

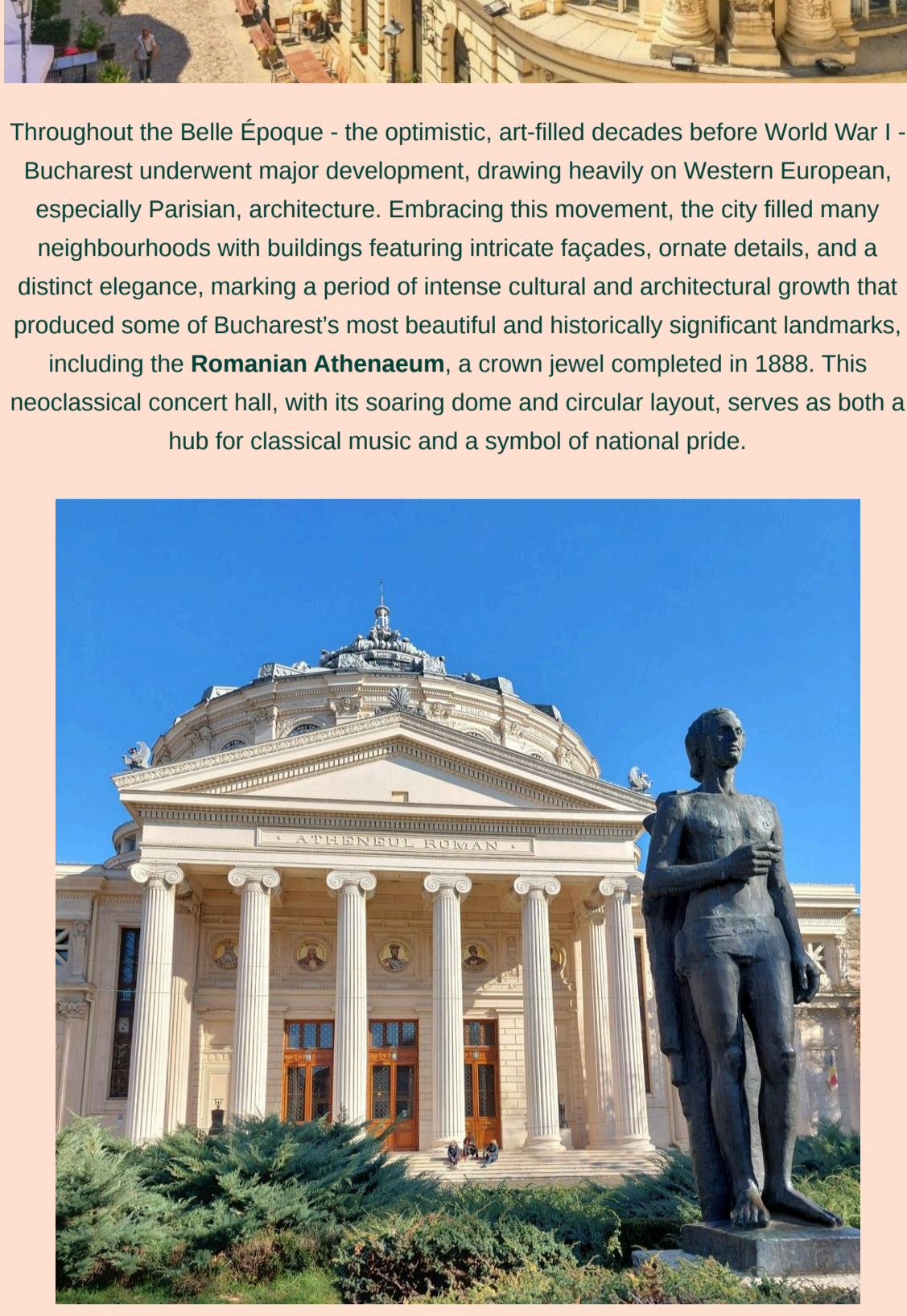


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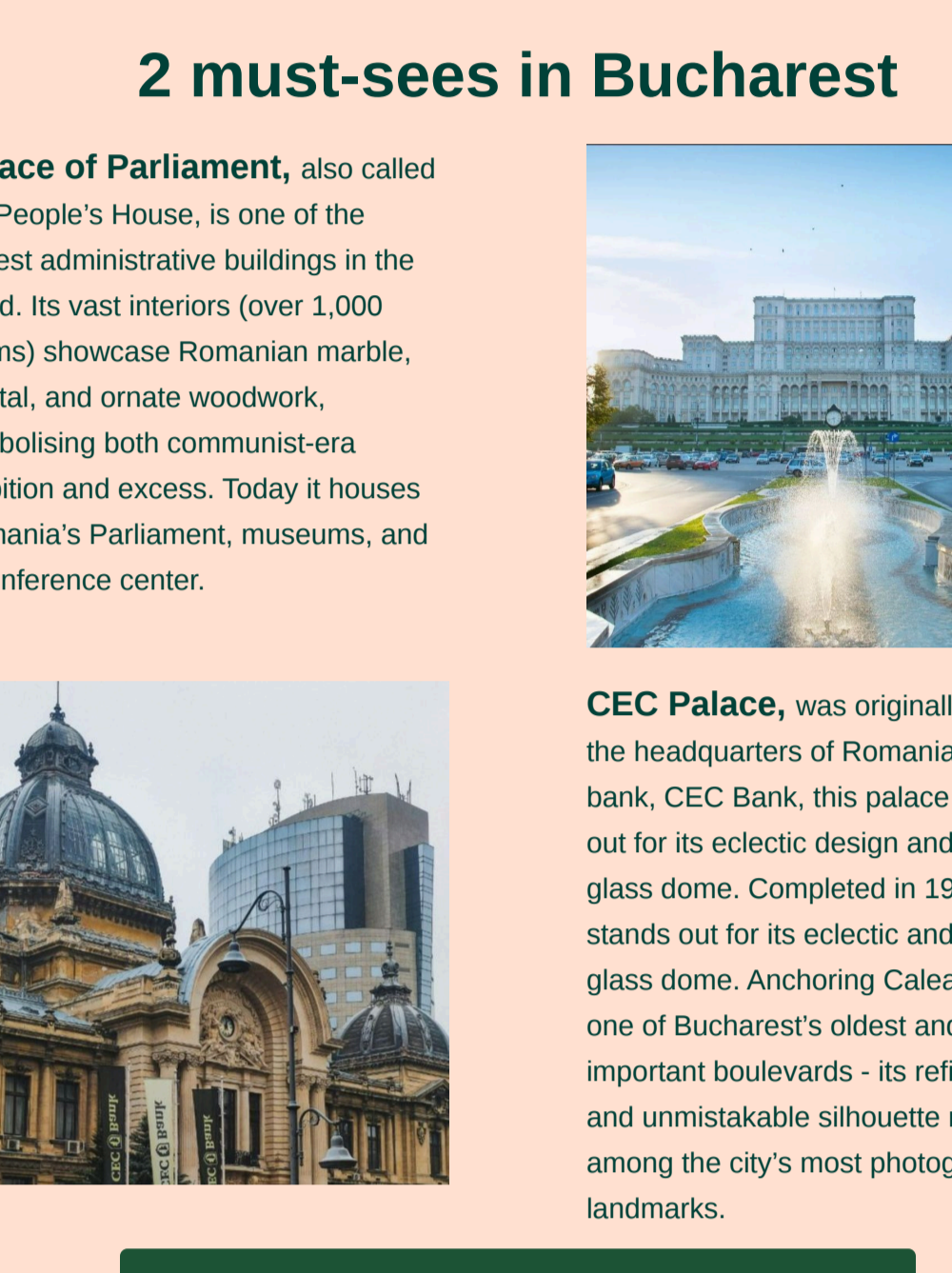
Today we're celebrating the power of tourism and travel, and how, when guided by a deliberate and inclusive approach, it drives positive change by making the world accessible to everyone. With our d.HOLIDAY programme, we invite you to discover two character-rich neighbours at your own pace. Start in Romania: stroll **Bucharest's** grand boulevards and soak up its Belle Époque architecture before slowing down in **Braşov's** historic old town. Then cross into North Macedonia to sense the pulse of **Skopje's** Old Bazaar and take in the city's picturesque natural beauty.

