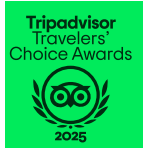




*Bucharest to Budapest Jewish Heritage Tour
led by Rabbi Paul Steinberg*



Congregation Kol Shofar's
Jewish Heritage Tour

Bucharest to Budapest | May 31 – June 12, 2026



Bran Castle, the famous
Dracula's castle in Transylvania,
Romania at sunset



Museum of Jewish History in city of Bucharest, Romania

DEPOSIT AND PAYMENT SCHEDULE

- **Upon booking:** trip deposit \$500 per person is due, fully credited to the trip.
- **December 31, 2025:** 50% of balance is due (150 days before departure).
- **February 28, 2026:** Balance in full is due, including gratuities \$240 per person (90 days prior to departure).

REFUND SCHEDULE PER PERSON

In the event of a person's trip cancellation or withdrawal, or non-participation for any reason (includes Covid 19-related reasons) refunds are as follows:

- **On or before November 30, 2025:** Refund of trip fees less \$250 per person
- **December 1, 2025 - January 31, 2026:** Refund of trip fees less \$1500 per person
- **February 1 – March 30, 2026:** Refund of trip fees less \$2600 per person
- **On or after March 31, 2026:** No refund

Please note: if after December 31, 2025 the group or its leaders decide to cancel or postpone the trip for circumstances beyond the control of APR GROUP, INC., the refund schedule above shall apply. Travel insurance is strongly encouraged to safeguard against this and other possibilities.

LAND PACKAGE PRICE

Participants	Cost Each
29-37	\$5220
23-28	\$5460
17-22	\$5700
11-16	\$5940

- **Payments by Visa & Mastercard:** 3 % fee
- **Payments by AMEX:** 4% fee
- **Payment by Check/Venmo/Zelle:** no fee
- Lodging accommodations are double occupancy.
- **Single Supplement:** \$1485.00
- **Participants:** up to 37. We expect the trip to be well subscribed.
- **Gratuities:** an additional trip fee billed separately (not included in package): \$240 each, covering gratuities for guides, bus driver, hotel staff, porters, restaurant personnel, misc.



The Choral Temple synagogue building located in Bucharest

LODGING ACCOMMODATIONS

Location	Dates 2026	Hotel
Bucharest (arrival)	June 1,2	Marmarosch Autograph Collection
Brasov	June 3	Kronwell Hotel
Sibiu	June 4	Continental Forum Hotel
Cluj-Napoca	June 5,6	Marriott Courtyard
Sighet – Marmatei	June 7	Hotel Gradina Morii
Oradea	June 8, 9	Double Tree by Hilton
Budapest	June 10, 11	Continental Hotel
Budapest (departure)	June 12	

LAND PACKAGE INCLUSIONS

- Group meet & greet at Bucharest Otopeni Airport (OTP)
- 1 group transfer from arrival airport
- 1 group transfer to departure airport
- Hotel accommodations throughout
- Luxury motorcoach transportation throughout
- Tour Educators throughout
- Guide assistants, e.g., city walking tour(s)
- Programs, admissions & fees
- All breakfasts, 2 lunches, 9 dinners

LAND PACKAGE EXCLUSIONS

- Flights SFO – OTP (Bucharest) & BUD (Budapest)- SFO
- Trip insurance (carrier links provided)
- Lunches, dinners “on your own”, per Itinerary
- Alcohol
- Snacks & drinks between meals
- Additional individual gratuities as desired by traveler

Tour organizer APR GROUP, INC. offers private customized pre- and post-trip visits to Prague, Vienna and elsewhere in Europe. For more information, contact APR at (415) 686-9672 or email moroccotravelgroup@gmail.com



Menorah in Jewish museum



Romania, Bucharest, Choral Temple.

