

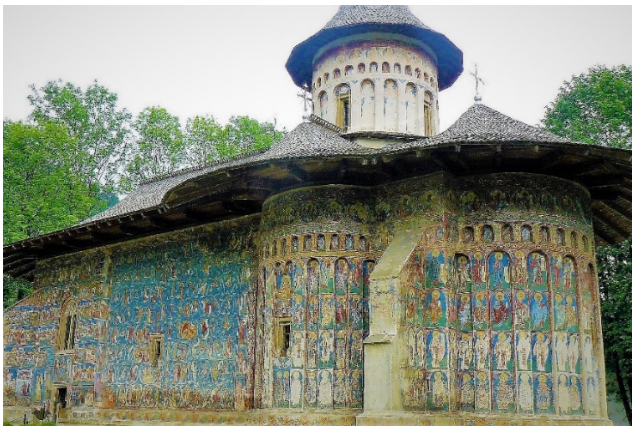
Love music? Love cultural experiences? Love traveling under-visited but fabulous places?  
Love architecture? Love trying European wines? Love a combination of the above?

## TRANSCENDING TRANSYLVANIA AND OTHER PARTS OF TOTALLY UNIQUE ~ROMANIA~

Join Maestro **Ul James** of the Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic Orchestra Association (WMPA) and be part of an enlightened entourage on this marvelous journey. The virtuoso tour leader, a huge fan of WMPA for decades, has led small groups to many wonderful European destinations. This year she picked one of her "favorite, most unusual countries": Romania. Join this remarkably magical, charming trip!

**September 10 – 20, 2019**

Let someone else arrange for the tickets, hotels, general destinations, and visits to cultural events while you enjoy the scenery, tours, food, wine and music!



*From Medieval to Ultra Modern; from the Carpathian Mountains to the reputed castle of Count Dracula – this promises to be a special trip. Expect convivial companionship and also free time amidst architectural and musical gems and special museums, some of which are "painted" monasteries. Bucharest ("Little Paris" with its fabulous Enescu Festival) – Brasov (cobble old town surrounded by baroque buildings) – Sighisoara (a walled town and UNESCO World Heritage site) – Cluj-Napoca (with its Septemberfest) are among the delightful locales currently being arranged. We have music tickets for 2 concerts confirmed for the Bucharest Enescu Music Festival !*

Cost: \$4,500 pp dbl occupancy from/to IAD Dulles includes a lot. See back of page for details. If you care to join this small group tour to Romania, or receive more information about it, please contact tour leader **Judy Borisky-Metzger** by phone at (205) 977-6298 or email [judyb@brownelltravel.com](mailto:judyb@brownelltravel.com).

**Only a few spaces remain: don't delay!**



The WMPA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization (incorporated in 1987) composed of musicians and music lovers dedicated to making high-quality traditional and contemporary classical music. A portion of trip proceeds is donated to the WMPA. Its 2018-2019 season spotlights women composers. For concert dates and venues see <https://www.wmpamusic.org/philharmonic-2018-19-season.html>

### Romania main tour September 10-20, 2019

Cost of tour per person double occupancy: \$4500.00. Single supplement: \$570, subject to availability, in order of sign ups and deposit. We currently hold a certain number of single rooms, and mostly spoken for: If you have told us, we have the room.

#### INCLUDES:

- Round trip airfare IAD Dulles to Bucharest and return from Cluj-Napoca, Romania to IAD Dulles
- Land includes 4-5-star hotels and buffet breakfast daily
- All Transfers, coach transportation on itinerary and touring.
- 5 dinners, most of good atmosphere with beautiful setting.
- 4 lunches as we tour
- Concerts: Two confirmed top #1 category in Bucharest at George Enescu International Festival plus approximately 3 others in other regions. Ask those who have gone with us about our music concerts.
- Gratuities for local tour manager, coach driver, and local guides.
- Contribution from each participant to WMPA (tax-deductible).
- Tour gift for participants pertaining to Romania or Enescu Festival
- Hosted by Maestro Ulysses James, conductor Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic Orchestra WMPO
- Tour manager from Romania as well as Tour planner Judy Borisky Metzger and local guides.

