. Meet with a representative from Agent Green, a local conservation organization, to learn about the importance of Romania's forests and biodiversity.

11:00 a.m. Depart for Brassov and Zebola Estates. Visit Bran Castle and its Torture Museum; learn about the history of Transylvania and the stories behind Dracula's Castle.

We will have lunch along the way.

4:00p.m. Check in to the lodge at Zebola Estates.

6:00 p.m. Dinner and welcome words by the family about the history of Zebola Estates.

Overnight at Zebola Estates

June 21st, 22nd and 23rd Forest and Climbing Immersion (B,L,D)

Climbing days will be fluid depending on conditions and weather.

A facilitated climb will be optional for people without climbing gear to experience tree climbing. Experienced climbers with gear may climb in other locations on the property. There may also be installations of monitoring devices by experienced climbers on the property during those days.

Packed lunch in the forest

8:00 a.m. Breakfast

9:00 a.m. Climb

12:00 a.m. Lunch

1:00 a.m. Climb

Optional activities for non-climbers will include a visit to a local village and the Haszman Pal Museum, an exploration of Smelly Mountain (mofetta, peatbog, mineral water springs, and hot springs to soak), an exchange with local craftsmen in the market town of Kezdivasarhely, and a hot springs soak at Saint Anne Lake.

6:00 p.m. Dinner

Overnight at Zebola Estates

June 24th Forest Service Day (B,L,D)

Take a trip to an old growth forest off site with tree climbing and device  
Packed lunch in the forest

- 8:00 a.m. Breakfast
- 9:00 a.m. Tree climbing and device installation
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. Tree climbing and device installation

June 24th is a celebration of "Sanziene"  
Our local guide will share the meaning of this annual festival with us.

7:00pm Dinner at Zebola Estates

Overnight at Zebola Estates

June 25th Eco-tourism and Cultural Heritage (B,L)

- 8:00 a.m. Breakfast
- 9:00 a.m. Take leave of the Zebola Estates for the medieval town of Sighisoara. Designated as a World Heritage Site by UNESCO, the town is full of cobbled streets and ornate churches and is the birthplace of Vlad Tepes or Vlad Dracula; the title translated to mean the son of Dracul. Sighisoara was founded in the 12th century by Transylvani an Saxons, but it's Dracula that has put the town on the map with visitors.
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch at the Vlad Dracul House
- 1:00 p.m. After lunch we will explore the Vlad Dracul House and the Museum of Weapons. The Vlad Dracul House is situated in Citadel Square, close to the Clock Tower, where Vlad Dracul was born. We will climb the clock tower and enjoy free time to explore the colorful streets.
- 5:00 p.m. Evening free for dinner and local cultural activities.

Overnight in Sighisoara  
4 Star Hotel

June 26th Wrap Up (B,D)

- 8:00 a.m. Breakfast
- 9:00 a.m. Check out of hotel and return to Bucharest.  
We will stop along the way for lunch. In Bucharest we will have time to support local craft vendors at the Traditional Popular Art Gallery, the La Chambre Aux Bons Vins (Tuica), the Ki-Life Natural Store (Honey).
- 4:30 p.m. Check in to hotel and enjoy some free time for rest.
- 8:00 p.m. Farewell Dinner

Overnight in Bucharest  
4 Star Hotel

June 27th \_\_\_\_\_ La Revedere (Good bye) Tree Monkeys (B)

8:00 a.m. Breakfast

9:00 a.m. check out of Hotel

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