Bucharest

Known as "The Little Paris of the East" for its history and elegant architecture.



Throughout the Belle Époque - the optimistic, art-filled decades before World War I - Bucharest underwent major development, drawing heavily on Western European, especially Parisian, architecture. Embracing this movement, the city filled many neighbourhoods with buildings featuring intricate façades, ornate details, and a distinct elegance, marking a period of intense cultural and architectural growth that produced some of Bucharest's most beautiful and historically significant landmarks, including the **Romanian Athenaeum**, a crown jewel completed in 1888. This neoclassical concert hall, with its soaring dome and circular layout, serves as both a hub for classical music and a symbol of national pride.



2 must-sees in Bucharest

Palace of Parliament, also called the People's House, is one of the largest administrative buildings in the world. Its vast interiors (over 1,000 rooms) showcase Romanian marble, crystal, and ornate woodwork, symbolising both communist-era ambition and excess. Today it houses Romania's Parliament, museums, and a conference center.



CEC Palace, was originally built as the headquarters of Romania's oldest bank, CEC Bank, this palace stands out for its eclectic design and striking glass dome. Completed in 1900, it stands out for its eclectic and striking glass dome. Anchoring Calea Victoriei - one of Bucharest's oldest and most important boulevards - its refined lines and unmistakable silhouette make it among the city's most photographed landmarks.

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Braşov

A charming city nestled in the heart of Romania, known for its stunning medieval architecture, vibrant culture, and picturesque landscapes.



Did you know Braşov is Romania's seventh-largest city? While that might not sound particularly impressive, it actually works in a tourist's favour! That scale is a plus: it feels intimate and walkable, yet there's plenty to see and do - whether you're there for a weekend or using it as a base to explore Transylvania. Braşov carries a strong Saxon legacy, which explains the city's ring of fortifications, bastions, and medieval towers. You'll feel the historic atmosphere everywhere, from cobbled lanes to striking Gothic landmarks.

