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PRESENTS

RIVERINE PLAINS INC

Eastern Europe

AGRICULTURAL STUDY TOUR

Focusing on cropping systems and cost of production

28 June – 12 July 2019

Features

**Romania, Moldova, Ukraine
and Poland**

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ITINERARY

FRI 28 JUN **Melbourne –Bucharest**

Depart Melbourne 9-35pm

Arrives Bucharest 11-55am **Sat 29 June**

On arrival we will be met and transferred to our Hotel.

After a freshen up we enjoy a scenic afternoon tour of Bucharest, the capital and commercial Centre, this afternoon we visit the iconic landmark, the massive communist-era Parlemtului government building, which has over 1100 rooms. We learn today the history of Romania during its Communist Rule under the control of Ceausescu and the 1989 bloody Romanian Revolution.

Tonight free to relax after our long flight.

SUN 30 JUN **Bucharest** **B**

After a leisurely morning we enjoy a city tour of Bucharest, known as the Paris of the East. We discover the old and the new of this dynamic and energetic city.

Afternoon free to enjoy

MON 1 JUL **Bucharest- Barlad** **B**

Today we depart by Coach to Barlad, a town of 25 thousand people, in Vaslui County, Romania. It lies on the banks of the Bârlad River, which waters the high plains of Moldavia.

Our drive today takes us through the Romanian countryside and into the Grain belt. On arrival we will meet Lawrence Richmond who works for NCH Capital who farm overs 1 million Acres with over 50 farms, Lawrence Manages 2 farms, one in Romania and one in the Ukraine.

TUE 2 JUL **Barlad** **B D**

Lawrence will join us today as we visit his grain cropping farm as well as tour the area, this part of Romania has recently transformed from small farms and commune farms to foreign investment into Agriculture. (Romania will be in the middle of Harvest.)

Dinner tonight at a local restaurant with Lawrence and local farmers.

WED 3 JUL **Barlad- Chisinau** **B**

This morning we continue by coach and travel to the Republic of Moldova, an Eastern European country and former Soviet republic with a population of 3.5 Million and only 20years of being a country, after crossing the border we visit the Village of Raciula, here we visit a local farm and enjoy a traditional lunch.. After lunch we travel to the Capital Chisinau, where we enjoy a tour with a local guide where we will see Soviet-style architecture, after our tour we enjoy wine tasting at Asconi Winery.

Tonight free to enjoy.

THUR 4 JUL **Chisinau-Odessa** **B**

We continue our travel through the Republic of Moldova, with our first visit to a local Vineyard, at Chateau Purcari; here we look at the wine industry in Moldova, and in fact Moldova has the same amount of land under vineyards as Australia. After we cross the border into the Ukraine and make our way to Odessa, the famous Port City in southern Ukraine on the Black Sea. On arrival into Odessa we tour the port city of Odessa and its amazing streets and sights, we also visit the port area of Odessa and a crushing facility owned by Delta Wilmar and the port of Odessa that handles up to 1800 MT per day.

Tonight Free

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FRI 5 JUL Odessa B

Today a full day tour, we travel by coach to a large wheat growing area near Kherson and look at wheat production and Harvesting. Evening return Odessa and time to enjoy dinner at one of the many restaurants. (Please note that those who wish can choose to have a free day exploring Odessa).

SAT 6 JUL Odessa - BD

Short tour of the grain handling industry in Odessa then some time to explore and enjoy the shopping and culture or enjoy the many beautiful beaches. This afternoon we check out of our hotel at 6-00pm as tonight we are taking the overnight train to Lviv in the western Ukraine.

Tonight we enjoy dinner at a local restaurant before boarding our overnight train to Lviv. Our first class train departs at 10-00pm and we will be travelling in overnight sleeping cabin. (2 persons/ per cabin).

SUN 7 JUL LVIV B

This morning we arrive into Lviv at 8-26am, Lviv is a city in the western Ukraine, around 70km from the Polish border, it traces its heritage through Polish and Austro-Hungarian which is evident in its architecture and is a city that blends central and eastern European styles. Lviv is the 7th largest city in the Ukraine and is well known for its liveliness and Jazz music.

After a morning tour we check into our hotel, this afternoon we visit some local farmers from a grower group in the surrounding area then free evening to enjoy and soak up the atmosphere of the city .

MON 8 JUL LVIV B

Today full day tour of the area looking at local agriculture, we visit a local farm growing 1800 hectares of grain and about to be harvested, today we meet with local farmers for a brief discussion.

Tonight free

TUE 9 JUL LVIV - Krakow B

Our morning Train to Krakow departs at 7-55am and arrives into Krakow, Poland at 1-50pm.

On arrival we meet our local guide and are transferred to our hotel. This afternoon we enjoy a walking city tour, then for those inclined enjoy dinner at a local brew house.

WED 10 JUL Krakow B

Our tour today features a visit to the famous Salt Mines of Krakow, we then visit a local chemical and fertilizer distributor.

In the afternoon we look at agriculture in the surrounding area, as Poland has always been known as the breadbasket of Europe.

Tonight free to enjoy the many restaurants and bars that Krakow has to offer.

THUR 11 JUL Krakow BD

Morning excursion by coach to Auschwitz, the former concentration camp of Nazi Germany before returning to Krakow and enjoying a free afternoon for some last minute shopping.

Tonight Farwell dinner at a local traditional Jewish restaurant in the famous Jewish sector.

FRI 12 JUL END TOUR

Please note that there are many options to extend your tour in Europe, please contact Jeromy Nolan to discuss different options. Ph. 0417697296

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Costing

Tour Cost: LAND ONLY COST
\$ 8000-00 per person Twin Share

(Single supplement \$1200 per person)

Inclusions:

- 14 nights' accommodation
- All touring and entrance fees as per itinerary
- Local guides
- Buffet breakfast daily, lunch and dinners as per itinerary
- Fully escorted by a Jeromy Nolan
- All Train travel as per itinerary

Additional Costs:

- Airfares and Taxes. Please note airfares will depend on participants final itinerary, please allow around \$2000-00 to \$2500-00 per/person economy.
- Items of personal nature
- Travel Insurance

Deposit:

A non-refundable deposit of \$2000-00 per person, payable no later than 7 days from reservation. A completed booking form is required with deposit payment.
Full payment is due 1st May

Travel Insurance:

Travel insurance is strongly recommended.
Cost for travel insurance will depend on your age, please phone Jeromy Nolan for a quote.

Please note that the above costs are based on a minimum number of 15- 20 people traveling (Max numbers 22) and that prices may change due to currency fluctuations.

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