



# **EASTERN EUROPE AGRICULTURAL STUDY TOUR**

**3 July – 15 July 2020**

Featuring

**Romania, Moldova, Ukraine  
and Poland**

Presented by



## Itinerary

Meals included are shown as B (Breakfast), L (Lunch) and D (Dinner).

### **FRI 03 JUL** **Melbourne –Bucharest**

**Depart** Melbourne 9-35pm  
**Arrives** Bucharest 11-55am **Sat 04 JUL**

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 05 JUL** **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 6 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 over 1 million Acres with over 50 farms, Lawrence Manages 2 farms, one in Romania and one in the Ukraine.

### **TUE 7 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 8 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 9 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.

### **FRI 10 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 11 JUL**                      **Odessa**                      **B**  
Free day in Odessa, time to explore and enjoy the shopping and culture or enjoy the many beautiful beaches.

**SUN 12 JUL**                      **Odessa-Kiev**                      **B**  
Today we travel by coach through the centre of the Ukraine enroute to the Ukrainian Capital Kiev, as we travel we will visit a local cropping farm in one of the highest productive areas of the Ukraine. Late afternoon arrive Kiev.

**MON 13 JUL**                      **Kiev -Lviv**                      **B**  
Our first visit today is to the Ministry of Agriculture for a discussion on Agriculture and Trade ,we then enjoy a city highlights tour of the capital. We then take the afternoon train to Lviv. The 5 hour train trip arrives at 7-30pm, on arrival we are transferred to our hotel.

**TUE 14 JUL**                      **Kiev- Lviv**                      **B**  
Lviv a city in the western Ukraine, around 70klm 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 7<sup>th</sup> largest city in the Ukraine and is well known for its liveliness and Jazz music. Today's 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, we also meet with local farmers for a brief discussion.

**WED 15 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.  
End of Tour.

### **Post Tour Option**

**THUR 16 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.

**FRI 17 JUL**                      **Krakow**                      **B**  
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 optional dinner at a local traditional Jewish restaurant in the famous Jewish sector.

**SAT 18 JUL**                      **Krakow-Prague**                      **B**  
Our day begins with a beautiful 6 hour train trip to Prague ,the capital of the Czech Republic on arrival we make our way to the hotel.

**SUN 19 JUL**                      **Prague**                      **B**  
This morning enjoy a walking tour of Prague. Afternoon free to explore this beautiful city.

**MON 20 JUL**                      **End of Post Tour**

*Please note that there are many options to extend your tour in Europe, please contact Jeromy Nolan to discuss different options. Ph. 0417 697 296*

## Information

Riverine Plains Inc and Jeromy Nolan Travel & Tours have planned a study tour to Eastern Europe, taking in Romania, Moldova, Ukraine and Poland from 3 July – 15 July 2020.

The tour will involve visits to the cities of Bucharest, Barlad, Moldova, Chisinau, Odessa, Lviv and Krakow, as well as visits to grain and other farms across the region.

The trip is timed to coincide with grain harvest and will provide participants with an understanding of the challenges and the potential for agriculture in eastern Europe.

The tour will be led by Jeromy Nolan from Jeromy Nolan Travel and Tours. Jeromy has been working in the travel industry since 1986, and has specially planned the tour around the groups learning objectives.

### **Inclusions:**

- ✓12 nights' accommodation
- ✓All touring and entrance fees as per itinerary
- ✓Local guides
- ✓Buffet breakfast daily, lunch and dinners as per itinerary
- ✓Fully escorted by Tour Director Jeromy Nolan
- ✓All Train/Coach travel as per itinerary

### **Exclusions:**

- ✗ Airfares and Taxes. Please note airfares will depend on participants final itinerary, please allow around \$2,000.00 per/person economy.
- ✗Items of personal nature
- ✗Travel Insurance
- ✗Visa Fees
- ✗Lunch and Dinner (unless otherwise shown on itinerary)

### **Group size:**

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

### **Price:**

\$8,000.00 per person Twin Share (LAND COST ONLY).  
(Single supplement \$1,200 per person)

### **Deposit:**

A non-refundable deposit of \$2,000.00 per person, payable no later than 7 days from reservation. A completed booking form is required with deposit payment.

Full payment is due on 1 May 2020.

### **Travel Insurance:**

Travel insurance is a requirement for this study tour.

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

### **Bookings:**

Numbers are strictly limited and will be allocated on a first-in basis. Please book early to avoid disappointment. For all enquires and bookings please contact Jeromy Nolan at Jeromy Nolan Travels and Tours

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