

SELF-GUIDED TOUR to SINAIA for COMPANIONS (1 day)

Sinaia is a wonderful city and resort, located at the base of the Bucegi mountains. The city is renowned for its beautiful Romanian architecture which nearly provides as gorgeous a landscape as the natural backdrop. Here, you will find a vast number of buildings that are known by individuals worldwide, as well as visited by thousands of tourists each year. Due to its relative proximity (125km) and accessibility from Bucharest, Sinaia is a popular day-trip for many visitors.



Proposed itinerary:

- Take the train from Bucharest North Railway Station to Sinaia in the morning; trains run every hour or less with a comfortable 1h30m trip to Sinaia, e.g. train IR1680 departs Bucharest at 8:24am and arrives in Sinaia at 9:50am:
 - o Check <https://bilete.cfrcalatori.ro/en-GB> for detailed schedules and on-line ticket purchase; cost around 53.5 lei / 10.55 EUR each way;
- Visit the **Peles Castle** (picture), former Royal Residence, a XIXth century German-Renaissance style palace, where the different theme rooms will enchant you; Visit the **Pelisor Castle**, part of the same complex as the larger castle of Peleş. It was built in 1899–1903 by order of King Carol I, as the residence for his nephew and heir, the future King Ferdinand (son of Carol's brother Leopold von Hohenzollern) and Ferdinand's consort Queen Marie; Check <https://en.peles.ro> for opening hours and online tickets;
- Visit of former **Sinaia Casino**, located in "Dimitrie Ghica" park and built at the initiative of King Carol I of Romania, including the Royal Art Gallery; Check <https://www.casino-sinaia.ro/ro/> for opening hours and guided tours schedule;
- Walk around the park and city center – main objectives are within walking distance of the train station with public transport buses readily available as well;
- Lunch at a local restaurant, with some suggestions such as:
 - o Carol Gastro Bierhaus <https://carolpeles.ro>
 - o Casa Schiori <http://www.cabana-schiori.ro/restaurant.html>
 - o Taverna Sarbului <https://sinaia.tavernasarbului.ro>
- (Optional) Take the cable car up the mountain to 1400m or 2000m for nice views of the Prahova Valley and the Carpathian Mountains;
- Return trip from Sinaia to Bucharest by train in the afternoon or evening.

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