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1. Geographical location

Bucharest is Romania's capital and largest city, as well as the most important industrial and commercial center of the country. The city is located in the south eastern corner of the Romanian Plain on the banks of the River Dâmbovița. It has seven hills: Mihai Vodă, Patriarchy Hill, Radu Vodă, Cotroceni, Spirei, Văcărești and Sf. Gheorghe Nou and several lakes across the city, the most well-known of them being Lake Floreasca, Lake Tei and Lake Colentina.



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2. Neighbouring cities/countries

Some Of The Cities And Towns Lying Closest To Bucharest Are Voluntari (12 Kms), Dobroesti (9 Kms), Popesti-Leordeni (13 Kms), Chiajna (15 Kms), Magurele (12.2 Kms), Jilava (12.7 Kms), Bragadiru (13.5 Kms) And Ploiesti (58 Kms) To Name A Few.



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3. Significance

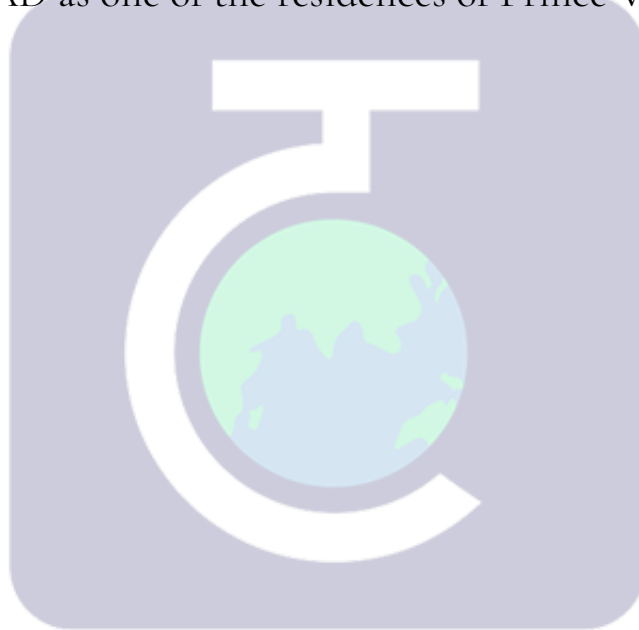
Bucharest is known for its architectural and cultural contrasts. From centuries old churches to monumental landmarks, Bucharest takes you through a beautiful journey of time. The city is also known for its museums and galleries. Locals love culture, whether it is ballet, theater, music or contemporary art. Bucharest attracts visitors from all over the world, especially during summer when it is full of colorful festivities.



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4. History

According to a Romanian legend, Bucharest was founded on the banks of the Dambovită River by a shepherd named Bucur, whose name literally means "joy." His flute playing reportedly overwhelmed the locals and his hearty wine from nearby vineyards endeared him to the local traders, who gave his name to the place. The city has been known to be inhabited since 500 BC but was first documented in 1459 AD as one of the residences of Prince Vlad III Dracula.



5. Cultural identity

Bucharest is a cultural center called "the Paris of the East," and provides a unique environment, which appeals to all people regardless of origin and personal interests. It is home to some great cultural attractions, including the National Art Museum, the Palace of the Parliament, the second-largest building in the world and the Arcul de Triumf, a triumphal arc initially conceived after Romania gained its independence in 1878. Traditional Romanian culture maintains an important role in society and in the arts, with the Museum of Romanian History and the Museum of the Romanian Peasant offering an insight into the culture and past of the country. Bucharest has a bustling music scene spanning a wide variety of genres including 70s and 80s Romanian rock, jazz, house, punk, and hip hop, which have become increasingly popular since the 1990s. The city also plays host to some of the best electronic music venues in Europe, with nightclubs and bars scattered across the city.



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6. Natural resources

The chief resources of Romania are agricultural, but the country also has significant mineral deposits, particularly petroleum, natural gas, salt, coal, lignite, iron ore, copper, bauxite, manganese, lead, and zinc.



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7. Key site seeing places (paid and free)

7.1. Paid

7.1.1. Dimitrie Gusti National Village Museum

Located very close to the Herăstrău Park, the Dimitrie Gusti National Village Museum is an open-air ethnographic museum and one of the best outdoor museums in the Balkans. It consists of over 60 original houses, farmsteads, windmills, watermills and churches from all of Romania's historic regions: Transylvania, Oltenia, Dobrogea and Moldavia. It also has a park that aims to provide a complete picture of the architectural styles that were used in building the traditional rural homes throughout Romania.

Address : Șoseaua Pavel Dimitrievici Kiseleff 28-30, București 011347, Romania

Zipcode : 011347

Location : 44.4723883, 26.076666700000033

Contact : +40 0213179110

Website : <http://www.muzeul-satului.ro>

Nearest Public Transport : Muzeul Satului Bus Station

Entry Fee : Adult: 10 lei Pensioners: 5 lei Students/ children: 2.50 lei Audio guides are available for 50 lei, or 8 lei on your smartphone

Open & Close Timing : Daily 09:00hrs-19:00hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.2. Palace of the Parliament

Standing 84 meters above ground level on 12 floors, Palace of the Parliament is the world's second-largest administrative building (after the Pentagon). Originally designed by a young architect Anca Petrescu, who was just 28 at the time to accommodate almost all of the apparatus of the communist state, the building today houses the Romanian parliament, a conference center and Romania's National Museum of Contemporary Art. Note: Entry is by guided tour only (book in advance).

Address : Strada Izvor 2-4, 030167 București, Romania

Zipcode : 030167

Location : 44.4275035, 26.087350600000036

Contact : +40 213160300

Website : <http://www.cdep.ro/pls/dic/site.page?id=10>

Nearest Public Transport : Statie RATB Bus Station

Entry Fee : Standard tour: Adults: 25 lei Students: 13 lei Standard and basement tour: Adults: 30 lei Students: 13 lei Standard and terrace tour: Adults: 35 lei Students: 18 lei Standard, terrace and basement tour: Adults: 5 lei Students: 23 lei Free for children under 18 and the disabled An additional fee of 30 lei is payable by those with cameras, either still or video.

Open & Close Timing : Daily 10:00hrs-16:00hrs (last tour at 15:30)

Time Required : 2.5

Expected Wait Time : 10-15 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.3. Cotroceni Museum

The Cotroceni National Museum is set up in the stunning Cotroceni Palace of Bucharest featuring countless collections of artworks including coins, archaeological findings, items of historical value and medals, with a total museological asset of almost 20,000 items. It was constructed between 1888 and 1893 at the behest of Romania's first king, Carol I and is today, the official residence of the President of Romania.

Address : Bulevardul Geniului 1, 060116 București, Romania

Zipcode : 060116

Location : 44.432561, 26.074386000000004

Contact : +40 21 317 3106

Website : <http://www.muzeulcotroceni.ro>

Nearest Public Transport : Gradina Botanica Bus Station

Entry Fee : Entrance and compulsory guided tour in Romanian language (100/ 60 minutes): Adults – 30/ 20 lei Students – 10/ 5 lei Seniors – 15/ 10 lei VIP (Private group with maximum 6 persons) – 250/ 150 lei per group Entrance and compulsory guided tour in Foreign language (English, French, Spanish, Italian) (100/ 60 minutes): Adults – 50/ 40 lei Students – 25/ 20 lei Seniors – 25/ 20 lei VIP (Private group with maximum 6 persons) – 400/ 350 lei per group Photography: Cell phone/ tablet – 5 lei Amateur Camera – 20 lei Professional Camera – 1000 lei

per hour Video: Cell phone/ tablet – 20 lei Professional Camera – 21000 lei per hour Exhibition Tour (Medieval Kitchen, Cellar, Cercez Hall) - 10 lei per person Museum Pedagogy Program (1st Floor Visit and Interactive games) - 10 lei per person

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday to Sunday: 09:30hrs-17:30hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.4. National Art Museum

Located in the former Royal Palace in Revolution Square, National Art Museum of Bucharest is one of the leading art museums in Romania. It is housed in the 19th-century Royal Palace and highlights collections of medieval and modern Romanian art and also the international collection given by the Romanian royal family.

