

After the general meeting, the PARSEMErs can choose to go for:

- [One day trip to historic Moldova](#), on September 25
- [Two day trip to Transylvania](#) on September 25 & 26

1. A trip to historic Moldova, 25 September

Duration: 12 hours

We leave early in the morning from Iasi and our first stop is the [Ruginoasa Palace](#) of the Cuza Family who gave the first prince of the United Principalities of Moldova and Valachia in 1857: Alexandru Ioan Cuza.



Ruginoasa Castle

After visiting the Palace, we continue our journey to the medieval fortress of [Neamt Citadel](#), which still guards the commercial route between Transylvania and Moldova.



Neamt Fortress

We have lunch at the "La Cetate" Restaurant and we continue our journey towards the [Neamt Monastery](#) - the largest monk monastery in Romania, with over 500 souls living there.



Neamt monastery - aerial view

Then we are heading towards the [Agapia Monastery](#) - the largest nunnery in the country. Here we will also see some of the arts and crafts performed by the inhabitants of the monastic quarters.



Agapia monastery

We finish the tour with a dinner at a famous Romanian Inn: Hanul Ancutei, before going back to Iasi.



Cost per person:

20 passengers: 61 EUR/ person

10 passengers: 76 EUR / person

Rates include: minibus / coach transportation, English speaking guide, entrance fee to the objectives in the schedule, dinner, lunch, taxes

Not included: photo fees.

If you will participate, please register yourself using

<http://bit.do/PARSEME-one-day-trip> (same link, but the long string of characters:

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2. Transylvania: following princes and vampires tour – 2 days trip, ending in Bucharest (25-26 September)

Day 1:

We are leaving from Iasi very early in the morning as have a long day ahead of us crossing the Carpathian Mountains through the [Bicaz Gorges](#), a spectacular stone canyon with vertical walls which seem to surround you as we're going on the winding road.



Bicaz Gorges

We stop at the the [Red Lake](#), a natural dam lake formed at the start of the 20th century. Here we have a short lunch with packed food provided by the organizers, so we can win some time.



Red Lake

The place is must see on the way to [Sighisoara](#), a UNESCO World Heritage Site and the birthplace of Vlad Tepes, widely advertised as **Dracula!**



Sighisoara

After a visit of Sighisoara, we continue our road towards [Viscri](#), a small village which also boasts a UNESCO World Heritage site, but is actually more famous for one of its inhabitants, Prince Charles of Wales, who owns several traditional 17th century Saxon houses here.



Viscri - Fortified church

Dinner and overnight in traditional guesthouses in Viscri.

Day 2:

We leave Viscri in the morning, after breakfast and we head towards [Brasov](#), a beautiful baroque Saxon city in Transilvania. We visit the city, with its beautiful streets, go the Fortress on the Hill and the Black Church.



Brasov city

Then we head towards Bran Castle, widely advertised as Dracula's Castle.



Bran Castle

After a guided tour of the Castle, we go for lunch in a local restaurant, before heading to Sinaia, in the heart of the mountains, where we will visit the [Peles Castle](#) - former Royal Residence.



Peles Castel in Sinaia

Our next stop is the Rin Airport Hotel in Bucharest, for the dinner and overnight. Free shuttles to the airport are provided by the hotel for your flights the next day.

Cost per person:

20 passengers: 187 EUR/ person

10 passengers: 269 EUR / person

Rates include: minibus / coach transportation, English speaking guide, entrance fee to the objectives in the schedule, 2 nights accommodation in double room, 2 dinners, 2 lunches, taxes.

Not included: photo fees.

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