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### **Emperors and Vampyres** **VINTAGE TRANSYLVANIA & AUSTRO-HUNGARY** **October 2020**

#### ***Prequel Day, Friday, October 23: Arrive in Bucharest***

*After arrival in Bucharest, transfer at your convenience to the historic downtown to check-in and freshen up before a relaxed orientation tour. In the evening, meet for cocktails and an optional light supper at Caru cu Bere.*

*O/N: BUCHAREST*

#### ***Prequel Day,***

#### ***Saturday, October 24: Bucharest***

*After a relaxed breakfast, tour the sights of Bucharest. In the afternoon, you have the option to relax at the hotel or join the group visiting Primaverii Palace, home of Romania's last Communist dictator. In the evening, a festive welcome dinner is served at Locanta Jaristea, where we will get to know one another.*

*Meals: Breakfast, dinner*

*O/N: BUCHAREST*

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Meals: Dinner

O/N: BUCHAREST

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### **Day Two, Sunday, October 25: Peles Castle**

After breakfast, check out and transfer to the Gara de Nord, Bucharest's old railway terminal.



Take the train north through the Ploesti oil fields, pivotal in World War II history. Our destination is the town of Sinaia in the Carpathian Mountains, where we will visit Peles Castle, a masterpiece of German neo-Renaissance architecture and one of the most stunning castles in Europe. Commissioned by King Carol I in 1873 and completed in 1883, the castle served as the summer residence of the royal family until 1947. Its 160 rooms are adorned with the finest examples of European art, Murano crystal chandeliers, German stained-glass windows and Cordoba leather-covered walls. After a lunch break

on your own, our transport will take us over the Carpathians deep into Transylvania. Our accommodations and dinner await at the guesthouses of Count Kalnoky and of Charles, the Prince of Wales.

Meals: Breakfast, dinner

O/N: Royal Guesthouses

### **Day Three, Monday, October 26: Brasov & Count Dracula's Castle**

After a hearty country breakfast, visit the town of Brasov. Frozen in time, the town is a delightful blend of Renaissance, Baroque, Provincial and neoClassical styles. Explore the medieval castle



of Brasov, formerly one of Europe's most secure fortresses, with the preserved Black and White Towers and the Weaver's Bastion. In the afternoon, prepare for a visit of Bran Castle. Surrounded by an aura of mystery and legend and perched high atop a 200-foot-high rock, the 14th century castle owes its fame to its imposing towers and turrets as well as to the myth created around Bram Stoker's Dracula. Following a visit of the castle and its surroundings we will enjoy a private gala dinner

inside the castle walls. (Two hotel rooms will be at our disposal to dress for dinner.)

Meals: Breakfast, gala dinner

O/N: Royal Guesthouses

### **Day Four, Tuesday, October 27: Sighișoara**

After another country breakfast, we will wind through the Transylvanian hills to Sighisoara, a World Heritage site rumored to be the birthplace of Dracula, and one of the best-preserved fortified medieval towns in Europe. Burgher houses and ornate churches line its cobbled streets. After a lunch break on your own, continue on to the Hungarian border and the town of Oradea for supper and our overnight.

Meals: Breakfast, supper O/N: ORADEA

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### **Day Five, Wednesday, October 28: Hungary and Budapest**

After breakfast this morning, our journey starts at the Hungarian railway platform where our luxurious time machine awaits. Walk on the red carpet to board the Vintage Majestic Emperor Train de Luxe where hot coffee and cold “Sekt” -sparkling wine - welcome us. As soon as we are all aboard, our magnificent iron palace will speed us across the Hungarian plains.



A fabulous lunch is served en route. Upon arrival in Budapest's railway terminal, transfer to the hotel. In the evening, enjoy the strains of gypsy music, before boarding our Danube riverboat for a dinner tour of Budapest.

