# **Bucharest Information**

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# How to reach Bucharest from Henri Coanda International Airport

There are two ways to reach Bucharest from the Henri Coanda International Airport:

• 1<sup>st</sup> Option – Express bus lines 780 or 783 (Recommended)

Two Express line departs from the airport to Bucharest city:

- The 780 Express line connects Bucharest Henri Coanda International Airport with the Gara de Nord (main railway station) <a href="http://stbsa.ro/pdf">http://stbsa.ro/pdf</a> statii/780/780 50.pdf
- The 783 Express line connects Bucharest Henri Coanda International Airport with the city center (Piata Unirii) <a href="http://stbsa.ro/pdf">http://stbsa.ro/pdf</a> statii/783/783 50.pdf

**Airport stops**: In front of the Arrivals Terminal and Departures Terminal.

Both lines connect with the metro lines, buses, taxis etc.

When leaving the *Arrivals*, take the elevator, go down to the ground floor, get out of the building and the bus station is in front. Price ticket around maximum 10 lei (2 travels). The Romanian **LEI** is the currency of Romania or frequently known as **RON**. The exchange is 1 Euro=4,8 lei

• 2<sup>nd</sup> Option – Taxi

The best solution for a taxi is to ask to the information desk at the exit of the arrivals.

**If you are not sure, USE UBER!** Take into account that for Uber cars you should wait on the first floor of the arrivals (as soon as you leave the arrival area).

# **Romanian Currency**

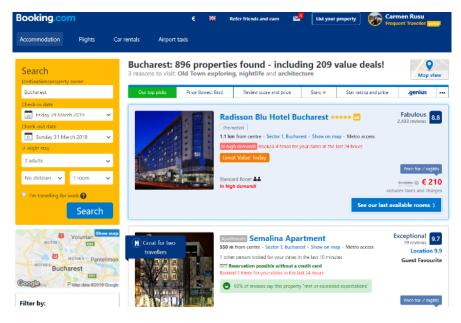
The Romanian currency is the leu (plural: lei), listed in some banks and currency exchange offices as RON. Banknotes come in denominations of 1 leu, 5 lei,10 lei, 50 lei, 100 lei, 200 lei and 500 lei. The coins come in 50 bani and are relatively useless. Despite the fact that Romania is a member of the EU, the euro does not circulate.

Usually, a debit or credit card can be used and will be charged in lei at the prevailing exchange rate. Try to keep small-denomination (1 leu and 5 lei) notes on hand for shops, transport tickets, cafes and tips for waiters.

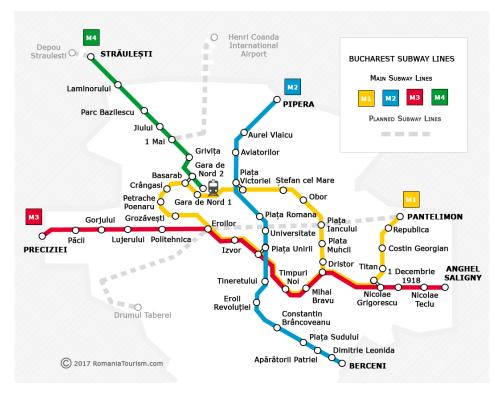
Before leaving the airport, you can exchange some money, but a small amount (up to 50E) only for emergencies.

## **Bucharest Hotel Accommodation**

Best solution is to use <a href="www.booking.com">www.booking.com</a>. Some hotels in best value for the money category, are placed in the Gara de Nord Train station (like Ibis Bucuresti Gara de Nord) or you can choose apartments near Unirii Square, that are also affordable for more than 2 people.



Important: Chose your hotel near the metro straions in order to move fast into the city. The map is on <a href="http://romaniatourism.com/maps/bucharest/subway map.html">http://romaniatourism.com/maps/bucharest/subway map.html</a>



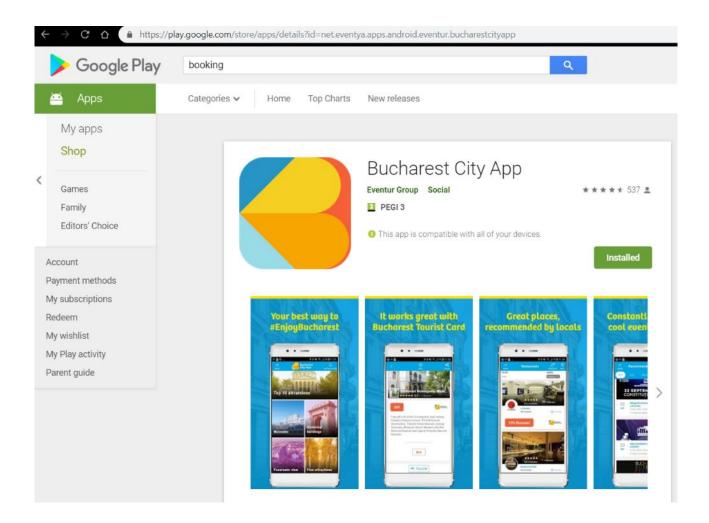
# **Bucharest Tourist Mobile Application**

In order to visit Bucharest, it is recommended to install on your mobile phones the IOS/Android app called **Bucharest City app**. You will find a lot of attraction and recommendations about our city. in the:

