

## RenaissanceART & the House Of Prayer

*We are so excited to have you come visit us! It is a great delight to welcome you to Romania and to invite you to join us in creating, praying and having so much fun in God's presence and loving the community around us. Please find below some information and all the guidelines about booking your trip.*

### Requirements to visit:

Please email us a short statement outlining why you'd like to come and your expectations for the trip. Also, if we don't know you personally, please send us a max 500 word testimony so we can get to know you a little better.

### RenaissanceART and Brasov House Of Prayer

Brasov House of prayer has been established to primarily usher in the joy & love of God's presence through prayer, art & worship. It also aims to serve the community through creativity projects and be a place for internationals & artisans to come and be equipped, inspired and create.

### Intro to Romania

**Romania**, now in the EU, was a closed communist country from WWII until 1989. For 45 years Romania was ruled by one of the most oppressive and cruel Communist regimes in the world. People starved while dictator Nicolae Ceaucescu sold the local food internationally to pay debts. He made families have lots of children & made contraception illegal. Because of this, many unwanted children were left in overcrowded & squalid orphanages in their hundreds of thousands.



In 1989 Ceaucescu was overthrown and executed. However, conditions in Romania struggle to but there remain high rates of **violent crime, prostitution, alcoholism and drug abuse**. Romania has one of the **highest abortion rates in the world** and the **highest HIV rate**

**Brasov**, the town we are in, is in the centre of Romania in the region of Transylvania, an area synonymous with Dracula and the vampire legends. It is also a cultural, art, music and medieval capital with a great and diverse history. One of Romania's largest remaining Jewish populations also live here. It is next to a mountain range called the Carpathian mountains.

### Top Prayer points

- That we would always see the positive and have God's compassion, joy and delight over each in the nation
- Spirit of adoption
- Breakthrough in the spirit for a release of external and inner healing
- A heart for unity across nationalities and denominations
- God's love to sweep immeasurably over the nation
- For life and no more premature death

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### Trip opportunities

*Initial trips can be no longer than two weeks unless previously agreed. Positions are available for long term service but must be preceded by a two week visit.*

We are predominantly a prayer house and therefore the focus will be prayer and intercession, releasing freedom and the spirit of adoption into Romania. Therefore come prepared to pray, create and love and be a part of history ☺. Over time, as we build relationship with the people in the community around us, we anticipate opportunities to do art projects with the locals & street youth. We are excited by the opportunity next year to possibly get involved in summer camps as well as with local youths through the year & possible trips to neighboring Moldova. However for now, we are excited to pray and paint together.

## Opportunities in 2010-11

- Prayer & worship
- Painting and creating
- Prophetic art training & equipping sessions
- Mountain walks
- Prayer trips to Dracula's castle & local places
- Lead & be part of art sessions with local youth
- Visit street child night shelter work
- Visit street and orphanage work in Bucharest

(In Winter, we are also very near the ski slopes! ☺)

## Flights

**Wizzair** – these are the cheapest carriers from **London LUTON** airport and flights can start as little as 50 pounds return! They are a budget airline so please ensure you book your baggage and your flight is to **BUCHAREST**.

[www.wizzair.com](http://www.wizzair.com)

## Visas & entry requirements

**UK and EU citizens** do **not** need a visa to enter and stay in Romania. **Australian, USA and other citizens** get a visa on arrival, which will cover them for up to three months. This will be at immigration. When asked the purpose of your visit, please reply **"Tourist"**. For all intents and purposes, you are on holiday, visiting your friends (us ☺).

## Housing Options & prices

**Staying ON SITE with our team –**

**2010** – We do not move into our second property until January 2011 so we can only have one or two people stay with us at a time in our one bedroom apartment and you would have to stay on an airbed! However, if you would prefer this to staying 10mins taxi away in a hotel, it will be **15 Euros a night**

**Jan 2011** – We will be living in a 3 bedroom apartment the block next to the prayer house in a guarded complex just outside of the city. It is very new and has English standard facilities. To stay with us it will be **15 Euros a single & 25 Euros a couple per night** (includes tea & coffee, snacks and use of kitchen facilities with a shared bathroom)

*If you have arranged to stay with us, please would you pay a min 50% of the accommodation price as a deposit for your trip into paypal [before you come](#), the rest payable during your stay.*

## Local hostels and prices

The **Ambient Pension** (our favorite choice! Very high quality & breakfast included except in apartment):

[www.pensuineambient.ro](http://www.pensuineambient.ro)

Double is 240 lei (57 euros a night)

Apartment (sleeps 3 people) 72 euros a night

Deluxe apartment (sleeps 4 people) 90 euro a night – these have PLENTY of lounge space for larger teams if you were to bring camp or airbeds with you.

## Pension Italian

<http://www.pensiunea-italiana.ro/eng/preturi.html> - Located 5mins closer to us and city centre

25 euro (standard single room) per night

32 euro (standard double room) per night

56 euro (deluxe room) per night (they only have 1)- has a Jacuzzi

For every 3 nights they offer a 20 percent discount off the 4<sup>th</sup> night and 10 percent off the whole price if you stay for more than 6 nights. Only one offer is valid.

