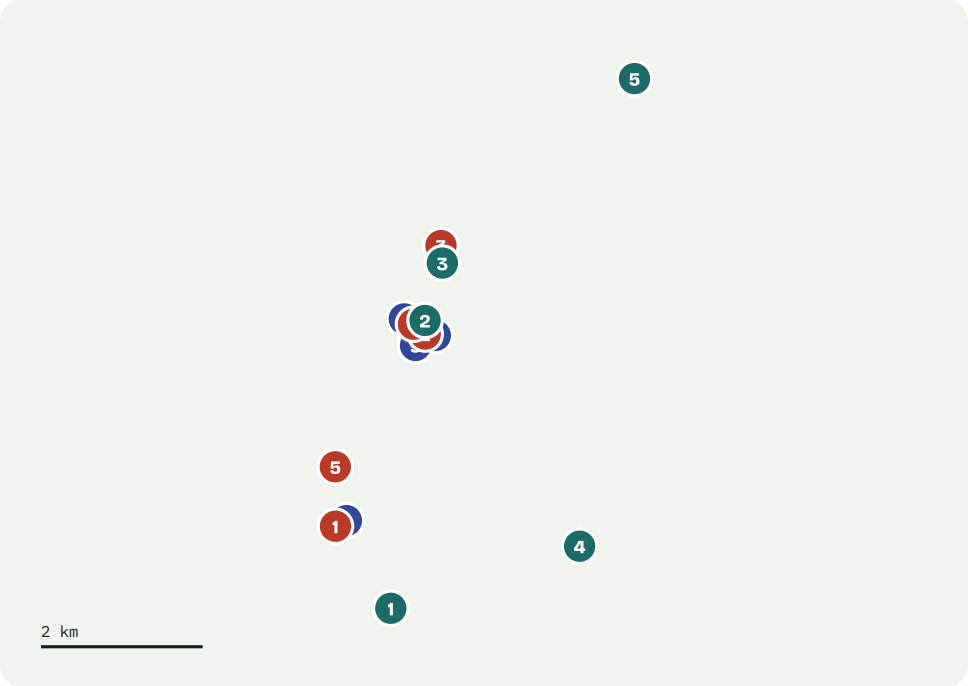
# Bran

The village of Bran Castle, in the pass between Transylvania and Wallachia: the castle is open all year, and on 1 December 2026 it lights its Christmas tree in the Royal Park.




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**How to use this guide**

For each category we picked five places, in the order we would recommend them. Map numbers match the list. On brasov.guide you'll find the interactive map, Google Maps links and the always up-to-date version.

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# What to see in Bran



## 1 Castelul Bran

MEDIEVAL CASTLE · BRAN, PE STÂNCA DIN CENTRUL SATULUI, LA 500 M DE CENTRU

*It is the castle legend ties to Dracula, it has more than 114,000 Google reviews, and it is open all year, with Queen Marie's rooms and the Royal Park.*

The fortress built by the Saxons of Brașov between 1377 and 1388 on a rock in the Bran Pass, turned after 1920 into Queen Marie's summer residence.

Strada General Traian Moșoiu 24 · Tel. +40 268 237 700 · Hours: Mo 12–19 · Tu 9–19 · We 9–19 · Th 9–19 · Fr 9–19 · Sa 9–19 · Su 9–19

## 2 Muzeul Național Bran

HISTORY MUSEUM · BRAN, PE STRADA DOCTOR AUREL STOIAN, LA 700 M DE CENTRU

*This is where the state's collections went when the castle was returned to its owners, with rooms rebuilt in Queen Marie's style.*

Bran's state museum, with furniture and objects from the royal collections once kept in the castle, shown in 11 rooms on three floors.

