



Holy Archangels Orthodox Church

www.OrthodoxAnnapolis.org



1: Peles Castle, Sinaia

ROMANIA Pilgrimage 16 Aug. – 31 Aug. 2023 “*Spiritual Treasures* —of— *Orthodox Romania 6.0*”



2: Ladder of Divine Ascent,
Pângărați Monastery, Moldova

When: 16 August – 31 August 2023

What: A pilgrimage to Romania hosted by Holy Archangels Orthodox Church and led by Fr. Robert Miclean, an experienced pilgrimage guide. The pilgrimage is open to all Orthodox Christians, catechumens interested in Orthodox Christianity in Romania, visiting many of the holy sites, venerating the relics of the Saints, and being inspired by many of the important ministries, churches, and monasteries of Romania. Fr. Robert has over ten years of experience leading pilgrimages and mission trips to Romania.

Where: We arrive in Bucharest, travel to the Pro Vita orphanage and ministry in Valea Plopului, visit the holy monastery of Crasna (*‘beautiful’*), nestled in the foothills of the Carpathian Mountains, visit the stunning town of Sinaia and Peleş Castle in the Alps, home to the Kings of Romania. From there we head North to Moldova and Bucovina to visit the holy monasteries of Petru Voda, resting place of Fr. George Calciu the Confessor, Sihăstrie, resting place of Elder Cleopa, Piatra Neamț, Agapia, home of St. Gheorghe the Pilgrim. We then visit the unique, painted and world-renowned monasteries of Bucovina: Putna, Voroneț, Moldovița, Sucevița, and Humor. We shop the outdoor markets at the painted monasteries, full of home-spun wares. We then travel to the historic city of Iasi in Moldova to venerate the relics of St. Parascheva before returning to Bucharest for our final days where we will, venerate the relics of many Saints, visit the ‘Russian’ church of the University, built by Czar Nicholas II, tour many important sites in the capital, including the Patriarchal Palace, the Patriarchal Cathedral, St. George the New where we venerate St. Constantin Brâncoveanu and the right hand of St. Nicholas the Wonderworker. We venerate St. Spiridon in the church named after him, tour and venerate at St. Antim Monastery, famous for the Burning Bush Movement (an Orthodox spiritual and anti-Communist movement). *Pilgrims will also have the opportunity to shop at some of the Patriarchal stores in Bucharest and at the holy monasteries throughout the trip.*



3: The Painted Monasteries, Bucovina



Holy Archangels Orthodox Church

www.OrthodoxAnnapolis.org

Why: To grow in our faith as we pray and venerate at many of Romania's holy sites; to be edified by the rich heritage and beauty of Orthodox Romania; to visit and support the children of the Pro Vita orphanage and ministry in Valea Plopului; to return strengthened in our Orthodox faith and life in Christ God.

Program (subject to changes, *as necessary*)

- Wed., 16 Aug. Depart Dulles Int'l Airport
- Thu., 17 Aug., Arrive in Bucharest, travel to ProVita, Valea Plopului.
- Fri., 18 Aug., Stay at Valea Plopului, visit with the children
- Sat., 19 Aug., Morning departure for Crasna Monastery, Vigil
- Sun., 20 Aug., Divine Liturgy at Crasna Monastery
- Mon., 21 Aug., Depart for Sinaia in the Carpathian Alps, stay overnight
- Tues., 22 Aug., Tour Peleş Castle in Sinaia, depart for Piatra Neamţ, Visit monasteries Pângăraţi, Bistriţa, stay at Presentation of Christ Monastery
- Wed., 23 Aug., Monasteries Agapia, Văratec, overnight in Piatra Neamţ.
- Thur., 24 Aug., Visit Sihăstriă Monastery (Elder Cleopa) and Neamţ Monastery, painted monasteries (Putna—St. Stephen the Great, Voroneţ, Suceviţa, Moldoviţa), arrive, overnight at Putna Monastery
- Fri., 25 Aug., St. Daniel the Hesychast's cave, Putna Museum, overnight at Putna
- Sat., 26 Aug., Depart for Iaşi, stay at Holy Three Hierarchs Monastery, venerate the relics of St. Parascheva of Iaşi.
- Sun., 27 Aug., Divine Liturgy at Cathedral of the Holy Hierarchs,
- Mon., 28 Aug., depart for Bucharest: 5.5 Hours + 2-3 stops, stay overnight at Centru Social Sf. Andrei (Patriarchal hill)
- Tues., 29 Aug., Tour Bucharest
- Wed., 30 Aug., Tour Bucharest
- While in Bucharest, we visit: Old Patriarchal Cathedral (relics of St. Dimitrie the New, St. Nectarius, SS Constantine and Elena), New Patriarchal Cathedral (Chapel/Paraclis relic—tooth of St. John Chrystostom, Biserica Rusă 4 Antim Monastery, Bucharest (St. Nicholas, 'the Russian Church', last built by Czar Nicholas II), St. George the New (Right hand of St. Nicholas, St. Constantine Brâncoveanu), Radu Voda Monastery, where Fr. George Calciu of blessed memory preached his Seven 'Words' to the youth), St. Spiridon, Historic Monastery Antim (built by St. Antim, home of the "Burning Bush" movement), New Patriarchal Cathedral, Librării Sophia, Bizantina (Orthodox bookstores, icons)
- Thur., 31 Aug., early departure for Otopeni international airport for return flight to the USA.



6 Crasna Monastery



4 Antim Monastery, Bucharest