

Corvin Castle

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Helpful information

- ◆ From Raven's Nest: 2h50' - drive/175 km
- ◆ Located in Hunedoara county
- ◆ Infos about tickets: <http://www.castelulcorvinilor.ro/?lang=en>

Description

Romania is known for having many beautiful castles. The most impressive and elegant medieval construction in Romania is by far, The Corvin Castle, also known as Hunyadi Castle. Some say it's even more famous than Bran Castle.

The castle is located near the cities of Deva and Hunedoara, within the historic region of Transylvania, in its southwestern side, belonging to the county of Hunedoara.

It was started as a citadel, but Iancu of Hunedoara transformed it into a castle.

The construction and expansion of the castle took place in several phases starting with 1440 when Iancu of Hunedoara considerably enlarged the existing 14th-century fortress. Its foundation was laid out in a Renaissance-Gothic architectural style.

In the first stage, the old fortification was surrounded with two strong curtain walls and rectangular and circular towers were added, most of them — the Old and the New Gate Towers, Capistrano Tower and the Painted Tower - standing until today.

A noble residence, the castle has undergone numerous rehabilitation processes along its centuries of existence. For this reason, Corvin Castle has been preserved in such a good condition, and this is also why it combines several styles, ie Gothic, neo-Gothic, Renaissance and Baroque.

With its very unconventional shape, the main courtyard is bordered by two-tiered terraces and an elegant staircase. Here you can also admire the 30-meter deep fountain.

The castle has 3 large areas: the Knight's Hall, the Diet Hall and the circular stairway. The halls are rectangular in shape and are decorated with marble. The Diet Hall was used for ceremonies or formal receptions whilst the Knight's Hall was used for feasts.

The gothic masterpiece is an impressive tourist attraction, abundant in historic relevance.