

## **Guide to Bucharest**

### **Capital of Contrasts**

There is not just one Bucharest.

A place of contrasts and of paradoxes, a settlement built in the middle of a plain that seems endless, Bucharest gathers within its boundaries several towns that co-exist, ignoring one another. Side by side with the steel and glass buildings are old palaces reminding one of the opulence of past times. Parks with old trees make way for busy thoroughfares. And the old inns welcome their customers in a smart way, defying the modern glamour of the restaurants with more than one star on their door plates ...

Legend has it that the foundations of the town were laid centuries and centuries ago by a shepherd called Bucur. Nevertheless, an ancient story tells the myth of the Getic king Dromichaites and of the “city of joy (bucurie)” that the latter built where Bucharest lies today.

Historians, tolerant of the legend’s romanticism, have shown that Romania’s current capital has been inhabited since the Middle Palaeolithic and Neolithic times, owing to its favourable location for the traffic of people and goods. Traces of several Geto-Dacian dwellings dating back to 1800-800 BC and of Dacian and Roman settlements erected here between the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> centuries have been preserved.

During medieval times, the history of the town is dominated by the figure of the ruler Vlad Tepes (the Impaler). He relocated the residence of the Walachian princes from Târgoviste to Bucharest. It was also he one who issued the document that constitutes the first written certification of Bucharest as a settlement, on September 20<sup>th</sup>, 1459. In the second half of the 17<sup>th</sup> century, during

the reign of Gheorghe Ghica, Bucharest became the capital of Walachia – one of the three Romanian principalities at that time.

1859 is the year when, after the union of Moldavia and Walachia, the ruler Alexandru Ioan Cuza transforms Bucharest into the capital of the two united principalities. Bucharest becomes the capital of Romania in 1862.

Simultaneously, the city's cultural life starts throbbing more and more forcefully. In 1694, St. Sava Princely Academy was founded in Bucharest, one of the most important higher education institutions in this part of Europe. It is the very instance that finally marks the upsurge of Bucharest as far as culture, arts and science are concerned. From this point on, people start building palaces and churches that mingle, in an original way, local elements and Western architectural influences. In 1854, they open Cismigiu Park, about which the German Ferdinand Lassalle wrote: "it outclasses by far anything Germany could show".

The Academic Society is founded in 1866, while the University of Bucharest is opened in 1869 (initially, its building used to shelter other establishments too: the Senate, the Romanian Academy, the Central Library, the School of Fine Arts ...). Finally, the Romanian Athenaeum is opened in 1888. With a 1,000 seat concert hall, this building becomes an emblematic presence in the capital.

As far as mass media is concerned, Bucharest experienced a late development, yet steady and significant within an Eastern European context. The Universul newspaper comes out in 1884, the first consequential Romanian daily publication. In 1928, the Broadcasting radio station begins to transmit regularly on medium wave and later on short wave.

The first museums in Bucharest are opened during the same period – Grigore Antipa Museum of Natural History (1908), the National Military Museum (1914), the Village Museum (1936) (one of the most famous ethnographic museums in the world) and the Romanian Literature Museum

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(1957), which provides numerous manuscripts, documents, photographs and memorial objects illustrating the most significant moments of Romanian literature.

In 1950, the first large film studio in South-eastern Europe is built near Bucharest, in Buftea. The first black and white TV show in the country was launched on December 31<sup>st</sup>, 1956, on New Year's Eve. Animafilm studio, specialized in the production of animated movies was opened in 1964.

In the wake of the collapse of Communism, in 1989, Bucharest has had a stormy life where insecurity, fear of the unknown, hopes, rash initiatives and failure, talent and the mirages of the West were the basic elements of the bewildering image Bucharest offers nowadays.

Today, the capital is the largest Romanian city, with a 228 sqkm political, administrative and trading centre that brings together 10% of the country's population – 2,016,000 inhabitants. 14% of the labour force from all over the country is also concentrated here.

### **Figures that marked the life of Bucharest**



***Gheorghe Marinescu*** – 1863-1938 - having completed his studies at the Medical School in Bucharest, he made the first X-ray of a case of acromegaly. Ranking among the greatest scientists of his time, he was an eminent professor at the Neurology Department of the Medical School in Bucharest.

***Victor Babes*** – 1854-1926 – one of the founders of modern microbiology, and author of the first treaty on bacteriology in the world. Former professor of pathology and bacteriology within the Medical School in

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Bucharest, he made extremely important contributions to the study of rabies, tuberculosis etc.



***Ioan Cantacuzino*** – 1863-1934 – Romanian scientist, former professor at the Medical School in Bucharest, member of the Romanian Academy and founder of the institute that bears his name and of the modern school of microbiology and experimental medicine.

***Grigore Antipa*** – 1867-1944- Darwinist biologist, former director of the Natural History Museum of Bucharest – which presently bears his name – member of the Romanian Academy and of many other foreign academies. Founder of the Romanian hydrology and ichthyology school.



***Nicolae Iorga*** – 1871-1940 – outstanding figure of Romanian culture, the most prolific Romanian publisher (approximately 1,250 volumes

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published and 25,000 articles). Completing his studies in Paris, Berlin and Leipzig and obtaining the title of doctor (1893), at the age of 23 he becomes a corresponding member of the Romanian Academy. High-class European historian, energetic politician – he founded the National Democratic Party, and was minister and intimate of the royal family – Iorga was also prolific in literary history and criticism.

**Constantin I. Parhon** – 1874-1969 – Romanian endocrinologist and world famous scientist. A former professor at the University of Bucharest, member of the Romanian Academy and of other academies and scientific societies in the country and abroad, C.I. Parhon is the creator of the Romanian school of endocrinology and one of the founders of this science at an international level.



**Nicolae Titulescu** – 1882-1941 – one of the greatest diplomats of the past century. In 1912, he was elected member of the Parliament of Romania and made a significant contribution to the Trianon Treaty negotiations, in the wake of which Transylvania was given back to Romania. Starting from the 1920s, Titulescu entered the international political arena. He was Minister of foreign affairs, ambassador and president of the Nations League for two terms.

**Henri Coanda** – 1886-1972 – Bucharest-born inventor of the jet plane. On December 14<sup>th</sup>, 1910, he performed the first jet-propelled flight in the world on a plane built by him and driven by a jet engine. In 1934 he discovered the effect that is now known as the ‘Coanda effect’, with practical applications in various fields.



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**Costin D. Nenitescu** – 1902-1970 – a Chemistry professor at the Polytechnic Institute and University of Bucharest (1935-1970), member of the Romanian Academy and of several foreign academies (Leopoldina - 1963, Berlin - 1964, Munich - 1965, Moscow - 1966, Warsaw - 1967, Budapest - 1970). In 1970, in the FRG, he was granted the Hofmann Medal.

**Grigore Moisil** – 1906-1973 – member of the Romanian Academy, of the academy of Bologna and of the International Institute of Philosophy. He taught logic and computer science at the University of Bucharest as well as in other other parts of Europe. Today he is considered one of the pioneers of the application of symbolical logic in computer science.



**Mircea Eliade** - 1907-1986 – writer and philosopher, born in Bucharest. He established himself as an encyclopaedic spirit, always in the pursuit of the individual's true nature. At the age of 21, he started out for India where he studied Sanskrit, yoga and Indian philosophy. His doctorate thesis in philosophy

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was entitled 'Yoga: An Essay on the Origins of Indian Mysticism', the first exhaustive study on yoga written by a Westerner.

**Emil Cioran** – 1911-1995 - one of the most famous Romanian writers and philosophers of the past century. He graduated from the University of Bucharest in 1932 and belonged to the intellectual group that highly influenced Romanian culture between the two wars. Settled in Paris since 1937, he wrote his most important works in French: *On the Heights of Despair*, *Tears and Saints*, and *Exercices d'admiration*.



**Eugen Ionesco** – 1912-1994 – father of the theatre of the absurd, a real innovator of dramatic techniques. After obtaining his bachelor's degree at the University of Bucharest, he settled in Paris. His works, most of which are written in French, render the author's vision on the individual's fight for survival in a society that isolates and alienates people. Some of his famous works are: *The Lesson*, *The Chairs* and

*Rhinoceros*.

### **A City at the Crossroads**

Located at the meeting point of roads and cultures where East meets West, on the very border between strange and eccentric, Bucharest is one of the most cosmopolitan capitals in the world. There is a Bucharest of the Jews, one of the Armenians, another of the Bulgarians, another one of

the Hungarians ... Each of the almost 20 major ethnic communities that coexist in the capital today has its own Bucharest, the same way as lovers choose a star and make it their own as it suits them best.

**Albanians.** Through their propensity for trade, craftsmanship and science, they also left their mark on the life of Bucharest. The greatest 20<sup>th</sup> century Albanian poet, Lasgush Poradeci, published his first poetry volumes here. After a period of several years when the Cultural Union of Albanians represented the community at a political level as well, the 2000 elections marked the accession to the Parliament of a representative of the Albanian League in Romania.

**Armenians.** The majority of the Armenians in Romania – accounting for almost 1% of the country's population – live in Bucharest. The Diocese of the Armenian Church has been here ever since 1931. In 1990, after the Communist regime was overthrown, the Union of Armenians in Romania was established in Bucharest – a political and cultural organization owning, among other things, a printing office, a publishing house and two journals that have come out without interruption for the past 10 years.

**Bulgarians.** Today there are about 500 Bulgarians living in Bucharest. After the overthrow of the Communist regime, the Brastvo Community of Bulgarians in Romania was founded in Bucharest. The former Bulgarian school, teaching in Bulgarian, was reopened in the autumn of 1999.

The **Czechs and Slovaks** account for 0.12% of Romania's population. In Bucharest there operates a subsidiary of the Democratic Union of Slovaks and Czechs in Romania.

**Jews** constitute one of the largest ethnic communities in Bucharest– approximately 4,000 people. After 1990, this minority group was culturally and politically represented by the Federation of the Jewish Community of Romania, based in Bucharest. Ever since 1998, a centre of Judaic studies has also been operating in the capital.



**Germans.** In Bucharest there are approximately 4,400 Germans. At a political and cultural level their minority group is represented by the Democratic Forum of Germans in Romania. Each week, public television broadcasts 1- 1.5 hours of programs in German, while the public radio station dedicates an hour of broadcasting to them each day.

**Greeks** are represented by the Greek Union in Romania, founded in Bucharest at the time of the anti-communist revolution, on December 28<sup>th</sup>, 1989. The greatest part of this minority group in Romania is to be found in Bucharest. Since 1999, mixed classes where teaching is conducted in Greek have been available.

**Hungarians** represent a strong ethnic community in Bucharest. Immediately after the collapse of the Communist regime they were represented by the Hungarian Democratic Union in Romania.

**Poles.** The number of Poles in Bucharest is now approximately 360. Political emigration, which defined the history of this people, has left its mark on the Romanian capital as well. During the 1890s, approximately 3,000 Poles came to Bucharest. Many of them became known in the field of culture and science, for instance Izyodor Kopernicki – an outstanding anthropologist acknowledged later on throughout Europe. The importance of the Polish community in the capital is nowadays confirmed by the city's numerous streets that have Polish names.

**Ukrainians.** The Ukrainian Literature Department was set up within the Philology School of Bucharest in 1954. Today, both the political interests and the cultural and historical traditions of the Ukrainian community are represented by the Union of Ukrainians in Romania.

Other important ethnic communities in Bucharest are the Tatars, who periodically organize symposia and cultural events offering the possibility of studying Turkish and the Islamic religion, Roma, for whom a governmental policy was drawn up to improve their living standards, Italians, Serbs and Croatians.

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## **Cultural Life**

Bucharest is a bizarre and romantic city. One could talk about a Bucharest of music, a Bucharest of theatre featuring some of the most gifted European actors, a cultural Bucharest and a religious one. The elegant atmosphere of the city along with its exuberance won the capital the name 'Little Paris' some time ago. A name that you will find appropriate even today, should you have the curiosity to discover the heart of Bucharest. A good start would be to open your heart and let in the charm offered by ....

## **Old Stories**



**Curtea Veche (Old Court)** is one of the most romantic places in Bucharest, dominating the historical centre of the capital. Here are the vestiges of the court erected during the reign of Vlad Tepes Dracula (the Impaler) (the 15<sup>th</sup> century), ruler of Walachia. At the beginning of the 16<sup>th</sup> century, the palace became the official residence of the Wallachian rulers. Constantin Brâncoveanu (1688-

1714) and Stefan Cantacuzino (1714-1715) ennobled the building, adding stone columns, marble stairs and extremely valuable adornments.

The documents dating from that period describe vaulted halls, the Italian-style garden that used to surround the palace, as well as the glamorous parties that gathered crowds of people. In the 17<sup>th</sup> century, during the rule of Matei Basarab, the area of the princely court reached 25,000 sqm. Over the years, the Old Court was destroyed by fires and earthquakes, and only the vestiges discovered in 1958 still remind us of the glamour of the old days.

**Hanul lui Manuc (Manuc's Inn)**, built between 1804 and 1808 by a rich Armenian, is the only inn preserved from

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that period. The building used to stand right in the commercial centre of the town – on Lipscani Street – and was famous for the noise, commotion and the colourful society it used to attract. One of the best examples of old Wallachian urban architecture, Hanul lui Manuc has to this day preserved its style and atmosphere, currently being used as a hotel, restaurant and wine cellar.



**Lipscani Street** used to be the heart of Bucharest. Its name comes from Lipsca (Leipzig), which evokes the highly dynamic commercial life of Walachia. Even prior to the official foundation of Bucharest (September 20<sup>th</sup>, 1459), Lipscani was seen as the heart of the city. After the settlement of the political and economic centre at Curtea Veche, numerous guilds gathered around it – furriers, shoe makers, boiler makers, saddlers, grocers... Many of the adjoining streets still bear such names.

This area also gathered communities of Greek, Bulgarian, Serb, Armenian, Jewish, Albanian and Austrian merchants, along with Romanians. This mosaic of civilizations is also reflected in the architecture of the place. One can still see houses built in completely different styles: Renaissance, baroque and neoclassic, or even displaying a fusion of all these. A mixture of deluxe and poverty, glamour and misery, Lipscani Street still evokes the way West and East meet on Romanian land.

**The National Bank** – built between 1884 - 1890 according to the plans of architects Albert Galleron and Cassien Bernard – stands at the end of Lipscani Street at the corner with

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Smârdan Street. Real proof of the neoclassical French style, the building has been declared and protected as a historical and art monument.



**Carul cu Bere** (1875- 1879) is one of the most famous restaurants and ale houses in Bucharest where guests are invited in to experience a neo-Gothic décor. Its facades, columns, vaults and candelabra, its wooden stairs and furniture all preserve the tone of this style. At the beginning of the past century, this was the meeting place of writers and politicians.

**The University of Bucharest** is located in Piata Universitatii, which represents not only Romania's zero milestone but a special kind of public space as well. It's the place where ideas are debated, where crowds come out in times of celebration, but also of panic and sorrow. The foundations of the University building were laid in 1857, but construction was completed only in 1869. At that time, the University used to bring together the Schools of Law, Sciences, Letters and Philosophy. Its golden age was the period between the wars when the university was considered one of the most important in the world, along with centres such as Columbia University of New York, and the Universities of Paris, London and New York.



**The Arch of Triumph**, located in the centre of the Third Round Square of Bucharest, was erected in 1922 upon proclamation of the Union of all Romanians, in the wake of the victory of the Romanian armies in the 1916-1919 war. The valuable work of architect Petre Antonescu, the Arch

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of Triumph preserves the style of the Arch of Triumph in Paris. The building is adorned on all four sides with numerous inscriptions and remarkable bas-reliefs. Famous sculptors such as Ion Jalea, Cornel Medrea and Frederick Storck have made their contributions in the finishing of this monument.

**The Romanian Athenaeum** is one of the most beautiful buildings in Bucharest. Built between 1886 and 1888, to the plans of French architect Albert Galleron, it is a symbol of the elegance and glamour the town used to show, especially in the inter-war period. Exactly as in those times, it hosts some of the most accomplished concerts and cultural events in this part of Europe. Its concert hall has a capacity of 10,000 seats. Address: Str. Franklin 1, phone: +40-21-315.87.98.



### ***Bucharest's Palaces. Distinction and Elegance***



**Cotroceni Palace** was built in 1893 by French architect Paul Gottereau to serve as the permanent residence for prince heir Ferdinand. A building that combines the French eclectic with the Neo-Romanian style, this palace reveals its sumptuousness as soon as you get inside. The monumental stairs, surrounded by large galleries built in the French neo-Baroque style, resemble the Great Opera in Paris, which actually served as its model. After 1977, the palace was used by former dictator Nicolae Ceausescu as a guesthouse. In 1991, the building became the official residence of the President of Romania. It is also from that

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moment on that Cotroceni National Museum was opened to the public. Address: Blvd. Geniului nr. 1, Bucharest, phone: +40-21-430.44.85.

**Mogosoia Palace (Brancoveanu Palace).** 14 kilometres away from Bucharest, in the middle of a park, stands the palace erected in 1698 at the order of the ruler Constantin Brâncoveanu. The building was restored and consolidated in 1860. Surrounded by a huge yard, the palace has a vaulted cellar, a ground floor with several rooms and a first floor comprising the princely



apartments. The façade, influenced by the Venetian architectural style, is dominated by a balcony, arches and columns typical of Brâncovan art. In 1957, the palace was transformed into the Brâncovan Museum displaying valuable painting exhibitions, wood and stone sculptures, rare books and old manuscripts. Address: Str. Valea Parcului 1, phone: +40-21-312.88.94.



**Cantacuzino Palace**, located in one of the oldest boulevards in Bucharest, Calea Victoriei, was the residence of Gheorghe Grigore Cantacuzino, the 'Mogul', one of the richest Romanians at the beginning of the past century. Erected at the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, it is of a Baroque style, according to the plans of architect I.D.

Berindei. In 1956, the palace was transformed into the George Enescu Memorial Museum – dedicated to the great Romanian composer and conductor. Address: Calea Victoriei nr. 141, Bucharest, phone: +40-21-212.96.50/49

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**The Royal Palace** is located in the centre of Bucharest, among other historical buildings such as Kretzulescu Church, the Romanian Athenaeum, the Central University Library and Athenee Palace-Hilton Hotel. The building was erected between 1927 and 1937 according to the plans of Romanian architect D. Niculescu. In 1948, after the monarchy was abolished, the palace became the headquarters to the National Art Museum. Address: Calea Victoriei nr. 49-53, Bucharest, phone +40-21-314.81.10



**Sutu Palace.** Built between 1833 and 1834 in neo-Gothic style with Romanticist influences, the palace belonged to the Minister of Foreign Affairs at the time, Constantin Sutu. Located at the 0 milestone of Bucharest, the palace was famous for the sumptuous balls it used to host. Restored in 1958, the building now houses Bucharest's History and Art Museum. Address: Blvd. Ion Bratianu nr.2, Bucharest, phone: +40-21-313.85.15

**Stirbei Palace** was erected in 1833 - 1835 in a neo-classic style, according to the plans of French architect Sanjouand. This elegant building with numerous Greek elements belonged for a period of time to the family of Prince Stirbei. At present it hosts the Ceramics and Glass Museum. Address: Calea Victoriei 107.



