



Timișoara & Stanciova:

Morning city tour of Timișoara and afternoon trip to the countryside

Timișoara: a town and a state of mind: stories, legends, personalities, intrigues and riddles for you to solve; the three main historic squares, a visit to the local brewery outside the fortress (oldest one in nowadays Romania - 1718); the place where the anti-communist revolution in 1989 started; a stroll through the most beautiful Art Nouveau reservation in town; a huge lemonade in a hidden artistic bar, in a garden of dwarfs and hammocks; souvenir shopping (handmade objects and homemade dainties).

Stanciova: Time has taken a break to rest in this village laying at the end of a stone road, all surrounded by hills and forest, with quaint rammed earth houses painted in the local style, with horses, carriages and free running animals all over.

Stanciova is a magic place for the city dweller stressed by noise, pollution or work deadlines. Life here is at pace with the seasons, silence caresses the ears and the local organic products spoil the senses.

Every season has its own rhythm and type of work. In spring the whole village renews its look as houses and gates are freshly painted. Summertime is for collecting hay; autumn is harvest and canning time and almost every household is preparing the “țuică” (local alcoholic drink). In winter the pork specialities are prepared, during „Ignat”. Christmas and New Year are both celebrated twice, according to the Romanian and the Serbian calendar. Even if modernism is knocking on peoples’ doors, the old activities and traditions are still alive here.





Stanciova activities:

* **Carriage trips:** for an interesting ride to and around the village, a horse and carriage trip is the most comfortable option. The local horses are beautiful and their drivers are competent and genuine guides.

* **Walks:** Recharge your energy walking through the surrounding forest. With some luck one can even see interesting birds, pheasants, foxes, rabbits or deers.

* **Thematic Workshops:** in many villages the traditional life style is fading away. In Stanciova, people are still using their own knowledge and resources for surviving. Ecotopia Romania, the local NGO, is trying to capitalize this knowledge and to promote it



through workshops on various topics: building with earth (plastering, ovens and cooking stoves), gardening, preparing winter preserves.

* **Dinner:** local organic food (vegetables, salads, finger food, locally raised rabbit or poultry meat)

* **The Local Produce Pantry:** delicious products, home-made by the villagers (sweet and salty preserves, brandy, soap etc.), which you can buy, thus contributing to the local economy.

* **Romanian Movie Screening in the Barn,** together with friends from the village and international volunteers; subtitles in several languages.

* **Price:** Ask for a free, no-obligation quote; the price depends on the number of persons and activities chosen.

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