Comfortable beds await in our Budapest hotel.  
Meals: Breakfast, coffee and Sekt, lunch, dinner  
O/N Budapest

### **Day Six, Thursday, October 29: Austro-Hungary**

After breakfast, board the Majestic Emperor for the journey through the Danube Valley to the border of Slovakia. Meet our futuristic REX train for the short hop across the border, to the capital city of Bratislava. Here we will step back in time to Central Europe of 1922. The town is dominated by towers and facades exhibiting styles from the baroque to Art Nouveau and Hungarian Secessionist. Before visiting the city center, lunch awaits in Bratislavská Restaurácia. Back on board the train, the bar is open as we wind our way along the Danube River. Our final destination is the seat of the Austro-Hungarian Empire: Vienna. Before disembarking, enjoy a festive dinner on our private train. Transfer to your accommodations in Vienna.

Meals: Breakfast, lunch, dinner

O/N Vienna

### **Day Seven, Friday, October 30: Departure**

After breakfast, transfers to the airfield are available for your return flight home.

Meal: Breakfast

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### **First Sequel Day, Friday, October 30: Vienna**

After a sumptuous breakfast, get on your vintage motoring coat so we can enjoy the imperial city by open electric motorcar. Zip through the tiniest alleys and motor on the grandest boulevards as we explore this city of architectural splendor. View St. Stephen's Cathedral, Kaertnerstrasse, the State Opera House, the Museum Quarter, Rathaus... End the motor tour at the Hofburg – the City Palace – to visit the Royal Treasury and the Imperial Apartments of Franz Josef and Sisi. For those with strong constitutions, optionally visit the imperial crypt beneath the Capuchin Church. The evening is ours to optionally enjoy a musical offering in the



renowned Musikverein or the grand State Opera. Afterwards, dinner awaits in the vaults of the Zwölfpostelkeller deep below the streets of the old town.

Meals: Breakfast, dinner

O/N: Vienna

### **Second Sequel Day, Saturday, October 31: Vienna**

After another relaxed breakfast, reserved seats await at the Spanish Riding School. Watch the famous Lipizzaner stallions go through their exercises as if ballerinas on stage. In the afternoon, Vienna is yours to explore at your leisure. Most of us will opt to take the streetcar to the Upper Belvedere Palace to pay our respects to Gustav Klimt and other great artists. The Palace offers a spectacular view of the city and the grounds are magical any time of year.



Other museum options include the Albertina, the Sigmund Freud House, the Funeral Museum, the Third Man Museum, the Viktor Frankl House, the Klimt Villa, the Museum of Applied Arts, Transport Museum, Carriage Museum, or the marvelous Secession. For those interested, optional cocktails will be served on the Ferris wheel in the Prater Park (limited to 15 guests). The evening is reserved for a final optional musical offering before a farewell dinner in the dining room of the Sacher Hotel.

Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

O/N: Vienna

### **Third Sequel Day, Sunday, November 1: Return day**

After breakfast, transfers to the airfield are available for your return flight home.

Meal: Breakfast

**Main Journey Cost** (The program is first come, first served):

**\$4999** per person based on 30 travelers in double occupancy

**\$499** single supplement (limited availability)

**Main Journey Inclusions:**

- Tour of Primaverii Palace
- Festive welcome dinner at Locanta Jaristea
- Accommodations in the Bucharest hotel
- Breakfast in Bucharest
- Transfer to Bucharest Gara de Nord rail terminal
- Train to Sinaia
- Tour of Peles Castle
- Transfer from Sinaia to Transylvania
- Accommodations in Count Kalnocky – Prince of Wales Estates (First come, first served)
- Transylvanian dinner at the estates
- Transylvanian country breakfasts (2)
- Tour of Brasov
- Changing rooms in Brasov prior to the Bran Castle dinner
- Private tour of Bran Castle
- Festive 7-course dinner in Dracula's Castle in Bran
- Transfer to Sighișoara
- Tour of Sighișoara
- Transfer to Oradea
- Accommodations in Oradea with breakfast
- Transfer to the Hungarian border
- Transport on the private Majestic Emperor Train de Luxe from the Romanian border to Vienna
- Welcome coffee and Sekt (Sparkling Wine) on board the Emperor
- Lunch on board the Emperor
- Transfers in Budapest
- Dinner and sightseeing on the Danube
- Accommodations in the Budapest hotel
- Breakfast in Budapest
- Rail and car transfers to and from Bratislava
- Lunch in Bratislava
- Walking tour of Bratislava
- Final dinner on the Emperor
- Transfer to the Vienna hotel
- Breakfast in Vienna