**Post trip being planned** 5 nights to Warsaw & Krakow, Poland - flight from Cluj to Poland and then Poland to Dulles OR

2-3 nights Cluj Romania, as our last stop, up to the **Maramures** region: enchanting, charming, and rural village life by coach, return to Cluj to fly back to IAD Dulles judyb@brownelltravel.com

#### A VIEW INTO OUR EXPERIENCE:

First, we enjoy cultural Bucharest with music. Great art and ethnographic museums, the "Paris of the East" as we regard the magic of of the "Belle Époque": neoclassical architecture, gorgeous palaces and colorful cafes. Fabulous public parks are the scene all over Romania.

**Bucharest Enescu Festival: MUSIC SURPRISE:**

We will be in Bucharest during a part of the 3-week George Enescu Festival which gathers music and musicians from all over the world as well as Romania. I have purchased top category tickets to 2 concerts of the Festival, in the two most beautiful venues: The Athenaeum and The Grand Palace. One concert features Gidon Kremer a Latvian violinist and he conducts his music group. He is one of world's best violinists. These tickets are for YOU. We are hard at work to provide a concert at one of the amazing Monasteries in Bukovina.

Exceptional examples of rich religious heritage are important parts of the mix of planned stops. We visit Romania's 15th and 16<sup>th</sup> century famous painted Monasteries. This was a stronghold of Orthodox Christianity, threatened by Ottoman invaders. The vividly colored frescoes are on their exterior walls. Masterpieces of Byzantine painting tell the tales of saints and heroes, portraying in epic imagery the cataclysmic struggle between good and evil at the end of days. Meet the Bucovina region. Look up Voronet, Humor, Sucevita: it is as if someone turned these spiritual Monasteries inside out. "Wild Romania" and you are in fairy tales: magical forests lead us into Transylvania via Brasov and Sighisoara. We GIVE YOU time to take a hike or a rest, or even a massage.

#### You are in ROMANIAN COUNTRYSIDE:

The golden glow of the sun is seen against the soft pastel houses. Residents are going about their business, tending the chickens, their vegetable gardens or sitting on the porch making an unforgettable scene. In villages and in the countryside, we are on lands dominated by ancestral castles, old fortresses and peaceful monasteries. Life moves a little more slowly. We follow ancient rhythms of tradition and culture. It's not unusual to see a farmer bringing his fruits to the marketplace in a horse drawn wagon or to encounter a village festival where the locals perform ancient rites of planting and harvest, dressed in colorful traditional costumes. Lush vineyards yield fine wines, that were first planted by Dacians. They are ancient inhabitants in Romania.

PAYMENT for MAIN TOUR

NO VISAS or VACCINATIONS REQUIRED

**Please send deposit \$750 as soon as possible to hold your places and Festival tickets held in order of deposit received.** These have been purchased and paid for, are included but # of tickets is limited. Once we use our allotment, we will try for extra individual tickets. As the tickets are non-refundable, as is the tour operator deposit, most of the deposit is non-refundable. We strongly suggest insurance to cover cancellation for medical reasons: You will be sent complete information as soon as deposit is received so that you can insure right away: Insurance will cover pre-existing conditions < look back 60 days> on the budget policy if you insure within 15 days.

**THE GREAT NEWS!!!** Our Land Operator, Alexander-Roberts, will allow credit card use for 0% but the air operator will charge for credit card use. If you decide to use your credit card for entire trip, you will pay only \$50.00 total for this.

Checks for this tour are payable to **JB Travel Designs**, 2538 Acton Park Lane Birmingham AL. 35243 judyb@brownelltravel.com

Office. 205 977 6298 or cell 703 371 7574. We only have a few places, as in the past, & we expect to be full very soon, so pls let us know of interest.

Final payment is due on or before June 1<sup>st</sup> and you will be billed as reminder. Due to Festival Season, and Romania a full house, we MUST COMPLY with applicable dates.

**Along with deposit, I must have correct passport name. date of birth. and email address with payment.**