

# ROMANIAN CASTLES

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From 11 to 16 of March Rossana, Greta, Sara and I were in Buzau, in Romania to represent our country in the Comenius Project “Bridges”, an international project that started two years ago. In this article I would like to tell you something about the two castles we saw when we were abroad.

In this experience we had a trip within the trip because the Romanian school organized a two-day excursion round the country to visit the most important and famous places. After a long trip by coach we arrived at the first castle, **Bran castle**, which is situated near Braşov, a beautiful city. Also known as Dracula’s castle, it is considered a



national monument and a landmark in Romania. Even though it’s also called Dracula’s castle there is no evidence to testify to the presence of the famous vampire Count Dracula. Inside the castle there was the typical medieval furniture, but the most



interesting thing I saw was a bear used like a carpet. This castle had a beautiful courtyard and it was very simple.

We also saw another castle in our trip, namely **Peleş Castle**. It is situated near Sinaia, in the Carpathian mountains, and it was built between 1873 and 1914.

Today the castle is made up of 170 rooms and 30 bathrooms. Each room has a different theme. In our tour we couldn't see all the rooms, but we saw the weapon room and also the Florentine room, made of marble furniture and columns, characterized by luxury. Personally, I liked this castle better than the other because it was bigger and in better conditions.

In conclusion, I think that there are a lot of places to see in Romania, a very interesting country. Also, the people were very much more sociable and friendlier than I had expected.