Address : Calea Victoriei 49-53, București 010063, Romania

Zipcode : 010063

Location : 44.43936679999999, 26.095873999999998

Contact : +40213133030/ +40213124327

Website : <http://www.mnar.arts.ro>

Nearest Public Transport : Luterana Bus Station

Entry Fee : The Gallery of European Art: 8 lei The National Gallery (Treasure included): 10 lei Combined tickets (both galleries): 15 lei For 20 lei you can purchase a dual ticket which is also valid at the Art Collections Museum. Free admission on the first Wednesday of the month.

Open & Close Timing : May-September: Wednesday to Sunday 11:00hrs-19:00hrs
October to April: Wednesday to Sunday 10:00hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 10-20 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.5. Grigore Antipa Museum of Natural History

One of Romania's finest and Europe's best natural history museums, the Grigore Antipa National Museum of Natural History is one of the oldest research

institutions in the field of biodiversity and public education. The major highlights of the museum are the mineralogical, zoological and paleontological collections, a dinosaur fossil and an extensive butterfly collection. Presently, the museum comprises of about 2 million exhibits and welcomes thousands of visitors annually.

Address : Șoseaua Pavel Dimitrievici Kiseleff 1, București 011341, Romania

Zipcode : 011341

Location : 44.4531131, 26.084638199999972

Contact : +40 213128826

Website : <http://www.antipa.ro>

Nearest Public Transport : Piata Victoriei Light Rail Station

Entry Fee : Adults: 20 lei Pensioners: 10 lei Children/ students: 5 lei

Open & Close Timing : April to October: Tuesday to Sunday 10:00hrs-20:00hrs

November to March: Tuesday to Sunday 10:00hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 15 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.6. Bucharest Botanical Garden and Museum

Located in the Cotroceni neighborhood of Bucharest, the Botanical Garden manages to create its own bubble of fresh air and amazing flower perfumes. It also has a gorgeous botanical museum with all sorts of seeds, dried plants and stuffed animals inherited from the Romanian scientists who lived here during the beginning of the 20th century.

Address : Șoseaua Cotroceni 32, București, Romania

Location : 44.4372286, 26.062677099999974

Contact : +40 214109139

Nearest Public Transport : Politehnica subway station

Entry Fee : Garden: 5 lei, Students and children 2 lei. Museum and greenhouses costs extra, 2 lei adults, 1 leu children

Open & Close Timing : Garden: 08:00hrs-20:00hrs, Botanical Museum: 10:00hrs-15:00hrs, 09:00hrs-13:00hrs, Closed on Friday. Greenhouse: 10:00hrs-13:00hrs, Closed on Monday, Wednesday and Friday

Time Required : 3

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.7. Museum of the Romanian Peasant

If you wish to know the capital of Romania in its true cultural depths, the Museum of the Romanian Peasant is a must-visit attraction. The museum houses the richest folk art collection in the country with more than 90,000 artefacts, 18,000 items in the pottery collection and approximately 20,000 traditional folk costumes. Visitors are also allowed to buy regional handicrafts and textiles from the museum's extensive gift shop.

Address : Șoseaua Pavel Dimitrievici Kiseleff 3, București 011341, Romania

Zipcode : 011341

Location : 44.4544198, 26.083600199999978

Contact : +40 213179661

Website : <http://www.muzeultaranuluiroman.ro/>

Nearest Public Transport : Piata Victoriei Metro station

Entry Fee : Adult: 8 lei Children: 2 Lei

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday to Sunday: 10:00hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.8. National Military Museum

Founded in 1923, National Military Museum (Muzeul Militar National) of Bucharest offers an all-embracing insight into the history of the Romanian people from a military perspective. It houses impressive weaponry through the ages, including swords and firearms, along with models of fortifications and transport. It is one of the most significant historical museums in the country.

Address : Strada Mircea Vulcănescu 125-127, București 010819, Romania

Zipcode : 010819

Location : 44.4407516, 26.076597999999999

Contact : +40 213195904

Website : <http://smg.mapn.ro/muzeumilitar/>

Nearest Public Transport : Stație 85 Bus Station

Entry Fee : Adults: 5 Lei Children: 2 Lei

Open & Close Timing : Wednesday to Sunday: 09:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.9. National Museum of Romanian History

Located on Calea Victoriei, inside the former Postal Services Palace, the National Museum of Romanian History is the most dominant museum in the country, housing historical artefacts (jewelry, fossils, weapons, coins) that were discovered on the current Romanian territory dating from prehistoric to modern times. There are also plenty of temporary exhibitions and events organized by the museum.

Address : Calea Victoriei 12, București 030026, Romania

Zipcode : 030026

Location : 44.43144699999999, 26.097453800000004

Contact : +40 213158207

Website : <http://www.mnir.ro/>

Nearest Public Transport : Autogara Double T Piata Natiunile Unite Bus Station

Entry Fee : Adults: 25 lei Pensioners: 15 lei Students and children: 7 lei

Open & Close Timing : Wednesday to Sunday: 09:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Expected Wait Time : 10-15 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

7.1.10. The Art Collections Museum

Situated in the former Royal Palace in Bucharest, the Art Collections Museum is the key holder of many pieces from Asia and the Middle East ranging from Romanian and European to Oriental art. The major collections consist of works from the 19th and 20th century Romanian artists. The Lapidarium at the museum has its major focus on architectural elements which originally decorated monuments that were demolished at the end of 19th century.

Address : Calea Victoriei 111, 010096 București, Romania

Zipcode : 010096

Location : 44.4446384, 26.091093

Contact : +40 21 211 1749

Website : <http://www.mnar.arts.ro/muzeul-colectiilor-de-arta>

Nearest Public Transport : Calea Victoriei Bus Station

Entry Fee : National Gallery (Medieval Romanian Art + Treasure Rooms + Romanian Modern Art): 10 lei European Art Gallery: 8 lei Art Collections Museum: 15 lei K.H. Zambaccian Museum: 7 lei Theodor Pallady Museum: 7 lei Combo ticket European Art and National Gallery: 15 lei Combo ticket National Museum of Art of Romania and Art Collections Museum: 20 lei Exhibitions: 4 to 10 lei, depending on exhibition Historical spaces (Royal Dining Room, Throne Hall, Voievods Staircase): 20 lei

Open & Close Timing : May to September: Wednesday to Sunday 11:00hrs-19:00hrs October to April: Wednesday to Sunday 10:00hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.1.11. Muzeul Național George Enescu

Having been opened in Cantacuzino Palace, which is one of the most beautiful buildings in Bucharest and tagged as one of the European Heritage Label buildings, George Enescu National Museum is dedicated to the life and works of Romania's famous and celebrated composer filled with remembrances and artefacts from his eventful life. Enescu's violins are a highlight of the museum which is worth admiring. The museum is also involved in organizing George Enescu festival.

Address : Calea Victoriei 141, București 010071, Romania

Zipcode : 010071

Location : 44.4487687, 26.0884427999999

Contact : +40 21 318 1450

Website : <http://www.georgeenescu.ro/>

Nearest Public Transport : Calea Victoriei Bus Station

Entry Fee : Adults: 6 lei Pensioners: 3 lei Children: 1.50 lei Guided tour (1-10 people): 50 lei Guided tour (11-20 people): 100 lei Free entry on 26th of every month

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday to Sunday: 10:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : No



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7.2. Free

7.2.1. Carol Park

Carol Park (Liberty Park) is an alluring urban escape in Bucharest to relax and enjoy its flora and fauna and panoramic views. The park also includes several monuments, such as the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and a mausoleum where some of Romania's most prominent Communist leaders were buried until the Romanian Revolution of 1989. Spend few hours relaxing here and learn about the history of the city.

Address : Parcul Carol, 052034 Bucharest, Romania

Zipcode : 052034

Location : 44.4131638, 26.09561229999997

Contact : +40 213111119

Nearest Public Transport : Autogara Filaret Light Rail Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 1.5

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.2. CEC Palace

Located on Calea Victoriei opposite the History Museum, the CEC Palace is an emblematic building of Bucharest built in an eclectic style. The construction of the Palace that existed for over a century is successful in keeping its architectural charm and freshness of the times it was built in. Since its opening, the building was used by CEC Bank (the former state savings bank). In 2006 CEC Palace was sold to the municipality of Bucharest to host a museum.

