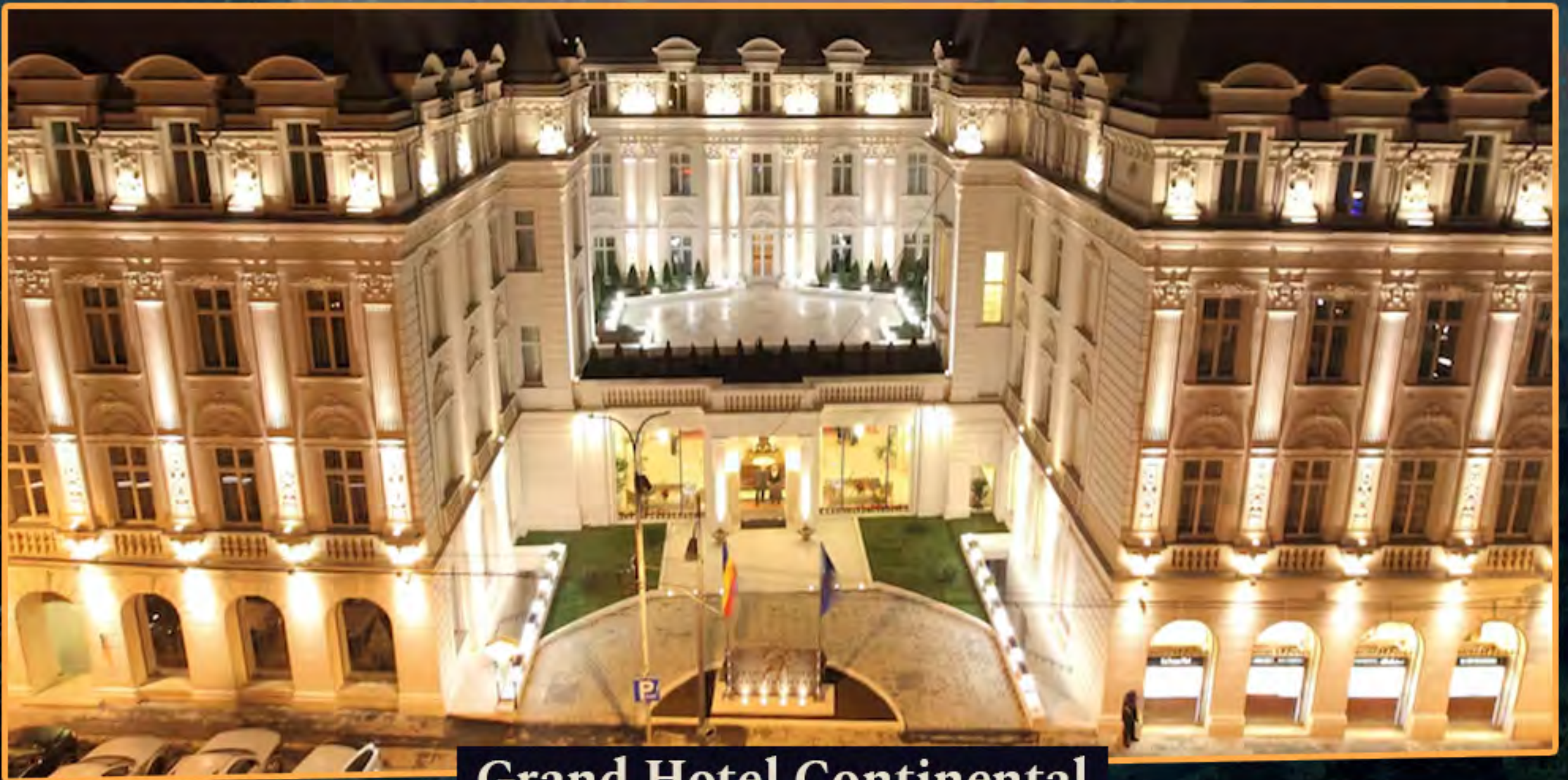


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Day 1 – September 14, 2026



Grand Hotel Continental

Arrive in Romania's captivating capital and check into the elegant **Grand Hotel Continental**. This evening, we'll gather for a **welcome dinner** to meet our fellow travelers and begin our journey into the mysterious heart of Transylvania.