DETAILED TERMS & CONDITIONS

RESERVATION PROCESS: After first contacting Teveia Barnes and informing her of your decision to join the tour and/or with any questions or concerns about the tour (Teveia: 415-806-7759, teveia@lfoa.org), in order to secure your booking, contact APR GROUP, INC. ("APR") at (415) 686-9672 (Office) or Cary Kopstein (415) 816-2826 (moroccotravelgroup@gmail.com) to make the \$500.00 per person deposit.

TOUR PAYMENT: You will receive an invoice for the balance of your tour cost upon the receipt of your deposit. You will need the invoice to show your chosen insurance carrier if you decide, as we strongly suggest, to protect your trip with insurance. (See "Insurance", below). 50% of balance is due 150 days prior to departure (December 31, 2026). Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure (February 28, 2026). Payment by Zelle, Venmo or personal check receives a 3% discount from the tour price. For credit card payments no discount will apply.

TIPPING POLICY: Tips are pre-collected in advance

of travel at \$240 total per person. This covers hotel porters, airport assistance personnel, guides, driver and more. 100% of tips are remitted to the Romanian Guide Director and distributed by her directly to these individuals when services are provided. Additional tips are at your personal discretion.

TOUR DOCUMENTS: Approximately 3 months prior to departure, you will receive your documents, including reading and viewing lists, packing information, travel tips, luggage tags and more.

INSURANCE: APR Group, Inc. tour organizer, strongly recommends trip insurance including "CFAR" (Cancel for any Reason) coverage. One might consider the following vendors: Allianz (www.allianztravelinsurance.com), Travel Insured (www.travelinsured.com) or Squaremouth (www.squaremouth.com). APR is not affiliated with travel insurance companies.

NOT INCLUDED: This tour will list what is and what is not included. In general, the tour would not include: Departure Taxes and Border Taxes, Visas (not currently required), Insurance, Tips (pre-collected), Alcohol, or items of a personal nature.

SECURITY: Your safety is always a top priority for us, and we have stringent safety precautions. Though unanticipated, should we feel that any site or itinerary inclusion puts travelers in danger, we will take steps to alter the itinerary to protect everyone.

HOTELS: We feature hotels selected for our tours based on location as well as amenities. We are occasionally obliged to make substitutions. All hotels offer us standard grade (run-of-house) rooms. If arriving at a hotel before early afternoon, your room may not yet be ready.

TRAVELING ALONE: Single rooms are often limited, so please reserve early. We can also try to match you with a roommate if and when possible. We can only assign a roommate if another person on the tour wishes to share. If we cannot assign a roommate, the single supplement will be invoiced.

SPECIAL REQUESTS: Requests are noted and will be conveyed, but cannot be guaranteed.

MEALS: Breakfasts are included daily with your hotel stays. They are normally buffet style meals. Beverages are not included with meals, except where indicated. Group lunches and dinners are as noted on the itinerary. We respect that many travelers enjoy free time during midday.

KASHRUT: Some hotels or restaurants on the tour will be



Holocaust Memorial by artist Peter Hans Jacobi,

Kosher, however, most restaurants will not be. Whenever we order an included pre-set meal, as is ordinarily the case, there will be a fish, dairy and/or vegetarian option. Shellfish and pork will never appear on a pre-set tour menu.

SPECIAL MEALS: APR makes a reasonable effort to accommodate special meal requests that are submitted to us in writing no later than 30 days prior to tour departure. Your primary tour guide or other designated tour contact person traveling with the group will be available to interface with the food vendors during the tour to request that meals are provided to meet your needs. APR cannot take responsibility for complete compliance with a traveler's requests regarding dietary issues and dietary sensitivities, such as preventing cross-contamination or other exposure, during the tour. Those with dietary sensitivities must take final responsibility for their own well-being, and should advocate on their own behalf, particularly in the case of a severe allergy or condition. Those with lifethreatening food allergies should take this into consideration before deciding to participate on this tour.