Address : Calea Victoriei 13, București 030022, Romania

Zipcode : 030022

Location : 44.4320504, 26.096498999999994

Contact : +40 213111119

Website : <https://www.cec.ro/>

Nearest Public Transport : Autogara Double T Piata Natiunile Unite Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Monday to Friday: 09:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.3. Romanian Athenaeum

Built between 1886 and 1888, the exquisite Romanian Athenaeum is a concert hall in the center of the city and a major landmark of the Romanian capital city. It features scenes from the country's history on the interior fresco inside the Big Hall and is a symbolic edifice for the Romanian culture and exemplary architecture.

Address : Strada Benjamin Franklin 1-3, București 030167, Romania

Zipcode : 030167

Location : 44.4413811, 26.097396099999997

Contact : +40 0213152567

Website : <http://www.fge.org.ro>

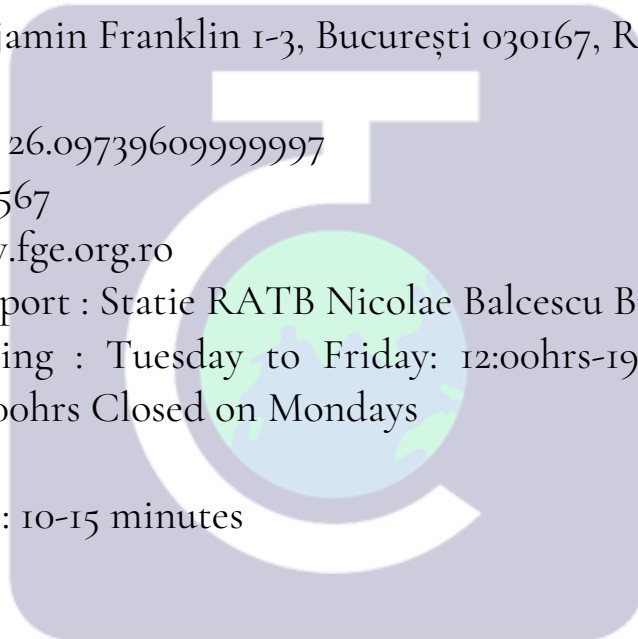
Nearest Public Transport : Statie RATB Nicolae Balcescu Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday to Friday: 12:00hrs-19:00hrs Saturday and Sunday: 16:00hrs- 19:00hrs Closed on Mondays

Time Required : 0.5

Expected Wait Time : 10-15 minutes

Buy Ticket : No



7.2.4. Tineretului Park

Tineretului Park is a picture-perfect park in the city that welcomes joggers with its free space, off-road trails for mountain biking, cycling, and casual strolling. The park also features several restaurants and cafés as well as the largest multi-purpose hall, Sala Polivalentă. It is the best place to visit on a sunny weekend and has activities suitable for just about anyone. Families can have a picnic under the brick-built tents, children can have fun at the children's Mini-town or take a mini train ride around the park.

Address : B-dul Tineretului, Tineretului & Parcul Carol, 040354 Bucharest, Romania

Zipcode : 040354

Location : 44.4057176, 26.106060699999944

Contact : +40 21 224 5860

Website : <http://www.alpa.ro/>

Nearest Public Transport : Opris Ilie Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.5. Pasajul Macca-Vilacrosse

Built in the late 19th century, Pasajul Macca-Vilacrosse is a fork-shaped, yellow glass covered shopping street dotted with restaurants and cafés in central Bucharest where tourists can take shelter from the heat of the city and enjoy a cold drink and a snack while browsing through the shops. The cafes here are also known to offer hookah pipes and exotic tobacco.

Address : Pasajul Macca-Vilacrosse, Calea Victoriei, Old Town Bucharest 030058, Romania

Zipcode : 030058

Location : 44.433131, 26.098603

Nearest Public Transport : Piata Unirii metro Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 1.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.6. Palace Of Justice

Located on the banks of the Dâmbovița River, Palace Of Justice is both a historical monument and a work of art housing the Bucharest Court of Appeal and the Sector 5 Court built between 1890 and 1895. The cornerstone of the building was laid by King Carol I of Romania and was designed by Romanian architect, Adrian Ballu in the style of the French Renaissance. This neoclassical building is visibly marked by Neo-Renaissance influences and is worth discovering.

Address : Spailul Independentei 5, 050091 Piata Unirii & Centru Civic

Zipcode : 050091

Location : 44.4287291, 26.098808999999996

Nearest Public Transport : Piata Natiunile Unite Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Daily 10:00hrs-21:00hrs

Time Required : 1

Expected Wait Time : 10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.7. Lake Morii

Located around 6 kilometers from the center of Bucharest, Morii Lake (Lacul Morii) is the largest lake in the city, with an area of 246 hectares. It is tagged as the perfect place to relax and watch the sunset during summers. The lake is also used as a recreational area with air shows, windsurfing, water-skiing, jet-skiing and other water sports. The city's only island, Morii Lake Island is located on the northern part of the lake.

Address : Giulesti, 060511 Bucharest

Zipcode : 060511

Location : 44.4556327, 26.025152899999966

Nearest Public Transport : Pod Ciurel Light Rail Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.8. Cismigiu Lake Park

Cismigiu is the oldest garden and undoubtedly one of the top tourist sights in Bucharest. Enjoying a central location in the city, the park stretches on a surface of 17 hectares and is a haven of lawns, trees, flowers and lakes. The lake is known to be formed from an old bifurcation of the Dâmbovița river and has a length of 1.3 kilometers, a width of 50 meters and a depth of 1–2 meters. During winters, the lake is dried artificially and a skate park is organized on the lake bed, whereas during summers, one can explore the lake on rowing boats.

Address : Bulevardul Regina Elisabeta, București 030167, Romania

Zipcode : 030167

Location : 44.4366074, 26.091088300000024

Contact : +40 744 630 000

Website : <http://www.cismigiuparc.ro/>

Nearest Public Transport : Gradina Cismigiu Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.9. Stavropoleos Monastery

Built in 1724 on the insistence of a Greek monk, Ioanikie Stratonikeas, Stavropoleos Monastery or the Stavropoleos Church is a beguiling city attraction of historical and religious significance. It is a true masterpiece of Brancovan architectural style and is known for its beautiful stone and wood carvings, frescoes painted on the walls, Byzantine books on music, collection of tombstones dating from the 18th century and Byzantine music, which is expressed through its choir. The monastery resonates a sense of tranquillity that will grip you instantaneously.

Address : Str. Stavropoleos 4, 030167 Old Town

Zipcode : 030167

Location : 44.4318033, 26.0988700000000034

Contact : +40 213134747

Website : <http://www.stavropoleos.ro>

Nearest Public Transport : Autogara Double T Piata Natiunii Unite Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Daily 08:00hrs-21:00hrs (3 services: 08:00hrs, 18:00hrs and 21:00hrs)

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.10. Herastrau Park

Located on the northern side of the city and taking its name from the lake it surrounds, Herastrau is the largest park of Bucharest stretching on a surface of 110 hectares, out of which 74 hectares are filled by the Herastrau Lake. There are many cafés, restaurants, walking paths, tennis courts, an amusement park and a boat rental complex and inside the park. It is an ideal spot for relaxing walks and practising outdoor sports.

Address : Sos. Kiseleff 32, 013691 Herastrau

Zipcode : 013691

Location : 44.468469, 26.0805310000000065

Contact : +40 744630000

Website : <http://herastrauparc.ro>

Nearest Public Transport : Gara Băneasa Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.11. AFI Palace Cotroceni

AFI Palace Cotroceni is among the biggest and undoubtedly the best shopping malls in the city. It offers a good number of top brand names, as well as the added attraction of an IMAX cinema, a large ice skating rink, an indoor roller coaster and huge children's playground.

Address : Bulevardul Vasile Milea 4, București 061344, Romania

Zipcode : 061344

Location : 44.430609, 26.052135200000066

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.12. București Mall

Located very close to the Dudești and Văcărești neighborhoods, Bucuresti Mall was the first modern shopping mall in Bucharest. The mall has a fair selection of retail shops combined with a food court and cinema for entertainment.