**The Palace of Parliament.** The second largest building in the world, after the Pentagon, the Palace of Parliament

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was erected between 1984 and 1989 at the order of former president Nicolae Ceausescu. Currently, the Palace of Parliament is the largest administrative building in Europe, with an internal area of 265,000 sqm. After the revolution of December 1989, the palace became the headquarters of the Parliament of Romania. Since 1994, the building has also hosted the International Conference Centre. Address: Calea 13 Septembrie nr.1, Bucharest, phone/fax +40-21-311-36-11; phone: +40-21-311.36.14 (International Conference Centre).

**The Palace of Justice** is one of Bucharest's French Renaissance style buildings. Erected between 1890 and 1895, according to the plans of architect A. Ballu, the building was finished by the great Romanian architect Ion Mincu. The statues guarding the entrance are the works of K. Storck and symbolize Law, Fairness, Justice, Truth, Force and Caution.



### ***Valuable Exhibitions***

A people's soul, talent and curiosity, its propensity to knowledge and beauty, the spirit to have faced the time and undergone the trials of history can be discovered in museums. This is the heritage that preserves values over time and brings them to the present day. From this point of view, Bucharest is a rich city. And you can be convinced of this by visiting ...



**The Village Museum.** Located in the northern part of Bucharest, in Herastrau Park, it is one of the most valuable places of this kind in the world. Starting from 1935, peasant households from all over the country were brought here piece by piece. This is the place where you can discover more than 50 households, workshops, churches, mills and



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votive crucifixes – examples of the traditional architecture and folklore from Romania’s most beautiful regions. Address: Soseaua Kiseleff 28-39, phone: +40-21-22.91.10.

**The National Art Museum.** In 1948, after the abolition of the monarchy, the Royal Palace became the headquarters of the National Art Museum. Opened in 1950, the National Gallery houses the works of several famous painters such as Theodor Aman, Nicolae Grigorescu, Stefan Luchian, Nicolae Tonitza and Theodor Pallady, and of several sculptors such as Dimitrie Paciurea, Constantin Medrea, Ion Jalea and the famous Constantin Brâncusi.



Most spectacular is the European Gallery, opened in 1951 and is made up of 15 halls. Paintings and sculptures by Rembrandt, Veneziano, Titian, Tintoretto, Zurbaran, El Greco, Renoir, Monet, Pissaro, Breughel Delacroix, Sisley and Rubens are exhibited here. The patrimony of the museum also comprises 4,000 engravings and drawings by various famous Romanian or foreign artists. Address: Calea Victoriei 45-53, Phone: +40-21-313,-.30.30, [national.art@art.museum.ro](mailto:national.art@art.museum.ro), <http://art.museum.ro>



**George Enescu Memorial Museum** is dedicated to the most famous Romanian composer. Sheltered by Cantacuzino Palace, the museum exhibits numerous documents and personal objects of the musician. Along with the violin that Enescu received as a gift at the age of 4, one can also find here some scores of his famous works, diplomas and his medals including that of the French Legion of Honour.

Address: Calea Victoriei 141, phone: +40-21-659.63.65.

**Bucharest Municipality History and Arts Museum** – housed by the Sutut Palace – exhibits works and objects that evoke the Bucharest of the end of the 17<sup>th</sup> century and the beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Its



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collections comprise about 300,000 items, ranging from coins, photos, engravings and paintings, to old costumes. The most valuable exhibits include the gem arrow of Constantin Brâncoveanu and the first document certifying the name of the city of Bucharest, signed by Vlad Tepes, 'Dracula', in 1459. Address: Blvd. Bratianu 2, phone: +40-21-313.85.15, [mistorie@sutu.rnc.ro](mailto:mistorie@sutu.rnc.ro)



**The National History Museum.** The sumptuous exterior built in neoclassic style prepares for the surprising interior. Here are valuable collections of fossils, jewellery, tools and weapons presenting more than 2,000 years of Romanian history. You will discover herean exhibition called 'You were watched, too' revealing the surveillance techniques of the former Communist Secret Service, the Securitatea.

Address: Calea Victoriei 12, phone: +40-21-315.70.56.

**Grigore Antipa Natural History Museum** is one of the most fascinating places in Bucharest. It is the largest and oldest museum of the kind in all Danubian countries, reuniting more than 3,000,000 exhibits, among which is the richest and most important collection of butterflies in the whole word. Address: Soseaua Kiseleff 1, phone: +40-21-312.88.26.



**Theodor Aman Museum** exhibits most of the artist's works (paintings and sculptures). Through its nine halls, the museum renders the painter's professional evolution. After spending eight years in Paris, Aman (1831-1891) returned to the country and settled the foundations of the Romanian Academy of Fine Arts. Today, the museum is hosted right in the artist's former house. Address: Str. C.A. Rosetti 8,

phone: +40-21-314.58.12.

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**The Romanian Peasant's Museum.** In many people's opinion, the Romanian Peasant's Museum is the best museum in Bucharest. Well-framed exhibits evoke for the visitor all the details of countryside life in the past centuries. The *Communist Iconography* section at the basement is extremely fascinating. Address: Sos. Kiseleff 3, phone. +40-21-650 53 60, Fax. +40-21-312 98 75, [muztar@rnc.ro](mailto:muztar@rnc.ro), [www.itc.ro/mtr/tar\\_e.htm](http://www.itc.ro/mtr/tar_e.htm).



**Theodor Pallady Museum – Melik House.** This museum exhibits canvasses painted by Pallady, two of his sketches and appropriate pieces of art. The museum is housed by the beautiful Melik house – recently restored – built around 1750 by the Armenian Hagi Kevork Nazaretoglu. The building is now the oldest house in Bucharest. On Saturdays, drawing lessons for children are organised here. The museum is closed every Monday and Tuesday. Address: Str. Spatarului 22, phone. +40-21-211 49 79.

**Zambaccian Museum.** This is the opportunity to see an impressive collection including the only Cezanne in Romania, as well as the best paintings by the Romanian painters Luchian, Tonitza and Pallady. Address: Str. Muzeul Zambaccian 21 A, phone. +40-21-230 19 20.



### ***Stories of Faith***

In Bucharest, a church will always be the centre of the city regardless of its location. Around the zero milestone of Bucharest – the place from which the distance between all the other cities and the capital is measured – is a genuine mosaic of religious architecture: a typically Russian church,

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an Italian one, an Armenian one, an Anglican chapel, a Greek church, a Catholic church, a mosque and a synagogue. Some of the most important places of worship are ...



**Stavropoleus Church**, located on the street of the same name – near Lipscani – is the oldest building that is still standing in Bucharest. It was built in 1724 courtesy of a Greek monk, Ioanichie, and is a small church built in the Byzantine style, with a brick facade. The place bears the mark of the late Brâncovan style, while in the back part

there is a small yard with numerous columns and graves. This 'chiosstro' was built in 1899 by Ion Mincu, one of the most important Romanian architects. Address: Str. Stavropoleus, nr. 4.

**The Patriarchal Cathedral**, the centre of Romanian orthodoxy, is located on the only hill in Bucharest – Mitropoliei Hill – near Piata Unirii. The Walachian ruler Serban Basarab set its foundations in 1655 and ruler Constantin Brâncoveanu finished the construction in 1698. An impressive building – 28 m long on the inside, with a



14.6 m nave – this place of worship is home to all official religious ceremonies. It is here that the Bible of Bucharest was drawn up in 1688– the first complete translation of the Bible in Romanian. This is an extremely valuable work, which played an important part in the development of the Romanian literary language. Address: Aleea Dealul Mitropoliei, nr. 21.



**Antim Monastery** was built between 1714 and 1715 by Bishop Antim Ivireanu, one of the most prominent cultural figures at the time of Constantin Brâncoveanu's reign. Today the monastery is one of Bucharest's most beautiful architectural monuments. From the point of view of its adornments and concept, it is illustrative of the

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Brâncovan style. K. Stork is the artist that left its mark on this building, adding several sculptures of matchless beauty. Address: Str. Mitropolit Antim Ivireanu, nr. 29.

**Kretzulescu Church** is one of the monuments that best depict the spirit of Brâncovan art and architecture. This place was built between 1720-1722 courtesy of Chancellor Iordache Kretzulescu and of his wife Sava (one of Constantin Brâncoveanu's daughters). Its interior frescos were the work of Gheorghe Tattarescu (1859-1860). Address: Calea Victoriei, nr. 45A.



**Saint Joseph's Cathedral** is also known by the name of the Catholic Cathedral. This austere red-brick building would seem more at home in a picture of an English town. Located in the centre of Bucharest, on General Berthelot Street, it brings an extra charm to the capital's eclectic landscape. Address: G-ral Henry Mathias Berthelot, nr. 15.

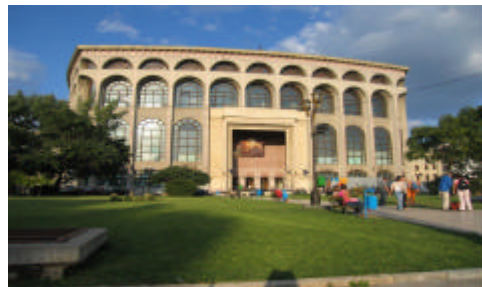
**The Anglican Church.** Made of red brick, this Anglican Church offers religious services in English every Sunday at 10:00. Address: Str. Xenopol 2.

### ***Capital of the Theatre***

For almost half a century, the world's newspapers have been calling Bucharest the 'capital of the theatre'. This phrase refers to every performance of international value that has just been staged in Romania. Talent and excellence are already familiar notions. Theatre is to the inhabitants of Bucharest what music is to the Italians: it preoccupies them, it haunts them, it obsesses them. They love it.

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**The National Theatre** is the institution whose history intermingles with that of Romanian drama. Inaugurated in 1852, it has staged the plays of some of the world's greatest playwrights – from the classics to the contemporaries. In over 150 years of existence, the Bucharest National Theatre has succeeded in performing



the most beautiful and significant plays of the international repertoire. Upon its foundation, the first repertoire included plays written by Voltaire, Moliere, Schiller and Alfieri. Shakespeare was performed for the first time in 1861, Ibsen in 1895, Maxim Gorki in 1915, Tolstoi in 1919, and A.P. Cehov in 1923. Its old building was bombed towards the end of World War II, and since 1973 the theatre has been operating in a modern building that has an area of 10,000 sqm and is equipped with the most effective technology in the country. Address: Blvd. Nicolae Balcescu 2, phone: +40-21-313.63.48.



**Bulandra Theatre** was built towards the end of 1940s around the artistic personality of Lucia Sturdza Bulandra. In 1991, in acknowledgement of the artistic achievements of the Theatre, Bulandra became a member with full rights of the Union of European Theatres, the most important continental theatrical forum, along with other famous

European theatrical companies such as: Odeon Theatre de l'Europe Paris; Piccolo Teatro di Milano; Royal Shakespeare Company; Theatre Lliure and Barcelona... Address: Str. Jean Louis Calderon 76, phone: +40-21-211.34.41.

**Nottara Theatre** was founded in 1947 under the name of Army's Theatre. Fifty years of continuous experience in the

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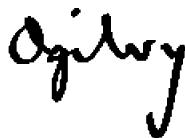
heart of the capital won the theatre well deserved popularity while the longevity of its performances could only be countered by the fame of the artists of the theatres on Magheru Blvd. Part of the top-notch group of the most prestigious theatres in Romania, Nottara Theatre has staged over the years some of the most representative plays by famous classical and contemporary authors from world and national drama. Address: Blvd. Magheru 20, phone: +40-21-212.52.89.

**The Comedy Theatre** was inaugurated in 1961 by the great Romanian actor Radu Beligan as manager. By January 2002, when the Comedy Theatre celebrated 42 years of existence, there had been 116 premieres and 35 international tours. Address: Str. Sfântu Dumitru 2, phone: +40-21-315.91.37.

**Odeon Theatre**, one of the most representative theatres of Bucharest, was founded in 1946. Inaugurated in 1974, within the premises of the old theatre built between the two wars, the Majestic Hall of the Odeon Theatre is the smartest theatre hall in Bucharest and the only one in Europe with a gliding ceiling. Odeon Theatre has accustomed its audience to a successful repertoire, classic and contemporary, national and international. Address: Calea Victoriei 40-42, phone: +40-21-314.72.34.



**The Romanian Opera House.** The tradition of Romanian lyrical theatre dates back more than two centuries. Ever since 1772, Bucharest has had an opera company. Nevertheless it was only in 1919 that the Romanian Opera House was founded. Yet ever since that time the country's first lyrical stage has enjoyed intense activity. Its repertoire included over 150 plays and ballets, of great variety, from the great international repertoire. Special attention was given to the Romanian creations which underwent an uncommon development due to the works of several composers such as George Enescu, Gheorghe Dumitrescu, Alfred Mendelsohn, Zeno Vancea, Mircea Kiriac, Cornel Trailescu, Laurentiu Profeta etc. The new premises



of the Romanian Opera House, erected in 1953, provided an even more sumptuous frame to proceedings. Address: Blvd. Mihail Kogalniceanu, no. 70, phone: +40-21-314.69.80.

For those who love culture, other points of reference in Bucharest are also the ...

#### *Art Galleries*

**Apollo Gallery** – is a gallery exhibiting numerous valuable paintings and sculptures. It is located in the centre of the city, close to the National Theatre. Address: Blvd. Nicolae Balcescu 1, phone: +40-21-313.50.10. Open daily from 11:00 to 19:00. Sunday – closed.

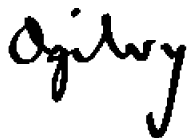
**Dominus Gallery** – another famous gallery also very close to Bucharest's 0 milestone. Address: Blvd. Nicolae Balcescu 2, phone: +40-21-313.27.15, Fax: +40-21-312.05.20. Open daily from 11:00 to 19:00. Sunday – closed.

**Klaus & Andrews Gallery** is located close to the National History Museum. Address: Calea Victoriei 12. Open from 10:00 to 17:00. Sunday – closed.

**Nemtoi Gallery** is the place where one can find glassware and ingenious ideas for all kinds of presents. Address: Calea Victoriei 126, phone/Fax: +40-21-212.75.86, [nemtoi\\_gallery@hotmail.com](mailto:nemtoi_gallery@hotmail.com). Open daily from 10:00 to 20:00. Sunday – closed.

**Galateea Gallery.** Glass works of great sophistication. Address: Calea Victoriei 132  
**phone:** +40-21- 212 82 10. Open daily from 10:00 to 18:00, Saturday – from 10:00 to 14:00, Sunday – closed.





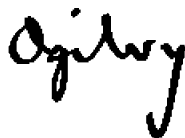
**Orizont Galleries.** A wide space with numerous paintings, sculptures and objects made of glass and ceramics. Address: Blvd. Nicolae Balcescu 23A. Open daily: from 10:30 to 18:30. Monday from 11:30 to 18:00, Saturday from 10:00 to 14:00, Sunday – closed.

**Simeza Galleries** offer numerous exhibitions showcasing Romanian artists. Address: Blvd. Magheru 20, phone: +40-21-659 75 80. Open daily: from 10:00 to 18:00, Saturday from 10:00 to 14:00, Sunday – closed.

#### *Concert Halls*

**The Romanian Athenaeum.** On March 5<sup>th</sup>, 1889, the first symphonic concert by the Philharmonic Orchestra of Bucharest took place in the hall of the Romanian Athenaeum. This hall, inaugurated in 1888, became a real symbol of Romanian culture and nationality as even to this day it continues to house Romania's first symphonic orchestra as well as the performances of many international famous artists that are permanently invited here. One season here includes around 400 symphonic concerts, recitals, chamber music concerts, over 50 educational concerts, an intense discographic activity and many tours to the European countries, as well as in China, Korea, Singapore and Japan. Address: Str. Franklin 1, phone: +40-21-315.68.75.

**The Radio Hall** houses the Radio National Orchestra's performances. Initiated in 1928, the first time the ensemble participated in the public seasons' circuit was in 1932. Since that time, these seasons are regularly held from October to June. Records made for radio, discography, television filming, as well as live broadcasts (sometimes an international broadcast by the European Radio Union) of season's concerts have seen the productions of this elite ensemble rewarded with many national and international distinctions: 'Charles Cros', France; 'Puerta del Sol', Uruguay; and 'Koussevitzky', USA. The tours carried out over the years have confirmed the Radio National



Orchestra as one of the most prestigious ensembles among the world's current broadcasting stations.  
Address: Str. Berthelot 60-64, phone: +40-21-314.68.00.

### *Cinemas*

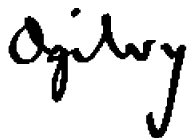
**Hollywood Multiplex** is the most modern cinema in Romania. Opened at the end of 2000, it provides a glamorous décor, bright and modern. Comfortable armchairs with props for drinks and enough room for relaxation, 10 cinema halls with air conditioning, 2,140 seats and 48 shows a day are just some of the facilities provided. Hollywood Multiplex is represented in Romania by Intercom of Hungary, a company set up by Andrew G. Vajna, one of the most influential producers in Hollywood. Address: Calea Vitin 55-59, phone: +40-21- 327.70.20.

**Cinemateca (Romanian Classics Cinema)** enjoys a well-defined status. It is the destination of those who love classic movies. Here you can watch gems that entered the archives of Hollywood a long time ago, as well as numerous Romanian films. Address: Str. Eforie 2, phone: +40-21-313.4.83.

**Cotroceni / Glendale Studio** targets serious audiences of film connoisseurs. The place is affordable, offering the extra advantage of late shows at hours when the other cinemas usually close their doors. Address: Soseaua Cotroceni 9, phone: + 40-21-212.64.41.

**Corso** is located close to the centre, in a residential area. A small place of architectural interest, this cinema offers a 300-seat hall, Western-like conditions and an intimate atmosphere perfect for enjoying a good movie. It runs five projections a day. Address: Blvd. Elisabeta 7, phone: +40-21-315.13.34.