BAGGAGE: Travelers are limited to one large suitcase per person plus a carry-on. Airlines are constantly updating their luggage policies and requirements. APR will advise travelers of the primary group airline's baggage requirements at least 30 days prior to departure. For those traveling on other airlines, we strongly advise checking with those carriers before packing for the tour in order to avoid additional

charges.

SATURDAYS AND JEWISH HOLIDAYS: We may occasionally schedule or suggest appropriate walking tours and visits to parks and cultural sites, and we will advise of local synagogues offering Shabbat services. Rabbi Steinberg enjoys leading "Shabbat Reflections" sessions. Shabbatot otherwise are days at leisure during the tour.

MOTORCOACHES: We utilize luxury air-conditioned buses wherever possible. Smoking is not permitted on any tour bus or vehicle.

PASSPORTS: For both Hungary (Budapest) and Romania, passports are required for U.S. citizens. Passports must be valid for at least three (3) months beyond the tour's intended stay (June 12, 2026), therefore passport validity to September 12, 2026 at a minimum. (Six (6) months is recommended although not currently required.) U.S. citizens can enter visa-free (no visa) for up to 90 days for tourism or business. One blank passport page is usually required.

VISITOR SAFETY RATING BY U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT FOR HUNGARY AND ROMANIA: For both countries, as of August 15, 2025 "Level 1 – Exercise Normal Precautions" is the applicable safety rating.

ABOUT YOUR HEALTH: Passengers should be in stable health and be confident of their ability to undertake the tour. The tour includes moderate amounts of walking. Those who require assistance must be accompanied



The Brasov Synagogue in Romania

by a companion capable of and totally responsible for providing such assistance. Please consult our staff as well as your physician. We like the “healthy travel” tips in this article: <https://www.ricksteves.com/travel-tips/health/staying-healthy>.

COVID-19: Risk of exposure to COVID-19 exists in any public place. COVID-19 can lead to severe illness or even death. Senior citizens and those with underlying medical conditions are particularly at risk according to the CDC. By participating in the tour, you voluntarily assume all risks related to exposure to COVID-19. APR and your fellow travelers expect all participants will comply with any Covid related or other health requirements as set forth by either the U.S. or the destination governments or by the tour provider.

VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS: Neither Hungary nor Romania currently has mandatory vaccination requirements for entry, though some vaccinations are recommended for travel to both countries. Checking specific recommendations based on individual health and travel plans is always best. No mandatory vaccinations. CDC and WHO recommend routine vaccinations for, e.g., MMR, Tdap, polio and others. Vaccinations for Hepatitis A and B are also recommended. Covid -19 vaccination is generally recommended for travel to both countries. Tick-borne encephalitis vaccination may be recommended for certain travelers, especially those engaging in a tour’s outdoor activities. Check with your personal physician or travel health clinic about any additional recommendations.

CANCELLATION POLICY:

On or before November 30, 2025: Refund of trip fees less \$250. Payments for your airline tickets are nonrefundable. (Tickets we purchase will be in your name as your property and usually have a one-year validity from date of purchase in the event you must cancel your participation in the tour). Future credit: The nonrefundable portion, including the trip deposit, can be applied to any future trip organized by APR GROUP, INC. for departure within two years from the original travel date. The non-refundable portion so applied is nontransferable without APR’s written approval.

December 1, 2025 – January 31, 2026: Refund of trip fees less \$1500/person. Payments for your airline tickets are non-refundable. Future credit: The non-refundable portion, including the trip deposit, can be applied to any future trip organized by APR GROUP, INC. for departure within two years from the original travel date. The nonrefundable portion so applied is non-transferable without APR’s written approval.

February 1 – March 30, 2026: Refund of trip fees less \$2600/person. Payments for your airline tickets are nonrefundable. No future trip credit.

On or after March 31, 2026: 100% non-refundable. No future trip credit.