Address : Calea Vitan 55-59, București 031282, Romania

Zipcode : 031282

Location : 44.4202968, 26.126268799999934

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.13. Cărturești Carusel

The most noteworthy bookshop in the city is this wonderful building located on Strada Lipscani. Dating back to the latter part of the 19th century the building was a department store during the communist era, before standing neglected for almost a quarter of the century until reopening recently. Besides the tens of thousands of books and gifts on sale, there is gallery and exhibition space, and a bistro on the top floor.

Address : Strada Lipscani 55, București 030033, Romania

Zipcode : 030033

Location : 44.4318771, 26.1016090000000053

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.14. Parcul Alexandru Ioan Cuza

Also known as Titan Park or IOR Park, Parcul Alexandru is one of the largest parks in Bucharest stretching on an area of 85 hectares. A considerable area of the park is filled by the Titan Lake which, together with its 5 islands, is collectively named as Pensioners' Island or Drowned Peoples' Island and is a major attraction of the park. The park is complemented by a plethora of cafés, bars, sports facilities as well as an artesian well, a waterfall and a church dedicated to the Pentecost.

Address : 031626 Bucharest, Romania

Zipcode : 031626

Location : 44.4255117, 26.15353319999999

Nearest Public Transport : Șoseaua Câmpia Libertății Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.15. Palace of the National Military Circle

Also known as Officers' Circle Palace (Cercul Militar Național), it is considered as a historic and architectural monument representing the cultural institution of the Romanian army. Built in French neoclassical style in 1911, it is used for various cultural events and for protocol purposes and the fountain standing in front of the building bears its name. The terrace, as well as the restaurant, are open to public.

Address : Strada Constantin Mile 1, București 010141, Romania

Zipcode : 010141

Location : 44.4350751, 26.09680249999999

Contact : +40 21 313 8680

Website : <http://www.cmn.ro/>

Nearest Public Transport : Gradina Cismigiu Bus Station

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.16. Bucharest National Opera House

Located in a historical building built in 1953, the Romanian National Opera House (Opera Națională București) is one of the national operas and ballet rooms of Romania. The auditorium has 952 seats, but the concerts are occasionally held in the Yellow Foyer with a maximum of 200 seats. Catch a show here by booking tickets online or at the venue box office.

Address : Bulevardul Mihail Kogălniceanu 70-72, București 050104, Romania

Zipcode : 050104

Location : 44.4358998, 26.0795144999999

Contact : +40 21 314 6980

Website : <http://operanb.ro/>

Nearest Public Transport : Facultatea de Drept Bus Station

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.17. The Arch Of Triumph

Also known as Arcul de Triumf, the Arch of Triumph was built in 1936 following plans of the architect Petre Antonescu. The current arch has a height of 27 meters and the sculptures decorating the facades were known to be created by famous Romanian sculptors like Ion Jalea and Dimitrie Paciurea listing itself in the list of major attractions of the city. On the occasion of the Romanian National Day, military parades are held beneath the arch.

Address : Piața Arcul de Triumf, 011343 București, Romania

Zipcode : 011343

Location : 44.4671771999999, 26.0781245

Nearest Public Transport : Arcul de Triumf Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 0.5

Buy Ticket : No

7.2.18. Great Synagogue

Now housing the Memorial for Jewish Martyrs, the Great Synagogue (Sinagoga Mare) was built in the 19th century by Ashkenazi Jews from Poland and is considered as the biggest place of worship for the community. Although plain on the exteriors, the interior is impressive with a colorful mixture of baroque and rococo styles. Even today, the Great Synagogue remains an active place of worship and is also home to a fascinating small Jewish museum.

Address : Strada Vasile Adamache 11, București 030167, Romania

Zipcode : 030167

Location : 44.4294854, 26.1086245999999

Nearest Public Transport : Piata Sf. Vineri Light Rail Station

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday to Saturday: 09:00hrs-13:00hrs

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No



8. Key sites sports & adventure

Bucharest is the place to be if you are an adrenaline junkie as it hosts numerous avenues for quenching your thirst of charting uncharted territories and pushing yourself to the limits.

- **SkyDiving -**

Address : Airfield Clinceni, Ilfov, Str. AEROPORIA, no. 114 Comuna Cornetu

Location : 44.3583467,25.9250789999999

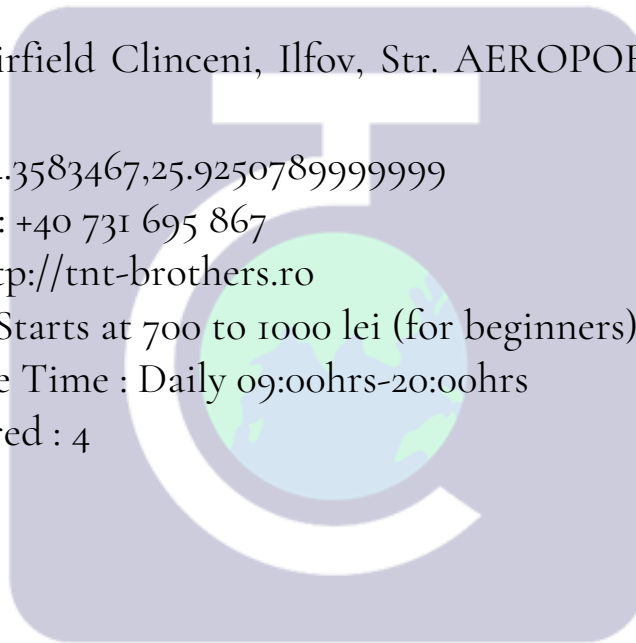
Contact No : +40 731 695 867

Website : <http://tnt-brothers.ro>

Entry Fees : Starts at 700 to 1000 lei (for beginners)

Open / Close Time : Daily 09:00hrs-20:00hrs

Time Required : 4



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9. Adventure sports, Local sports, stadiums

Football is the most popular sport in the city. The most popular stadium in Bucharest is the National Arena. Some other stadiums include Stadionul Steaua, and Stadionul Dinamo, permanent home of Dinamo Bucuresti. The city also has plenty of tennis courts and golf clubs which give tourists the opportunity to indulge in playing their favorite game.

- **National Arena:**

Address : Bulevardul Basarabia 37-39, București, Romania

Location : 44.4372373,26.152535899999975

Website : <http://www.stadionul-national.ro/>

Open/Close time : Check website for timings

- **Stadionul Steaua:**

Address : Intrare Stadion, București, Romania

Location : 44.41274,26.03966790000004

Website : <http://www.steauafc.com/ro/stadionul/>

Open/Close time : Check website for timings

- **Golf & Country Club Bucharest:**

Address : Zurbaua, Str. Ghiocilor, Dragomiresti, Ilfov, Romania

Location : 44.5113459,25.930487599999992

Contact No : +40 751199915

Website : <http://www.golf-bucharest.ro>

Open/Close time : 06:00hrs-22:00hrs

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10. Spas and relaxation

After a hectic day of sightseeing and indulgence, all you would need in Bucharest is a relaxing Romanian massage. You can easily find spa and wellness services in almost all mid-range and luxury hotels in the city.

- **Puri Bali:**

Address : 5 Episcopiei Street, Ground Floor | Room No 2, Bucharest 010292, Romania

Location : 44.441788,26.096884000000045

Contact No : +40 720933325

Website : <http://puribali.ro>

- **AQUA by Pescariu Sports & SPA:**

Address : Strada Glodeni Nr 3, Bucharest 023824, Romania

Location : 44.47107190000001,26.111274900000012

Contact No : +40 212421615

Website : <http://pescariusports.ro>

- **Scoala Lubirii:**

Address : Gheorghe Matac 15-17 | Blue Aerobic, Bucharest, Romania

Location : 44.46015999999999,26.1075100000000048

Contact No : +40 757026574

Website : <http://scoalaiubirii.ro>

- **Eden Spa GH Continental:**

Address : Cale Victoriei 56 |  Grand Hotel Continental, Bucharest 010083, Romania    

Location : 44.4370315,26.097958500000004

Contact No : +40 213106550

Website : <http://edenspa.ro>

- **Centrul Shakti:**

Address : Strada Beldiceanu N. Nicolae 7, Bucharest 010596, Romania

Location : 44.443839999999999,26.102770999999996

Contact No : +40 755 069 569

Website : <http://centrulshakti.ro>



11. Events calendar

Month

Events

Gay Pride Parade

Bucharest Pride (or Gay Fest) is an annual week-long festival dedicated to LGBT rights in Bucharest, Romania. It first took place in 2004 and now occurs in May–June of each year, culminating with the March of Diversity.

