



Romania is a world of medieval castles, charming towns and Gothic churches all reposing upon sublime vistas such as the Carpathian mountains, the Black Sea, the forests of Transylvania and the river Danube, and like much of this part of the world its language, its names and its place names are very much related to the language of Sanskrit.

As we search out the roots of the Romanian civilisation we arrive at the 'Dacians' whose home was once the auspicious regions of the river Danube, the Carpathian mountains and the Black Sea and it seems that these in turn are part of a civilisation who were known as the 'Thracians'.

As well as occupying regions within the Balkans, they were also prominent throughout Turkey and Asia Minor and it seems the Thracians may have been related to the Iranians as they passed through Asia Minor and crossed into the Balkans and the gateway to Europe.

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The capital of Romania is 'Bucharest' which lies north of the great river Danube and its elegant architecture once conferred upon it the nick name of the 'paris of the east' a city which is said to be the fourth largest city of the European union.

'Bucharest' is a name which seems to possess 'bhuj' a word from the language of Sanskrit which is formed from the root 'bhu' whose meaning is to 'exist' and which expands as 'bhuj' and 'bhujā' whose meanings are that which 'enjoys' that which is 'fulfilled'.

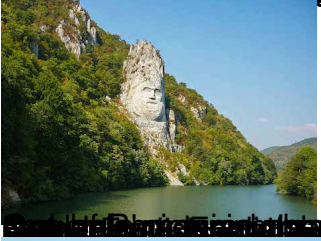
We find that the 'est' within the name of 'Bucharest' is seen as a suffix which appears within some 15% of the towns and the villages of Romania and seems to denote ancestry or place and so the name 'Bucharest' is said to mean the 'city of joy'.

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