Come Explore Romania with us!
**Prince Charles about Romanians and Romania:** “Romanians? They can teach us a thing or two! (...)It's the last corner of Europe where you see true sustainability and complete resilience. There's so much we can learn from it before it's too late.”

**William Blacker about Transylvania:** “Lying in valleys between deep oak and beech forests, and dominated by vast castle-like churches which tower above the terracotta roofs of the houses that cluster around their walls, the Saxon villages of Transylvania have a fairytale quality about them.”

- Untouched nature
- Vibrant urban culture
- Breathtaking landscapes
- Wild mountains
- White sandy beaches
- Multicultural diversity
- Well preserved traditions

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Explore Maramures is a truly special programme due to its soft tourism component and to the conservation priority area Maramureș. Together with our valuable partner, WWF Romania, we support nature conservation and sustainable development in the region throughout an innovative funding mechanism and a joint cooperation.

One of our main goals is the development of an integrated network of quality services and building a consistent brand identity for the region Maramureș.

By choosing to visit Maramureș through this programme, tourists have the power and opportunity to positively influence the local communities.

Accommodation: local 3* or 4* guesthouse in Breb

Full board included

Traveller profile: nature lovers, culture enthusiasts, local experience seekers

View over Bârsana Monastery in Maramureș
Hand carved wooden spoons
The rolling hills of Maramureș

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Be a local in Maramureș!

- Spend time with the local craftsmen and discover the symbolism of the traditional motifs!
- Hike in the volcanic mountains!
- Take a look at the traditional, water-actioned mechanical systems!
- Ride the last forestry steam train in Europe, a unique example of technical cultural heritage!
- Learn to bake homemade bread and traditional cakes!
- Mow the grass with the locals or join them for making hay!
- Have lunch at a traditional sheep cot and learn to prepare the ewe and the green cheese!
- Visit one of the few remaining virgin forests in Europe!
- Visit the highest wooden church in the world!

Maramureș is located in the geographical heartland of Europe.

Land of wooden churches, mythological richness and very ancient customs.

Historical Maramureș is a living museum.
Highlights of our Cultural Roundtrips

We focus on truly unique places, rich in history, culture and traditions. We place emphasis on:

- The 7 UNESCO Saxon fortified churches in Transylvania preserved since late Middle Ages, which provide a vivid picture of the medieval way of life and of the cultural landscape in this region.

- The 8 UNESCO wooden churches with mural paintings and other valuable cultural heritage such as traditional gates with magical motifs from Maramureș.

- Century old traditions like the Sheep Sambra in Maramureș and authentic villages with rare distinctiveness like Breb or Viscri.

- Charismatic medieval cities with defense walls and bastions like Sibiu and Sighișoara.

Accomodation in local 3* or 4* guesthouses in villages and in city hotels.

Half-board+ and full board included.

Traveller profile: culture lovers, local life and traditions seekers.

Sibiu, 2007 European Culture Capital

Fortified Church in Transylvania

Passionate Romanian singer

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Highlights of our Active Tours

We have put together a range of active tours, starting with soft treks to more adrenaline-charged experiences:

• Trekking in Romania’s oldest mountains, Măcinului Mountains

• Kayaking in the nature-paradise, Danube Delta, world’s best preserved delta with more than 5500 flora and fauna species

• Cycling in Maramureș, the land of woods and rivers, an area of picturesque countryside, with rolling hills and wildflowers

• Cycling on the spectacular roads Transfăgărășean and Transalpina, in the tallest sections of the Southern Carpathians, between the highest and the second highest peaks in Romania

• Cycling tour of Medieval Central and South-Eastern Transylvania

Accommodation in local 3* or 4* guesthouses

Full board included

Traveller profile: excitement seekers, active vacationers

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Highlights of our Photo Tours

Our photo adventures are specially designed together with professional photographers, intrinsic lovers of wildlife, passionate about life watching and wild paradises.