3 reasons to visit Braşov

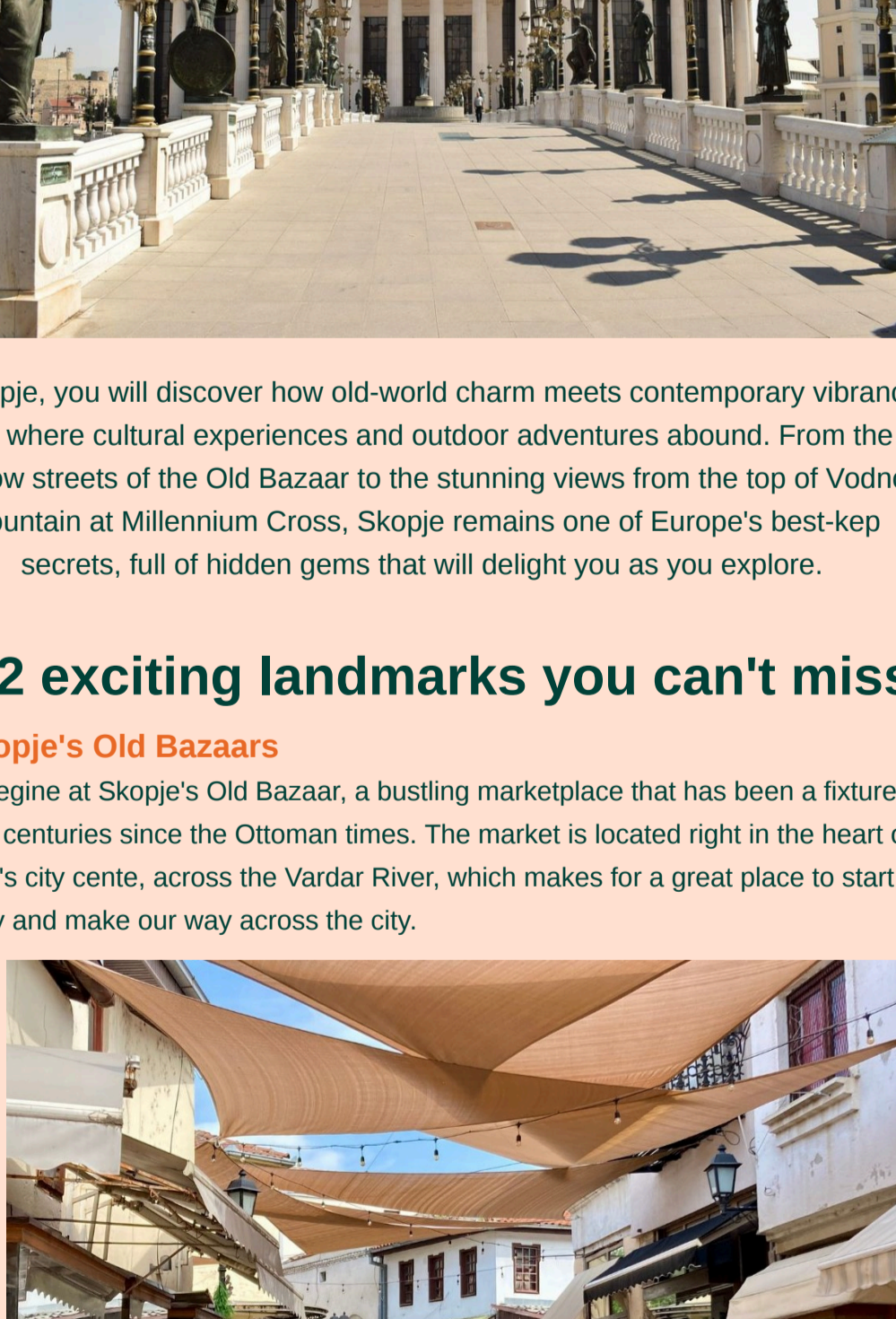
1. Storybook Old Town

Start at Council Square, step inside the Black Church, then claim a terrace seat for coffee and people-watching. Ride the cable car up Tâmpa for rooftops-and-mountains views and, if you're keen, walk down through the forest.



2. Rope Street (Strada Sforii)

Squeeze through this 17th-century passage - one of Europe's narrowest - then pop into the tiny museum next door. It's a quick, photogenic detour between upper and lower Old Town; go early or at dusk, then grab a gelato nearby.