**Cinema Lira** is a smart, intimate and modern place, seemingly designed for couples wishing to enjoy a special night. The large screen in compliance with Western standards is one of its major



assets. During the weekend, there are 15 showings a day. Address: Calea 13 Septembrie 196, phone: +40-21-410.21.71.

**Cinema Patria** offers a modern space, a high-quality screen and 1,000 seats. Located in the centre of the city, this cinema is appreciated for its Western atmosphere, inspired mostly by its large halls and by the use of the latest technology and productions. Address: Blvd. Magheru 12-14, phone: +40-21-211.86.25.

**Cinema Scala** is located 30 m away from Patria, on the same street. Don't let yourself be taken in by its rather un-tempting front! Inside, you walk on marble and you find a space arranged according to Western standards. Address: Blvd. Magheru 2-4, phone: +40-21-211.03.72.

**Cinema Studio** is close to Piata Romana, one of the most dynamic and glamorous places in Bucharest. It is a cinema close at hand, the ideal destination when you are downtown and feel like watching a movie. Address: Blvd. Magheru 29, phone: +40-21-212.81.57.

**Elvira Popesco** is a smart cinema managed by the French Institute. A place dedicated to French productions: movies, plays or concerts. Address: Blvd. Dacia 77, phone: +40-21-210.02.24.

**Luceafarul** is central, massive, inexpensive, with painted scenes inspired by the movies, typical of the former Communist countries. Address: Blvd. Bratianu 6, phone. +40-21-315 87 67.

**Europa**, where one can peacefully enjoy good, less commercial movies. Address: Calea Mosilor 127, phone. +40-21-314 27 14.

### *Cultural Centres*

**The French Institute** is the oldest French cultural centre in Bucharest. It dates from 1923 and is hosted by one of the capital's most impressive buildings. Over time, famous figures such as

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Dupront, Focillon and Barthes have worked here, trying to spread the image of France and to convey its cultural values to a Latin, Francophone and Francophile people such as the Romanians. At present, the institute provides courses in French, a huge library – covering around 35,000 documents – projections in its own cinema hall and weekly workshops on topics such as Europe, social philosophical and literary issues. During the year numerous cultural events dedicated to theatre, music and visual arts are organized here. Address: Blvd. Dacia 77, phone: +40-21-210.02.24, Fax: +40-21-210.02.25.



**The British Council**, an English heart beating in the centre of Bucharest. The library located upstairs is impressive and permanently updated with the latest publications (including video tapes, CDs and DVDs). You can also find British newspapers and magazines. In the basement is a study centre where courses in English are held. The certificates granted by this establishment are quite valuable. In the yard is a British café and an Internet café. Address: Calea Dorobantilor 14, phone: +40-21-307 96 04/307 96 00, Fax: +40-21-307 96 01.

**Goethe Institute** offers intensive courses in German that are held in two series each year, exams to certify competence in the German language, a rich library and numerous cultural events. Address: Str. Henri Coanda 22, phone: +40-21-210.41.18, Fax: +40-21-312.05.85, [goebibl@fx.ro](mailto:goebibl@fx.ro), [www.goehe.de/bukarest](http://www.goehe.de/bukarest).



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**Cervantes Institute** is surely the place where you can find everything you want to know about Spain. Relatively new – in Romania it was opened in 1991 – this establishment organizes courses in Spanish, exams for the assessment of linguistic knowledge – further to which one can receive the Spanish speaker DELE certificate – cultural events and different workshops. The extremely rich library is equipped with the latest multimedia technology. Address: Str. Serghiescu 12, phone: +40-21-230.13.54, Fax: +40-21-230.34.64, [cenbuc@cervantes.es](mailto:cenbuc@cervantes.es), [www.cervantes.es](http://www.cervantes.es).



**The Italian Cultural Institute** organizes concerts, recitals, exhibitions of Italian artists in Romania, round tables and courses in Italian. The library has an on-line catalogue with approximately 10,000 titles in Italian. There is also great demand for Italian courses provided by this establishment; an early appointment is needed to ensure a place. Address: Aleea Alexandru 41, phone: +40-21-322.71.72, fax: +40-21-323.48.41.

**Petőfi Sandor Cultural Club** A generous range of Hungarian movies, performances and workshops meant to bring Hungarian and Romanian culture closer together. Address: Str. Zalomit 6, phone: +40-21-314 98 80.

**The Hungarian Cultural Club.** A smart building that shelters a library rich in Hungarian literature, numerous exhibitions and a theatre that frequently stages various performances. Address: Str. Batistei 39, phone: +40-21-210 48 84, Fax: +40-21-210 48 11.

**The Polish Institute** offers a vast library and courses in Polish. Address: Str. Al. Constantinescu 46-48, apt. 1, phone: +40-21-224 45 56, Fax: +40-21-224 56 93.

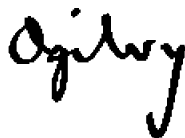
**The Czech Centre.** Improve your knowledge of Czech arts and literature here. Address: Str. Ion Ghica 11, phone: +40-21-312 25 37, Fax: +40-21-312 25 37.

### **An Expressive City**

After the fall of the Communist regime in 1989, Bucharest – as well as Romania as a whole – experienced a real informational boom. The passage from the censorship imposed by the Communist Party that used to control all information conveyed to the public to absolute freedom was completed in merely a few weeks.

The result was that, after 1990, an impressive number of newspapers, magazines, printing houses, radio and television stations and news agencies appeared overnight. All these belonged to the private sector. The only ones left in the public sector today are Rompres National News Agency, National Broadcasting Company – with programmes in 17 languages – and the National Television Company. The latter annually offers over 13,000 hours of shows on its three channels: TVR1, TVR2 and TVR international.

In 1990, the main national daily papers - Adevarul, România Libera, Evenimentul Zilei, National, Ziua, Cotidianul, Libertatea and Cronica Româna – had a circulation of over a million copies a day. That outburst came to an end, and the circulation of the central papers ranges between 50,000 and 200,000 copies. The most popular national television channels today are ProTv, Antena 1, Prima Tv, TVR1, B1 Tv.



All the publications bellow are published in English and most of them can be found in the city's hotel lobbies. Their purpose is to create a sense of community among the expatriates that spend more time in Bucharest...

**Bucharest Business Week.** National newspaper with rather gossip-oriented slant. Address: Str. Ion Filibiliu 6, Phone. +40-21-326 05 27 / 326 05 28, Fax. +40-21-326 05 32, [editor@bbw.ro](mailto:editor@bbw.ro), [sales@bbw.ro](mailto:sales@bbw.ro), [www.bbw.ro](http://www.bbw.ro).

**The Business Review.** This publication boasts articles that are very well supported by information, on topics from the realms of business, politics and culture. It also provides a new daily e-mail service, the Workbook year book, and the Romanian business review, which is issued two times a month, Biz. Address: Blvd. Regina Maria 1, bl. P5B, apt. 10-11, phone +40-21-335 34 73, Fax. +40-21-335 34 74, [editorial@bmg.ro](mailto:editorial@bmg.ro), [sales@bmg.ro](mailto:sales@bmg.ro), [www.businessromania.com](http://www.businessromania.com), [www.businessromania.com](http://www.businessromania.com).

**Expat Life.** An interesting paper abundant in opinion, entertainment and up-to-date information. Address: Str. Iuliu Tetrat 24, phone. +40-21-230 20 46, Fax. 310 33 05, [expat\\_life@hotmail.com](mailto:expat_life@hotmail.com).

**Nine O'Clock** is the only Romanian daily paper in English. Address: Splaiul Independentei 202A, phone. +40-21-222 82 80, Fax 223 35 13, [nine@nineoclock.ro](mailto:nine@nineoclock.ro), [www.nineoclock.ro](http://www.nineoclock.ro).

**Vivid.** A serious publication which has established itself thanks to its political approach and ability to attract the best Romanian and foreign writers. Address: Str. Petre Cretu 32, phone. +40-21-224 54 61, Fax. +40-21-224 54 62, [info@vivid.ro](mailto:info@vivid.ro)

### **Green Oases**

Away from the noisy boulevards, swathed in greenery and sprinkled with winding paths, Bucharest's parks are a real blessing for those who had enough of the maddening rhythm of the

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city. Mysterious places drowned in luxurious vegetation, they beam with life. They have their own atmosphere that evokes the magic of old stories.



**Cismigiu Park** already has a history that dates back more than a century and a half. The oldest and the smartest park in Bucharest, it covers an area of 17 ha. This is a unique opportunity to find peace and relaxation right in the core of the city. Designed in the Romanticist style by an Austrian landscape gardener in the mid 19<sup>th</sup> century, Cismigiu is made up of a French garden in the western part, the authors' area and the Roman area, a rose garden in the northern part and three lakes. With its paved or asphalted alleys, either large or narrow and sinuous, and its hundred-year-old trees, Cismigiu is a blessed oasis in the middle of the turbulent city. Located between Blvd Regina Elisabeta, Calea Victoriei, Str. Stirbei Voda and Blvd. Schitu Magureanu.

**Herastrau Park** is the largest entertainment area in Bucharest, with an area of 77 ha. Ever since it was laid out in 1939, people have developed the habit of visiting it well dressed, as if it were a concert hall or a smart place. With its large alleys and well cared for flowered beds, statues, columns, elegant footbridges



and thousands of willows, Herastrau is a place that overwhelms the tourist with its air of grandeur. In this landscape, even restaurants, terraces and pools are given a special dimension. Its main entrance is located close to the House of Press – on Soseaua Kiseleff. A good alternative to get there is bus 105 from Gara de Nord (the Northern Railway Station).



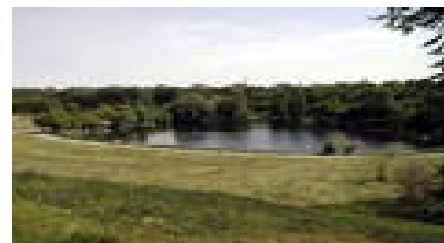
**Carol Park** has already a story that spins over a century. Located on Dealul Filaret, this park harmoniously combines areas such as Arenele Romane (Roman Arenas), host to boxing and



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wrestling competitions, the Museum of Technique, the grave of the unknown soldier and the Astronomical Institute of the Romanian Academy. With a surface of 2 ha, the lake represents in itself one of the attractions of Carol Park. With its winding alleys lined with strong trees, this park is a picturesque place where one can rest at ease. You can get there by tram N°15, 23, 30 or by bus N°232, if you get off at Parcul Libertatii station.

**Tineretului Park.** Very wide and extremely popular, this park is to be found in the southern part of the city. Besides the lake, which is the actual heart of the entire park, the place offers great entertainment such as the carting track and a little steam train. The entrance is located on Calea Serban Voda and you can easily get there by underground (get off at Tineretului station).



**The Botanical Garden** is a favourite weekend and leisure-based destination of the inhabitants of Bucharest. Founded in 1855, the garden is made up of an impressive collection of trees and rare plants from Romanian and Mediterranean flora. Twisted among lakes and gentle hills, the garden is located in the neighbourhood of Cotroceni Palace. Take the 336 bus from the University and get off right at the Gradina Botanica station. Sos. Cotroceni, phone: +40-21-410 91 39.

**Baneasa Forest**, 10 km away from Bucharest, is one of the most beautiful places for rest in the vicinity of the capital. Apart from the numerous restaurants and terraces here, one of the main attractions of the area is the zoo, gathering innumerable species of animals and birds.



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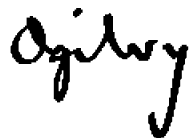
**Snagov Forest and Lake** are located 35 km away from Bucharest, along the highway to Ploiesti. Away from the commotion of the city, under the shadow of luxuriant vegetation and lost in the peacefulness of a quite village, this place is preferred both by those who wish to spend a peaceful day, as well as those who wish to relax here the whole weekend. On an island in the centre of the lake is the monastery that contains the grave of Vlad Tepes (the Impaler).

**Caldarusani Lake and Forest**, located 45 km away from Bucharest, is a tourist area mainly appreciated by fishing and hunting lovers. The **Caldarusani Monastery**, which was erected by the ruler Matei Basarab (1632-1654), is here too. The building is especially picturesque, as is the landscape.



**Cernica Forest and Lake** are located 14 km away from Bucharest. On the shore of the lake there is a swimming pool along with cabins, docks, restaurant and sports grounds, and the forest offers unique opportunities to hunting lovers. The adjoining **Cernica Monastery** was erected at the beginning of the 17<sup>th</sup> century and later on abandoned after a plague epidemic. In 1842, it was restored thanks to the Calinic archimandrite and today the relics of this saint draw a lot of believers here.

**Mogosoia Lake.** Located 15 km away from Bucharest, it has an area of 66 ha. On the bank of this lake covered with water lilies, in the middle of a garden of a breathtaking beauty, is Mogosoia Palace – a masterpiece of ancient Romanian architecture.



## Hotels

Bucharest's accommodation is extremely varied. From deluxe five star hotels offering conditions and services that can compete successfully with Western standards, to student hostels, Bucharest is the place where you can always find an invitation that suits both your pocket and your requirements.

The most appreciated hotels here include ...

**Athénée Palace Hilton.** This is the most famous and probably the best hotel in the centre of Bucharest. All rooms provide special facilities, such as extremely spacious bathrooms, huge beds, interactive television and non-stop room service. The list of the services provided by the hotel is impressive and includes free use of the fitness centre, as well as the possibility of choosing from several restaurants, cafés and bars. 5 stars. Address: Strada Episcopiei 1-3, phone: +40-21-303.37.77, [hilton@hilton.ro](mailto:hilton@hilton.ro).

**Bucharest Marriott Grand Hotel** It is a great hotel both from the point of view of its dimensions and of its facilities. It provides spacious rooms and about all the services one could dream of, including bathrooms in which you would feel happy to sleep in. Within this hotel are some of the best restaurants in town, a mall and World Class Health Academy. 5 stars. Address: Calea 13 Septembrie 90, phone: +40-21-403.10.00, [marriott@marriott-hotels.com](mailto:marriott@marriott-hotels.com).

**Bucuresti.** This imposing, central hotel is preferred by Romanian Members of Parliament and meets the requirements of both politicians and businessmen. Fees include free entrance to the hotel pool, one of the best in town. 4 stars. Address: Calea Victoriei 63-81, phone : +40-21-312.70.70, [office@hbu.ro](mailto:office@hbu.ro), [www.hbu.ro](http://www.hbu.ro).

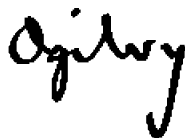
**Crowne Plaza Bucharest.** Located in a peaceful green area, in the northern part of Bucharest, it ranks among the city's top hotels. The rooms have impressive equipment including laptop ports and safes. It also offers free transport to and from the airport. The conference halls can accommodate more than 200 people. 5 stars. Address: Blvd. Poligrafiei 1, phone: +40-21-224.00.34, [reservations@crowneplaza.ro](mailto:reservations@crowneplaza.ro), [www.bucharest.crowneplaza.com](http://www.bucharest.crowneplaza.com).

**Intercontinental.** Far newer, yet as famous as Athénée Palace Hilton, Bucharest Intercontinental is the capital's highest building. During the revolution of 1989, this was the place where journalists watched the events happening below them. Even now, the Intercontinental has remained a favourite place of journalists, and for good reason: all rooms were refurbished and upgraded; they have large, comfortable beds and bathrooms equipped according to the highest standards. 5 stars. Address: Blvd. Nicolae Balcescu 2-4, phone: +40-21-310.20.20., [marketing@interconti.com](mailto:marketing@interconti.com), [www.intercontinental.com](http://www.intercontinental.com).

**Majestic.** It has a certain grandeur. Elegant interiors and good services are its main assets. The rooms are bright, and all have TV sets, phones and air-conditioning. 4 stars. Address: Str. Academiei 11, phone. +40-21-310 27 20 / 72/; +40-21-310 27 15/35/46; Fax. +40-21-310 27 99; [reservations@majestic.ro](mailto:reservations@majestic.ro), [www.majestic.ro](http://www.majestic.ro)

**Sofitel.** This place has a special air and benefits from the perfect professionalism of its employees. One of the most modern hotels in town, Sofitel offers deluxe rooms, several restaurants and bars. On the ground floor you can also find the World Trade Centre mall. Guests are also invited into the adjoining complex, Le Club, one of the most pleasant entertainment centres in the capital. 4 stars. Address: Piata Montreal 10, phone: +40-224.30.00, [sofitel@sofiphonero](mailto:sofitel@sofiphonero), [www.sofiphonero](http://www.sofiphonero).

**Parlament.** Located close to the Parliament of Romania, this is an intimate and smart place that devotes special attention to each guest. Here, most rooms have a jacuzzi in the bathroom. Although rooms are rather small, here the luxury is like home. 4 stars. Address: Str. Izvor 106, phone: +40-21-411.99.90, [info@parliament-hotel.ro](mailto:info@parliament-hotel.ro), [www.parliament-hotel.ro](http://www.parliament-hotel.ro).



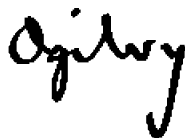
**Casa Victor.** Escape the hot weather and relax in an intimate, pleasant atmosphere. Rooms are furnished with good taste. There is a 10% discount for stays exceeding three weeks. 4 stars. Address: Str. Emanoil Porumbaru 44, phone. +40-21-222 57 23 / 222 96 26, fax +40-21-222 94 36, [victor@mediasat.ro](mailto:victor@mediasat.ro), [www.casa-victor-hotel.com](http://www.casa-victor-hotel.com).

**Best Western Parc Hotel.** A smart hotel in a completely renovated building, providing services of the highest standards, Best Western Parc Hotel is one of the best Bucharest hotels. The size of the rooms is quite generous, the décor is of good taste while the facilities – including laptop ports – are more than satisfactory. Only 10 minutes away from the centre, this place is probably the best three-star hotel in Bucharest. Address: Blvd. Poligrafiei 3-5, phone: +40-21-224.20.00, [bestwest@parch.ro](mailto:bestwest@parch.ro), [www.parch.ro](http://www.parch.ro).

**Class Hotel.** Located in one of the most beautiful and quiet areas of the city's northern suburbs, Class has established itself as an ultramodern hotel. Spacious rooms, typical of a five-star hotel, well equipped bathrooms and an exceptional panorama. One of its already famous attractions is the restaurant where one can have excellent meals. 4 stars. Address: Str. Gârlei 30A, phone: +40-21-233.28.14, [reservation@class-hotel.ro](mailto:reservation@class-hotel.ro), [www.class-hotel.ro](http://www.class-hotel.ro).