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Day 2 – September 15, 2026



Stavropoleos Monastery



Saint George Church



Snagov Monastery

We begin with visits to the **Stavropoleos Monastery** and **Saint George Church**, masterpieces of Byzantine architecture adorned with sacred icons and carvings. After lunch, we'll tour the monumental **Palace of Parliament**, one of the largest buildings in the world. Later, we journey by **private boat** to **Snagov Monastery**, the legendary resting place of **Vlad the Impaler**. Long before his burial, the island was said to host the *frății albi*—the “White Brothers,” ascetic warrior-monks guarding sacred relics. Return to our hotel for dinner

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Day 3 – September 16, 2026



Țigănești Monastery



Iulia Hasdeu Castle



Peleş Castle

After breakfast, we depart Bucharest for **Țigănești Monastery**, then continue to the mystical **Iulia Hasdeu Castle**—known as “The Spirit Castle.” Built by philosopher Bogdan Hasdeu through alleged séances with his deceased daughter, the structure overflows with esoteric symbols, Masonic geometry, and whispers of the supernatural. We’ll stop at the opulent **Peleş Castle**, home of King Carol I, before arriving in **Brașov**. Check into **Villa Katharina**, our boutique hotel, and enjoy dinner together.

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Day 4 - September 17, 2026



Black Church



Catherine's Gate



Council Square

Stroll through the charming medieval streets of **Braşov**, visiting the **Black Church**, **Catherine's Gate**, and **Council Square (Piaţa Sfatului)**. After lunch, explore the **Schei Quarter** and **St. Nicholas Church**, the oldest in the city. Dinner and overnight at our hotel.

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Day 5 – September 18, 2026



Bran Castle



National Museum of Bran



Rhein & Cie. 1892 Cellars

Today we explore **Bran Castle**, the dramatic fortress forever tied to the legend of Count Dracula. We'll also visit the nearby **Bran Church** and **National Museum of Bran**, followed by lunch in the village. In the afternoon, we tour **Rhein & Cie. 1892 Cellars**, Romania's oldest sparkling wine cellars — where kings and queens once raised their glasses.

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Day 6 – September 19, 2026



Sighișoara



Church on the Hill



ELANIA Resort & Spa

After breakfast, we head to **Sighișoara**, the UNESCO-listed citadel and birthplace of Vlad the Impaler. Visit the **Clock Tower**, **Church on the Hill**, and the **Covered Stairway**, said to echo with ancient whispers at night. Lunch will be at **Vlad's Birth House**, now a storied restaurant.

Continue to **Cluj-Napoca** and check into **ELANIA Resort & Spa** for dinner and overnight.

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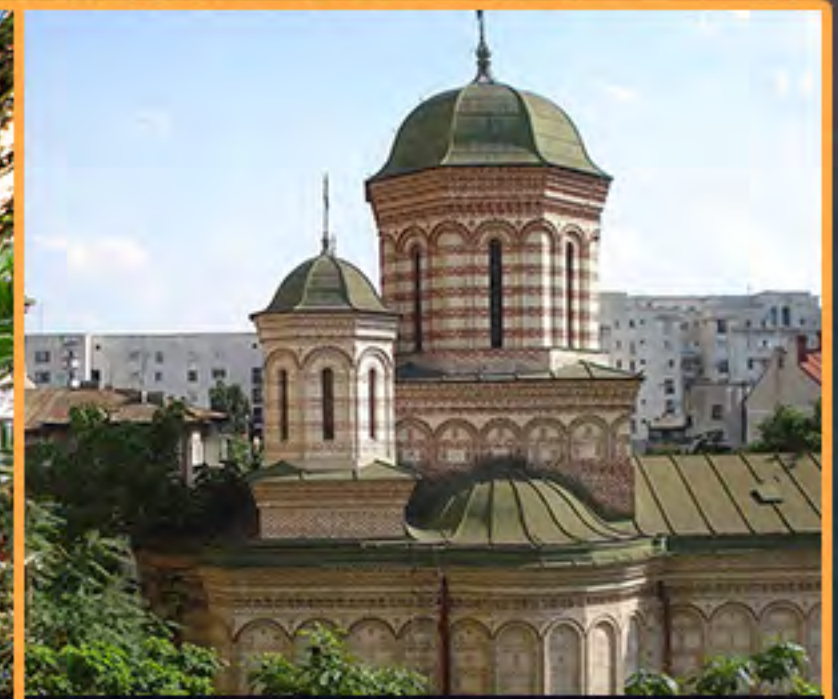
Day 7 – September 20, 2026