3. Castles & Fortifications

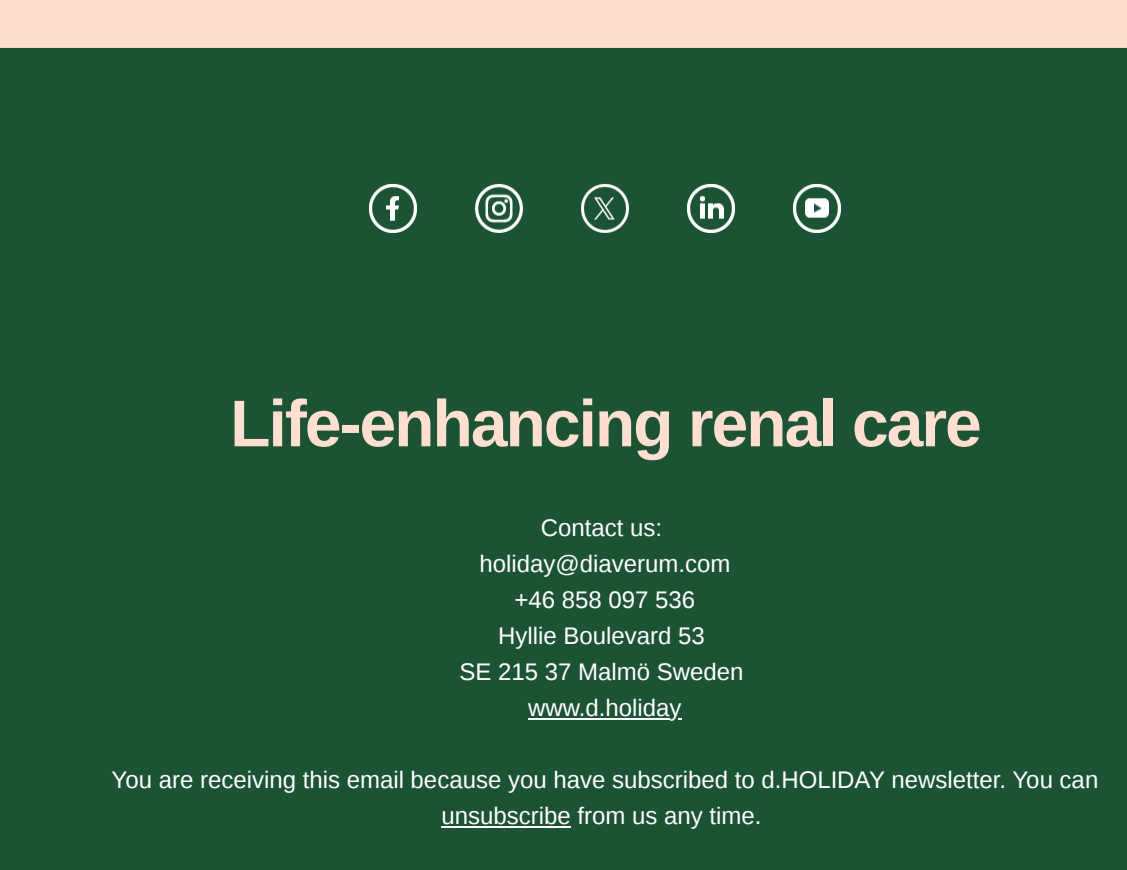
Book a timed ticket in season, then climb the creaky stairways and hidden passages to the ramparts for valley views. Peek into royal bedrooms, the inner courtyard, and the small exhibits that unpack the "Dracula" legend versus real Transylvanian history. Allow 60-90 minutes, wear comfy shoes for uneven steps, and browse the craft stalls at the base before heading back to Braşov.



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Skopje

The capital of North Macedonia blends deep history with a bold, modern edge - it's a true city of contrasts.



In Skopje, you will discover how old-world charm meets contemporary vibrancy, and where cultural experiences and outdoor adventures abound. From the narrow streets of the Old Bazaar to the stunning views from the top of Vodno Mountain at Millennium Cross, Skopje remains one of Europe's best-kept secrets, full of hidden gems that will delight you as you explore.

2 exciting landmarks you can't miss

1. Skopje's Old Bazaars

Let's begin at Skopje's Old Bazaar, a bustling marketplace that has been a fixture of the city for centuries since the Ottoman times. The market is located right in the heart of Skopje's city centre, across the Vardar River, which makes for a great place to start your journey and make our way across the city.

2. Matka Canyon

Known as the "valley of the butterflies", it is home to 77 indigenous species and is one of the region's most popular outdoor destinations. Here you'll find an alpine training centre, river rafting, and restaurants set within a picturesque landscape that's rich in vegetation and animal life.

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