**Continental.** This is one of the largest and most charming hotels in town. Located in the centre of Bucharest, close to the Royal Palace, the hotel enjoys a good reputation in terms of style and elegance that goes back more than 150 years. One of its main attractions is the surprising combination of classic style with all the elements of the latest technology. 4 stars. Calea Victoriei 56, phone: +40-21-313.41.14, [continen@kappa.ro](mailto:continen@kappa.ro), [www.continentalhotels.ro](http://www.continentalhotels.ro).

**Lido.** An art deco style building, this hotel is located right in the centre of the city. With its rooms decorated in good taste, its splendid garden, pool and terrace which have such a pleasant atmosphere, Lido Hotel is a place recommended for a few days of comfort and relaxation. 4 stars. Address: Blvd. Magheru 5-7, tel: +40-21-314.49.30, [lido@lido.ro](mailto:lido@lido.ro).



### ***Middle-class Hotels***

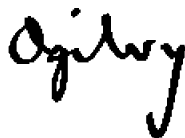
**Ambassador.** It is an art deco building towering in the middle of the city. The rooms, bathrooms and services meet its three star ranking. And the panorama most of the rooms offer is quite picturesque. Prices include breakfast. Address: Blvd. Magheru 8-10, phone: +40-21-315 90 80, fax: +40-21-312 35 95, [hotel@ambassador.ro](mailto:hotel@ambassador.ro), [www.ambassador.ro](http://www.ambassador.ro).

**Antheus.** A charming hotel, located in one of the most beautiful and smart areas in Bucharest, it provides a great range of services, attracting more and more artists and businessmen. Transport to the railway station or to the airport is also included, as is breakfast. 3 stars. Address: Str. Abrud 1A, phone: +40-21-223 43 13 / 223 26 43, Fax: +40-21-223 43 14, [anth@totalnet.ro](mailto:anth@totalnet.ro), [www.atheneus.bucharest-online.com](http://www.atheneus.bucharest-online.com).

**Banat.** A façade in need of renovation hides an interior whose rooms are surprisingly modern and clean. The spacious rooms constitute just one of the surprises with which this hotel welcomes its guests. If you are part of a larger group, the apartment is a good deal. 2 stars. Address: Piata Rosetti 5, phone:+40-21-313 10 56 / 313 10 57, Fax: +40-21-312 65 47.

**Batistei Hotel.** A place marked by a combination of orange and brown. Rooms are spacious and have TV sets. Prices include breakfast. 3 stars. Address: Str. Dr. E. Bacaloglu 2, phone: +40-21-314 90 22, Fax:+40-21-314 08 87.

**Bulevard Hotel.** Located in the centre of the capital, this is highly popular. One of the reasons is its spacious and comfortable rooms. 3 stars. Address: Blvd. Regina Elisabeta 21, phone:+40-21-315 33 00 / 311 10 99, Fax: +40-21-312 39 23.



**Capitol Hotel.** With a Parisian atmosphere, large rooms and beds, this hotel is good value for those seeking accommodation at reasonable prices. 3 stars. Address: Calea Victoriei 29, phone: +40-21-315 80 30, Fax: +40-21-312 41 69, [reservations@hotelcapitol.ro](mailto:reservations@hotelcapitol.ro), [www.hotelcapitol.ro](http://www.hotelcapitol.ro).

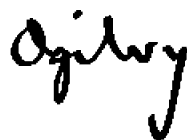
**Caro Club Hotel.** An eccentric hotel in a red-brick building. Built in the Victorian style, it is made up of three separate houses. All rooms are very wide and smartly decorated. There is a discount for those who spend the weekend here. 3 stars. Address: Str. Barbu Vacarescu 164 A, phone: +40-21-208 61 00, Fax: +40-21-208 61 01, [caro@carohotel.ro](mailto:caro@carohotel.ro), [www.carohotel.ro](http://www.carohotel.ro).

**Central Hotel.** Recently renovated, its rooms have a special grandeur. They are large, have TV sets, mini bars and showers. 3 stars. Address: Str. Ion Brezoianu nr. 13, phone. +40-21-315 56 36/312 40 10 / 315 56 35, Fax +40-21-315 56 37 / 312 40 11, [hotelcentral@romaniantourism.ro](mailto:hotelcentral@romaniantourism.ro), [www.romaniantourism.ro/hotelcentral](http://www.romaniantourism.ro/hotelcentral).

**Dalin Hotel.** A small hotel located directly south of Piata Unirii, close to the centre of Bucharest, with comfortable rooms. 3 stars. Address: Blvd. Marasesti 70-72, phone. +40-21-335 55 41 / 336 62 83, Fax +40-21-336 62 84, [dalin@hoteldalin.ro](mailto:dalin@hoteldalin.ro), [www.hoteldalin.ro](http://www.hoteldalin.ro).

**Duke.** This is a charming place located in the heart of the city. The staff are always polite and obliging and the entire atmosphere invites you to relax. Spacious rooms, bathrooms and all the required facilities. 3 stars. Address: Blvd. Dacia 33, phone: +40-21-212 53 44 / 212 53 45, Fax: +40-21-212 53 47, [office@hotelduke.ro](mailto:office@hotelduke.ro).

**Erbas.** The nearest hotel to the airport and preferred for this reason, especially by businessmen. Sheltered in a concrete building on Soseaua Pipera, the hotel offers a bar that meets all requirements. Prices include breakfast. 3 stars. Address: Str. Alexandru Serbanescu 27, phone: +40-21-232 67 16 / 232 27 16, Fax: +40-21-232 65 27, [erbasho@I-net.ro](mailto:erbasho@I-net.ro), [www.erbasu.ro](http://www.erbasu.ro).



**Flanders.** Built in a Belgian style, with a friendly and extremely professional atmosphere, the hotel offers very spacious rooms and bathrooms made to fit such rooms. The ground floor restaurant is a place definitely worth trying. 3 stars. Address: Str. Stefan Mihaileanu 20, phone: +40-21-327 65 72, Fax: +40-21-327 65 73, [office@flanders.eunet.ro](mailto:office@flanders.eunet.ro), [www.flandershotel.ro](http://www.flandershotel.ro).

**Green Forum Hotel** excels through the exceptional cuisine of the restaurant. In the basement is a completely equipped fitness room, including a steam shower and hydro-massage baths. Rooms are spacious and deluxe and the panorama is charming. 3 stars. Address: Str. Pictor Barbu Iscovescu 19, phone: +40-21-230 66 66, Fax: +40-21-230 66 66.

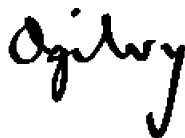
**Hanul lui Manuc (Manuc's Inn).** One of the oldest buildings in Bucharest, a place full of history and stories. The inn is located at the very heart of the city, where Bucharest actually came into being. 2 stars. Address: Str. Franceza 62-64, phone: +40-21-313 14 15, Fax: +40-21-312 28 11, [www.hanulmanuc.ro](http://www.hanulmanuc.ro), [hmanuc@mc.ro](mailto:hmanuc@mc.ro).

**Helvetia.** Prices are more than acceptable for what you get and the location is superb – near Herastrau Park. The view of the park is magnificent and rooms are very quiet even though they are not too far away from the commotion of the passing vehicles. Beds are huge and the décor is in good taste. Behind the Helvetia hotel is Savion villa, an annex, located on Str. Popa Savu 75. 3 stars. Address: Piata Charles de Gaulle 1-3, phone. +40-21-223 05 66, fax. +40-21-223 05 67, [helvetia@ines.ro](mailto:helvetia@ines.ro), [http: //helvetia.netvision.net.il](http://helvetia.netvision.net.il).

**Ibis.** It offers comfortable rooms and a friendly atmosphere. 3 stars. Address: Calea Grivitei 143, phone. +40-21-222 27 22/ 222 27 24, fax. +40-21-222 27 23, [reservations@ibisaccor.ro](mailto:reservations@ibisaccor.ro), [www.ibishotel.com](http://www.ibishotel.com), [www.accorhotels.com](http://www.accorhotels.com).

**Minerva Hotel.** Recently renovated, this hotel became popular and famous again. It has an intimate and pleasant atmosphere. Rooms are sufficiently spacious. There are also two apartments that can be rented for long-term stays. 3 stars. Address: Str. Gheorghe Manu 2-4, phone. +40-21-





311 15 50/ 55/ 212 85 26/ 30 / 31 / 41, fax. +40-21-312 39 63 / 312 27 34, [reservation@minerva.ro](mailto:reservation@minerva.ro) / [minerva@minerva.ro](mailto:minerva@minerva.ro).

**Opera Hotel** is located behind the Romanian Opera House. Recently renovated, it is now considered one of the best medium-class hotels. It has large rooms, excellent service, as well as a very good location, right in the middle of the city. 3 stars. Address: Str. Ion Brezoianu nr. 37, phone. +40-21-312 48 57, fax +40-21-312 48 58, [hopera@kappa.ro](mailto:hopera@kappa.ro), [www.hotelcentral.ro/romaniantourism](http://www.hotelcentral.ro/romaniantourism)

**Residence.** Located in a very respectable area of the capital, it provides numerous types of rooms and excellent service. We recommend the beds, made of wrought iron. The restaurant is also worth visiting, offering excellent international cuisine. 3 stars. Address: Str. Clucerului nr. 19, phone. +40-21-223 19 48 / 223 19 12, Fax +40-21-222 90 46, [reservations@residence.com.ro](mailto:reservations@residence.com.ro), [www.residence.com.ro](http://www.residence.com.ro).

**Sky Gate.** Like every large airport, Otopeni has its own hotel. Across the street from the airport, Sky Gate offers perfectly clean, comfortable rooms and extremely attentive personnel. There are also facilities for the organization of conferences, a sports centre as well as a restaurant which also serves Romanian traditional cuisine. 3 stars. Address: Calea Bucurestilor nr. 283, phone. +40-21-203 65 00, fax. +40-21-203 65 10, [reservation@skygatehotelro](mailto:reservation@skygatehotelro), [www.skygatehotelro](http://www.skygatehotelro)

**Triumf.** A massive hotel made of red brick, located in the northern part of the city. It has very attentive staff. 2 stars. Address: Sos Kiseleff nr. 12, phone. +40-21-222 31 72, fax. +40-21-223 24 11.

### ***Economy Hotels***

**Turist.** A big concrete hotel erected behind Parc Hotel, surrounded by quiet green space. Rooms are decorated in good taste, the staff are friendly and the swimming pool is very close. 1 star. Address: B-dul Poligrafiei 3-5, phone +40-21-224 20 00, fax +40-21-224 23 17, [dht@parch.ro](mailto:dht@parch.ro).

**Bucegi.** The best hotel around Gara de Nord. Some of the double rooms have TV sets and their own facilities and the personnel are very obliging. 1 star. Address: Str. Witing nr. 2, phone. +40-21-212 71 54, fax +40-21-212 66 41.

**Carpati.** A very good place for those who want quality at lower prices: it is central, clean and amazingly modern and friendly, with the personnel speaking many foreign languages. You can choose from six types of rooms, each of them of various sizes and facilities. 1 star. Address: Str. Matei Millo 16, phone. +40-21-315 01 40 , fax +40-21-312 18 57.

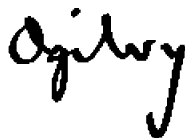
**Cerna.** This is a small hotel with several larger rooms with bathroom, TV and telephone. 1 star. Address: B-dul Dinicu Golescu nr. 29, phone. +40-21-311 05 35, fax. +40-21-311 07 21

**Marna.** A hotel located in the immediate proximity of Gara de Nord. Showers are shared but they are clean and modern. 1 star. Address: Str. Buzesti nr. 3, phone. +40-21-212 83 66/ 212 75 82, fax. +40-21-312 94 55.

**Muntenia.** This is a big and inexpensive hotel, especially for those travelling on a fixed budget. Some rooms have their own bathroom; others have shared bathrooms on the corridor. Rooms with TVs are more expensive. Breakfast is served in a restaurant around the corner. 1 star. Str. Academiei 19-21. phone. +40-21-314 60 10 / 313 68 19, fax +40-21-314 17 82, [muntenia@dial.kappa.ro](mailto:muntenia@dial.kappa.ro), <http://muntenia.kappa.ro>.

### ***Apartments to Rent***

If you are planning to spend more than a few days in Bucharest or if you are part of a larger group, renting an apartment may be the ideal solution. An increasing number of companies now offer first rate apartments for rent, which are located in the best areas. The services provided



include daily replacement of the bedspread, daily cleaning and a wide range of grocery products offered upon arrival. Many companies also offer free transport to and from the airport or railway station.

**Adrian Accommodation.** Offers numerous types of apartments, all located in the centre. Phone/Fax. +40-21-332 33 82, phone. +40-21-723. 34 71 92, [acom@fx.ro](mailto:acom@fx.ro), [www.bucharest-accomodation.ro](http://www.bucharest-accomodation.ro)

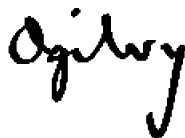
**Bucharest Comfort Suites.** Offers deluxe apartments located right in the heart of Bucharest. Address: Blvd. Dinicu Golescu nr. 16, et. 1-3, phone. +40-21-310 28 84 / 310 28 85 /86, fax. +40-21-310 28 87, [office@confort-suites.ro](mailto:office@confort-suites.ro), [www.confort-suites.ro](http://www.confort-suites.ro).

**RomVision Travel – Accommodation in Private Apartments.** This is the perfect solution if you are looking for 4 and 5 stars apartments in the centre of Bucharest. All of these apartments have air-conditioning, Internet access, jacuzzi and fireplaces. It is possible to make online reservations and to pay by credit card. Address: Nerva Traian 23 – 25, bl. M17, cs. 1, ap. 19\*, phone-fax +40-21-21 320 88 21, phone +40-21-723 409 396, [office@romvision.ro](mailto:office@romvision.ro), [www.romvision.ro](http://www.romvision.ro).

**D.O.R.O. Hotel Residence.** All the apartments are located in the best areas of Bucharest. Address: Blvd. Mihail Kogalnicenu 5, et. 2, apt. 6, phone. +40-21-723 40 81 36 / 723 408 129, fax. +40-21-314 22 76, [dorohotels@nts.it](mailto:dorohotels@nts.it), [www.nts.it/dorhotel..](http://www.nts.it/dorhotel..)

**Professional Realty.** Short-term accommodation in quiet areas of the city. Address: Str. Belizarie 5, bl. 21-7 sc. A, ap. 8, phone. +40-21-232 04 06 / 0745 01 02 02, fax +40-21-232 17 04, [realty@digiro.ro](mailto:realty@digiro.ro), [www.professionalrealty.ro](http://www.professionalrealty.ro).

**Rom-M.A. Imobiliare Real Estate.** Address: Splaiul Independentei 1, bl. 16, sc. 1, apt. 21, phone / fax +40-21-336 42 75, phone 0722 25 45 33, [romma@rommaimob.ro](mailto:romma@rommaimob.ro), [www.rommaimob.ro-apartments.ro](http://www.rommaimob.ro-apartments.ro).



**Shannon Apartments.** Deluxe apartments at reasonable prices. Phone. +40-21-222 94 73 / 722 60 25 22, larkin@dnt.ro, www.irishpubs.ro.

**Starsuites.** Deluxe apartments located near the centre of the city, available for short-term or long-term renting. Blvd. Burebista 2, apt. 87, phone. +40-21-322 22 24, fax +40-21-302 98 65, [vecnet@globtron.com](mailto:vecnet@globtron.com), [www.golbtrom.com-starsuites](http://www.golbtrom.com-starsuites).

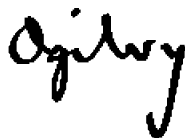
**Unid.** A range including 20 completely furnished apartments. Address: Blvd. Coposu 3, bl. 101, sc. 4, et. 4 apt 72, phone +40-21-722 24 51 51 / 327 56 99, fax. +40-21-327 56 99, [office@unid.ro](mailto:office@unid.ro), [www.unid.ro-accommodation](http://www.unid.ro-accommodation).

### ***Boarding Houses and Villas***

**Vila lui Elvis.** There are a lot of facilities here, such as linen washing, Internet access and breakfast. To get here you can take any bus from Universitate towards Blvd. Carol I for three stations, cross the round square, go around the Acropolis-like building and then turn right. Address: Str. Avram Iancu 5, phone. +40-21-312 16 53, [elvis@elvisvilla.ro](mailto:elvis@elvisvilla.ro), [www.elvisvilla.ro](http://www.elvisvilla.ro).

**Young people boarding house – Vila Helga.** An intimate place located very close to the centre of the city and highly appreciated by foreign tourists. It has 30 beds, 6 rooms and an annex on Str. Stirbei Voda – the Funky Chiken boarding house. You can get there by bus no. 86 from the railway station to the Gemeni station and then take the first street on the right. Address: Str. Salcâmilor 2, phone – fax +40-21-610 22 14, [helga@rotravel.com](mailto:helga@rotravel.com), [www.rotravel.com-hotels-helga](http://www.rotravel.com-hotels-helga).

**Vila 11.** A very friendly boarding house, close to Gara de Nord, recommended to those who wish to relax in an intimate atmosphere. It is advisable to reserve rooms in advance. Address: Institutul Medico Militar 11, phone. +40-21-722 49 59 00 /0722 49 59 01, [villa11bb@hotmail.com](mailto:vila11bb@hotmail.com).



## **Restaurants**

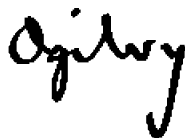
### ***Romanian Restaurants***

Whenever they want to party, and feel at ease, the inhabitants of Bucharest will go to a pub with fiddlers and eat good food, drink Romanian wine and sing sentimental songs. Good food has a special place in the life of Romanian people. Romanian cuisine is a mixture of Balkan flavours that offer more satisfaction than as separate flavours. Thus, Romanian food is all the more pleasant and tasty during a long dinner drowned in selected local wines. The most popular Romanian specialties include tripe soup, minced meat rolls in cabbage leaves, carp brine, macedoine and grilled minced meat rolls. Almost all of these dishes can be served with polenta, a distinguished dish of the local diet. Sweets are really sweet. We recommend you try cheese dumplings. Thus, Romanians proudly consider their cuisine to be a miracle of taste. You can find out whether they are entitled to hold such opinion by going to ...

**La Mama** is the most popular restaurant in Bucharest. Crowded both during lunch time and late in the evening, it is the kind of place where it is advisable to make reservations. The clientele ranges from students and young couples, to businessmen who wish to have a good meal and enjoy a warm atmosphere. Address: Str. Barbu Vacarescu 3, phone: +40-21-212.40.86 .

**Burebista**. Don't be deceived by the outside of this place or by the neighbourhood where it is located. If you decide to go in, you are sure to enjoy a great meal and an extremely pleasant atmosphere, aided by the music of a live orchestra. We highly recommend the tripe soup and the minced meat rolls in cabbage. Address: Calea Mosilor 195, phone: +40-21-210.97.04.