Bucharest Jazz Festival

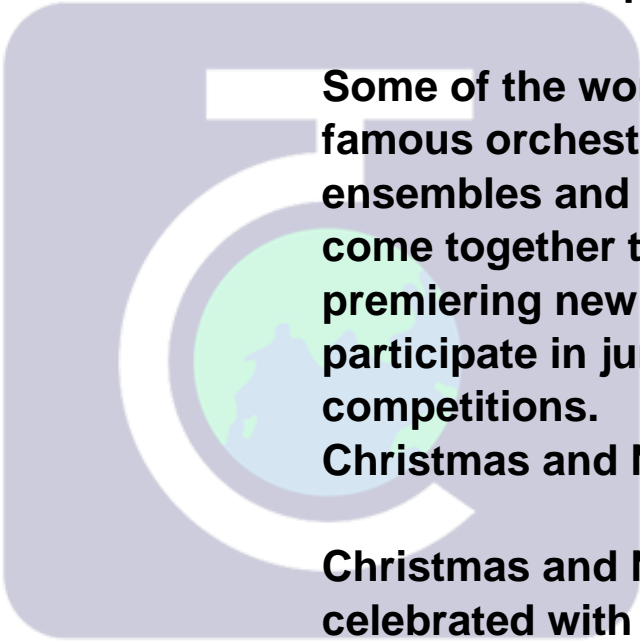
Hosted by ARCUB in the heart of Bucharest, Bucharest Jazz Festival is held every year in the first week of July. It attracts jazz enthusiasts from far and wide.

Bucharest Green Sounds Festival

Bucharest Green Sounds Festival is an international festival that promises three days of amazing music and fun in Bucharest. Well known artists from Romania and abroad give you, at the end of August, an unforgettable experience.

Classical Music Festival (by Roman Anthenium Society)

Classical Music Festival honors the renowned Romanian composer George Enescu. It is the biggest classical music festival and classical international competition held in the country and one of the biggest in Eastern Europe. International Opera Festival



Some of the world's most famous orchestras, chamber ensembles and opera companies come together to perform some premiering new works and participate in juried competitions.

Christmas and New Year's Eve

Christmas and New Year's Eve is celebrated with great pomp and show everywhere in the city, in hotels, restaurants and even in the streets. The fireworks display is worth a sight.

12. Key local guides and tours

Although Bucharest is quite compact and can be easily explored on your own, having a local guide will help you gain a more immersive experience. Tours can also be customized to your personal liking. Popular City Tours: i) Historic City Tours The history of Bucharest is fascinating and worth exploring. Historic city tours take you through 500 years of history of Bucharest from the times of Vlad to the era of communism. You can discover the major landmarks and events including Calea Victoriei (Victory Avenue), Revolution Square, The Arch of Triumph and Old Princely Court & Church to name a few. ii) Cultural Trips A cultural tour through Bucharest and surrounding areas is an enriching experience. Visitors can learn about traditional Romanian cuisine, music and folklore. iii) Free Walkabout Walking Tours Free 2-hour walking tours are organized daily at 10.30hrs and 15.00hrs. Meeting point is Unirii Square Park, in front of the Clock (next to the fountains) and top highlights include Stavropoleos Convent, Ruins of Vlad's Citadel, Palace of Parliament and Manuc's Inn. Popular Tour Guides: i) Cristina Rucen A teacher by training, Cristina has been working in the travel industry for more than 14 years. She is fluent in English. She specializes in historic and cultural tours of the city. ii) Diana Neculaescu A Bucharest local, Diana loves literature, poetry and photography and showing tourists around her city. Her primary language is Romanian but she is fluent in English and Spanish as well. iii) Farkutin Stefan Passionate about travelling and proud of the beauty Bucharest has to offer, Farkutin is your guy if you are in it for an authentic Bucharest experience. He is fluent in Romanian, English and French; and knows basic German, Italian and Spanish. iv) Alexandra Chirila With a deep passion for history and culture, Alexandra is the person to go to, for learning about Bucharest's culture, history and legends. She is fluent in English and Dutch.

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13. Transportation hubs

Airport The closest airport to Bucharest is Henri Coandă International Airport. It is Romania's busiest international airport and is located in Otopeni, 18 kms north of downtown. The 783 Express line connects Bucharest Henri Coanda International Airport with the city center. It takes about 45 minutes and costs around 7-8 Lei. Taxis are also readily available. Taxi fare to the city center is about 70 RON (approximately 20 EUR) and the drive takes about 30-40 minutes. Taxi scams, however, are one of the most common crimes in Bucharest so be careful if you book one.

Train Station Bucharest North railway station (Romanian: București Gara de Nord) is the main railway station in Bucharest and the largest railway station in Romania. It is located Piața Gării de Nord and is around 5 kms away from Bucharest. The vast majority of mainline trains to and from Bucharest originate from here.

Bus Station Bucharest has several bus terminals, most important of which are București Filaret, București Rahova and București Grivița.

14. Transportation cost

Bucharest has one of the largest and cheapest public transportation networks in Europe. It is run by Regia Autonomă de Transport București (RATB) and consists of an extensive network of buses, trolleybuses, trams and light rail. Buses and trams run from very early in the morning (around 04:30) to around 23:00 (earlier at weekends). Night buses are also available. They run between 23:00 to 01:00 and 5:00 to 6:00 every 30 minutes, and from 1:00 to 5:00 every 1 hour. In order to ride Bucharest's buses, trolleybuses or trams, you need to buy an Activ or Multiplu card in advance. The Multiplu card (which is blue and white) costs 1.60 lei and needs to be loaded (when purchasing) with two to ten journeys (which each cost 1.30 lei). Tickets for the metro can be purchased at all metro stations. Tickets valid for two journeys cost 5 lei, while tickets valid for ten journeys cost a bargain 20 lei. Visitors might also like getting the Bucharest Card which allows unlimited use of the subway system, free entrance or discounts to Bucharest's best museums and attractions, plus great discounts and special offers to restaurants, bars and lounge places. The Card is available for 24 hours (€ 12.50), 48 hours (€ 21.00) and 72 hours (€ 27.50).

Index**15. Baggage allowance**

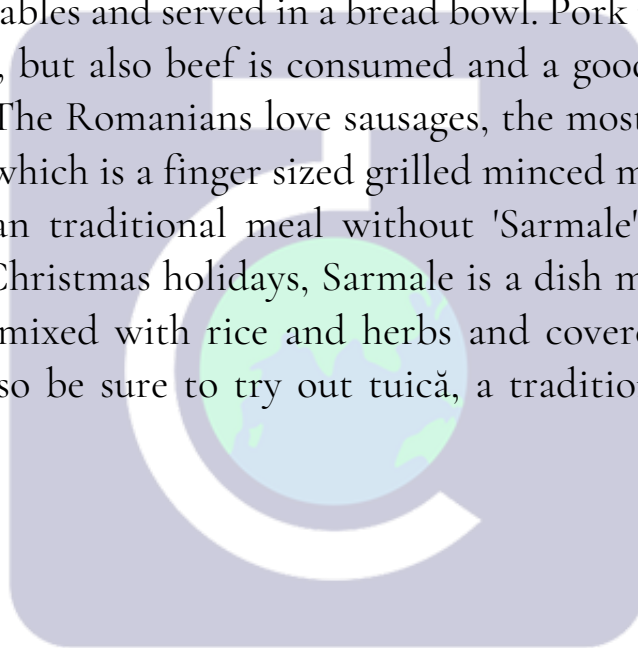
In most buses and trains, passengers are allowed to bring one item of hand baggage with the maximum of two items of free baggage items which are placed into the baggage compartment. Wheeled cases may be comfortable to carry but the streets in Romania are cobbled and narrow so they don't make a good choice. Backpacks are comfortable to carry around in the city.