### Android Play Store

https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=net.eventya.apps.android.eventur.bucharestcityapp&hl=en

*Apple Store* <a href="https://itunes.apple.com/ro/app/bucharest-city-app/id1069870612?mt=8">https://itunes.apple.com/ro/app/bucharest-city-app/id1069870612?mt=8</a>

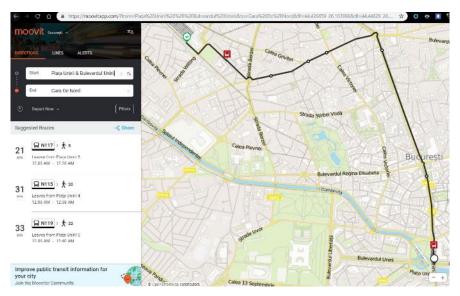


# **Bucharest Local Transportation**

### • Public transportation option

Public transportation in Bucharest is provided by a combination of buses, trolleybuses, trams and Metro that covers all the important areas of the city. Check the ticket prices and routes on <a href="http://stbsa.ro/eng/index.php">http://stbsa.ro/eng/index.php</a> or metro lines (<a href="http://www.metrorex.ro/">http://www.metrorex.ro/</a>)

A very useful tool for moving around Bucharest is **Moovit: Bus Times, Train Times & Live Updates**. You can download the mobile version from store or access <a href="https://moovitapp.com">https://moovitapp.com</a>



#### Taxi option

There are a lot of taxi companies in Bucharest, the most knew are:

Company name	Telephone	Mobile app.
Speed Taxi	+40 21 9477	
Taxi Meridian	+40 21 9444	MERIDIAN TAXI
Taxi Pelicanul	+40 21 9665	PELICANUL TAXI
Star taxi	+40 752 20 81 20	

If you are not sure, USE UBER!

## **Bucharest Atractions**

#### 1. Palace of the Parliament

The Parliament Palace, more commonly referred to as the People's House (Casa Poporului) is the closest thing to the idea of symbol of Bucharest. This bewilderingly monumental structure is the second largest administrative building in the world, only after the Pentagon and, with respect to its technical and architectural parameters, it is often compared with the Egyptian or Mexican pyramids. Thus, as far as the volume is concerned, the Parliament Palace is also the third largest after Cape Canaveral in the United States and the Keops Pyramid. The building stretches on a surface of 64,800 square meters and amounts to 86 meters in height, not to mention the 92-meter underground.



http://cic.cdep.ro/en/visiting/opening-hours-and-tariffs

https://goo.gl/maps/tY53mqxfUxy

## **Opening hours:**

• **March – October,** daily between 09:00 - 17:00 (last tour at 16:30)

#### 2. Cotroceni Palace / Museum

The Cotroceni Palace, headquarters of The Presidential Administration, is located in an area with a history of over three hundred years. Throughout the years, the Cotroceni ensemble underwent a series of changes but it always kept its religious and princely residential function.



http://www.muzeulcotroceni.ro/index eng.html
https://goo.gl/maps/1Av1KQb8c712

## **Opening hours:**

• **Tuesday - Saturday,** daily between 09:00 - 16:00

## 3. Piata Unirii (Unirii Square)

Piaţa Unirii / Unification Square or Union Square in English is one of the largest squares in central Bucharest, located in the center of the city. It is bisected by Unirii Boulevard, originally built during the Communist era as the Boulevard of the Victory of Socialism, and renamed after the Romanian Revolution.



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#### 4. Bucharest Old Town

The nightlife in Bucharest can be anything from flamboyant and extravagant to laid back and easy going. Be surprised and discover the main attractions of the "Little Paris of Eastern

Europe" in a beautiful guided city tour! The Old Town part of Bucharest, also called **Lipscani** after the main street that crosses the area, is so much filled with bars, pubs and restaurants, that sometimes it's nearly impossible to choose the best place for dancing and having fun.



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#### 5. Romanian Patriarchal Cathedral

The Romanian Orthodox Patriarchal Cathedral (also known as the Metropolitan Church) is a functioning religious and civic landmark, on Dealul Mitropoliei, in Bucharest, Romania. It is located near the Palace of the Chamber of Deputies of the Patriarchate of the Romanian Orthodox Church. Since it is a working cathedral, it is the site of many religious holidays and observances that take place for those who follow the Orthodox Christian faith in Bucharest, including a Palm Sunday pilgrimage.



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#### 6. Therme Bucharest

Located North of Bucharest, just 10 minutes away from the city, Therme București is a wellness concept for a modern lifestyle, dedicated to your well-being, that has an indoor temperature of 29-30 degrees Celsius and a water temperature of 33 degrees Celsius, every month of the year. The thermal water makes its way from deep underground to supply 9

pools, 6 saunas, 4 wet saunas and 16 water slides. This is a must see attraction if you have enough time. There are entrances of 3h, 4.5h or one day tickets (<a href="https://therme.ro/en/prices/">https://therme.ro/en/prices/</a>) and is convenient to buy it online.



https://therme.ro/en/ https://goo.gl/maps/kKU5XF1KDcC2 Compulsory: Swimsuits / Bathing suit

More on Bucharest city app.