Turda Salt Mines



Hunter Prince Castle & Dracula



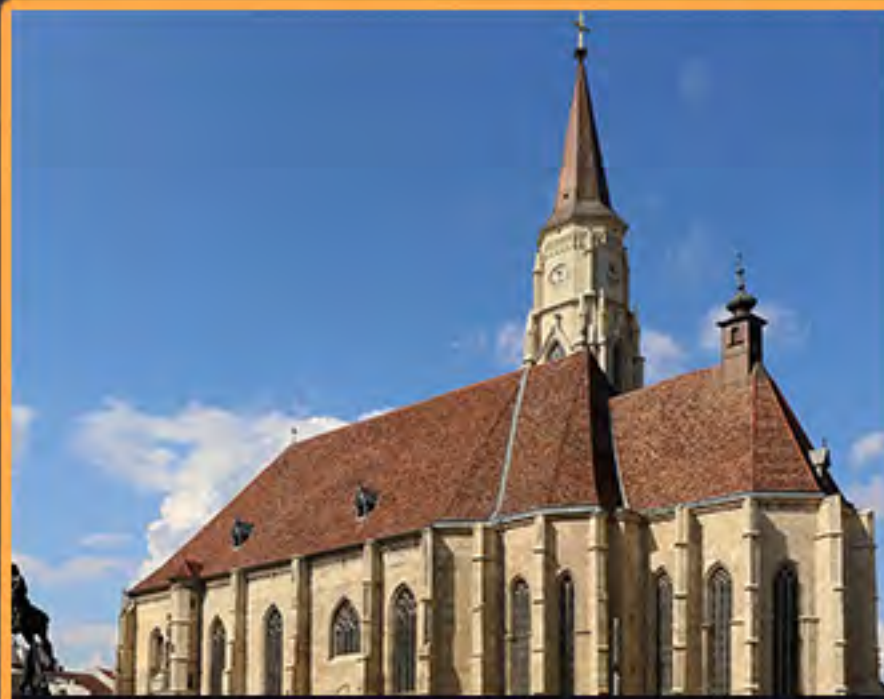
Mihai Vodă Monastery

Descend into the spectacular **Turda Salt Mines**, an otherworldly subterranean landscape carved entirely from salt. Enjoy lunch at **Hunter Prince Castle & Dracula**, then visit the serene **Mihai Vodă Monastery** before returning to our resort for dinner and relaxation.

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Day 8 - September 21, 2026



St. Michael's Church



Banffy Castle



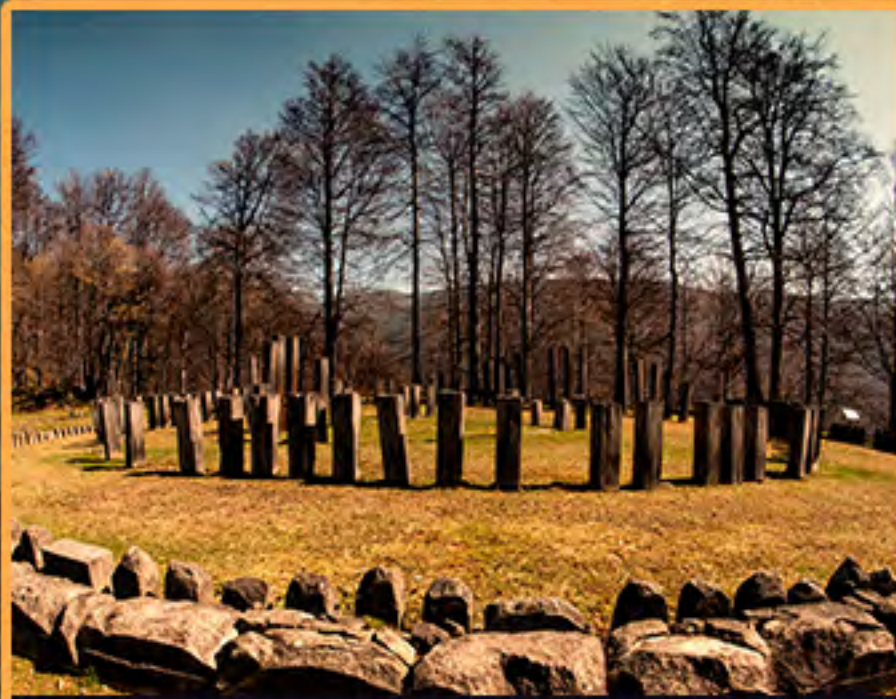
Hoia Forest

We begin the day exploring the historic streets of **Cluj-Napoca**, including **St. Michael's Church**, **Unirii Square**, and the viewpoint at **Cetățuia Park**. After lunch, venture into the eerie Hoia Forest, famed as the world's most haunted forest and a known UFO hotspot. As evening falls, we visit **Banffy Castle (Bontida)** — the “Haunted Versailles of Transylvania” — for a **private dinner and paranormal investigation** within its candlelit halls. Later, return to **Hoia Forest** for a **nighttime skywatch** and exploration of unexplained phenomena.