## Transport

Taxi- to and from the hotel to the HOP (if you are staying offsite) – approx 10 lei each trip (\$2.50 US)

## Airport transfers-

Taxi from Bucharest airport to Bucharest Nord train station is 6 lei per person (\$1.50)

Train from Bucharest Nord station to Brasov is 52 lei per person (\$13)

For teams, we can arrange a minibus pick up for 400 lei a bus (about 80 euros – seats up to 6, contact us for larger teams)

**Exchange rates** (these are approx): 4.3 lei to 1 euro, 5 lei to every Pound, 4 Lei to \$1 US Dollar

### **Food**

Unless otherwise agreed, you will be self catering when you come, although there will be drinks and snacks available in the prayer room kitchen. We live next to a very good supermarket and there are many food shops and markets in the town centre. You also are welcome to use our kitchen and fridge/freezer if you are staying with us. There will be snacks and drinks at the house for you to use included in your room rate.

We recommend you drink bottled water although the water in Brasov is filtered and safe to drink.

Food budget – This will depend on how much you eat and the kind of foods you would like to buy. A guide based on a western diet might be about 150 lei a day (approx 30 Euros a day) depending on how much you wish to eat out.

Meals at restaurants vary from about 30 lei (\$7.50) to 100 lei (\$25) per person

### **What to Bring**

#### **Money**

You will predominantly need money for taxis, train fare and food. There are also places where you can buy souvenirs and gifts. The amount of spending money you bring is up to you although we would strongly recommend not carrying large amounts of money on you and using a money belt as pick-pocketing is common.

#### **Luggage & Donations**

You will be allowed to bring a bag of 32kg with Wizzair but can pay for more bags at 15 pounds a bag. If you would therefore like to help us move supplies and our things over here, please let us know as this would be a great help! Please also let us know if you would like to bring any physical donations such as art equipment for use with the youth or warm clothing and we will let you know the current needs.

If you would like to contribute to the work monetarily, there are many options that we can give you, email for more details or see the website.

#### **Art Supplies**

There is an art store in town but it is expensive and limited, therefore we ask that you bring with you all the art supplies that you will need. Many places now stock rolls of canvas which you can bring to stretch around canvas frames which we will have as this is cheaper and easier to transport back home. **Please bring your own paints/materials** or contact us if this is not possible.

#### **Dress code**

We ask that you please dress modestly. Many younger Romanians do not but we wish to honor the culture and promote a message of purity and modesty and ask that you honor this with how you choose to dress during the hotter summer months.

Please be aware that mid-winter temperatures this year got as low as -24 to -32 degree celcius. Please dress sensibly! Thermals, ski gear and snow boots are a **MUST** at this time of year (ie November to late February/March)

### **Finally...**

#### **VERY IMPORTANT: Please do not:**

- Give money to the homeless, we are trying to invest in local trade and projects that are promoting people to get jobs, housing and get off the streets. Many beggars in Romania are very wealthy and we are keen to not sow into this orphan mentality so support local projects rather than individuals.
- Use the word “organization” “mission” “Ministry” “church project” etc about the house of prayer. We are simply two people who have moved to Romania and are praying for the nation. We are **NOT** a specific denomination (this is

KEY) and we are definitely not an organization in the terms that they understand it. Please be aware that everything you said will be noted and shared with others in town by locals and will affect why we are there and the impact we can have. **Please only say that you are on vacation and visiting friends as you enjoy art also.** If they ask, you love Jesus and are friends with many denominations not belonging just to one specific type. This keeps us from being put in a 'box'.

- Pray for people **on the streets** at this time unless pre-agreed with us. We love to treasure hunt and see miracles but as we are in an extremely religious area, we are moving slowly and building relationship first so that prayer can come from a place of security and not suspicion or as a "fly by". We will definitely pray for healings and Gods love and identity in the place of so much brokenness, but will do so in youth meetings, coffees and one to one / group events. Simply not on the streets for now.

(Failure to comply with these requests may result in you being asked to leave prematurely at your own expense)

**Please do:**

- Pray for the nation
- Research before you come to get a good idea of the history of the nation and the struggles it has had and is facing
- Bring with you a heart to love and bring the spirit of adoption where there have been so many orphans. You are welcome to love on and value our friends!
- Be free to create, paint, write, dance, worship, draw & sing! Be free to express your worship in new and innovative ways, push your limits and boundaries and get deeper into God and His presence
- Use the time to get refreshed as well as to pray with us, be prepared to spend lots of time with God and to pray and soak as He leads
- Visit local attractions and bless the local economy and restaurateurs! We want to be a real blessing to the economy in the town.

**\*\*\*DISCOUNTS FOR PROFESSIONAL ARTISANS, MUSICIANS & WRITERS \*\*\***

It is our heart to honor professionals in the arts, media and entertainment world, offering a place for you to create, be inspired and disappear from the world for a while into the mountains. We truly believe that God is raising up an excellent media and arts movement that will represent God's morality, heart and raw passion in new ways. We also have a vision for the house of prayer to reflect that and be the most quirky, inspiring place in the world!

So...We are offering a **DISCOUNT** to come stay with us if you are a professional artisan coming over to create in any way. We ask in return that you might undertake one of the following projects during your stay with us.

- Decorate a chair or piece of furniture in your creative style to be left as a functional but unique art piece in the prayer house
- Paint, write or create something and that could be for the walls & in future exhibitions & installations.
- Write a piece of music that you are happy for us to use the recording of in presentations or as part of exhibitions or the prayer room worship atmosphere

We hope that such a project will not only provide a place to come and create and be inspired, but will make the house of prayer itself an art installation in its own right!

**Discounted rates are:  
10 Euros a night with breakfast included**

**We can't wait to spend time with you!  
Any questions please email: [chollywell@googlemail.com](mailto:chollywell@googlemail.com)**

**Bless you so very much! See you soon!**

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