**Burebista Vânătoresc**. The smell of burnt wood could make you think you were somewhere in the countryside, although you are only a few metres away from the centre of the city. The gates



are quite large, food is excellent and all dishes have a particular flavour. Prices are more than reasonable. Address: Str. Batistei 14, phone. +40-21-211 89 29.

**Casa Oamenilor de Stiinta.** The kind of place where you go with your family or in a large group of friends. Having a central location, in a building that bears the mark of the old days' luxury, this place welcomes you with a beautiful rose garden from spring to late autumn. Address: Piata Lahovari 9, phone: +40-21-210.12.84, [cos@romania.ro](mailto:cos@romania.ro).

**Count Dracula Club.** Going here can be a very funny experience and the food is excellent. Address: Splaiul Independentei nr. 8 A, phone. +40-21-312 13 53, fax +40-21-310 04 01.

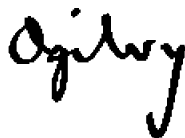
**Crâsma Tâlhărilor.** Good traditional food, excellent service and a dynamic atmosphere. Address: Str. Alexandru cel Bun 39, phone. +40-21-242 09 78.

**Doamnei.** The food is good and folk performances surpass expectations. You can find a good selection of Romanian wine. The décor is in a hunting style. Address: Str. Doamnei 9, phone +40-21-314 64 81.

**Hanul Hangitei.** A small but good Romanian restaurant. It is the right place to have lunch. Address: Str. Gabroveni nr. 16, phone. +40-21-314 70 46.

**La Botte Pub & Grill.** This restaurant offers very good minced meat rolls in cabbage, grilled steaks and sausages. Its location – in the centre of the city– affords an interesting view. Address: Str. Mihail Eminescu nr. 29, tel/fax +40-21-211 47 50.

**La Dud.** The terrace of the restaurant is dominated by a huge mulberry tree. The traditional food and warm atmosphere of this place are some of the attractions of this restaurant. Address: Str. Sperantei nr. 7, phone: +40-21-312 41 68.



**La Gogosaru.** Located in an extremely interesting old building, this place is very inexpensive and cheerful and the Romanian food is well cooked. Taking into account the size of the dishes, you will find this place more than convenient. Address: Str. Lugoji nr. 53, phone. +40-21-222 30 68.

**La Mardare.** This is a place with Romanian traditional cuisine also providing folk performances as entertainment. Address: Calea Grivitei nr. 32, phone. +40-21-650 22 57.

**Livada cu Visini.** Centrally located, we recommend you try a plateful of macedoine or, if you're feeling more daring, you can order some sweetbreads or kidneys. Portions are generous and the service is meticulous. Address: Strada Grigore Alexandrescu 77, phone: +40-21-610.41.51.

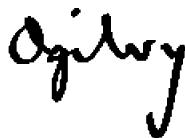
**Casa Jidvei.** Modest, local place, whose specialties are grilled minced meat rolls – a traditional Romanian food – and fruits of the sea. Address: Calea 13 Septembrie 127.

**Boema.** The traditional food served here is so popular that you need to make reservations in advance in order to get a table. Address: Strada C.A. Rosetti 10, phone: +40-21-313.37.83.

**Moara Mariei.** Rich in originality, the basic design of the restaurant is extraordinary and its cuisine incredible. Address: Str. Blanari nr. 14, phone. +40-21-315 64 94, fax. 313 18 80.

**Nicoresti.** This place serves large platefuls of Romanian traditional dishes. Brains are fried in breadcrumbs and seasoned with roasted potatoes and cabbage salad. The cellar is pleasant and full of Formica. Address: Str. Maria Rosetti 40 (sau Str. Toamnei 13), phone. +40-21-211 24 80 / 211 13 34.

**Vatra.** Another good Romanian restaurant, located right in the centre of the city. Address: Str. Ion Brezoianu 23-25, phone. +40-21-315 83 75 / 721 200 800.



**Zexe.** A long path winding through a garden leads to the entrance into this famous Romanian restaurant. Simple, decorated with wood, a place where tasty food is served, Zexe is that kind of restaurant you will recommend to your friends. Address: Str. Mihail Eminescu 93, phone. +40-21-211 06 50.

### ***Fish Restaurants***

**Burebista pescaresc.** A good restaurant offering a wide range of sea delicatessen and fresh-water fish dishes, cooked according to the requirements of each client. Address: Blvd. Nicolae Titulescu 39-49, phone: +40-21-212 54 28, fax. +40-21-212 54 29.

**Calione** has an excellent cuisine. Fish is well prepared just as you like it and the service is satisfactory. It is worth trying. Address: Splaiul Independentei nr. 74, phone: +40-21-312 40 16.

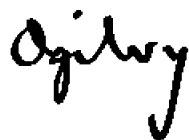
**Mesogios.** We recommend you try the squid, octopus and cuttlefish. Address: Str. Calderon 49, phone: +40-21-313 49 51 / +40-21- 650 03 44.

In a city where traditional cuisine is highly regarded, you will be surprised to encounter a mosaic of restaurants that offer dishes from the most distant countries of the world. For enthusiasts, Bucharest can provide places whose speciality is ...

### ***American***

**Champions.** A place dedicated to sports achievements. The décor consists of T-shirts with the autographs of famous football players, balls and different equipment donated by Olympic sportsmen who won the admiration of the entire world. It's spacious, has 20 screens for matches and sports competitions, as well as a cuisine that can satisfy the entire family. Address: Calea 13 septembrie 90 (in the precincts of Bucharest Marriott Grand Hotel), phone: +40-21-403.19.17.





**Ruby Tuesday** is the first restaurant of what promises to become a chain of restaurants in Bucharest as well (extremely popular in the USA, as well as in other parts of the world). Food is simple, typically American, and platefuls – as you might expect – are large. Address: Blvd. Decebal 4, phone: +40-21-326.64.56.

**Grand Café.** Tries as much as possible to render the American traditional atmosphere and look. Address: Strada Pache Protopopescu 27, phone: +40-21-252.71.24.

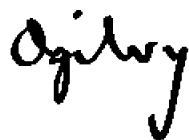
**Whispers** is a new bar and restaurant that meets international standards. It is especially popular during lunch time hours but also towards the evening. Address: Str. Ion Brezoianu nr. 4, phone: +40-21-0723 307 197 / 745 025 235.

### ***Belgian***

**La Belle Epoque** offers the most generous collection of Belgian beers in town. The food is particularly good. The ever-smiling personnel give it a special flavour. People who come here belong to a sophisticated class of customers. Address: Str. Radu Beller 6, phone: +40-21-230.07.70.

**Smarts** has survived years on end without making any compromise as far as the quality of food and services provided is concerned. This place consists of a bar in the basement and a smart restaurant with an intimate atmosphere on the first floor. Their menu is so comprehensive that it is impossible to have it printed here. Our recommendation is that you look over it yourselves. It will be worthwhile. Address: Str. Al. Donici 14, phone: +40-21-211.90.35.

**Flanders** is a restaurant in a beautiful villa next to the hotel of the same name. The specialty of the house is steak cooked in beer, and it has a range owing to which this place excels and surpasses all other restaurants that serve similar dishes. Address: Stefan Mihaileanu nr. 20, phone +40-21-327 65 72, fax. +40-21-327 65 73.



**Waterloo.** It has a rustic, highly romantic atmosphere. The excellent quality of food is one of the constant features that have earned this place its reputation. Address: Str. Traian, nr. 188. phone +40-21-320 35 88/ 720 171 090.

### ***Brazilian***

**Carioca.** The only Brazilian restaurant in Bucharest, this place can meet all culinary caprices – all meats are grilled and seasoned with exotic gravies. Address: Blvd. Dacia 97, phone: +40-21-210.60.86.

### ***Chinese***

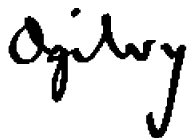
**Nan Jing** is the oldest place of this kind in Bucharest. Dating from the 1960s, the restaurant is located in the compound of the Minerva Hotel and is very popular with its guests. Address: Str. Gheorghe Manu 2-4, phone: +40-21-311.15.50, fax: +40-21-312.39.63.

**Lucky Dragon** is located in a surrealist villa in a narrow hidden street. The best place to have your meal is the cellar, which can provide freshness and comfort. Address: Str. Clucerului nr. 41, phone +40-21-222 32 19.

**Pekin** has a secret and odd location – the floor of a villa under a Villacrosse arch. Food is delicious and prices are acceptable. Address: Calea Victoriei 16 – 20 (Villacrosse Passage), phone +40-21-310 31 60 / 0723 233 169.

### ***French***

**Casa Caragiale.** Ever since its inauguration in 2000, this place has established itself as a smart restaurant that succeeded in meeting and maintaining the standards of traditional French cuisine.



Dishes are extremely various and their flavour is pretty persuasive. You can try it! Address: Str. Caragiale 21-23, phone: +40-21-211.15.18, fax: +40-21-212.38.24, [eikei@fx.ro](mailto:eikei@fx.ro).

**Café Royal Brasserie.** Located on the ground floor of the Hilton Hotel, this is a rather fancy place. It is a relaxing venue, appreciated by the businessmen of the city. The menu changes frequently according to the season and new Western recipes. The chef, Matthew, is nevertheless open to any suggestion from you. Address: Stra. Episcopiei 1-3, phone: +40-21-303.37.77.

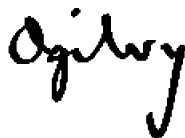
**The French Institute's Bistro.** Recently reopened, it offers a wide range of French dishes. The menu changes here daily. Address: Blvd. Dacia 77, phone +40-21-212 08 53 / 740 777 777, [pi@fx.ro](mailto:pi@fx.ro).

**Café de la Joie.** You will be enchanted by the smell of garlic as you go down the stairs. The French menu proves the talent and originality of the chef. Address: Str. Ion Nistor 4, phone +40-21-315 09 37.

**Casa Vernescu.** A highly elegant restaurant and the French food served here is excellent. You will feel special the minute you enter the restaurant. The service is extremely attentive and the high-quality French wines on offer extremely tempting. Address: Calea Victoriei 133, phone +40-21-231 02 20, fax. +40-21-311 16 45, [office@casavernescu.ro](mailto:office@casavernescu.ro).

**Darclée.** The French food is very good here. We recommend you try duck breast in wine. The surroundings are very beautiful and the service impeccable. Address: P-ta Montreal 10 (within Sofitel), phone +40-21-224 30 00.

**L'Estaminet.** An excellent French restaurant in the Ibis Hotel. The food here is appreciated by all guests. And not just them. Address: Calea Grivitei 143 (Ibis Hotel), phone +40-21-222 27 24.



**La Bastille.** This is one of the best restaurants in town and has the most convenient prices. It always proves a good choice for a romantic dinner. Address: Str. Caderea Bastiliei 72 B, phone +40-21-212 49 14, fax. +40-21-212 49 15, reserve@labastille.ro. , www.labastille.ro.

**La Madeleine.** A new French restaurant located right behind the Arch of Triumph in one of the most beautiful areas of the capital. Address: C-tin Sandu Aldea 64, phone +40-21-224 50 17.

**La Villa** is a marvellous French restaurant with class, fantastic food and expert staff. This place impresses by absolutely everything it has. Address: Str. Al. Constantinescu 65, phone +40-21-224 15 05 / 224 15 55.

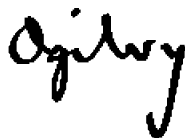
**Yacht Club.** A French restaurant located in the northern part of Herastrau Lake. It has a fantastic cuisine rich in sea fruits. Address: Intr. Chefalului (Keoke Base), phone /fax +40-21-233 22 12.

**La Provence.** An absolutely fantastic place. Address: Str. Barbu Vacarescu (the former Cutezatorii base), phone +40-21-243 17 77.

### **Indian**

**Barka Saffron** has an extremely diverse Indian menu. The dishes are prepared under the supervision of an exceptional chef. The familiar atmosphere, smiles and the musical background are some of the assets of this restaurant. Address: Str. Av. Sanatescu 1, phone: +40-21-224.10.04, [barka@bloodred.ro](mailto:barka@bloodred.ro).

**Tandoor** is one of the best restaurants in town. The food is genuinely Indian and is prepared and served by experts. The surroundings are marvellous. Address: Str. Teodor Rudeanu 3, phone +40-21-724 221 417 / 222 18 55, fax. +40-21-222 18 55.



### ***Mediterranean***

**Les Oliviades.** The main attraction of this restaurant is its rich menu. If you are ready to add the quality of food and of services, you can consider this restaurant a tempting option. Address: Blvd. Expozitiei 2, phone: +40-21-202.17.22.

### ***German***

**Die Deutsche Kneipe.** Located in the prosperous area that is Dorobanti, this is one of the most cheerful places in town. It is a real 'Kneipe' that serves good German food, including genuine German sausages. Address: Str. Stockholm nr. 9, phone +40-21-679 23 63 / 722 284 560.

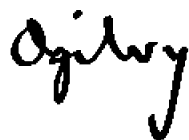
### ***Spanish***

**Salon Spaniol.** The specifically Spanish food is not at all bad and the atmosphere is extremely pleasant. Address: Calea Victoriei 116, phone +40-21-312 39 99.

**Valencia.** The dishes served here are convincing as far as the authenticity of the recipes is concerned. The Spanish wine on offer supports this. After dinner you can take a walk along the bank of Dâmbovită towards Eroilor or even further if you feel up to it. Address: Str. Dr. Buiciliu 2.

### ***Turkish***

**Golden Falcon.** A first rate restaurant that offers a unique atmosphere. Picking up dishes from the menu can prove to be funny. Address: Str. Hristo Botev 18 – 20. phone +40-21-314 28 25 / 313 28 33.



### ***Hungarian***

**Tokay.** Here you can enjoy the delicatessen of Hungarian cuisine. Address: Dumbrava Rosie nr. 2, phone +40-21-212 14 60, balthazar@totalnet.ro.

### ***International***

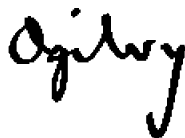
**Amsterdam Grand Café.** Recently opened, Amsterdam Grand Café has met all expectations. Located in the historical area of Lipscani, it is the ideal meeting place at the heart of Bucharest. The food is tasty and the origins of the recipes are from all over the world. The various dishes are served in the cosy atmosphere of a house dating from the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. Here you can also benefit from privacy, if you wish to celebrate important events. Address: Str. Covaci nr. 6, phone/fax +40-21-313 75 80 / 313 75 81. [www.amsterdam.ro](http://www.amsterdam.ro)

**Basilicvm.** A cool and relaxing villa located in the Aviatorilor area. It can be a good choice for a business lunch or for dinner. The Italian food attracts many inhabitants of Bucharest. Address: Str. Popa Savu nr. 7 , phone +40-21-721 373 440 / 222 67 79.

**Bistro Atheneu.** It has an interesting décor and is located right in the centre of Bucharest – near the Romanian Athenaeum. Address: Str. Episcopului nr. 3, phone +40-21-313 49 00.

**The Crown Plaza Braserie.** The Latino night organized every Sunday is very popular in town. Dishes are in keeping with the requirements of every evening's topic. Address: Blvd. Poligrafiei 1, phone +40-21-224 00 34, fax +40-21-224 11 26.

**Byblos** was the first place to display a Western tinge in Bucharest and continues to preserve its quality as far as gastronomy is concerned. Address: Str. N. Golescu 14-16, phone: +40-21-313.20.91.



**Caru' cu bere.** Located down Calea Victoriei, this is one of the most beautiful buildings in Bucharest. Erected towards the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century in Gothic style, the house preserves its full splendour. Address: Str. Stravropoleos nr. 3-5, phone +40-21- 313 75 60.

**Casa Doina.** Its exterior is beautifully decorated. The interiors won't disappoint you. Address: Sos. Kiseleff nr. 4. Phone +40-21-222 31 79, fax +40-21-222 67 18.

**Columbus.** Situated in the centre of the city, this place has established itself as a first-class fish restaurant. Address: Str. Tudor Arghezi nr. 16, phone +40-21-315 23 00 / 721 265 862, fax. +40-21-315 23 01.

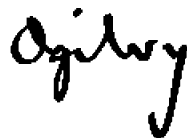
**Derby.** At the heart of both the residential centre and the business one, this renovated villa offers a unique atmosphere. Address: Blvd. Eroilor Sanitari nr 49A, phone +40-21-410 85 45.

**La Fufu.** An excellent international restaurant, located within Bucuresti Hotel. Address: Blvd. Nicolae Balcescu nr. 16, phone +40-21-310 28 85.

**La Pergola.** It is expensive but it's worth every dime. Address: Str. Episcopiei 1-3, phone +40-21-303 37 77, fax +40-21-315 21 21.

**La Primavera.** One of the two restaurants of the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Primavera offers excellent food and extremely professional service. Address: Blvd. Poligrafiei 1, phone +40-21-224 00 34, fax. +40-21-224 11 26.

**La Taifas.** It is the only place in town where you can eat lamb steak with rosemary. The other spicy dishes are traditionally Romanian and very tasty. It is a quiet place, located in a central street, with a pleasant atmosphere. Address: Str. Episcopiei 3, phone +40-21-311 32 04.



**Lobb's.** Located in the World Trade Center dome, this is a place worth visiting. The atmosphere is joyful and Jazz nights each Friday attract many customers to this restaurant. Address: Blvd. Expozitiei 2 (inside World Trade Center), phone +40-21-224 27 13.

**McMoni's.** Among other exotic dishes you can find Scandinavian shark and Austrian meat – extremely well cooked. You can also find here a rich collection of wines, some of them dating back as far as 1974. Choose between the Blue Saloon and the Sun Saloon, or you can sit on the summer terrace. Address: Str. Primo Nebiolo 1 (entrance by Str. Marasesti), phone +40-21- 224 26 72, fax +40-21-224 26 75.

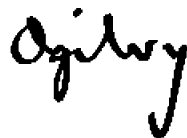
**Mediterraneo.** A small restaurant that has won its reputation over the years due to its Italian cuisine. The young women who bought this place maintained its high standard and low prices. Address: Str. Icoanei 20, phone +40-21-211 53 08.

**Menuet.** Decorated with dark wood and with art objects from the first part of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, this is a place worth going to after attending a performance at the Athenaeum nearby. It has an idle, French appearance. As far as the menu is concerned, you will find here a high quality international range. Address: Str. N. Golescu 14, phone +40-21-312 01 43.

**Trocadero.** Here, the speciality of the chef is *Monte Cristo*, veal with a white, sweet gravy and oranges. There is also a wide range of salads. Address: Str. Dionisie Lupu 48, phone +40-21-212 35 04.