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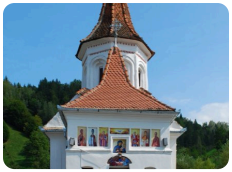
## 3 Muzeul Satului Brănean

OPEN-AIR MUSEUM · BRAN, LA POALELE CASTELULUI, LA 200 M DE CENTRU

*It is the only place in Bran where old peasant houses with tall shingle roofs stand together, right below the castle; you can walk its paths freely.*

The open-air section of the Bran National Museum, set up in 1962 next to the castle, with 18 farmsteads and peasant workshops from the Bran area.

Strada General Traian Moșoiu, lângă intrarea în Castelul Bran · Tel. +40 268 238 336 · hours not confirmed



### 4 Biserica Cuvioasa Paraschiva din Șimon

OLD CHURCH · ȘIMON, LA CIRCA 3,6 KM PE DRUM DE CENTRUL BRANULUI

*It is the oldest monument in Șimon, listed as of national importance, and it stands at the gateway to the valleys that climb into the Bucegi.*

The Orthodox church of the village of Șimon, built in 1791 by the village's shepherds, a category A historic monument with old stone crosses in the yard.

Satul Șimon, lângă strada Iancu Gonțea · hours not confirmed



### 5 Vama Bran

HISTORIC ENSEMBLE · BRAN, LA POALELE CASTELULUI, LÂNGĂ DN73, LA 700 M DE CENTRU

*It shows why the castle was built in the first place: to guard and tax the trade road through the Bran Pass.*

The customs house at the foot of the castle, where duty was paid on the road between Transylvania and Wallachia; a listed monument together with remains of the medieval enclosure and the Queen's Chapel.

Strada General Traian Moșoiu, la baza Castelului Bran · hours not confirmed

## Where to eat in Bran

### 1 Brandeberg

GUESTHOUSE RESTAURANT · ȘIMON, LA CIRCA 4 KM PE DRUM DE CENTRUL BRANULUI

*It holds 4.7 on Google from more than 4,700 reviews, the most of any restaurant in Bran commune.*

The restaurant of a Tyrolean-style guesthouse with wooden terraces and shutters in the village of Șimon; it serves Romanian and international dishes.

Strada Iancu Gonțea 189, Șimon · Tel. +40 752 799 399 · Hours: Mo 8:30–22:30 · Tu 8:30–22:30 · We 8:30–22:30 · Th 8:30–22:30 · Fr 8:30–22:30 · Sa 8:30–22:30 · Su 8:30–22

### 2 Casa de Ceai a Reginei Maria

TEA HOUSE RESTAURANT · BRAN, LA POALELE CASTELULUI, LA 200 M DE CENTRU

*It is the castle's restaurant, in the building designed for Queen Marie, you need no castle ticket to go in, and it holds 4.6 on Google from more than 370 reviews.*

The tea house designed for Queen Marie in the 1920s at the foot of the castle, now a restaurant with Romanian and European dishes, teas and coffee.

Strada General Traian Moșoiu 7 (la baza Castelului Bran) · Tel. +40 749 121 120 · Hours: Mo 12–20 · Tu 9–20 · We 9–20 · Th 9–20 · Fr 9–20 · Sa 9–20 · Su 9–20

### 3 Casa Thomas

PIZZERIA AND TRATTORIA · BRAN, ÎN NORDUL SATULUI, LA CIRCA 1 KM DE CENTRU

*It holds 4.6 on Google from more than 1,000 reviews, the best score among the Italian restaurants still open in Bran.*

An Italian restaurant in a converted house about 1 km from the castle, with oven-baked pizza and pasta.

Strada Cavaler Ioan de Pușcariu 34 · Tel. +40 723 012 387 · Hours: Mo Closed · Tu Closed · We Closed · Th 17–22 · Fr 12:30–22 · Sa 12:30–22 · Su 12:30–21

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### 4 Restaurant Brana

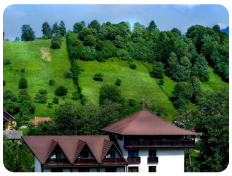
ROMANIAN RESTAURANT · BRAN, PE STRADA DOCTOR AUREL STOIAN, LA 400 M DE CENTRU

*It holds 4.6 on Google from more than 480 reviews, and the 2026 reviews praise the food and the hosts.*

A small restaurant run by a young couple, with a cosy interior and a garden a few minutes from the castle; it serves bulz, goulash and papanași.