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### **Main Journey Options (paid on your own)**

- Transfers from arrival airport to the Bucharest hotel (based on guest flight itineraries)
- Lunches in Bucharest, Sinaia, Brasov, and Sighișoara
- Drinks not specifically included
- Transfers from the Vienna hotel to the departure airport (based on guest flight itineraries)
- Any items of a personal nature or not specifically included in the itinerary
- Travel insurance (strongly recommended and available from Goodspeed & Bach, Inc.)

### **Bucharest Prequel Cost:**

**\$125** per person based on 20 travelers in double occupancy

**\$75** single supplement (based on availability)

### **Bucharest Prequel Inclusions:**

- Additional accommodation in Bucharest
- Breakfast
- City tour

### **Bucharest Prequel Options (paid on your own)**

- Transfers from arrival airport to the Bucharest hotel (based on guest flight itineraries)
- Cocktails
- Arrival supper at Caru cu Bere

### **Vienna Sequel Cost: based on 20 travelers**

**\$777** per person based in double occupancy

**\$199** single supplement (based on availability)

**\$599** per person upgrade to the Hotel Imperial (3 nights in double, based on availability)

### **Vienna Sequel Inclusions:**

- Accommodations in Vienna
- Sumptuous breakfasts each morning
- City tour in open electric motorcars
- Visit to the Hofburg Palace
- Entrance to the Royal Treasury
- Entrance to the Imperial Apartments
- Dinner in the Zwölfpostelkeller
- Best available tickets to a performance at the Spanish Riding School
- Festive farewell dinner in the Hotel Sacher

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### **Vienna Sequel Options (paid on your own)**

- Upgrade to the Hotel Imperial
- Visit to the Imperial Crypt beneath the Capuchin Church
- Musical offerings in the Musikverein, opera, or other venue
- Passes for public transportation
- Entrance to museums on October 31
- Cocktails in the Ferris wheel in the Prater Park (limited availability)
- Drinks
- Transfers from the Vienna hotel to the departure airport (based on guest flight itineraries)
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- Travel insurance (strongly recommended and available from Goodspeed & Bach, Inc.)

### **Land Deposit Schedule**

- \$100 per person deposit due upon registration
- \$2000 per person payment due March 1, 2020
- Final payment due 90 days prior to departure

### **Booking Conditions and Refunds**

- \$100 is refundable up to March 1, 2020
- Up to 121 days prior to departure: Full refund less \$500 per traveler
- 120 days prior to departure: Full refund less \$750 per traveler.
- 65 days prior to departure: No refund - Travel protection is strongly recommended and available from Goodspeed & Bach, Inc.
- All terms and conditions found at [www.goodspeedandbach.com](http://www.goodspeedandbach.com) apply

**Fill out registration form on page 8**

## **Emperors & Vampyres**

### **Vintage Tour of Transylvania & Austro-Hungary 2020 Including the Majestic-Imperator Train de Luxe Registration Form**

**PLEASE SUBMIT ONE FORM PER TRAVELER**

A per person refundable deposit of US\$100 deposit payable to Goodspeed is enclosed.

Your full name EXACTLY as it appears on your valid passport:

\_\_\_\_\_

Your nationality & passport  
number \_\_\_\_\_

Passport expiration date \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Travel companion name \_\_\_\_\_

Travel preferences (*please check all that apply*)

Double room share

I would like a single (US\$499 per person for the main program) Space is limited

I would like the Bucharest Prequel (\$125 per person in double)

I would like the Vienna Sequel (US\$777 per person in double)

I want Goodspeed to make my flight arrangements (\$65 per person booking fee applies)

I prefer to make my own flight arrangements

Dietary requests \_\_\_\_\_

*I (we) have read the itinerary and terms and conditions as found below and also available on [www.goodspeedandbach.com](http://www.goodspeedandbach.com) and agree to abide by all the stipulations contained therein.*

SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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