CANCELLATION BY TOUR OPERATOR: In the unlikely event of the group’s tour cancellation by APR GROUP, INC. in consultation with the group leaders, or a cancellation by a participant due to political instability,, pandemic, acts of terrorism, government



Brasov cityscape in Romania

intervention, security concerns or US State Department warnings against travel to the destination country(ies), participants remain subject to the above cancellation penalties and terms. Should APR determine it must cancel a departure for any of the listed reasons, or for another situation outside our control, we will make our best effort to obtain refunds from service providers, without guarantee. Travel insurance is, once again, highly recommended. Credit card fees, are non-refundable.

REFUND POLICY: Refunds for cancellations require a minimum of three weeks for processing.

INDIVIDUAL AIR BOOKINGS: The tour price includes the listed Europe ground services. APR offers tour participants the service of booking their flights. APR invoices flights at cost plus a 5% fee to cover credit card costs and its services for participants paying by credit card. The fee is 3% if participants pay via a personal check, Zelle or Venmo. Individual airfare requires full payment at the time of purchase. These tickets and the booking fee are most often non-refundable 24 hours after purchase.

A NOTE ON AIRFARE PRICING: Until flight costs are locked in with the purchase of air tickets, rates for flights change constantly - often moment to moment - as airlines use algorithms based on seat demand and other factors. (Translation: as more seats are purchased on a given flight, prices will increase). APR will usually purchase participants' flight tickets within 48 hours after being requested to do so.

NOTICE REGARDING AIRLINE TAX AND/OR FUEL

SURCHARGES: APR has no control over airline tax and/or fuel surcharges that may be set by airlines or government regulations following trip booking.

EXCHANGE RATE: Tour pricing is based on exchange rate stability in the Euro (EUR), currently at a ratio of USD1.17 : EUR1. In the unlikely event that the Dollar's value should deteriorate more than 5% vis a vis the EUR thus causing the trip costs to increase, APR reserves the option to notify participants of an increase of the trip price to them and allow participants the choice of either accepting the concomitant surcharge or rejecting the increase, canceling their participation and receiving back 100% (full refund, including the trip deposit).

(Example: \$6000 trip price per person and a 5% Dollar devaluation from 1.17 :1 to 1.23:1 could trigger a trip price increase of \$300).

APR'S DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES

APR for this tour acts in the capacity as an agent for participants in its role of helping to organize the tour, by suggesting itinerary inclusions, terms and conditions for approval, by retaining and remitting payments for services to vendors including guides, hotels, restaurants, speakers, transport companies and for admissions and incidentals, and by performing related services and providing informative materials in connection with the tour. Although APR agrees to exercise reasonable care and diligence in making such arrangements, APR assumes no responsibility for injury, damage, loss, accident, delays, or irregular treatment by any person, including other tour members, toward tour participants or their property due to an act of default by any hotel, airline carrier, restaurant, company, or

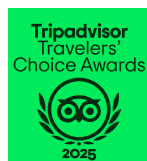


Zion Neolog Synagogue, Oradea
Romania, in Western Transylvania

by a person rendering any of the services included in the tour. By agreeing to take part in this tour the participant agrees to hold APR, its principals, agents and assigns, harmless from any liability respecting APR's performance of its role on this tour. APR reserves the right to cancel or change aspects and inclusions in the tour, to change presenters, tour or operations staff, and to substitute comparable services, in its best judgment, without notice. APR in its reasoned judgment following consultation with tour leaders reserves the right to decline to accept or retain on the tour any participant should APR become aware that such person's health, behaviors or general deportment impede the

wholesome or safe operations or enjoyment of the tour to the detriment of any other tour participants.

DISPUTES: Should a dispute arise respecting APR's performance of its duties and responsibilities, as described in the paragraph immediately above, by taking part in the tour both the participant and APR agree to submit such dispute to binding arbitration in Marin County, California before a single arbitrator pursuant to the rules of the American Arbitration Association (AAA).



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