

FULL DAY EXCURSION - THE CASTLES OF TRANSYLVANIA – The 25th or 29th of March 2015

Rate: 110 euro, for a minimum of 8 participants.

Departure in the morning to the Prahova Valley, the gate to Transylvania. First stop in Sinaia, a winter resort called "The pearl of the Carpathians". It's a city-resort with all the amenities needed to enjoy a pleasant stay.



Visit to **Sinaia Monastery** - the name of the town comes from the Monastery of Sinaia, built in 1695 by the "spatar" (old high rank among the military nobility of the Walachia kingdom) Mihai Cantacuzino after a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, at Mount Sinai; the monastery contains religious objects, icons, rare books and the exhibition of pottery and porcelain ware (dating from 16th- 19th cent.).



Visit **Peles Castle** - former royal residence, now famous museum, the first tourist destination of Sinaia and one of the most precious monuments of Romania, built between 1875-1883, the Castle can be found various architectural styles, but Germanic style prevails. Located in the midst of a magnificent park with beautiful terraces and includes 160 rooms with decorative elements of great value.

After exploring the castle, you can enjoy a **lunch** and **wine tasting** at **Halewood Vineyard in Azuga**. At Rhein & Cie cellars Azuga 1892, recognized as "The Supplier of the Royal Court" of Romania between the two world wars you discover the story of a perfect sparkling wine. Currently, cellars Azuga Rhein & Cie is the oldest "location" where it occurs without interruption throughout time, following the method Champenoise sparkling wine.



Transfer to Bran to visit the famous Bran Castle, Dracula's Castle.

We will continue our journey with the **Dracula's Castle in Bran**, famous all over the world for its guest Vlad Tepes who used it as a headquarters for his incursions into Transylvania. In Romania is famous also for its important guest - the Queen Maria - who loved spending the summers at this simple castle, away from the luxury of the royal life.

In the evening return to Bucharest.

Please contact the congress organizer at cristina.railean@palomatours.com for more information and booking.