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Finally the Black Sea and Romania!

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After 12 days on the Danube, we took a "short cut" to the Black Sea through a canal that saved about 200 kilometers (120 miles).

The country was very rural and populated by herds of sheep and goats.



Finally our destination was in sight – the Black Sea

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We docked at the Romanian port of Constanta



This beautiful sailing ship among all the modern vessels is used for training by the Navy.

Our city tour included a museum of Roman artifacts where we saw a HUGE mosaic floor (about 100 ft long).



Wow, those Romans were everywhere!

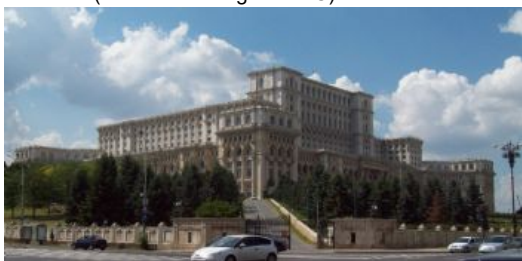
Museums are nice, but we all wanted the beach. Here we are at a local resort.



Some passengers were prepared and went in the water. We were content to walk on the beach and look for shells.

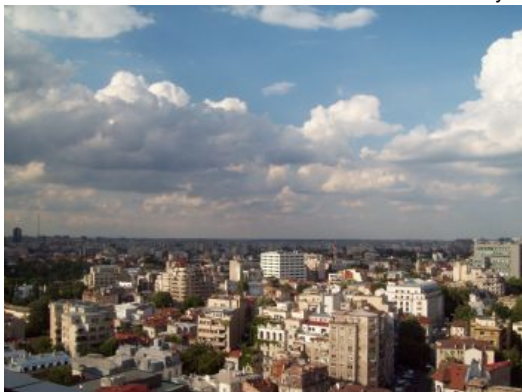
With our river journey at an end we were bused to a hotel in Bucharest, the capital of Romania. It's a typical extra large city with lots of traffic.

This is its most famous landmark, the Parliament (or People's Palace) which is the 2nd largest building in the world (after the Pentagon in DC)



It was built by the dictator Ceausescu who thought this would be a good idea and a monument to himself. It was here that he escaped the revolt temporarily after the fall of Communism. A helicopter plucked him up off the roof. He was quickly apprehended and executed. So it is a monument of sorts, just not the kind he envisioned.

Back at the hotel our room was on the 16th floor so my final photo of this trip is from our balcony.



If you're still reading my travel blog, thanks for hanging in there. Posting here has been like reliving the experience for me.

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what a great vacation and your pictures are spectacular, if I could only figure out how to download some of mine, I would change my page, I am very computer illiterate, half way afraid of



it.
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MISCHAKEO

I love your travel blogs. Keep them up. You inspire me to learn how to take pictures when I travel. I take them on my camera but do not know how to post them. I am heading back home and feeling the time change.

We got to Istanbul before the troubles.
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WATERMELLEN

I've really enjoyed the vicarious travel! Especially like the beach picture: you look happy!
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ONEKIDSMOM

Love, love, love the beach shot. What a perfect trip. So glad you were able to make it, and so glad you have generously shared it here!



THANK YOU!

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CELIAMINER

I've enjoyed every bit of your remembrances and have been educated by them as well. Here's to your next adventure!

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HELEN_BRU

I sure have enjoyed the trip through your documentary and pictures. Thanks for sharing!

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DR1939

Wonderful trip. I've enjoyed it very much.

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TATERCAT

Everywhere looks wonderful! Thank you for sharing these amazing photographs with us. Enjoy the rest of your holiday!

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CD13545024

Thanks for sharing the trip, looked forward each day to the events & pics.

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BOOKAPHILE

I've enjoyed seeing it through your camera lens!

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Great pictures

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CHERALA

Thanks so much for sharing!

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What an amazing journey! Thank you for sharing it with us!

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WILSONWR

I like the way you broke up the trip into manageable pieces so we could all enjoy it more. A single blog just wouldn't have done the trip justice. Thanks again for sharing!

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Beautiful

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CD8113065

A fantastic journey. Thank you for sharing.

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KELLIEBEAN

What an amazing vacation. I just love all of your pictures.

Thanks for sharing with all of us!





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A beautiful trip. Wish I was there.
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