Strada Doctor Aurel Stoian 4 · Tel. +40 727 046 143 · Hours: Mo 12:30–19:30 · Tu Closed · We Closed · Th 12:30–19:30 · Fr 12:30–19:30 · Sa 12:30–18 · Su 12:30–19:30

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### 5 Hanul Șimon

INN RESTAURANT · ȘIMON, LA INTRAREA ÎN SAT, LA CIRCA 3 KM PE DRUM DE CENTRUL BRANULUI

*It holds 4.6 on Google from more than 420 reviews and is open every day, from breakfast until late evening.*

A family-run inn with a restaurant at the entrance to the village of Șimon, with Romanian cooking: sour soups, hearty main courses and homemade desserts.

Strada Lunca Șimonului 1, Șimon · Tel. +40 790 271 663 · Hours: daily 8:30–23

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## Where to stay in Bran

### 1 Matca Hotel Relais & Châteaux

LUXURY SPA HOTEL · ȘIMON, PE DEALUL BĂLĂBAN, LA CIRCA 9 KM PE DRUM DE CENTRUL BRANULUI

*It holds 9.6 on Booking from nearly 200 reviews, joined Relais & Châteaux in July 2024 and was named by TIME among the World's Greatest Places 2025.*

A mountain hotel on a hilltop above the village of Șimon, at 987 m, with 16 rooms and junior suites, 7 private villas, a spa and the STUP restaurant.

Strada Balaban 24, Șimon · Tel. +40 757 575 777

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## 2 Conacul Törzburg

BOUTIQUE HOTEL · BRAN, PESTE DRUM DE CASTELUL BRAN, LA 300 M DE CENTRU

*It holds 9.8 on Booking from more than 410 reviews and 4.6 on Google from more than 800, and almost every room looks out on the castle.*

A manor house with large rooms right across the road from Bran Castle, with a restaurant, a bar-lounge and an inner garden.

Strada Sextil Pușcariu 3 · Tel. +40 722 721 724

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## 3 Club Vila Bran

VILLA RESORT · BRAN, PE DEALUL ALUNIȘ, LA CIRCA 900 M DE CENTRU

*It holds 9.3 on Booking from more than 1,000 reviews and 4.5 on Google from almost 9,900, the most reviews of any place to stay in Bran.*

A complex of villas and cottages on Aluniș hill above the centre of Bran, with its own Stână restaurant and a valley of fairy-tale cottages.

Strada Aluniș 13 · Tel. +40 268 236 866

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## 4 The Pines Bucegi Lodge

MOUNTAIN BOUTIQUE LODGE · BRAN, PE STRADA RUDĂRIȚA, LA 1.010 M, LA CIRCA 4 KM PE DRUM DE CENTRU

*It holds 9.5 on Booking from more than 270 reviews, gathered in its first two years.*

A boutique hotel opened in December 2024 at the foot of the Bucegi mountains, at 1,010 m, with rooms looking towards Piatra Craiului and the Spice restaurant.

Strada Rudărița 3 · Tel. +40 371 783 784

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## 5 Nature Nest

ADULTS-ONLY GUESTHOUSE · SOHODOL, PE STRADA MUCHIA ISLAZULUI, LA CIRCA 5 KM PE DRUM DE CENTRUL BRANULUI

*It holds 9.7 on Booking from more than 250 reviews and is one of the few adults-only places to stay around Bran.*

A small adults-only place to stay in the hills of Sohodol, with an apartment, studios and double rooms, a sauna, an outdoor jacuzzi and the R.O.O.T. restaurant.

Strada Muchia Islazului 37, Sohodol · Tel. +40 768 838 700

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