

## 2 DAYS EXCURSION - THE CASTLES OF TRANSYLVANIA

We invite you to discover the unspoiled, unique and amazing Romania



### DAY 1: THE 29<sup>TH</sup> OF MARCH 2015 BUCHAREST - SINAIA - AZUGA - POIANA BRASOV



After breakfast, departure towards **Poiana Brasov**. On the way visit stop at **Peles**.

Visit of the **Peles Castle** - an old royal-residence, today a famous museum; it is the first tourism objective of Sinaia and one of the most precious monuments in Romania; built between 1875-1883, the castle contains many architectural styles, but prevalent is the German style, it is placed in the middle of a splendid park with beautiful terraces and includes 160 rooms with valuable decorative elements.

**Lunch and wine tasting** at the winery Azuga Rhein.

This office began in 1892 as the German winemaker wine-Rhein, which was soon elected official supplier to the Royal Court Romanian wines and sparkling wines. The winery is now owned by the English wine Halewood, while respecting the traditions of the Rhein wine, like a ride to the bottles twice a day and label manually. It has recently been restored winery status as an official supplier of the Royal House. The



winery provides an excellent business for its facilities and teaches visitors the art of tasting wine.



#### **Visit Brasov**

The Black Church is the largest construction in gothic style from Romania and Schei district with the Saint Nicholas Church and the First Romanian School.

Arrival and check-in in **Poiana Brasov**.

**Dinner** at a local restaurant in Poiana Brasov.

## DAY 2: THE 30<sup>TH</sup> OF MARCH 2015 POIANA BRASOV – RASNOV-BRAN

**Breakfast** at the hotel.

After breakfast, departure towards **Râșnov**. On the way visit stop at **Bran**.

### **Visit Valea Cetatii Cave**

Here will be a small classical music concert for the group.

Cetatii cave is located on the western slope of the Massif Postavaru, near Râșnov, at an altitude of 790 m (main entrance). The natural cave area protected by the Cave Valley City, which has been designated as protection of natural protected areas and conservation of natural features and value of ecological, scientific, landscape special, represented by trees, flora, water losses in Ponorul Foundation.

### **Visit Râșnov Fortress**

**Râșnov Citadel** was built around the year 1215 by the **Teutonic Knights** and it was mentioned for the first time in 1331. The citadel was conquered only once in its history, around the year 1600 by **Gabriel Báthory**. The citadel consists of an external enclosure placed in front of the eastern wall which is surrounded by a fortified wall and equipped with a square-shaped tower and of an internal enclosure which is surrounded by the walls and the towers of the fortress.



**Bran Castle** - built in 1378 atop a cliff and served as a custom check-point between Walachia and Transylvania and also had a strategic role in protecting the pass; nowadays, the castle is a museum and is included in most "Dracula" circuits as its legend was linked with the image of the Vlad Tepes, the inspiring figure for Bram Stoker's character.

**Lunch at a Taverna Lupilor** restaurant in Bran.

Arrival in the afternoon around 5 pm in Bucharest.

**\*END OF SERVICES**

# ACCOMMODATION AND RATES

Poiana Brasov – Hotel Poiana/Sportul 3-4\* (rooms at 3\* and 4\*)

<http://www.anahotels.ro>

## RATES

**Hotel Poiana 3\*:**

Place in an room for double use = **200 EUR/person**

Place in an room for single use = **240 EUR/person**

**Hotel Sportul 4\*:**

Place in an room for double use = **235 EUR/person**

Place in an room for single use = **290 EUR/person**

**The rates are valid for minimum 18 paying persons.**

**If the number of people increases / decreases the rate is recalculated.**

**Services include:**

- All transfers and excursion mentioned – private transportation by coach, with driver
- 1 night accommodation in mentioned hotels (or similar)
- English speaking guide
- Entrance fees
- Meals: 1 lunch with wine tasting, 1 traditional dinner, 1 lunch in Bran Village
- VAT included

**Not included:**

- personal expenses such as telephone, mini bar, etc
- eventual taxes at visited sites for photos and filming
- tips (optional)

**\*Spaces were not blocked.**

**\*Confirmation will be based on availability.**

**\*Prices will be confirmed in the moment of the booking.**

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