- Great photographic opportunities in the unique destinations Danube Delta and Maramureș

- The Danube Delta is an incredible source of photographic opportunities: the pygmy cormorants, the red-breasted geese and the largest number of white pelicans and Dalmatian pelicans in Europe, an amazing intricate maze of canals, flooded islets, wet meadows, steep banks.

- Maramureș is the perfect place to capture colourful portraits, historical sites, impressive landscapes with pastures, meadows full of wildflowers and scenic beauty, picturesque countryside and very ancient living customs.
Highlights of our Family Tours

We provide small-group travel experiences customized for the whole “crew” in order to develop the little one’s appetite for discovery and novelty.

- Built around a child-friendly must-see travel highlight, our family tours revolve around the historic region of Maramureş and the nature paradise Danube Delta.

- Our family tours allow children to discover the world and nature on their own: from picking berries, herbs and mushrooms to spending an afternoon with the artisans and learning how to craft traditional necklaces.

Accommodation in 3* or 4* local guesthouses

Full board included

Traveller profile: family with children between 4-14 years

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Highlights of our Special Interest Tours

Our special interest tours revolve around Romania’s famous wineries and the historic highlights in their proximity.

- Romania is the 12th biggest wine producer worldwide, a true European winehouse with ancient wine traditions and wineries spread across the whole country.

- Our tour introduces you to various wine tasting experiences and vineyards starting with Romania’s oldest vineyard Ștefanești, documented in 330 BBC, to newer wein cellars, like the Rhein winery, official wine providers of the Romanian Royal Family.

Special accommodation in 4* manors and boutique hotels

Half-board+ included

Traveller profile: fans of wine tasting and cultural heritage lovers

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We craft combined tours which allow our travellers to gain a full insight into the cultural, historical and economical aspects of Romania and the Republic of Moldova.

- Modular matching trip possibilities depending on the regions of interest and length
- 9-day round trip combining the nature paradise Danube Delta and the region of the Saxon fortified settlements in Transylvania
- 12-day round trip combining all of the above mentioned and the historic region of Maramureș
- 12-day round trip combining Maramureș, Bucovina, Transylvania and Republic of Moldova

Accommodation in 3*/4* local guesthouses and hotels
Half-board+ included
Traveller profile: culture lovers, seekers of a complete insight

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One Day Trips and Incentive Ideas

- Slow Food Premium Buffet at the Muddy Vulcănoes
- Corporate Cooking Show at Lacerta Winery
- Photo-Tour at the Bran Castle & Libearty Bear Sanctuary
- Trip to Romania’s Hidden Vulcănoes
- On the traces of the Saxon history in Transylvania
- Gourmet Cooking Class at Brukenthal Palace
- Show light or chamber music in Valea Cetăţii Cave
- Trip to Letea forest, the northernmost subtropical virgin forest in Europe
- Wine tasting with our Master Sommelier at the Village Museum

Innovative Ideas

- Concert in Valea Cetăţii Cave, Lacerta Winery.
Bucharest & Cluj International Marathons

Explore Travel is official partner at Romania’s most important marathons

More than 8000 participants from 50 different countries

Spectacular participation increase of 90%

An international marathon is the perfect excuse to combine running with a great holiday in Romania’s most emblematic cities.

• Discover Bucharest in a prolonged city break weekend – let yourself be surprised by Bucharest’s chique coffeehouses, narrow cobbled streets and architectural jewels!

• Choose one of our hotels conveniently positioned along the running trail, in Bucharest’s city centre!

• Explore one of Romania’s landmarks in a one-day trip to Bran or to Peleș Castel, to the medieval city Brașov or to the Libearty Bear Sanctuary in the Carpathian Mountains!

• Combine Bucharest with the bird paradise, Danube Delta!

• Participate at one of Romania’s trail running competitions during spring and summer and enjoy a short holiday in the Carpathian Mountains!

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Our divisions
“Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails.

Explore. Dream. Discover.”

Mark Twain