



## Tour Name

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Private Bucharest: Bites & Sights

## Tour City

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Bucharest

## Tour Snapshot

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Take a stroll through Bucharest's often turbulent but always fascinating history on this private tour that will fill your head with facts and your stomach with delicious Romanian food!

*This tour is priced for a minimum group size of two travellers. A solo traveller may still book this private experience but will be charged the base rate for two travellers.*

### Highlights

- Take your tastebuds on a private history tour and learn how Romania's past has influenced its cuisine today
- Get a 101 intro to the city and see the sites that have shaped Bucharest
- Hear the stories of Old Town, from Ottoman rule to French aristocracy, from Communist ruin to a new capitalist (night)life
- Enjoy a three-course traditional Romanian meal in one of the most charming restaurants in Bucharest

Inclusions: Local English-speaking guide, three-course Romanian meal, house beer or wine or soft drink.

Exclusions: Additional food and drink, souvenirs and items of a personal nature, tip and gratuities for your guide.

### Schedule details

- Duration: 4 hours
- Meeting point:  
Revolution Square, in front of the horse statue
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- Starting time: 11.00 AM
- Ending point:  
Unirii Square

### Full Itinerary

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Your private Bucharest tour begins in the political centre of the city, Revolution Square (formerly known as Palace Square), which has witnessed most of the important events in Romanian history. It was from here in 1989 that dictator Ceausescu made his ill-advised rallying speech to a crowd that quickly turned on him, instigating the Romanian revolution. Surrounding the square are several other notable landmarks, including the former Royal Palace, the Athenaeum concert hall, and Athenee Palace, the heart of espionage and intrigue in the years between the wars.

And in such a historical spot, it's appropriate that we have a historical treat. We'll indulge in a *covrig*, a daily salty snack for most Romanians that was likely introduced by Hapsburg or German merchants in medieval times.

Next up, we'll leave the square and head south along Victory Street, named after the spectacular victory of the new Romanian nation in the 1877 War of Independence. However, full unification of the three Romanian principalities did not take place until 1918, which explains why each region has its own distinct character, traditions, and cuisine — like sweet for Moldova, earthy for Transylvania, and spicy for Muntenia.

This stretch is also home to many spectacular landmarks of the inter-war period, including the 'Telephone Palace,' Military

Circle, and former National Theatre, as well as the beautiful church of Kretzulescu, one of the most famous in Bucharest.

From Victory Street, we'll head into an older Bucharest, exploring the numerous paths and passageways of the Old Town. This is the heart of medieval Bucharest, the literal crossroads between East and West, where Ottoman pashas rubbed shoulders with Transylvanian princes, and churches and mosques stood side by side. Here you can witness the many diverse influences on Romanian food — the Balkan *mici* (skinless sausages), the Ottoman *sarmale* (stuffed cabbage leaves), Russian *borscht* and *ciorba* (sour soups), and Austro-Hungarian schnitzel. Among the many sights and stories of Old Town are lavish interiors and princely courts, the exquisite calm of an orthodox monastery and the great wooden inn of Hanul Lui Manuc.

En route to our final destination, we'll get a look at the famed People's Palace, the centre of Ceausescu's megalomaniac attempts to re-shape the city, and the second largest building in the world (only the Pentagon is bigger!).

Finally, our private Bucharest tour will end with a sampling of the culinary specialties at a traditional *hanu*, or inn, that's widely considered to be one of the most beautiful in the city. You'll dig into a three-course meal with platters of local delicacies — giving you a 'taste tour' of the history and geography of the region.

It was said that during the time of the ancient Romanians (the Dacians), so much wine was drunk by the people that their leader, Burebista, banned its production entirely. But the supremely inventive Dacians immediately began brewing beer — thus, you'll have a chance to lubricate your palate with both fine Romanian wines and/or locally brewed beer, just like the Dacians would have wanted!

*(If you'd prefer to travel as part of a regular group experience, please book our [Bucharest Sites & Bites group tour](#).)*

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Dress standard: Please wear casual dress.

Confirmation of booking: If you have your voucher, your booking is confirmed. We'll see you at the start point. Get in touch if you have any concerns or require more information via the email address or phone number (business hours only) on your voucher.

Child Policy: This is a child-friendly tour. Children between the ages of 6 and 11 inclusively are permitted on this tour at the rate listed above. Please select 'child' above when booking. Children under the age of 6 are permitted to join this tour free of charge. Please inform us at the time of booking if you'll be bringing a child under the age of 6. You can do so in the special request box

on the checkout page.

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