



LEEF JOU REIS

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A glimpse into my journey

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*Music was my first love
but travel is my passion.*

To understand the meaning behind “Leef Jou Reis,” one must discover, take detours, and embrace the alternative routes or the roads less travelled. To eat and mingle with the local people and truly comprehend their culture, we have this special opportunity to become authentic travellers, rather than mere tourists visiting a country.

Growing up in the small town of Mossel Bay, I have had the privilege of setting foot on 7 continents and explored over 85 countries. With all this experience and passion for travel, we would like to extend a warm invitation to you to join our global travel family.

We are the “cool kids” of travel and we do it in style...

Welcome to Leef Jou Reis





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**When the sun sets behind
Transylvania's mist covered
mountains, a world of history,
beauty, and legend awakens.**

In this captivating region of Romania, an unforgettable adventure awaits – one that takes you from the iconic Bran Castle and the charming streets of Braşov to a private organ concert in the Black Church, the impressive Turda Salt Mine, the royal elegance of Peleş Castle, and the historic magic of Biertan.

Your journey reaches its grand finale in Bucharest with dinner at the famous Caru' cu Bere and a visit to the awe inspiring Palace of Parliament. Join Leef Jou Reis as we uncover the secrets, charm, and unforgettable magic of Transylvania.





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Highlights

Turda Salt Mine

A breathtaking underground world transformed into a futuristic attraction – home to the only functioning underground Ferris wheel on Earth.

Private Organ Concert in the Black Church

Enjoy an exclusive musical experience in Braşov's late Gothic Black Church. Its renowned 1839 Buchholz organ, with 63 registers, is the largest mechanical organ in Romania.

Biertan Fortified Church

A UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the best preserved Saxon fortified churches in Transylvania – complete with a remarkable wooden lock boasting 19 locking mechanisms.

Bran Castle (Dracula's Castle)

This iconic 14th century fortress has watched over the Bran Pass since 1377 and is famously linked to the Dracula legend.

Peleş Castle

A fairytale worthy royal palace built between 1873 and 1883 – and one of Europe's first palaces equipped with electricity and central heating.

Lunch with the Locals in Viscri

Experience authentic Transylvanian hospitality with a homemade meal in one of the region's most beloved Saxon UNESCO villages.

Palace of Parliament

One of the largest administrative buildings in the world, with more than 1,000 rooms – construction began in 1984 under Nicolae Ceauşescu.

Caru' cu Bere

A historic restaurant in Bucharest, founded in 1879 and housed since 1899 in a Neo Gothic masterpiece – famous for its traditional dishes and lively atmosphere.





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DAY 1: Monday 10 May 2027

The big day has finally arrived – Romania, land of castles and legends, here we come! Meet the Leef Jou Reis team at OR Tambo Airport and get ready for an incredible adventure.

(All meals served on board)

DAY 2: Tuesday, 11 May 2027

We land in the vibrant city of Cluj Napoca, the cultural heart of Transylvania, where our journey truly begins.

Our first stop: the Turda Salt Mine, an underground wonder where centuries of history blend with modern imagination. Explore vast salt halls, admire otherworldly formations, and soak in this mysterious atmosphere deep below the earth.

We then continue through Transylvania's beautiful landscapes to the medieval city of Sibiu, one of Romania's best preserved historical gems. With cobblestone streets, charming squares, and the famous "eyes of Sibiu" rooftops watching over the town, it's a magical place to begin our stay.

We end the day with a traditional Saxon welcome dinner at a local restaurant.

Overnight: Sibiu (Breakfast, Dinner)

DAY 3: Wednesday, 12 May 2027

After breakfast we head deeper into Transylvania. Our first stop is the picturesque village of Biertan, home to one of the region's most impressive fortified churches – a true glimpse into the Saxon past.

We enjoy a traditional countryside lunch before continuing to Sighişoara, one of Europe's last inhabited medieval citadels.





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With its narrow streets, colourful buildings, and historic towers, it feels like stepping straight into a fairytale. It's also the birthplace of Vlad the Impaler, the historical figure later tied to the Dracula myth.

The evening is yours to wander, dine, and soak in the magic of this unforgettable town.

Overnight: Sighișoara (Breakfast, Lunch)

DAY 4: Thursday, 13 May 2027

Enjoy a final wander around Sighișoara before we travel onward through the tranquil Transylvanian countryside to Viscri, a village where time seems to slow down. King Charles III owns property here and supports projects preserving traditional craftsmanship and rural life.

We enjoy a homemade lunch prepared by local villagers – simple, hearty, and delicious.

Then it's on to Brașov, a medieval city founded in the 13th century with a rich Saxon heritage and stunning mountain backdrop.

Tonight, a special treat awaits: a private organ concert inside the iconic Black Church – an awe inspiring experience as the powerful music fills the ancient space.

Overnight: Brașov (Breakfast, Lunch)





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DAY 5: Friday, 14 May 2027

Today we explore Braşov's historical centre, once a major hub of medieval trade. Elegant squares, colourful buildings, and centuries old charm surround us at every turn.