**Uptown Bar & Grill.** You are lucky if you are can get a table here without a reservation during the summer, especially at lunch time. It is extremely popular with journalists and advertisers. It has reasonable prices and definitely serves the best burgers in town. Address: Str. Rabat 2, phone +40-21-231 40 77, fax. +40-21-230 13 60, [uptown@totalnet.ro](mailto:uptown@totalnet.ro).





**Balthazar** is a contemporary restaurant, delightful with its Asiatic and French influences and its extraordinary atmosphere. Address: Str. Dumbrava Rosie nr. 2, phone +40-21-212 14 60.

**Cupola.** This simply superb restaurant belongs to the Marriot. It is a genuine restaurant offering dishes that are specific to the Pacific areas. You will feel like a king. Address: Calea 13 Septembrie nr. 90 (Marriot Grand Hotel).

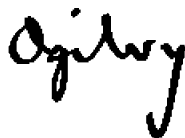
### ***Italian***

**Basilicvm.** The younger of the two restaurants in Bucharest with the same name. Nowhere will you find better Italian cuisine. We recommend you try the avocado salads and the steaks. The villa has a perfect location, right near Cismigiu Garden, where you can take a pleasant walk after the meal. Address: Blvd. Schitu Magureanu 16, phone +40-21-722 331 896/ 315 47 93, [www.basilicum.schitu.magureanu.ro](http://www.basilicum.schitu.magureanu.ro).

**Buona Fortuna.** In a pleasant part of the city, the pizza is magnificent. Address: Blvd. Aviatorilor 19, phone +40-21-260 04 32.

**Café Olé.** The most romantic restaurant in Bucharest. Extremely beautiful at night, it is superbly decorated with antique tables and tropical plants. One can also mention the delicious food which makes this place popular with lovers and businessmen. Address: Str. George Enescu 11A, phone +40-21-310 17 22.

**Capricciosa.** The name of this place betrays a very sophisticated menu. They even serve truffle dishes. Pizza is delicious and the atmosphere is cheerful. Address: Blvd. Ion Ionescu de la Brad 2, phone +40-21-722 224 799 / 723 269 030.



**Casa M.** Built up in the Californian style, the design of this place made a sensation upon its opening. It is always busy due to delicious food that is served impeccably. Address: Str. Grigore Cafencu 19-23, phone +40-21-233 26 32.

**Cucina.** The Marriot is very proud of this pizzeria restaurant. The Italian menu is quite varied and constantly changed. Address: Calea 13 Septembrie 90 (Bucharest Marriot Grand Hotel), phone +40-21-403 19 02.

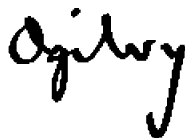
**Il Gattopardo Blu** is decorated with a lot of wood and hollow tiles, and is the ideal place for a romantic dinner. The Italian food is excellent. They also have a wide range of sea fruits, meats and pasta. The quality of food, the service and the atmosphere justify the prices. Address: Calea Victoriei 115, phone 2+40-21-12 78 86.

**La Dolce Vita.** A small restaurant, very popular among Italians. As you skim the menu the Italian movie stars of the 50s are staring at you from the pictures on the walls. Address: Str. Occidentului 44, phone: +40-21-212.87.27.

**Nababbo** is located near Universitate and has an extremely picturesque panorama. At present, apart from Italian, they also serve Japanese food. Home deliveries are also possible. Address: Blvd. Regina Elisabeta 3, phone +40-21-313 81 83.

**Silviu's.** Italian restaurant located in a nice villa, in a peaceful area of the city, it mainly offers Italian dishes. It is a fantastic place to have a quiet lunch or a pleasant dinner in. Address: Str. Louis Pasteur 44, phone +40-21-410 91 84 / 721 292 526.

**Trattoria Il Calcio.** It has a superb location right at the heart of Piata Amzei. On the walls are scenes with football players, and it is the favourite place of numerous stars in this field. Address: Str. Mendeleev 14, phone: +40-21-722 134 299.



**Zerillo's La Trattoria Italiana.** The fame of this place resides in the great variety of pasta they serve here. There are over 17 dishes, equally delicious. The décor is made of modern terracotta and wood. Address: Piata Lahovari nr. 2, phone: +40-21-722 383 507.

### ***Lebanese***

**L'Oriental.** Here the menu also includes photographs of the different dishes. The Lebanese in Bucharest must be convinced that this is the only place in Bucharest where one can eat like at home. Address: Str. Av. Nicolae Drossu nr. 19.

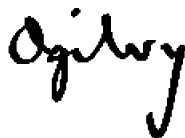
**Piccolo Mondo.** Exceptional Lebanese food. Vegetarian dishes, too. The kebab is the chef's best card. After dinner it is possible to smoke hookah. Address: Str. Clucerului 16, phone +40-21-223 22 25 / 222 57 55.

### **Cafés**

It's been centuries now since Romanians took from the Turks the habit of enjoying a good coffee. As compared to other parts of Europe, drinking coffee follows an entire ritual of its own. It is the very moment when time stops, seconds dilate, and the only distinct sensation is the flavour of the coffee steam. Nowadays, much more cosmopolitan, Bucharest has remained nevertheless a special status for its cafés. Some of the most pleasant places of this kind are...

**Nova Brasilia** is the uncrowned queen of Bucharest cafés. This place attracts the most elegant and charming ladies in town. The venue is used for meetings and extended discussions with good friends. What is on offer is extremely convincing – a menu with various types of coffees and cookies. Address: Str. Radu Beller 6, phone: +40-21-231.55.40.

**Picasso Café** is the perfect place to go with your friends or finish the work you should have done at the office. The décor was designed to inspire an atmosphere like that of a bohemian artist's



small studio, yet the cookies and snacks served in here will definitely destroy all trace of bohemianism. Address: Str. Franceza2-4, phone: +40-21-312.15.76.

**Segafredo.** Whether you are a guest of Marriot Hotel or not, you can enjoy a few moments of relaxation in this café inside the hotel. The Italian coffee, the quiet atmosphere and the very attentive service will surely please you. Address: Calea 13 Septembrie 90, phone: +40-21-403.35.11.

**Café Molinari.** An extraordinary place located in an extraordinary area of the city. It's the café where one can relax and enjoy all the delicatessen offered in a menu that is meant to get you between the horns of a dilemma. Address: Str. Nicolae Golescu 14-16, phone: +40-21-313.20.91.

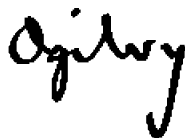
**Blue Café.** A nice place that doesn't allow you to feel down and out. Address: Str. Stanislav Cihoschi, phone +40-21-211 25 40 / 722 620 652.

**Bonjur Café.** If you are really hungry and can't wait for a sandwich to be prepared, then you can appease your hunger with pastry products filled with meat or with sweet fillings. Coffee and tea are of high quality. Address: Calea Victoriei 26, phone +40-21-315 33 75.

**Café Bar Opéra.** This place is popular especially in the afternoon hours. Address: Costache Negri 2, phone +40-21-411 63 23.

**Café Einstein.** It has a good location, in Dorobanti. The ice cream here is good, as are the coffees and pastry products. Address: Str. Radu Beller 1, phone +40-21-230 43 84.

**Café Nescafé.** Relax while enjoying a good coffee and watching the hurried absent-minded people that are going through the passage. This occupation could last hours on end. Address: Universitatii Passage, phone +40-21-312 39 43.



**Café Royal Bistro.** A special bistro. They sell coffee that can be served at home, too. You can also enjoy a snack or a soup, all of these at affordable prices. Address: Str. Episcopiei 1-3, phone +40-21-303 37 77.

**Caffe & Latte.** Popular meeting place for students and actors. The milky coffee is very tasty and the hot chocolate is also worth trying. Snacks, including toasted sandwiches, home made cookies and croissants are equally good. Address: Blvd. Schitu Magureanu 35, phone +40-21-314 38 34.

**California Café.** This café gives off a special feeling. Here you can find a wide range of French and local wines as well as several brands of coffee. Address: Str. Mihai Eminescu 118, phone +40-21-212 48 98.

**La Vie en Rose.** Were life as pink as this café, then we wouldn't need drink so much coffee. Service is very attentive and fast and the diversity of wines, cookies and sandwiches ought to be admired. They also have a good taste in music. Address: Str. Sperantei 6, phone +40-21-650 83 75.

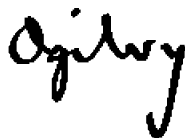
**Vienna Café.** A spacious and wide café located on the Marriot's floor. Pastry products are delicious. Address: Calea 13 Septembrie 90, phone: +40-21-403 19 01.

### ***Internet Cafe***

**Brit C@fe.** A lot of high-quality British dishes, from sandwiches to warm appetizers. Address: Calea Dorobantilor 14, phone: +40-21-210 03 14, [britcafe@britishcouncil.ro](mailto:britcafe@britishcouncil.ro).

**Cyber Espace.** A large internet café inside the French Institute. Get yourself a member's card and surf. Address: Blvd. Dacia 77, phone +40-21-211 38 36.

**Silence Café.** A real Internet Café with good computers and coffee. Address: Str. Caderea Bastiliei 19, phone: +40-21- 659 40 89.



**Access Internet.** Over 20 computers. Address: Blvd. L. Catargiu 6, phone +40-21-650 78 79.

**eNet.** Open 24 hours. Address: Blvd. Nicolae Balcescu 24, phone 315 48 71, [www.enet.ro](http://www.enet.ro).

**FX C-3.** Fast computers and a serious atmosphere. Eating, drinking and smoking are forbidden here. Address: Blvd. Magheru 8-10. Opening hours: from 10:00 to 24:00.

**PC-Net Café.** A popular webcafe with high-quality terminals and fast connections. Address: Calea Victoriei 136, phone +40-21-650 42 14. Open 24 h.

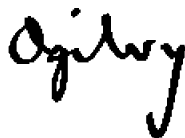
### **Rhythms of the Night**

Music, crowded places, glamorous décors, young spirit and hope that maybe, who knows, this time you might be lucky ... Night falls over Bucharest in wild rhythms. Since the first moments of the evening, bars, clubs and casinos warm up and come to life after a day's rest. What's on offer is tempting and the choice is tough. Subject to the selection made in time according to the different tastes and expectations, the most popular places of this kind are ...

#### *Bars*

**Crowne Plaza.** Very pleasant and civilised, with a cosy atmosphere where one can spend relaxing moments together with friends. It is one of those places where you can dance all night long and forget about tomorrow. Address: Blvd. Poligrafiei 1, phone: +40-21-224.00.34.

**Dubliner** is the first genuine pub opened in Bucharest in 1995. In spite of the numerous competitors that have showed up in the meantime, it maintained its leadership. This is especially thanks to its exceptional cuisine, its traditional décor and the highly 'Irish' atmosphere that hangs over the entire place. Address: Blvd. Titulescu 18, phone: +40-21-222.94.73, [www.irishpubs.ro](http://www.irishpubs.ro).



**Jukebox** is surely one of the most popular bars, housed in a cellar in Bucharest. Its main attraction is that the place has its own band that plays live. During their breaks, karaoke is highly appreciated. Address: Str. Sepcari 22, phone: +40-21-314.83.14.

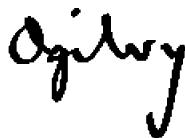
**Laptaria Enache** has already become one of Bucharest's establishments. Everybody knows this place as "Laptarie" (the Dairy). Located on the fourth floor of the National Theatre – in the very centre of the city – this place is already legendary. Address: Blvd. Nicolae Balcescu 2, phone: +40-21-315.85.08, [www.laptaria.totalnet.ro](http://www.laptaria.totalnet.ro).

**Opium Studio.** The difficulty of finding it emphasizes the mysterious atmosphere of this place. The décor bears the mark of French surrealism which nevertheless highlights the pleasant atmosphere. It is just perfect for face-to-face meetings. The basement is more soberly arranged, yet preserves the same atmosphere of sophistication. Address: Str. Horei 5 bis, phone: +40-21-253.07.88.

**The Fifties.** The glamour of the 50', music and portraits of the musical stars of those times, the retro décor and the exceptional service successfully restore the atmosphere of a glorious age. Try at least one of the tens of cocktails that are served in here and you will be convinced. Address: Str. Roma 5, phone: +40-21-231.50.51.

**Yellow Bar.** With a central location, this is a place where one can relax listening to good music. The décor combines modern leather couches with more classical elements yet it offers a nice atmosphere. Address: Str. Edgar Quinet 10, phone: +40-21-310.13.51.

**Bar Fly.** Week nights are better than weekends in this dimly-lit place. Plays a mix of music like almost all the bars in Bucharest. Address: Blvd. Ferdinand 3, phone: +40-21-722 84 48 74.



**Barbar.** Here you will find a cosy and discrete atmosphere the very moment you get down to the bar. Candles, wines and beer, ambient music (often traditional or folk), it is all here for you and you are surely going to like it. Address: Str. Gen. Brosteanu, fax +40-21-212 09 92.

**Basilicvum Pub.** A beautiful building and an equally beautiful location (near Cismigiu), this is the formula for a good bar. Address: Blvd. Schitu Magureanu 16, phone: +40-21-315 47 93 / 722 33 18 96.

**Colony.** A popular bar famous for the good pizza and salads prepared here. Beer is cheap. Address: Str. Pitar Mos 8.

**Downtown.** During day time they serve coffee here and at night they start serving drinks. Address: Str. Mendeleev 32-34, phone: +40-21-314 86 06.

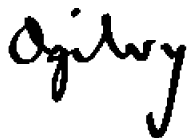
**Edgar's Pub.** Central bar with wooden decorations. It is visited especially by the students of the University and the School of Architecture. Drinks are brought to the table and salads and baguettes are very tasty. Address: Str. Edgar Quinet 9, phone: +40-21-314 18 43.

**English Bar.** The service is excellent and the clients sophisticated. It is also in here that the Cigar Club takes place monthly. Address: Str. Episcopiei 1-3, phone: +40-21-303 377 77 extension 3962.

**La 80.** More and more popular, this bar offers steaks, salads and snacks at reasonable prices. Music is better than in other places, but unfortunately it closes down too early (at 1 o'clock in the morning). Over the weekend it is crowded, so you had better make a reservation in advance. Address: Str. J. L. Calderon 80, phone: +40-21-212 48 86.

**La Mansarde.** Half bar, half restaurant, half Romanian, half French. It is located on the last floor of a building near Piata Unirii. Address: Calea Calarasi 46, phone: +40-21-326 21 77 / 723 88 10 48.





**Once Upon A Time.** A nice place with interesting architecture. Location is great and drinks are good. Address: Str. Gheorghe Manu 34, phone: +40-21-722 654 191.

**Pavilion Lounge.** If you're staying at Marriot then you are lucky as the hotel has its own bar. Offering a high level of elegance, high class service and a wide range of wines, Pavilion Lounge is a superb place. Address: Calea 13 Septembrie 90 (Bucharest Marriot Grand Hotel), phone +40-21-403 19 04.

**Porto.** is bar of Portuguese inspiration, its walls adorned with paintings of Vasco da Gama and merchant ships. The bistro is very good and prices reasonable. Address: Blvd. Ferdinand 64, phone: +40-21-252 04 46 / 745 18 22 78.

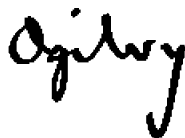
**Q Pub** is more crowded during work days than other bars in the Amzei area, and the DJ always plays good music. Drink prices are quite affordable. Address: Str. Biserica Amzei 32, phone: +40-21-659 21 84.

**Red Lion.** Here they have both on the spot and take-away lunch availabilities for good pizza or pasta-based dishes. Address: Str. Academiei 1A, phone: +40-21-315 15 26.

**Terminus.** Hot and full of smoke, this bar has a great location and used to be the most popular bar in town. Address: Str. George Enescu 5.

**The Corner.** It is the only bar in the area. Both bar and Internet café, it is a friendly place, even if prices are a little bit high. Address: Piata Alba Iulia 6, phone: +40-21-327 30 65.

**The Green Man.** Drinks are very good here and the bar is highly popular among darts amateurs. Address: Str. Putul lui Zamfir 26, phone: +40-21- 230 00 71 / 722 31 40 26, [albion\\_26@yahoo.com](mailto:albion_26@yahoo.com).



**The Harp.** It is located in Piata Unirii and has an excellent terrace. Upstairs you can play darts, and there's a huge screen with sports news. Address: Str. Bibescu Voda 1, phone: +40-21-335 65 08.

**Ugly Club.** An excellent bar with fine drinks. It's the kind of place where there is always something interesting happening. The atmosphere is pleasant. Address: Str. Viitorului 26, on corner to Lascar, phone: +40-21-788 314 932 / 788 314 931.

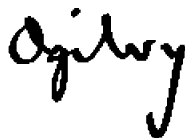
**Vama Veche KM 0.** Looking from outside it is difficult to guess that this house with a bourgeois air hides a bar inside. Food is good and platefuls are large. Try macedoine and 'musaca' (a dish of vegetables and minced meat fried in grease, then stewed). Address: Cristofor Columb 13, phone: +40-21-211 64 46 / 744 67 12 13.

**White Horse.** The kind of place where the gets so hot that the customers end up dancing on the tables. It is one of the most cheerful places in Bucharest. Address: Str. George Calinescu 4 A, phone: +40-21-231 27 95.

**White Bar.** It is divided in two areas: one for face-to-face discussions, and another one for big group socialization. Address: Piata Alba Iulia 3, phone: +40-21-315 80 37 / 721 74 66 73.

**Queen's.** Str. Culmea Veche 2. The first gay bar in Bucharest is both a bar and disco and access is granted with a member's card. In order to become a member you must come in the company of another member or be ready to answer several personal questions. Address: Str. Culmea Veche 2.

### **Clubs**



**Club A** is a place of tradition, and has already earned its name among clubs in Bucharest. It is the most famous club in town and it is easy to grasp why if we think of the music (pop/rock/any other kind) and the incendiary atmosphere. Address: Str. Blanari 14, phone: +40-21-315.68.53.

**Club Sugar** sees a lot of BMWs and Mercedes gathering outside from the early evening. Appropriate clothing is compulsory, and the dress code is applied here more strictly than in any other bar in Bucharest. Once you get inside, you discover a pleasant atmosphere, expensive drinks, a lot of statues, house music and a strong sense of exclusiveness. Address: Str. Batistei 11, phone: +40-723-20.06.22.

**The Office.** Oh, what a joy! A piece of London in the middle of Romania. Exclusive. Expensive. Excellent. There's good music all night long and the fine drinks and leather couches add to the atmosphere. Address: Str. Tache Ionescu 2, phone: +40-21-659.45.18.

