



DRACULA: MYTH OR REALITY

ROMANIA

By TRIPOLINO TRAVEL

Dracula: From Myth to Reality

A 10-day journey connecting Vlad the Impaler’s real historical places with the literary and tourism myth of Dracula.

REALITY

Vlad the Impaler was a real ruler of Wallachia, linked to fortresses, princely courts and fortified cities.

MYTH

Dracula is a fictional character from Bram Stoker’s 1897 novel, partly inspired by Vlad’s name and reputation.

10 DAYS
1120 KM
9 NIGHTS
MEDIEVAL
GUESTHOUSES

10-Day Route at a Glance

- Bucharest - the beginning of the story
- Targoviste & Curtea de Arges - reign and royal courts
- Poenari & Transfagarasan - the real stronghold
- Hunedoara - Corvin Castle
- Sighisoara - birth of the legend
- Brasov, Bran & Rupea - the myth
- Snagov & Valea Doftanei - return to Bucharest



Bucharest - The Beginning of the Story

Time	Location	Description
Morning	Old Princely Court	Visit the place connected with Vlad’s strengthening of Bucharest’s fortifications in 1459, the city's oldest medieval monument.
Afternoon	Old Town Bucharest	Walk through the historic center and introduce the Wallachian context.
Evening	Legends of Bucharest tour	Guided experience focused on local stories, myths and hidden corners.



Targoviste & Curtea de Arges - Reign and Royal Courts

Time	Location	Description
Morning	Princely Court of Targoviste	Former royal residence of Vlad the Impaler and one of the strongest historical anchors of the tour.
Midday	Chindia Tower	Landmark attributed to Vlad’s reign and a powerful symbol of Wallachian authority.
Afternoon	Curtea de Arges	Stop at the old royal courts of Wallachia and connect the route to earlier princely history.



Poenari Fortress - Vlad’s Real Stronghold

Time	Location	Description
Morning	Poenari Fortress - the most authentic stronghold connected to Vlad the Impaler.	Climb 1,400+ steps to the fortress considered the most authentic site directly connected to Vlad. The climb reinforces the feeling of reaching a remote mountain fortress rather than a purely touristic “Dracula castle.”
Afternoon	Transfagarasan road	Scenic mountain drive if the road is open.
Optional	Balea Lake	Summer stop in the high mountains, weather and road access permitting.





Hunedoara & Sighisoara - Gothic Castle and Birthplace

Time	Location	Description
Day 4	Corvin Castle, Hunedoara	One of Europe’s most gothic castles; the itinerary frames this stop around imprisonment stories linked with Vlad.
Day 5	Sighisoara Citadel	Arrival in the medieval citadel and orientation walk. The medieval citadel adds atmosphere and narrative depth: birthplace, towers, cobbled streets and dinner in a historic setting make the legend tangible for travelers.
Day 6	Vlad Dracul House & Clock Tower	Visit the house linked to Vlad’s birth in 1431, then explore the Clock Tower and enjoy a medieval dinner.



Brasov, Bran & Rupea - The Myth

Time	Location	Description
Day 7	Bran Castle	The castle associated with Dracula in popular tourism; night tour if available. Bran is not the most historically certain Vlad site, but it is the most powerful tourism symbol of Dracula. This slide positions Bran as the emotional peak of the myth, not the historical proof.
Day 8	Brasov	Visit the historic city and explore Saxon heritage stories connected to Vlad’s reputation.
Day 9	Rupea Fortress	Spectacular panorama and fortress atmosphere before returning toward the south.



Return to Bucharest - Snagov & Valea Doftanei

Time	Location	Description
Morning	Snagov Monastery	Final heritage stop connected in tradition with Vlad’s burial.
Lunch	Valea Doftanei	Traditional lunch stop to close the itinerary with local flavors.
Afternoon	Bucharest	Return to Bucharest and end of the 10-day circuit.



Local Experiences

- Wine tasting: Avincis, Bauer, Stirbey or Domeniile Segarcea
- Horezu ceramic workshop for an authentic craft moment
- Traditional plum brandy tasting near Rasnov
- Calimanesti / Caciulata stop if the route and timing allow



COMFORT PACKAGE
From €1.790 / person

PREMIUM PACKAGE
From €2,390 / person



Package Frame & Estimated Price

Term	Description
Package	10 days / 9 nights
Accommodation	Carefully selected 3★ guesthouses & hotels
Included experiences	Legends of Bucharest Storytelling Tour, Old Princely Court of Vlad the Impaler, Chindia Tower & Royal Court of Târgoviște, Poenari Fortress Climb Experience, Transfăgărașan Scenic Drive, Corvin Castle & Sighișoara Medieval Citadel Experience, Medieval Dinner in Sighișoara, Bran Castle & The Dracula Myth Experience, Rupea Fortress Panorama, Traditional Romanian Farewell Lunch
Meals	Daily breakfast, 9 traditional dinners and selected local tasting experiences
Guide	English-speaking tour leader (if other language needed, please contact us)
Transport	Modern air-conditioned vehicle & airport transfers, including mountain route sections when open.
Entrance fees	Included (except optional activities)
Group Size	Minimum 10 / Maximum 20 guests

*Prices may vary depending on travel period, group size, accommodation availability, seasonal demand and special events.
NOT INCLUDED: international flights, travel insurance, drinks, personal expenses, tips and single supplement.*

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A wide-angle landscape photograph of a mountain valley. A paved road with white lane markings winds through the valley, featuring several sharp turns and a small bridge. The mountains are covered in sparse, dry vegetation, and the sky is filled with heavy, dark clouds. The text "The End" is centered in the upper half of the image in a white, serif font.

The End