

PLACES TO BE VISITED

SINAIA

SINAIA - Is situated at the head of the Prahova Valley and at the foot of the Bucegi Range of the Carpathian Alps. It is at the southernmost border of Transylvania, formerly part of the Austro-Hungarian Empire which became Romanian after World War I. Sinaia is an old and beautiful Alpine resort, situated at a height of about 1,500 feet, is where 19th Century nobles from all over southeastern Europe spent their summers. Most of the old villas located in the village feature Bavarian type woodcarving both indoors and on the exteriors. Sinaia has a year-round population of 16,000.

SINAI MONESTARY - is a walled-in compound which includes a small Romanian Orthodox church built in the late 17th Century. A church service will be in progress in the main chapel during the President's visit.

PELES CASTLE - stands in the middle of six hectares of a terraced park. The castle is a German Renaissance structure built by the Hohenzollerns between 1875 and 1883. The castle is noteworthy for its interior and exterior woodcarvings and for the diversity of styles used in the principal chambers which include Italian and English Renaissance, baroque, rococo, Moorish, and Byzantine. The castle has 160 rooms and contains exhibits of ancient weapons, oriental carpets, stained glass windows and tapestries and furniture of various periods.

PELISOR CASTLE - is located near Peles Castle, and was built between 1899 and 1903 also in the German Renaissance style on a smaller scale, however, than Peles Castle, having only 70 rooms.