**Tipsy.** Either too crowded or too empty – Tipsy is quite unpredictable. You'll find here large groups of friends that drink, sing and chatter until the first rays of the morning. Address: Blvd. Schitu Magureanu 13, phone: +40-745-20.06.11.

**Twice** established itself a long time ago as one of the most popular places in town. There's techno music on the ground floor while upstairs you'll find many young people dancing fervently to the rhythms of 80s and 90s music. Excellent décor and an exceptional atmosphere. Address: Str. Sf. Vineri 4, phone: +40-21-313.55.92, [www.twice.ro](http://www.twice.ro)

**Babylon Club.** Music is good, customers are cheerful. You can have real fun here. Address: Str. Zalomit 6, phone: +40-21-312 71 43 / 312 32 61, [babylon.club@email.ro](mailto:babylon.club@email.ro).

**Backstage.** A crowded place with music from the 80s and 90s that seems to amuse the clients. Location is very good, in the centre. Address: Str. Gabroveni 14, phone: +40-21-312 39 43, fax. +40-21-312 29 16, [backstage.club@xnet.ro](mailto:backstage.club@xnet.ro). [www.backstage.ro](http://www.backstage.ro).



**Caesar's Club.** There's a ROL 100,000 entrance fee. They say there have been several successful parties here lately, with top DJs. Address: Splaiul Unirii, the corner to Str. Franceza.

**Cafeneaua Actorilor.** Upstairs, it shelters a somewhat secretive bar, with dark, popular corners that are occupied by secret lovers. The bar is located in the northern part of the National Theatre, close to Intercontinental. Address: Blvd. Nicolae Balcescu 2.

**Charlie's Club.** A new club in the centre of the capital. It is popular among different kinds of customers. It has good music, usually breakbeat and house, and the atmosphere is pleasant. Address: Blvd. Magheru 23, phone: +40-21-314 39 27.

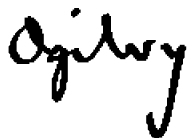
**Cuando.** If you are the kind who likes leather jackets, whistles and a hot atmosphere, you will surely like it in here. Address: Str. Academiei 35 – 37, phone: +40-21-722 50 85.

**Fire Club.** If you still feel like a teenager and are looking for a noisy club, with a lot of excitement and cheap drinks, this is the perfect place. Address: Str. Gabroveni 12, phone: +40-21-722 39 09 46/ 723 57 49 16, [info@fireclub.ro](mailto:info@fireclub.ro), [www.fireclub.ro](http://www.fireclub.ro).

**Planter's** is always popular and full of people looking for some action. A dynamic place, crowded throughout the weekends. Address: Str. Mendeleev 10.

**Ramirez Montague & Associates.** An interesting hue added to the capital's nightlife. Here interesting events with live music and DJs are frequently organized. Address: Str. 11 Iunie phone: +40-21-337 25 41.

**Salsa 2** is full of people that love Latin rhythms. It is always crowded with an immense dance floor, affordable drinks and hot music. Address: Str. Luterana 9, phone: +40-21-723 41 22 67.



**Space.** One of the most sophisticated clubs where people go dressed very elegantly, wear black a lot and park their BMWs and Audis in front of the club. Address: Str. Academiei 35-37.

**Spell House.** Entering this club you'll find yourself in a purple 'heaven', decorated by designers with cobwebs and rubbish. Plays house music. Address: Str. Gabroveni nr. 20, phone: +40-21-722 274 027.

**Studio Martin.** Number one option for those who wish to spend a hot night. Music is excellent, and DJs change very often. Address: Blvd. Iancu de Hunedoara 41, phone: +40-21-230 32 43.

**Tunnel Club** is one of the few clubs where you can get lost in the maze of tunnels in the inside. The somewhat mysterious atmosphere provides the perfect cover for a romantic conversation. There's house and dance music. Address: Str. Academiei 19 – 21, phone: +40-21-312 69 71.

**Union Jack.** You can spend an excellent night here, provided you find the entrance. Beverages are inexpensive, and one of the attractions inside is the diving suit exhibited there. Address: Blvd. Regina Elisabeta 54.

### **Jazz Clubs**

**Green Hours 22 Club Jazz Café.** Quiet, dark and decorated in an 80s style, Green Hours is one of the best places in town, where you can listen to good music and enjoy amateur actors' performance at ease. The back yard is a midsummer night's dream. Address: Calea Victoriei 120, phone: +40-21-314.57.51, [greenhours@yahoo.com](mailto:greenhours@yahoo.com), [www.green-hours.ro](http://www.green-hours.ro).

**Lobb's.** The live jazz shows organized here every Friday have won the popularity that Lobb's enjoys today. Another attraction is the excellent Italian cuisine. Address: Blvd. Expozitiei 2 (in the precincts of World Trade Center), phone: +40-21-224.27.13.

**Art Jazz Club** is sometimes full to capacity, but other times empty and slightly depressing. They put on three or four jazz concerts a week. Access is through a small door near a car park behind the Senate, and not from Balcescu, as the address suggests. Address: Blvd. Nicolae Balcescu 23 A (entrance from Str. Dobrescu), phone: +40-21-723 52 06 43 / 722 58 90 58.

**Blues Café.** A small café that offers nothing else but jazz music (on CD). It is perfect for a Sunday afternoon. Address: Calea Victoriei 16-20 (Villacrosse Passage), phone: +40-21- 723 52 06 43.

### ***Striptease Clubs***

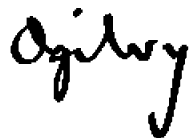
**Cindy.** A club with a hot atmosphere that offers all the services available at the moment on the market. Pretty girls, hot acts and lots of entertainment. Newly renovated, the place also has the advantage of its pleasant décor and atmosphere. Address: Str. Mircea Vulcanescu 47, phone: +40-21-722-23.73.96.

**Chaplin's.** Inspired, the kind of place where you like to return from time to time. Not too often as you'll run the risk of bankruptcy. Address: Victoriei Passage 48-50, phone: +40-21-312.40.59.

**Leonardo** is considered by many the most agreeable place of the kind. Friendly atmosphere, reasonable prices and charming girls. Address: Blvd. Al. Ioan Cuza 62, phone: +40-21-222.65.24.

**Edy's Club.** It is always a real pleasure to come here and sit and chatter with the girls at this bar. Very attentive, they always make sure you leave totally relaxed. Address: Str. Dr. Felix 72A, phone: +40-21-312.84.08.

**Blue Moon.** Cabaret, striptease and interactive dance on offer at a central location. Address: Blvd. Magheru 1-3, phone:



**Moldova Cabaret.** The first live shower show in Bucharest was organised here. Rather expensive.

Address: Str. Icoanei 2, phone: +40-21-210.41.77

**Disco Club Herastrau.** A Bucharest legend. Address: Sos. Nordului 7-9, phone: +40-21-679 63 42 / 232 21 28.

**Interdit** has lots of pretty girls, plenty of rooms available, with cheap drinks and reasonable prices. Address: Str. Nastase Pamfil 30, phone: +40-21-722 635 536 / 0788 235 022.

**Pussy Cat.** Subtle name. Right across the street from Intercontinental, it is the most central night club. Downstairs you enter a den of cosy decadence. Address: Blvd. Nicolae Balcescu 9.

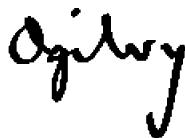
**Red.** You need an appointment to come here. Sauna and massage are both available. Address: Str. Spatarului 37 A, phone: +40-21-212 03 43 / 721 168 192.

### **Casinos**

**Astoria Casino.** Str. Biserica Amzei 6, phone: +40-21-212.93.57, fax: +40-21-212.92.95. Opening hours: from 14:00 to 06:00.

**Blindo Casino.** Blvd. Expozitiei 2 (at World Trade Center), phone: +40-21-224.43.94, Fax: +40-21-224.43.03, [www.blindo.ro](http://www.blindo.ro). Opening hours: from 14:00 to 06:00. Friday, Saturday and Sunday – 24 hours opened.

**Bucuresti Casino.** Blvd. Nicolae Balcescu 4 (Intercontinental Hotel), phone: +40-21-310.20.20. Opening hours: from 18:00 to 06:00.



**Casino Paris.** Calea Victoriei 63-81, phone: +40-21-313.62.34, Fax: +40-21-313.62.98. 24 hours opened.

**Grand Casino.** Str. Episcopiei 1-3, phone: +40-21-314.72.00, Fax: +40-21-314.72.11. Opening hours: from 21:00 to 04:00. Closed on Mondays and Sundays.

**Palace Casino.** Calea Victoriei 133, phone: +40-21-231.02.20, Fax: +40-21-311.16.45.

**Plaza Casino.** Calea Victoriei 163, phone: +40-21-310.24.80, [plaza@dial.kappa.ro](mailto:plaza@dial.kappa.ro). Opening hours: from 14:00 to 07:00.

**Princess Casino.** Blvd. Regina Elisabeta 13, phone: +40-21-310.39.10, Fax: +40-21-310.39.16. Opening hours: from 00:00 to 24:00.

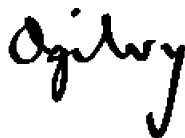
**Victoria Casino.** Calea Victoriei 174, phone: +40-212.51.32, Fax: +40-21-312.02.45. Opening hours: from 18:00 to 07:00.

### **Specific Shops**

Bucharest is the city of all shops. Here you can find elegant malls with international brand names, but also hidden boutiques selling the most surprising goods. Arm yourselves with a lot of time to visit at least some of them and you'll be satisfied with the results.

### **Antiques**





On the streets around Lipsyani – the old part of the city between Piata Unirii and Piata Universitatii – there are dozens of antiques shops. The likelihood of buying items of national patrimony is rather low. But if you have the least doubt over any such product, contact the **Cultural National Patrimony Office in Bucharest** – Calea Victoriei 118, phone: +40-21-659.55.24. If the item does belong to the national patrimony, you must request that your passport number be inscribed on the purchase receipt and with this document attached file an official petition at the above-mentioned address to be allowed to leave the country with it.

**Craii de Curtea Veche** is one of the strangest and best organised shops of this kind in Bucharest. Address: Str. Covaci 14, phone: +40-21-314.83.04. Opening hours: from 10:00 to 18:00, Saturday: from 10:00 to 15:00, Sunday, closed.

**Da Vinci**. Specialised in old jewellery and home objects. Address: Calea Victoriei 118, phone: +40-21-210.40.94. Opening hours: from 9:00 to 18:00, Saturday: from 9:00 to 15:00, Sunday, closed.

**Hanul cu Tei**. Participate in auctions of high value antiquities and listen to violin and piano concerts. Address: Str. Lipsyani 63-65, phone: +40-21-315.56.63. Opening hours: from 10:00 to 18:00, Saturday: from 10:00 to 13:30, Sunday, closed.

**Quasar Antiques**. Expensive and valuable antiquities. Address: Calea Victoriei 63-81, phone: +40-21-313.47.26. Opening hours: from 10:30 to 19:30, Saturday: from 10:30 to 14:30, Sunday, closed.

**Andraz Antiques**. Address: Str. Paul Greceanu 4, phone: +40-21-211.10.12. Opening hours: from 10:30 to 15:00. Closed on Saturdays and Sundays.

**Anticariat**. Literary rarities as well as lots of old, precious books. Address: Blvd. I. C. Bratianu 20.

**Anticariat**. A strange collection of books. There are some that belong to the Communist period, some books on Physics and several on interior design. Address: Blvd. Carol I 62.

**Amadeus Antiques.** Address: Str. Edgar Quinet 3, phone: 315 10 83. Opening hours: from 10:00 to 18:00. Closed on Sunday.

### ***Souvenirs***

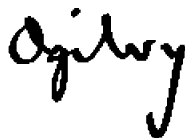
If you are on the lookout for traditional souvenirs from Romania, then try the embroidered blouses, glassware, wood miniatures, pieces of embroidery and icons. Go directly to the **Museum of Romanian Peasant** for the best selection of hand-made objects. You can try **Hanul cu Tei bazaar** too, a place on Str. Lipscani 63, dating from 1853. Other places recommended for the purchase of such objects are ...

**Totem** – ethnographic objects. Piata Unirii (inside Unirea Shopping Center), phone: +40-721.84.83.57. Opening hours: from 9:00 to 22:00. On Sundays: from 9:00 to 15:00.

**Sticerom.** Located in Curtea Sticlarilor (Glassmaker's Yard), dating from 1857, this place offers numerous glass objects with its most popular choices the Gallé vessels, chinaware, ceramic objects and crystal vessels. Str. Selari 9-11, phone: +40-21-31575.04. Opening hours: from 9:30 to 18:00, Saturday: from 9:30 to 15:00, closed on Sundays.

**Orient Design.** Fitting perfectly into the atmosphere of the old part of the city, it offers numerous beautiful presents from the East. Address: Str. Blanari 14. Opening hours: from 10:30 to 18:30, Saturday: from 10:30 to 14:30, closed on Sundays.

**The shop inside the Romanian Peasant's Museum.** You won't know what to look at first. You will leave with a lot of souvenirs. Address: Soseaua Kiseleff 3, phone: +40-21-650.53.60.



**Amintiri.** A good place to buy presents. A lot of ceramic objects, hand-made objects and national costumes. Address: Str. Gabroveni 20. Opening hours: from 10:00 to 18:00, Saturday: from 9:00 to 14:00, closed on Sundays.

**Artizanat.** Excellent location inside the Marriot Hotel. This shop sells products manufactured by Romanian handicraftsmen. Address: Str. 13 Septembrie (inside Bucharest Marriot Grand Hotel), phone: +40-21-403 35 50, Fax. +40-21-336 46 18. Opening hours: from 10:00 to 22:00.

**Atheneum Shop.** A wide range of high-quality souvenirs. Here you can buy a rare version of the Monopoly game. Address: Str. Episcopiei 1-3 (inside Hilton Hotel), phone: +40-21-303 37 77. Opening hours: from 11:00 to 20:00.

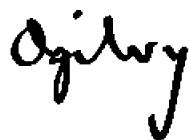
**Carpet.** There are no carpets inside, but you can find plenty of vases, glassware and lamps. Address: Str. Selari 24. Opening hours: from 9:00 to 18:30, Saturday: from 9:00 to 14:00, closed on Sundays.

**Hippie Hippie Shake.** A lot of Romanian folk items. Address: Str. Eremia Grigorescu 24, phone: +40-21-210 48 28. (as well as on Calea Victoriei 122). Opening hours: from 10:00 to 20:00, Saturday: from 10:00 to 18:00. Closed on Sundays.

**Marama.** Old national clothes, ceramic objects and dolls in traditional dress. Address: Str. Gabroveni 22.

**Obart.** Vessels, glassware and contemporary icons. Address: Blvd. Magheru 20, phone: +40-21-659 75 80.

**Romartizana.** Traditional souvenirs at reasonable prices. Address: Blvd. Expozitiei 2 (World Trade Center), phone: +40-21-224 19 28.



**Cadouri Artizana.** Address: Calea Victoriei 14. Opening hours: from 10:00 to 18:00. Closed on Saturdays and Sundays.

### ***Perfumeries***

**Dumarex** is the sole supplier of Chanel, Dior, Guerlain and Oscar de la Renta to Romania. Address: Calea Victoriei 91-93, phone: +40-21-659.66.40. Opening hours: from 8:30 to 20:30, Saturday: from 10:00 to 18:00, Closed on Sundays.

**Estée Lauder.** Perfumes, lipsticks and body lotions, Clinique and Tommy Hilfiger products. Address: Calea Victoriei 100, phone: +40-21-312.42.66. Opening hours: from 10:00 to 16:00. Closed on Sundays.

**Ina Center.** Cosmetics and perfumes from the most famous designers. Address: Calea Victoriei 118, phone: +40-21-312.75.69. Opening hours: from 10:00 to 20:00, Saturday from 10:00 to 15:00, Closed on Sundays.

**L'Oreal.** A pleasant place offering almost the whole range of l'Oreal products. Address: Calea Victoriei 91-93. Opening hours: from 10:00 to 20:00, Saturday from 10:00 to 17:00, Closed on Sundays.

### ***Fashion***

**Marie Sobriand.** The place to buy the perfect dress for a cocktail party. Address: Str. George Enescu 3. Opening hours: from 12:00 to 19:00, Saturday: from 11:00 to 14:00.

**Max Mara.** Both casual and formal clothes. A place for ladies who are ready to spend a lot of money. Address: Calea Victoriei 122A. Opening hours: from 10:00 to 20:00, Monday: from 14:00 to 20:00, Saturday: from 10:00 to 14:00, closed on Sundays.

**Morgan.** Teenagers' paradise. Address: Calea Vitan 55-59. Opening hours: from 10:00 to 22:00.

**Stefanel** offers Italian style clothes. Address: Calea Victoriei 81, but also on Blvd. Expozitiei (inside World Trade Center). Opening hours: from 10:00 to 20:00, Saturday: from 10:00 to 17:00, Closed on Sundays.

**Mango.** Spanish style is at home away from home. Address: Calea Vitan 55-59 (at the ground floor of Bucuresti Mall). Opening hours: from 10:00 to 22:00.

**Irina Schrotter.** Clothes for all occasions from one of the most esteemed Romanian designers. Address: Calea Vitan 55-59. Opening hours: from 10:00 to 22:00.

**Eva.** A two-storey shop with several departments selling clothes and perfumes. Address: Blvd. Magheru 9. Opening hours: from 8:00 to 20:00, Saturday from 9:00 to 15:00, Closed on Sundays.

**Escape Club Wear.** Highly modern clothes, some of them rather eccentric, a real sensation for the young. Address: Calea Victoriei 101. Opening hours from 10:30 to 19:00, Saturday: from 10:30 to 15:00, Closed on Sundays.

**Alsa Boutique.** A great range of men's suits in several styles. Address: Calea Victoriei 63 – 81, phone: +40-21-312 72 01 / 312 72 00. Opening hours: from 10:00 to 20:00. Monday: from 14:00 to 20:00, Saturday from 10:00 to 17:00. To be found also on Calea Victoriei 122 (phone: +40-21-314 77 31 / 30), World Trade Plaza Shopping Gallery (phone: +40-21-224 28 80, 224 37 71).

**Benetton.** Represents the Benetton spirit and variety in Romania. Opening hours: from 10:00 to 20:00, Saturday from 10:00 to 16:00. Closed on Sundays. Address: Calea Victoriei 48-50, phone: +40-21-312 46 11. Also, on Calea Vitan 55-59 (Bucuresti Mall).