This afternoon we travel to Bran for a visit to the world famous Bran Castle. Although there's little historical evidence that Vlad the Impaler lived here, the connection to the Dracula legend gives this 14th century fortress an irresistible mystique.

We end the day with a special dinner at the castle – a true highlight.

Overnight: Braşov (Breakfast, Dinner)

DAY 6: Saturday, 15 May 2027

After breakfast we say goodbye to Braşov and travel through the scenic Prahova Valley to Sinaia, the "Pearl of the Carpathians." Known for its grand villas and elegant alpine charm, Sinaia is home to one of Europe's most beautiful palaces: Peleş Castle.

After exploring this fairytale residence, we continue to Romania's lively capital, Bucharest, where the evening is yours to explore, dine, or simply take in the atmosphere.

Overnight: Bucharest (Breakfast)



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DAY 7: Sunday, 16 May 2027

Today we discover the many layers of Bucharest – a city where Romania's past and present come together in fascinating ways.

A visit to the monumental Palace of Parliament is a must. This colossal building is one of the largest of its kind in the world and a striking reminder of the country's recent history.

The afternoon is free for you to explore at your leisure – perhaps a cosy café, an interesting museum, or Bucharest's famous Obor Market.

Tonight we celebrate our final evening in Romania with a festive dinner at Caru' cu Bere, filled with traditional cuisine, music, and joyful atmosphere.

Overnight: Bucharest (Breakfast, Dinner)



DAY 8: Monday, 17 May 2027

With full hearts we say goodbye to Romania. After a final hotel breakfast, we transfer to the airport for our flight back home.

(All meals on board)

DAY 9: Tuesday, 18 May 2027

Welcome back to South Africa!



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Package Includes:

- Airport transfers (when using group flights)
- 1 night 4* hotel in Sibiu with breakfast
- 1 night 4* hotel in Sighișoara with breakfast
- 2 nights 4* hotel in Brașov with breakfast
- 2 nights 4* hotel in Bucharest with breakfast
- Lunch in Biertan
- Lunch in Viscri
- Welcome dinner
- Special dinner at Dracula Castle
- Farewell dinner at Caru' cu Bere
- Luxury coach transport

Package Excludes:

- Return flights between South Africa and Romania
- Visa costs
- Travel insurance
- Meals (unless specified)
- Drinks (unless specified)
- Personal expenses
- Optional activities

Things to Remember:

- A visa is required and must be obtained at your own expense. We will, however, assist you during the application process and provide all necessary documentation.
- You need a passport with at least two blank pages, valid for 6 months after return (17 November 2027).
- A Leef Jou Reis team member will be available at all times to help with any questions or information.
- Optional extras are offered with the assistance of the Leef Jou Reis team, but tour participants are free to come and go as they wish.
- You are in good hands and can simply sit back and enjoy the trip, but you may also set your own pace. At Leef Jou Reis we love walking, but there are alternative options that may arise spontaneously, and we can even hire a taxi if needed.
- To fully enjoy the sightseeing on this tour, you need to be fit and able to comfortably walk approximately 5 kilometers during the day.
- Come with an open mind and make new friends.
- About a week before departure, we will create a WhatsApp group to share information. This will be your communication channel with Leef Jou Reis. Please ensure you provide all correct phone numbers on your booking form to be included in the group. During and after the tour, we will also share photos and videos here.
- Please note that, if necessary, we may swap activities from one day to another to ensure you have the best travel experience.
- The program includes bed and breakfast, dinners, lunches, and tours as indicated in the brochure.



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What Next...?

Steps to follow to secure your seat on the Transylvania Tour...

STEP 1

If you want to join us on this exciting tour, send your e-mail address and mobile number to leefjoureis@twf.co.za. We will then send the booking form that you must complete and return, together with a copy of your ID/passport and proof of payment of the deposit.

STEP 2

This itinerary is fairly complete and should contain all the information you might need. We will set up a WhatsApp group closer to the time for further communication; therefore, please make sure that the mobile number you have provided is correct. If you have any questions, feel free to send an e-mail or WhatsApp 082 923 3626.

STEP 3

Get excited and look forward to the most idyllic holiday of your life!!

Deposit

- To secure your place on this very special tour, a non-refundable deposit of R10,000 is required. Please note that we are obliged to pay the deposit and administration fee to our operators. Be sure to read the terms and conditions as stated on the website.
- The second payment of R10,000 is due by 01 August 2026. A third payment of R10,000 is due by 01 November 2026, and the total outstanding amount is due by 01 February 2027.

Banking Details & Pricing

Account Name	:	LeefJouReis TWF
Bank	:	Standard Bank
Branch Code	:	051001
Account Number	:	012324523

Deposit reference number: TRAN27 + NAME & SURNAME

Please make sure you use the right reference number and that you send proof of payment to us on email: leefjoureis@twf.co.za

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