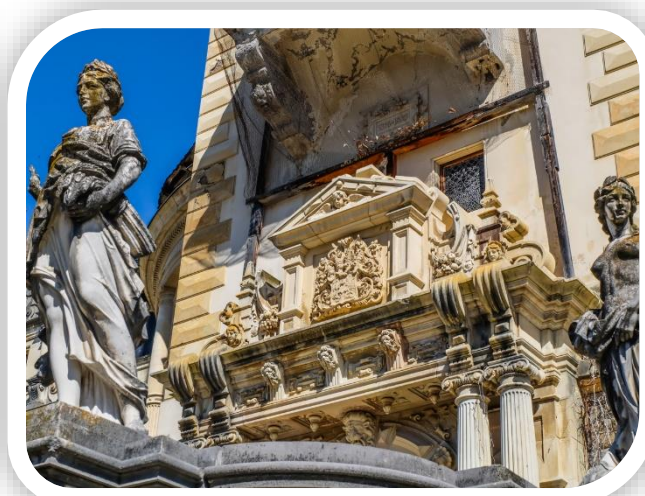
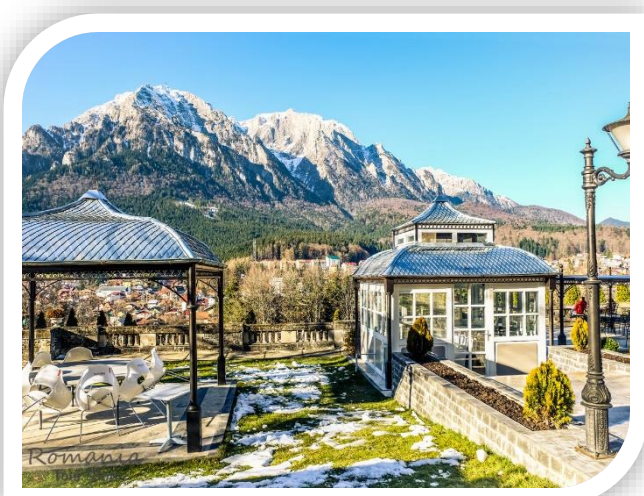


Two famous castles

Day trip from Bucharest

Trip Highlights:

- Enjoy panoramic views over Prahova Valley.
- Visit the impressive Peles Castle, the former residence of King Carol I.
- Stop to admire the picturesque Sinaia Monastery.
- Enjoy the scenery of the Carpathians.
- Visit the infamous Bran Castle and learn about the Dracula legend.
- Stroll around the medieval streets of Brasov.



Tour description:

You will be picked-up in the morning from your hotel in Bucharest. After we will leave Bucharest, we pass through a chain of villages from southern Romania. as we reach the Prahova Valley the landscape is different, we will pass through one of the most picturesque places of this region, with mountain resorts spreading across it. Wide and deeply carved by the homonymous river, the Prahova Valley is an unforgettable display of the splendors which nature most generously holds out. This valley is a narrow corridor between Transylvania and Wallachia, an ancient road that is crossed by both rail and motorways, making it one of the most visited routes in Romania.



During this one day trip from Bucharest you will have the chance to discover the famous castles of Sinaia Mountain Resort – which served as a residence for the Royal family. The developing of Sinaia began once the construction of the famous Sinaia Monastery started in 1695 and it turned into an important settlement. The fast pace of Sinaia`s growth is connected to the development of the extractive and oil processing industries in the south Carpathian area, and to the construction of the road connecting it to Bucharest at the end of the 18th century. There followed the construction of the railway (1879) and of the Peles Castle. Thus being one of the oldest urban mountain settlements in the country Sinaia was declared a town in 1880.

Here at The Peles Castle Complex, there is one of the best-preserved royal palaces in Europe. On the inside as well as on the outside, the Castle is full of ornaments and features elaborate wood sculptures and paintings representing scenes from the works of the German composer Richard Wagner.



We will continue to Bran Village, passing through a dramatic mountain landscape, and we reach the legendary **Dracula`s Castle**. The first historical reference of the **Bran Castle** is a document issued on November 19th, 1377 by Ludwig I d'Anjou, by which Brasov's inhabitants received the privilege of building a fortress "at their own work and expense". The Bran Castle was restored under the supervision of Karel Liman Between 1920-1922.

He was the architect of the Royal Court, who turned it in a beautiful summer residence surrounded by a park with promenade alleys, a lake, fountains, arbors, and a tea house. In 1938 Queen Maria of Romania bequeathed the Bran Castle with all its domains to her daughter Princess Ileana, who owned it until 1948.

We will also make a tour of Brasov before returning to Bucharest, which according to historical references from 1234, was called Kronstadt. During the second half of the 14th century it was confirmed as the administrative and ecclesiastic center of the region of Tara Barsei, "the free Royal town", one of the economic and cultural centers of Transylvania.



Itinerary

Bucharest – Prahova Valley- Sinaia Mountain Resort – Peles Castle – Bran Castle –Brasov- Bucharest.

Operating days: on request only. Starting Time: 08:00. Duration: 09-10 hours

Inclusions:

Transport by car/minibus fuel included
English speaking driver

Not included:

Lunch
Travel insurance
Entrance fees to sites included in the program

Number of persons traveling together	Price in EURO per person
2 persons	89 Euro
3 persons	89 Euro
4 persons	79 Euro
5 persons	79 Euro
6 persons	79 Euro
7 persons	60 Euro

