



Historic Cafés Route

Cultural route of the Council of Europe
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The "Historic Cafés Route" offers travellers the opportunity to embark upon an enchanting thematic itinerary, to step back in time, to enjoy the luxury of the Cafés of the golden age, and to become acquainted with the important role they have played in the past and continue to play in the present, in shaping Europe's cultural history. - DIVERSITY in UNITY -

CITY BREAK in TRANSYLVANIA Sibiu/Avrig/Brasov/Bran

from
495€

ITINERARY

Day 1 SIBIU- BRUKENTHAL PALACE, Avrig

Arrival to Sibiu airport.

You will be picked up by English speaking driver.

Our first visit is town Sibiu (Hermannstadt in German) and there we are heading straight for **Lunch or coffee break** at restaurant **Max-The Original** erected in one of the oldest buildings of Sibiu, originally built in gothic style.

Then is a time for an excursion in Sibiu- founded in the 12th century by German settlers known as 'Transylvanian Saxons'.

Walking tour includes most important landmarks: Large Square, Brukenthal Museum, City Hall, Council Tower, Small Square, Pharmacy Museum, Liars Bridge, Huet Square, Brukenthal HighSchool, Orthodox Cathedral, Citadel Street and Thalia Hall.

Tour also includes the visit to Lutheran Cathedral (St. Mary's Evangelical Church)- built in 14th century and still bearing Gothic façade.

Dinner at Pardon Café with selections of Romanian wines, located next to the remaining fortifications of Sibiu. Cooking show with chef Marius Rafa.

Late in the evening we arrive to **Brukenthal Palace** in Avrig, built by Baron Samuel von Brukenthal, Governor of Transylvania (1777-1787). At the same time we'll experience Habsburg heritage promoted by Cultural Route no. 26/2014- Via Habsburg.

3 overnights at hotel Brukenthal Palace in Avrig.



Day 2 BRUKENTHAL PALACE- BALEA LAKE- CARTA- BRUKENTHAL PALACE (ca 70 km)

After breakfast leaving for Romanians famous mountain road – Transfagarasan. From Balea Waterfall we are going by cable car to **Balea Lac**- glacier lake, situated at 2,034 m of altitude. We are having most pleasant walking to surrounded by peaks of **Fagaras Mountains**.

Our **lunch** will be served at the rustic restaurant of **Balea Lake Chalet**- sitting literally on the Balea Lake, and offering a great view from its terrace.

Then by cable car back to Balea Waterfall and depart for **Carta**. We are visiting **Carta Cistercian Monastery** dated back from 13th century and the most Eastern monument the Cistercians built in Europe. From Cultural Route no. 16/2010 - European Route of Cistercian Abbeys we'll learn about Cistercian Abbeys heritage.

Return back to Brukenthal Palace. Free time.

Dinner will be served at the Orangery restaurant- historic café of **Brukenthal Palace**.



Day 3 BRUKENTHAL PALACE- BRASOV- BRAN- BRUKENTHAL PALACE (ca km)

After breakfast we are going for whole day excursion.
 First, we go to medieval town of Brasov.
 During our sightseeing in Brasov we have a coffee break at cafés **Inspiratio** or **La Vatra Ardealului**. Then we continue to visit with city's most important sights: Town Hall square, Black Church, Weaver Bastion, White and Black Tower.

Then we drive to town Bran, 25 km from Brasov, mostly famous because of medieval Bran Castle. There will have a **lunch** at Bran Castle's restaurant, former **Queen Marie's Tea House**, built in the 1920s, where the Queen Marie of Romania introduced afternoon tea ritual to local elite. Then we visit a **Bran Castle**- real inspiration for Dracula's Castle, brimming with centuries-old history, myths and legends. We'll explore spooky hallways, towers, chambers and discover its history.

Early evening we return to Brukenthal Palace, you will have time to enjoy your last evening there.

Farewell dinner will be organized at historic café of **Brukenthal Palace**.



Day 4 BRUKENTHAL PALACE-SIBIU AIRPORT

Breakfast at hotel.
 Transfer to Sibiu International airport according to departure times.

Thank you very much for traveling on Historic Cafes Route Romania!



BASIC PACKAGE includes:

- 3 overnights at Brukenthal Palace in Avrig,
- 3 buffet breakfasts,
- English speaking guide for the excursions according the program,
- Return airport transfers: Sibiu airport – Brukenthal Palace – Sibiu airport,
- Transportation according the program.

PRICES

EUR 495
 per person
 in deluxe double room,
 NET, min 2 persons
EUR 110- single supplement

Full board supplement includes:

- 1 coffee break,
- 3 lunches (2-course, 1 glass of wine, water, coffee)
- 3 dinners (3-course, 1 glass of wine, water, coffee)

PRICES

EUR 230
 per person

Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe Program

The Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe are an invitation to travel and discover the rich and diverse heritage of Europe by bringing people and places together in networks of common shared history and heritage. CR put into practice the values of the Council of Europe: human rights, cultural diversity, intercultural dialogue and mutual exchanges across borders.

Forty-eight Cultural Routes of the Council of Europe provide a wealth of leisure and educational activities for all citizens across Europe and beyond and are key resources for cultural tourism and sustainable development.

They cover a range of different themes, from architecture and landscape to religious influences, from gastronomy and intangible heritage to the major figures of European art, music and literature. The certification "Cultural Route of the Council of Europe" is a guarantee of excellence. The networks implement innovative activities and projects pertaining to five main priority fields of action: co-operation in research and development; enhancement of memory, history and European heritage; cultural and educational exchanges for young Europeans; contemporary cultural and artistic practice; cultural tourism and sustainable cultural development.



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