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16. Must try food and local savouries

Romanian cuisine is a diverse blend of different dishes from several traditions and is highly influenced by Ottoman, German and Hungarian cuisine. The main ingredients used by Romanian chefs are meats such as pork, beef and lamb, fish, vegetables, dairy products and fruit. Bean soup (pictured left) is a staple in Romania. It is prepared differently in various regions. In Bucharest, it is prepared with bacon and vegetables and served in a bread bowl. Pork is the main meat used in Romanian cuisine, but also beef is consumed and a good lamb or fish dish is never to be refused. The Romanians love sausages, the most common being mici (pronounced michi) which is a finger sized grilled minced meat sausage. They say there is no Romanian traditional meal without 'Sarmale'. Generally prepared during winters and Christmas holidays, Sarmale is a dish made of rolled minced meat (pork usually) mixed with rice and herbs and covered in cabbage leaves. When in the city, also be sure to try out tuică, a traditional spirit made from plums.



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17. Restaurant & Nightlife

A trip to Romania is incomplete without delicious and healthy meals. Many of the city's restaurants and cafes have a preference towards local produce, but you can relish both traditional Romanian delicacies and modern meals in the city. Romanians are always ready for a party and the nightlife scene of Bucharest is quite happening. Parties at most clubs last until after sunrise almost every day and not just on weekends. There are a lot of clubs in the Old Town that are especially active during the peak summer season.

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- **Casa Doina:**

Address : Șoseaua Pavel Dimitrievici Kiseleff 4, București 11344, Romania

Location : 44.4589521,26.0830872999999

Contact No : +40 745009009

Website : <https://www.casadoina.ro/>

Open / Close Time : Sunday to Thursday: 08:00hrs-00:00hrs

- **Zahanaua Zexe:**

Address : Strada Icoanei 80, 030167 București, Romania

Location : 44.4485132,26.110666499

Contact No : +40 732232424

Website : <http://www.zexe.ro/>

Open / Close Time : Daily 11:00hrs-23:30hrs

- **Beca's Kitchen:**

Address : Mihai Eminescu 80, București 020081, Romania

Location : 44.447705,26.1042979999999

Contact No : +40 744344700

Website : <http://www.becaskitchen.ro/>

Open / Close Time : Tuesday to Friday: 06:00hrs-22:00hrs Saturday and Sunday: 12:00hrs-22:00hrs

- **Café Verona:**

Address : Strada Pictor Arthur Verona 13-15, București 010312, Romania

Location : 44.4432376,26.0997122999999

Contact No : +40 732 003 060

Website : <http://www.cafeverona.ro/>

Open / Close Time : 09:00hrs-00:00hrs

- **Caru' cu Bere:**

Address : Strada Stavropoleos 5, București 030081, Romania

Location : 44.431991,26.0981123999999

Contact No : +40 726282373

Website : <https://www.carucubere.ro/>

Open / Close Time : Sunday to Thursday: 08:00hrs-00:00hrs

- **Vacamuuu:**

Address : Calea Floreasca 111, București, Romania

Location : 44.4599565,26.1006214999999

Contact No : +40 731351135

Website : <http://www.vacamuuu.com/>

Open / Close Time : 10:00hrs-23:00hrs

- **Club A:**

Address : Subsol, Strada Blănari 14, București 030062, Romania

Location : 44.4325345,26.101629499999945

Contact No : +40 213161667

Website : <http://www.cluba.ro>

Open / Close Time : Monday to Saturday 13:00hrs-05:00hrs, Sunday 13:00hrs-00:00hrs

- **Club Fabrica:**

Address : Strada 11 Iunie 50 – Bucuresti, Romania

Location : 44.420415,26.0950890000000

Contact No : +40 213350323

Website : <http://www.fabrica-club.ro>

Open / Close Time : Monday to Thursday 09:00hrs-02:00hrs, Friday, Saturday and Sunday 09:00hrs-06:00hrs

- **Player club:**

Address : Aleea Primo Nebiolo, București 011349, Romania

Location : 44.4750764,26.073535900000024

Contact No : +40 720734734

Website : <http://www.theplayer.ro>

Open / Close Time : Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Thursday

10:00hrs-20:00hrs, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 10:00hrs-20:00hrs,
23:00hrs-06:00hrs

- **Control Club:**

Address : Strada Constantin Mille 4, București 030167, Romania

Location : 44.435564,26.0968950000000018

Contact No : +40 733927861

Website : <http://control-club.ro>

Open / Close Time : Sunday and Monday 13:00hrs-04:00hrs, Tuesday,
Wednesday and Thursday 13:00hrs-05:00hrs, Friday 13:00hrs-06:00hrs and
Saturday 14:00hrs-06:00hrs



Index**18. Average meal cost**

● 3-course meal at an inexpensive restaurant: 25-30 Lei ● 3-course meal at a mid-range restaurant (for minimum 2 people): 90-100 Lei ● Combo meal at McDonalds or equivalent: 20 Lei ● 0.5 liter draught beer: 6 Lei



Index**19. Shopping**

Bucharest has a plenty of shopping centers, supermarkets, open-air markets, fashion boutiques, antique and souvenir stores, malls and bookstores which cater to a diverse range of shopping tastes and needs. The city's main shopping areas can be found at B-dul Magheru and Calea Victoriei. For souvenirs and traditional Romanian objects (pottery, linens), you should check out the souvenir shops of Village Museum and Romanian Peasant Museum.



20. Tourist benefits

The standard V.A.T. rate in Romania is 24%. There are reduced V.A.T. rates of 9% and 5% that usually apply to hotel services, books, newspapers and medicines. International travelers can reclaim the Value Added Tax paid over goods provided they spend a minimum of 250 Lei (in one shop) on goods that they export within 90 days of their purchase. To avail this benefit, all you are required to do is look for stores with tax free shopping signboard, get the VAT reimbursement receipt from the store at the time of your purchase, fill it out carefully and get it stamped from the customs authorities on your final departure. Global Refund is the most common in the country. Kindly note, there is no refund without completed forms, receipts attached and customs validation.



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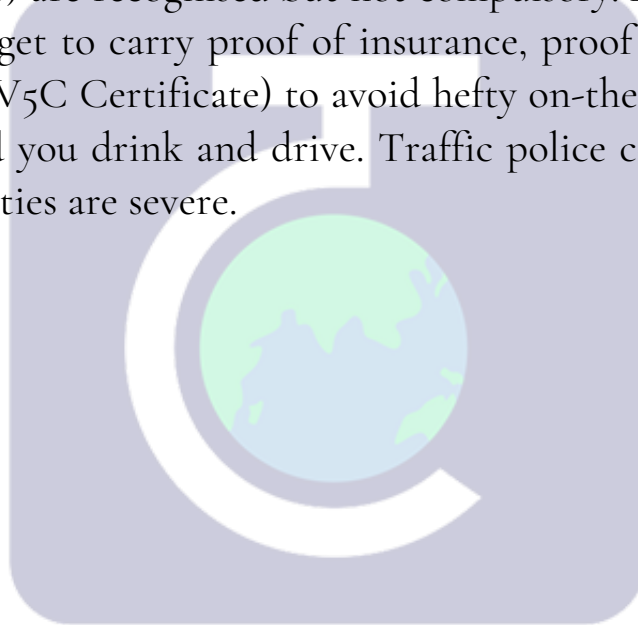
21. Essential local apps

UnoRail MersulTrenurilor offers quick online access to the train timetables in Romania. It's a handy app and helps you plan a trip by rail quickly and easily. Transport Urban is another useful app that helps users with bus/ tram stops, routes and directions. It is available in Romanian & English.