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Day 9 – September 22, 2026



Sarmizegetusa Regia



Corvin Castle



Bolii Cave

Today we travel to **Sarmizegetusa Regia**, the ancient Dacian capital and “Stonehenge of the Carpathians,” where stone circles and sacred terraces hum with prehistoric energy.

Next, visit **Corvin Castle (Hunedoara)**, an immense Gothic fortress once imprisoning Vlad the Impaler — regarded as the most haunted castle in Eastern Europe.

Our day continues through **Ulpia Traiana Sarmizegetusa**, the Roman city that rose after Dacia's fall, blending native mysticism with imperial grandeur. Finally, explore **Bolii Cave**, a vast cathedral-like cavern said to have been home to dragons and spirits of legend.

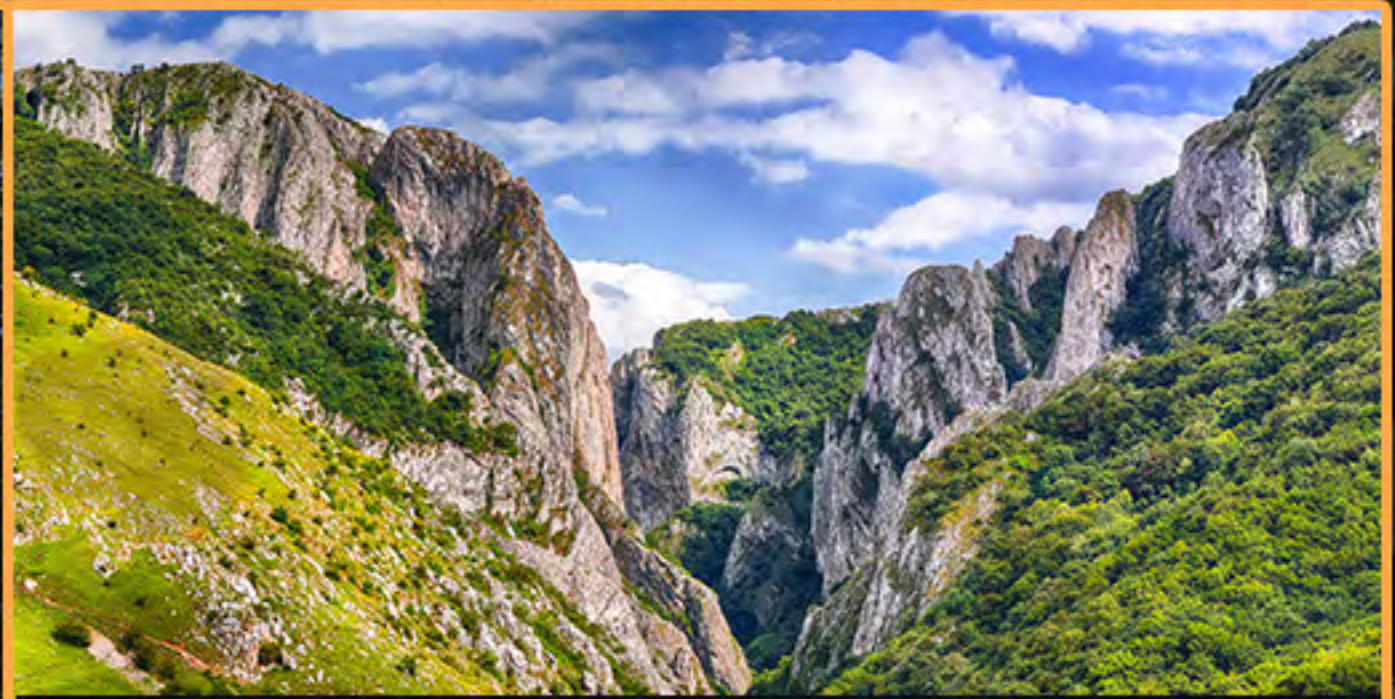
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Day 10 – September 23, 2026



Teleki Castle



Turda Gorge

Our morning takes us to **Teleki Castle**, an 18th-century Baroque manor shrouded in tales of secret Masonic gatherings. On our return, we'll stop at the breathtaking **Turda Gorge**, a limestone canyon steeped in myth — where locals still speak of werewolves, ghostly lights, and Dacian moon rituals. Dinner and overnight in Cluj.

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Day 11 - September 24, 2026



Marmorosch Hotel



Farewell Dinner

Fly back to Bucharest and check into the luxurious **Marmorosch Hotel**. Relax in the art deco ambiance before joining your fellow travelers for a **farewell dinner**, celebrating our shared discoveries across the mysterious landscapes of Transylvania.

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Day 12 – September 25, 2026



Transfer to the airport for your return flight home, carrying with you memories of castles, legends, and the lingering secrets of ancient Romania.

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