

**Anglican and Eastern  
Churches Association**

**1 - 9 September 2023**

# **A Pilgrimage to the Romanian Orthodox Church**

Led by Bishop Jonathan Baker and Fr. Mihai Novacovschi



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*"In this pilgrimage of the Anglican and Eastern Churches Association (AECA), we will experience the riches of Romanian Orthodox spirituality and life. We visit important monasteries and spiritual centres of Romanian Orthodoxy, often worshipping with the community and meeting and hearing from our hosts. Romania has beautiful natural environments in which we will have the opportunity to walk or relax. Romanian cuisine is famed for its quality, range and quantity. We will experience all of this and more, in the company of fellow pilgrims. The pilgrimage is led by Bishop Jonathan Baker, the Bishop of Fulham, together with Fr. Mihai Novacovschi, the Rector of the Romanian Orthodox parish in Birmingham. We look forward to welcoming you."*

- Dr William Taylor, Chair, AECA





# Programme

*(subject to minor changes due to weather and/or traffic conditions, service schedules, etc).*

## **1 September - Friday**

Departure from Luton, Wizzair flight leaving 8.40, arriving in Iasi 13.55. Transfer to the hotel. Getting to know the City Center and visit the Metropolitan Cathedral. Accommodation in Iasi.

## **2 September - Saturday**

The monasteries of Iasi: Galata, Three Hierarchs, Golia. Free time towards the end of the day, for a stroll or taking part in a service. Accommodation in Iasi.

## **3 September - Sunday**

Orthodox Divine Liturgy in a church in Iasi. After lunch, departure to Neamt, passing by Probota monastery (UNESCO World Heritage List). Check-in, getting to know the area and visit one of the churches. Accommodation in Neamt.



## **4 September - Monday**

Three monasteries in the Neamt region: Agapia, Sihastria and Neamt. Accommodation in Neamt.

## **5 September - Tuesday**

Departure from Neamt to the Bukovina region. On the way we visit the monasteries of Rasca (UNESCO World Heritage List) and the church in Arbore (UNESCO World Heritage List). Accommodation in Putna.



## 6 September - Wednesday

The monasteries of Putna and Sihastria Putnei. Free afternoon. Accommodation in Putna.

## 7 September - Thursday

The monasteries of Sucevita and Moldovita (both UNESCO World Heritage List). Accommodation in Putna.



## 8 September - Friday

Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Birth of the Virgin. After lunch, we visit the monasteries of Humor and Voronet (both UNESCO World Heritage List). Accommodation in Gura Humorului.

## 9 September - Saturday

The monastery of Dragomirna and the Cathedral of Suceava. Departure to London at 19.35, Wizzair flight from Suceava to Luton, arriving at 20.55.



# Price

£850 GBP per person

## What's Included?

- Accommodation in twin/double en-suite room at local hotels and or monastery guesthouses.
- Full board starting with dinner on 1 September and finishing with lunch on 9 September, except breakfast on the two days which start with the Orthodox Divine Liturgy.
- Guiding services.
- All the visits specified in the program.

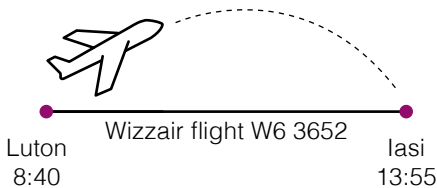
## What's Not Included?

- Flights to and from Romania.
- Travel insurance.
- Drinks during meals.
- Personal expenses.

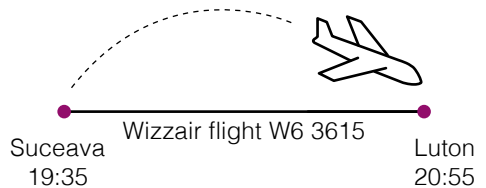
# Flights

We have chosen to fly to regional airports rather than to the capital, Bucharest, in order to minimise the time spent in the bus. [www.wizzair.com](http://www.wizzair.com)

### Departure - 1 September



### Return - 9 September



# How to Book:

1. Register your interest by email to [officemanager@stjohnsnottingham.com](mailto:officemanager@stjohnsnottingham.com)
2. Once you receive the confirmation that a place is available, please book your own flight tickets for the flights specified above.
3. Send the flight & travel insurance confirmations to [officemanager@stjohnsnottingham.com](mailto:officemanager@stjohnsnottingham.com)
4. Make a bank transfer of £850 to:  
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*There are 20 places available.*

*Please note - pilgrims are responsible for booking their own flights and travel insurance.*

# Useful Information

## Insurance

It is a condition of booking that comprehensive travel insurance is taken out for the duration of the visit. Bookings cannot be confirmed without this.

## Driving

This part of Romania has a tourist infrastructure that cannot be compared to that of the tourist areas of Western Europe. However, the amount of driving each day reasonable - the maximum distance covered in one day will not surpass 150km, with most days under 100km.

## Mobility

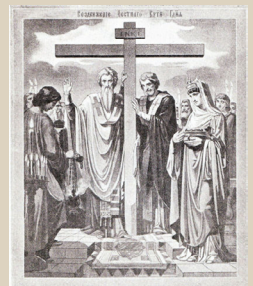
There is a certain amount of walking (and a few flight of stairs) involved on a daily basis on this pilgrimage so please make sure you pack comfortable footwear. However, this is not a trekking holiday!

## Entry requirements

UK and EU passport holders can currently enter Romania freely with no restrictions or other documentation required. Stays within the EU can be up to 90 days (can be spread over multiple visits) within any 180-day period. Please note your passport must be valid for three months after your return from Romania.

For the latest and most up to date travel advice including entry requirements please consult the Foreign & Commonwealth Development Office travel advice website:

[www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice](https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice)



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