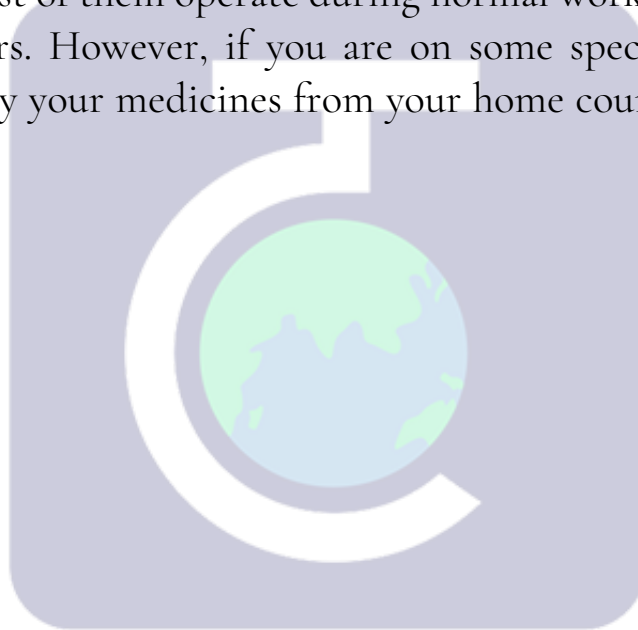
22. Driving

It is said that if you know how to drive in Bucharest, you know how to drive anywhere in the world. Local drivers and cabbies are known to bend the traffic rules as per their convenience. The city is also notorious for heavy traffic jams and parking problems. If you wish to drive around the city, you need a full, valid driving license of the European Communities model. International driving permits (1949 or 1968) are recognised but not compulsory. Also, when driving in Romania, do not forget to carry proof of insurance, proof of ID (Passport) and proof of ownership (V5C Certificate) to avoid hefty on-the-spot fines. Under no circumstances should you drink and drive. Traffic police control in the city are robust, and the penalties are severe.



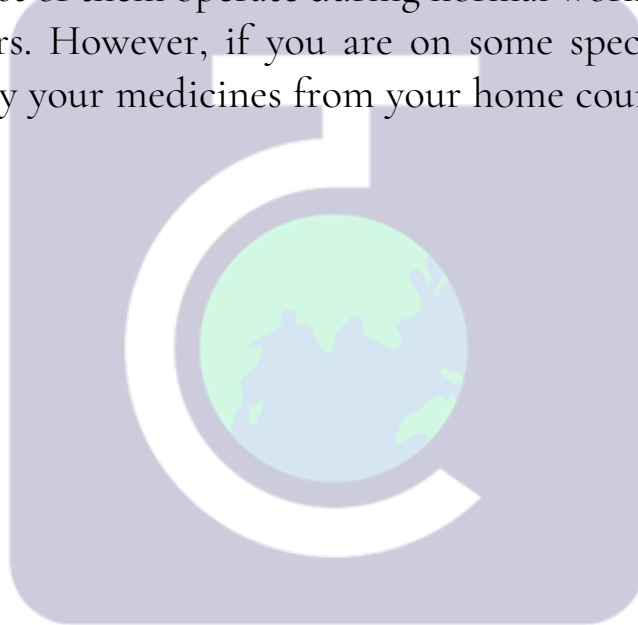
23. Travel essentials

The standard electricity supply in Bucharest is 220-240 volt - 50 Hz AC. The standard electrical socket (outlet) in the country is of Type F (also works with plug C and E). Your need for a power (voltage) converter depends on the country you come from. Most battery chargers have a built-in voltage converter, but you might need one if coming from a non-European country. Pharmacies can be easily found in the city. Most of them operate during normal working hours while some are open for 24 hours. However, if you are on some specific medication, it is advised that you carry your medicines from your home country as OTCs are not allowed.



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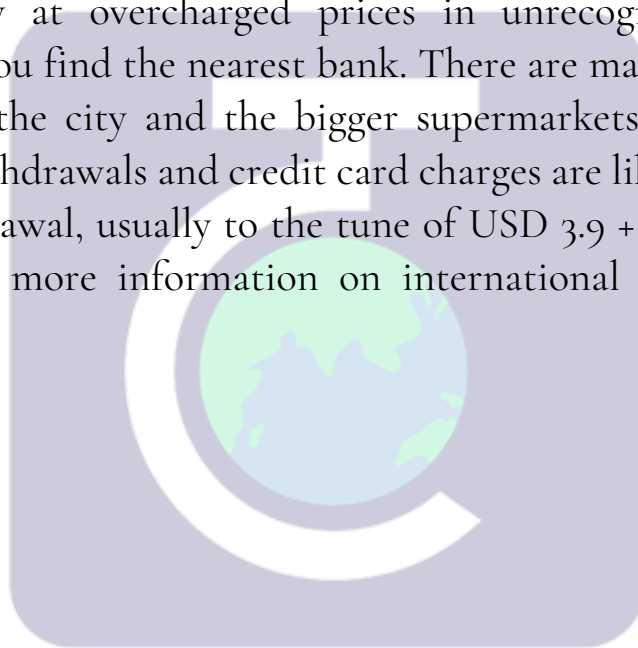
Index**25. Local currency**

The national currency of Romania is the leu (plural, lei), with subunits called ban (plural, bani) (1 leu consisting of 100 bani). 1 USD= 4.11 Romanian Leu.



26. Change vendor's commission, ATM charges

Although major credit cards (including VISA, MasterCard, American Express etc) are accepted pretty much everywhere, some places in Romania are notorious for credit card frauds. It is advised that you pre-inform your bank of your card usage in the city (especially if it is your first visit) or you could also use reputable ATMs (inside of banks or in a public area) to pull out money. Also, instead of exchanging currency at overcharged prices in unrecognized bureaus, it is recommended that you find the nearest bank. There are many ATM terminals as well as POS across the city and the bigger supermarkets, petrol stations and stores. ATM cash withdrawals and credit card charges are likely to incur a typical surcharge per withdrawal, usually to the tune of USD 3.9 + 1-2%. Kindly connect with your bank for more information on international withdrawal fees and vendor's commission.



27. Staying connected

There are 4 major mobile network providers in Romania: ● Vodafone ● Orange (France Télécom) ● Telekom or Cosmote and, ● Zapp There is a standard mobile network (GSM 900/ 1800/ GPRS/ HSPDA) in the country and you should check beforehand if your phone is compatible, especially if you are coming from the United States. If you plan to stay in the city for a longer period of time, you might as well consider buying a new SIM card. Orange and Vodafone cover 95% of the population, with 3G and 4G/LTE available on pre-paid packages. Both offer a number of packages suitable for short-term visitors to the country. SIM cards are available from most convenience stores and newsstands. For less than €9.20 you'll have plenty of calls, texts and data that last up to a month. A standard Vodafone SIM costs €6.20 which includes €5 of credit. There is a good Wi-Fi connectivity throughout the city, and almost all hotels and restaurants offer free Wi-Fi services if you are using it for dining or staying. Even shopping malls and the City Centre have a password free WiFi service. You can ask the hotel staff for it.

28. Time Zone

Bucharest lies in the EET (Eastern European Time Zone) i.e UTC/ GMT +2 hours.



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29. Languages

The official language of Romania is Romanian that is spoken by approximately 90% of the population. The younger generation can speak English reasonably well, and in addition they are often fluent in a second language - either Spanish, Portuguese, French, Italian or Catalan. Hungarian is spoken by 7% and German speakers make up around 1.5%.



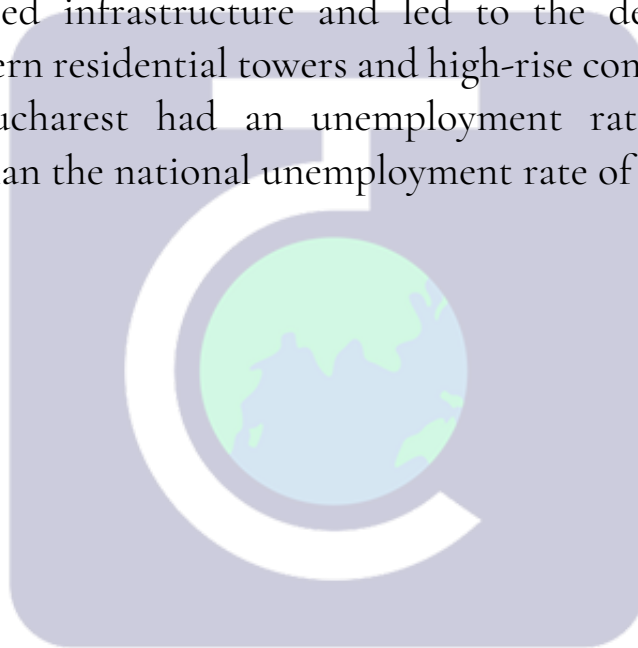
Index**30. Political Scenario**

The city proper is administratively known as the "Municipality of Bucharest" and has the same administrative level as that of a national county. The city government is headed by a general mayor. It is further subdivided into six sectors, each of which has its own 27-seat sectoral council, town hall, and mayor.



31. Economic Scenario

Bucharest, called the Paris of The East, is the most industrialized and economically prosperous city in Romania. It accounts for approximately 21% of the country's GDP and about one-quarter of its industrial production, while accounting for only 9% of the country's population. Almost one third of national taxes is paid by Bucharest's citizens and companies. The city's strong economic growth has revitalized infrastructure and led to the development of many shopping malls, modern residential towers and high-rise commercial buildings. In September 2005, Bucharest had an unemployment rate of 2.6% which is significantly lower than the national unemployment rate of 5.7%.



Index**32. Religious belief**

81% of the total population of Bucharest is identified as Christian Orthodox, 4.3% as Roman Catholic, 3% as Reformed, 0.7% as Greek-Catholic and 0.3% as Unitarian. There are also significant Jewish and Muslim Communities in Bucharest.



33. Visa requirements

Romania is a member of the European Union. It is also a part of the Schengen Area so if you're travelling from from the Schengen Area, you do not have to go through border controls. Citizens of the United States of America, Canada, Australia, Japan, Israel, Korea, Hong Kong, and some other countries do not need a visa to visit (but not work) Romania. They may stay for up to three months within any six-month period. If you are not a citizen of the EU or your country of residence does not have visa-free access to Schengen nations, you are required to have a valid passport along with a valid Schengen visa or a EU residency permit. For detailed information and the list of documents, you might want to check online at: <https://www.mae.ro/en/node/2035> It is advisable to keep 2 pages free in your passport for arrival and departure stamps. In certain cases, it has been observed that applying and receiving a visa can be a process of 20-30 days. Hence, it is essential that you check the timeline with the relevant authority in the country where you intend to make the visa application.

34. Essential vaccination

Before your visit to the city, make sure you are up-to-date on routine vaccines like measles-mumps-rubella (MMR), varicella (chickenpox, polio and seasonal flu. Depending on the duration of your stay and the country you are traveling from, you might need vaccines for Hepatitis A and B. The World Health Organization recommends that you visit a physician at least six weeks before your departure.



Index**35. Theft and Safety**

Romania is safer than most Western European countries and though Bucharest isn't very high on the crime scenario, it is advised that the tourists take care of their valuables and not be very friendly with strangers. It is also advisable to not carry large amounts of cash since you may be taken advantage of and you landing up pickpocketed. Also consult your hotel staff on the areas that you should keep off in order to avoid getting into unnecessary mess with the gypsies.



36. Embassy/Consulate

For any emergencies, foreign tourists can get assistance at their home embassies in Varna. You can find the complete list of foreign representations in the city at: <http://embassy.goabroad.com/embassies-in/romania>



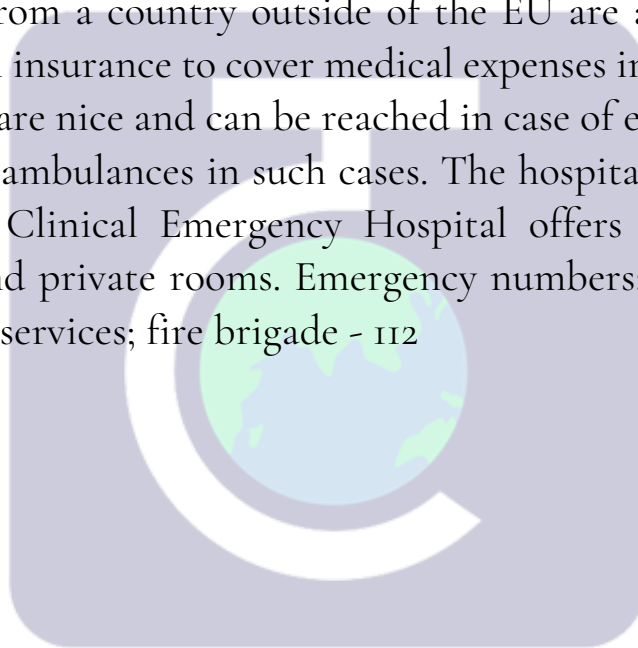
Index**37. Accessibility**

Bucharest certainly isn't a very bad city when it comes to wheelchair accessibility. Public transport is partly adjusted to wheelchair users and blind people. Also public buildings are getting adjusted more and more. But, there still is a lot to do. Accessibility of Historical monuments varies.



38. Emergencies

Having a valid European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) will provide you access to the city's public health care system at greatly reduced cost. Since the EHIC will not cover medical repatriation, ongoing medical treatment or non-urgent treatment, it is advised that you sign up for an adequate travel insurance and accessible funds to cover the cost of any medical treatment and repatriation. Visitors who come from a country outside of the EU are advised to take out a valid, private medical insurance to cover medical expenses in Bucharest. The state run Medical services are nice and can be reached in case of emergency. The hotels provide shuttles and ambulances in such cases. The hospitals in the city are well equipped. Floreasca Clinical Emergency Hospital offers excellent healthcare, emergency service and private rooms. Emergency numbers: Police - 110 Medical emergency/ accident services; fire brigade - 112



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39. Do's and Don'ts

Do's ● Carry your passport and ID card at all times ● Lock your bike properly ● Be wary of your surroundings at night, especially in the dark alleys. ● It is advisable to carry a certified doctor's prescription along with the medicines to ensure hassle free import clearance. Do not's ● Count/ exchange your money on the street. ● Leave your valuables unattended ● Walk in bicycle lane ● Smoke inside any restaurant. It can invite unwanted fines. ● Spit on the road ● Leave tip on the table ● Buy cell phones, cameras, gold etc from a stranger in the street ● Accept any unwanted service/ invitation from anyone on the street ● It is advisable that do not carry unsealed/ unbranded food articles as the same may be banned for import.



Index**40.Tipping basics**

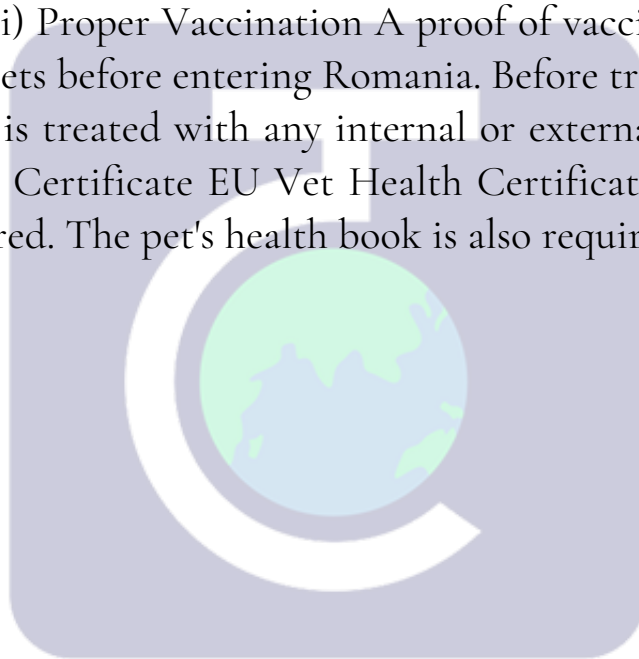
Unless already included in the bill, a tip of 10% is considered normal in Romania, depending on the service you got or you could also just round up the bills. Rounding up of taxi charges and salon bills is also common in the city.



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41.Pet info

Romania is a pet friendly country and does not explicitly ban or restrict any breed of animals. On your visit to the country, you can take your pets to almost all public places (parks, restaurants, hotels etc). The following information should be kept in mind while taking your pets to the city: i) Pet Microchip Your pet must have a microchip in compliance with ISO Standard 11784 or Annex A to ISO standard 11785. ii) Proper Vaccination A proof of vaccination against rabies is required for your pets before entering Romania. Before traveling, please ensure that your dog or cat is treated with any internal or external parasite infections. iii) Health Book and Certificate EU Vet Health Certificate from an accredited Veterinarian is required. The pet's health book is also required for inspection.



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Conclusion – Why to select this destination

Bucharest is a pulsating city with a spirited ambition, great architectural styles, hipster coffee shops, artistic streets, vibrant festivities, fabulous summer parks and unbelievable cultural contrasts. Bucharest is primarily a city for young people but it is truly a complete family destination. It has something for everyone. Everything else, if you're on a budget, Bucharest is a very friendly and welcoming European destination.



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