**Betty Barclay.** Address: Calea Victoriei 60 – 64, phone: +40-21-315 58 74. Opening hours: from 10:00 to 22:00. Also to be found in Bucuresti Mall (phone: +40-21-327 67 00), Luterane Galleries, Mario Piazza (phone: +40-21-230 47 71), Unirea Shopping Center (phone: +40-21-311 17 75), World Trade Piazza (phone: +40-21-224 41 47) and Victoria galleries (phone: +40-21-315 54 50).

**Bliss.** For gentlemen who know how to make choices. Address: Calea Victoriei 25, phone: +40-21-312 10 61. Opening hours: from 10:00 to 19:00; Monday from 13:00 to 19:00, Saturday from 10:00 to 16:00; Closed on Sundays.

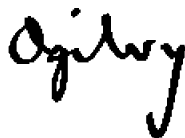
**Brutus.** Address: Blvd. Nicolae Balcescu 30. Opening hours: from 10:00 to 21:00. Closed on Sundays.

**Croitorie (Tailor's shop).** Tailors with good recommendations who know the classical cutting style. Expect you to bring your own materials. Prices here are a real bargain. Address: Str. Doamnei 3, phone: +40-21-314 10 80. Opening hours: from 09:00 to 18:00, Saturday from 09:00 to 13:00. Closed on Sundays.

**Dada.** Simple yet very stylish. Accessible clothes by local designers. Address: Str. Tache Ionescu 1, phone: +40-21-212 75 87 / 788 32 58 65, [office@dada.ro](mailto:office@dada.ro), [www.dada.ro](http://www.dada.ro). Opening hours: from 10:00 to 20:00, Saturday from 10:00 to 17:00. Closed on Sundays. Also in Calea Vitian 55 – 59 (Bucuresti Mall, phone: +40-21-327 65 85 / 788 325 867), Piata Unirii 1 (Unirea Shopping Center, phone: +40-21-303 02 25) and Calea Dorobantilor 172 (Mario Piazza, phone: +40-21-230 47 67).

**Dika.** Clothes that bear the mark of the Greek style. You have a wide selection. Address: Blvd. Magheru 34, phone: – fax +40-21-314 25 88. Opening hours: from 10:00 to 20:00. Closed on Sundays.

**Favior.** Numerous fur items. Address: Calea Victoriei 120. Opening hours: from 10:00 to 18:00. Closed on Saturdays and Sundays.



**Incom Italia.** Italian fashion for men and women. Address: Calea Victoriei 28 (entrance through Str. Doamnei). Opening hours: from 09:30 to 19:30. Closed on Sundays.

**Katex.** Clothes in a slightly retro style. Address: Str. Lipscani 45, phone: +40-21-315 91 27. Opening hours: from 09:30 to 20:00, Saturday: from 09:30 to 17:00. Closed on Sundays.

**Kenvelo.** Big collections of casual clothes. A favourite of Bucharest's students. Address: Calea Vitan 55-59 (Bucuresti Mall, floor I). Opening hours: from 09:00 to 21:00, Saturday from 09:00 to 20:00, Sunday: from 10:00 to 19:00. There is also a Kenvelo store in Str. Doamnei 27 – 29.

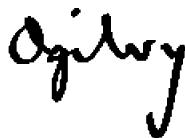
**La Moda.** Address: Blvd. Expozitiei 2 (World Trade Plazza), phone: +40-21-224 18 53, fax. +40-21-224 20 13, [lavinia@lamoda.ro](mailto:lavinia@lamoda.ro). Opening hours: from 10:00 to 20:00, Saturday: from 10:30 to 17:00. Closed on Sundays.

**Marks & Spencer.** Address: Calea Vitan 55 – 59 (Bucuresti Mall – floor I). Opening hours: from 10:00 to 22:00.

**Mini Prix.** One of the most popular clothes stores in Bucharest, with real bargains. Address: Blvd. Magheru 24 phone: +40-21-659 49 60. Opening hours: from 09:00 to 21:00, Sunday: from 10:00 to 18:00. Also in Blvd. I.C. Bratianu 20, phone: +40-21-315 08 18, and Blvd. Ion Mihalache (phone: +40-21-650 73 90).

**Naf Naf.** Clothes for women, brought from France. Address: Blvd. Magheru 2-4, phone: 311 19 76. Opening hours: from 10:00 to 20:00, Closed on Sundays.

**Palarierul.** Elegant hats. Address: Str. Gabroveni 2 – 4. Opening hours: from 10:00 to 18:00, closed on Saturdays and Sundays.



**Rafaelli.** Clothes recommended especially to business women. Address: Calea Mosilor 205.  
Phone: +40-21-210 52 28. Opening hours: from 10:00 to 20:00, Saturday from 10:00 to 18:00, Closed on Sundays.

**Rifle.** For sport clothes. Address: Str. Stirbei Voda 172. Opening hours from 09:00 to 18:30, Saturday: from 10:00 to 15:00, Closed on Sundays.

**Romarta Adam.** Men's clothes. Address: Str. Ion Câmpineanu 29. Opening hours: from 09:00 to 20:00, Monday: from 10:00 to 20:00, Saturday: from 10:00 to 18:00, Closed on Sundays.

**S'NZA.** Kenzo clothes for men and Laurel fashion. Address: Blvd. Expozitiei 2 (World Trade Center), phone: +40-21-224 07 17. Opening hours: from 10:00 to 19:00, Saturday from 14:00 to 17:00, Closed on Sundays.

**Steilmann.** The name means stylish man. Maybe you already know the brand. Address: Blvd. Magheru 1 - 5, phone: +40-21-312 41 36. Opening hours: from 10:00 to 20:00, Saturday from 10:00 to 18:00, Closed on Sundays. Also, on Calea Victoriei 91- 93 and Str. Ion Câmpineanu 29.

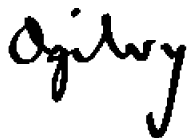
**Terzoatto.** Italian fashion. Address: Calea Dorobantilor 172 (Mario Piazza), phone: +40-21-230 46 99, [www.terzoatto.com](http://www.terzoatto.com). Opening hours: from 10:00 to 21:00, Sunday from 11:00 to 18:00.

**The Spin.** Address: Calea Mosilor 201. Opening hours: from 09:00 to 19:00, Saturday from 09:00 to 15:00, Closed on Sundays.

**Cresse.** Address: Str. Ion Câmpineanu 12, phone: 311 11 73. Opening hours: from 11:00 to 21:00, Saturday from 11:00 to 18:00, Closed on Sundays.

### **Children Stores**





**Crido Kids.** A generous range of cheerful clothes for children. You may find something to your taste. Address: Calea Victoriei 101, phone: +40-21-210 25 77. Opening hours: from 10:00 to 19:30, Sunday from 12:00 to 18:00. Also at Bucuresti Mall (ground floor).

**Gulliver Toys.** A toy shop selling from teddy bears to Action Man and Barbie. Address: Calea Mosilor 282. Phone: +40-21-210 53 35. Opening hours: from 10:00 to 19:00, Saturday from 09:00 to 14:00, Closed on Sundays.

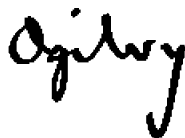
**Papillon.** Address: Calea Victoriei 60 – 64, phone: +40-21-315 58 74. Opening hours: from 10:00 to 22:00. Also at Bucuresti Mall (phone: +40-21-3276700), Luterana Galleries, Mario Plaza (phone: +40-21-230 47 71), Unirea Shopping Center (phone: +40-21-311 17 75), World Trade Center (phone: +40-21-224 41 47) and Victoria Galleries (phone: +40-21-313 54 50).

**Z.** French clothes for children. Address: Calea Victoriei 112, phone: +40-21-659 42 88. Opening hours: from 10:00 to 20:00, Closed on Sundays.

**Zerododici of Benetton.** Benetton for children. Address: Calea Victoriei 48 – 50. Opening hours: from 10:00 to 20:00, Saturday from 10:00 to 16:00, Closed on Sundays.

### ***Bookshops***

**Humanitas Kretzulescu** is a vast bookshop with both Romanian and foreign titles. Address: Calea Victoriei 45. Opening hours: from 10:00 to 19:00. Closed on Sundays.



**Salingers** offers the best publications of English fiction and not just that. It is a modern bookshop that is always updated with the latest publications. Address: Calea 13 Septembrie 90, info@salingers-bookstore.com. Opening hours: from 12:00 to 21:00, Sunday from 10:00 to 21:00.

**Carturesti.** A well stocked bookshop where you can find scarce publications. Address: Str. Edgar Quinet 9. Opening hours: from 10:00 to 20:00, Saturday from 11:00 to 18:00, Closed on Sundays.

**Libraria Noi.** Vast, well organised and very popular. Here you can find the latest novelties of modern literature. Address: Blvd. Nicolae Balcescu 18. Opening hours: from 10:00 to 20:00, Sunday from 11:00 to 19:00.

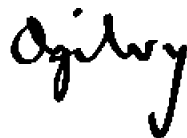
**Diverta.** A quite small yet well stocked bookshop. Address: Piata Unirii (Unirea Shopping Centre). Opening hours: from 09:30 to 20:30, Sunday: from 09:00 to 14:30. Also in Unirea Shopping Centre.

**La Calu' Balan.** A delightful combination of old and new books. Address: Str. Halelor 3, phone: +40-21-310 19 32. Opening hours: from 09:00 to 20:00, Saturday from 09:00 to 19:00, Closed on Sundays.

**Libraria din Fundul Curtii.** For intellectuals. Address: Calea Victoriei 120. Phone: +40-21-212 88 21. Opening hours from 10:00 to 19:00, Closed on Sundays.

**Micul Paris – Press Shop Network.** Your best chance of finding new and high quality foreign press. Address: Inside Hilton, Marriot, Crowne Plaza, Intercontinental, Sofitel hotels and at Opera Business Centre. Phone: +40-21-224 32 31. Opening hours: from 09:00 to 18:00, Closed on Saturdays and Sundays.

### ***Flower shops***



**Cris-Style.** This flower shop is opened until late, for emergencies. Address: Piata Romana 9.  
Opening hours: from 08:00 to 21:00, Sunday from 10:00 to 17:00.

**Decoflora.** Interesting, both indoor and outdoor plants. Address: Str. Dionisie Lupu 46. Phone: +40-21-210 95 76. Opening hours: from 09:00 to 19:00, Saturday from 09:00 to 14:00, Closed on Sundays.

**Floraria D& D.** A friendly flower shop also providing a home delivery services. Address: Calea Mosilor nr. 229, Sect. 2, Bucharest, phone: +40-21-210 63 44 / 210 89 40, fax. +40-21-210 91 02, [sales@dandd.ro](mailto:sales@dandd.ro), [www.dandd.ro](http://www.dandd.ro). Opening hours: from 09:00 to 21:00, Closed on Sundays.

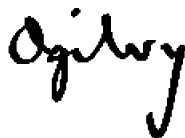
**Floraria Ikebana.** Address: Str. Edgar Quinet. Opening hours: from 08:00 to 19:00, Saturday from 08:00 to 15:00, Closed on Sundays.

**Gardena.** Right in the north part of the Otopeni Airport. They sell cut flowers, bulbs and seeds. Its main advantage is its very reasonable prices. Address: Sos. Bucuresti – Ploiesti km 24, phone: +40-21-744 64 28 11. Opening hours: from 09:00 to 17:00.

**Iris.** Many beautiful flowers that make it hard for you to choose. Address: Calea Mosilor 40, phone: +40-21-313 55 84. Opening hours: from 07:30 to 20:00, Saturday from 08:00 to 18:00, Sunday from 08:00 to 18:00. Also in Piata Dorobanti 5, phone: +40-21-230 62 71.

**Kangaroo Floral.** Order flowers on line for the one you love. Phone: +40-21-322 37 99, [mail@kangaroo.ro](mailto:mail@kangaroo.ro) / [kangaroo@fx.ro](mailto:kangaroo@fx.ro). [www.kangaroo.com](http://www.kangaroo.com).

**Liana Flowers.** Home delivery. Address: Str. Eforie 8, phone: +40-21-314 16 06 / 722 35 99 94. Opening hours: from 07:30 to 18:00, Saturday from 08:30 to 14:00, Closed on Sundays.



**Pegasus Floral.** If you make your order before 1 o'clock, your bouquet will be delivered the same day. Address: Str. Sfintii Voievozi 9, phone: +40-21-231 03 03, fax. +40-21-230 83 38, bucharest@pegasus.ro, www.pegasus.ro. Opening hours: from 09:00 to 18:00, Closed on Saturdays and Sundays.

### ***Lingerie***

**Liberti.** Deluxe Italian lingerie for men and women. Address: Calea Victoriei 222, phone: +40-21-311 18 51. Opening hours: from 10:00 to 20:00, Saturday: from 10:00 to 16:00, Closed on Sundays.

**Palmers.** Austrian style lingerie. Address: Blvd. Regina Elisabeta 29 – 31. Opening hours: from 10:00 to 19:00, Saturday from 09:00 to 14:00, Closed on Sundays.

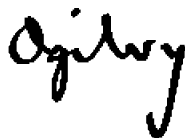
**Skinny.** The latest innovations in lingerie. Address: Str. Piata Amzei. Opening hours: from 09:00 to 20:00, Saturday from 09:00 to 16:00, Closed on Sundays.

**Triumph.** Address: Calea Victoriei 26. Opening hours: from 10:00 to 19:00, Saturday: from 10:00 to 14:00, Closed on Sundays. Also on Str. Sevastopol 13 – 17.

### ***Jewellery***

**Cellini.** The most important chain of jewellery stores in Bucharest. Address: Blvd. Magheru 1 – 3, phone: +40-21-312 42 85. Opening hours: from 09:00 to 20:00, Sunday from 12:00 to 18:00. Also at Bucuresti Mall (ground floor).

**Gold Italia.** Jewellery imported from Italy. Address: Calea Victoriei 26, phone: +40-21-315 33 20. Opening hours: from 10:00 to 18:30, Saturday from 10:00 to 14:00, Closed on Sundays.



**Golden Falcon.** Unique jewels. Address: Calea Victoriei 93. Opening hours: from 09:00 to 19:00, Saturday from 09:00 to 14:00, Closed on Sundays.

**Micri Gold.** Gold jewellery imported from Italy. Address: Calea Victoriei 95, phone: +40-21-312 46 15. Opening hours: from 10:30 to 19:00, Saturday from 10:30 to 14:00, Closed on Sundays.

**Together.** Address: Calea 13 Septembrie 90, Sect. 5 (inside Grand Hotel Marriot), phone: / fax 403 35 37, [togetherbijuterii@yahoo.com](mailto:togetherbijuterii@yahoo.com). Opening hours: from 10:00 to 22:00, Sunday from 10:00 to 20:00.

### ***Supermarkets***

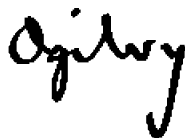
**Gima.** One of the best stocked supermarkets in Bucharest. Address: Calea Vitan 55-59. Opening hours: from 10:00 to 22:00.

**La Fourmi.** You'll find here some goods unavailable elsewhere. Piata Unirii 1 (Unirea Shopping Center). Opening hours: from 8:30 to 21:00, Sunday from 9:00 to 16:00. Also on Calea 13 Septembrie 65-67.

**Mega Image.** A whole chain of supermarkets where you know for sure that you can find fresh meat products. The largest of these stores is located on Soseaua Stefan cel Mare 226. Opening hours: from 8:30 to 21:30, Sunday: from 8:30 to 18:00.

**Nic.** A supermarket whose main asset is its ability to select the best home or import products. Piata Amzei 10-22. Opening hours: from 9:00 to 21:00, Sunday: from 9:00 to 16:00. A similar store is also located on Radu Beller 6 – Open 24 hours.

### ***Shopping Centres***



**Bucuresti Mall** seems to attract more visitors than buyers. The most popular parts are the supermarket, the cinema complex and the restaurants on the top floor. Address: Calea Vitan 55 59, phone: +40-21-327 6 00, fax. +40-21-320 92 09, www.bucurestimall.com. Opening hours: from 10:00 to 22:00.

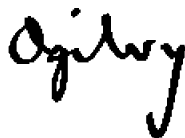
**Unirea Shopping Center.** There are fashion stores on the first and second floor while the third and fourth floors are home to electronic devices. On the ground floor is a Body Shop and a McDonald's while La Fourmi supermarket can be found in the basement. Address: Piata Unirii 1. Opening hours: from 09:00 to 21:00, Sunday from 09:00 to 15:00.

**World Trade Plaza – Shopping Gallery.** A collection of very elegant and expensive stores that sell perfumes, leather goods, antiques, watches, electronic devices, glassware, lingerie and souvenirs. Address: Blvd. Expozitiei 2, phone: +40-21-202 44 50. Opening hours: from 08:00 to 20:00.

**Carrefour Autostrada Bucuresti Pitesti.** Beyond any doubt, this is the best shopping centre in Bucharest. Meat is very fresh; they even have lamb meat which is scarce. Here you can also find a variety of fish (salmon included), a wide range of fruits and vegetables as well as delicatessen. They also offer clothes, computer software and housekeeping accessories. Phone: +40-21-430 55 71 / 430 55 73, fax. +40-21-430 55 91. Opening hours: from 09:30 to 21:30, Sunday: from 09:30 to 19:30.

**Bucur Obor.** Organized chaos selling practically everything, from TV sets to silk dress stockings. They offer a wide range of clothes. Address: Sos. Colentina 2. Opening hours: from 10:00 to 20:00, Sunday from 10:00 to 14:00.

**Cocor.** Blvd. Bratianu 29 – 33. A large general store, appreciated for its fabrics and textures on the top floor. Opening hours: from 10:00 to 20:00, Saturday from 08:30 to 15:30, Closed on Sundays.



**Mario Plaza.** A lot of clothes stores and two cafés, all under the same roof. Address: Calea Dorobantilor 172, phone: +40-21-230 47 71 / 230 41 20. Opening hours: from 10:00 to 21:00, Sunday from 10:00 to 14:00.

**The Grand Avenue.** If you are somewhere around the Marriot it is worth scouring this place a little, especially as it shelters the most important vendor of foreign language books in town, *Salingers*. Address: Calea 13 Septembrie 90 (Bucharest Grand Marriot Hotel), phone: 403 40 30, fax 403 40 40, [marketing\\_avenue@fx.ro](mailto:marketing_avenue@fx.ro). Opening hours: from 09:00 to 20:00.

### ***Fitness***

As in all busy metropolises where day-to-day stress must be counterbalanced by something and keeping fit often becomes a problem, Bucharest offers numerous fitness centres. Suggestions are quite varied and tempting. If you want to convince yourselves of this, you only have to try them.

**Exponent Body Care.** With an elegant and relaxing atmosphere, this centre provides a wide range of professional services that keep up with the latest discoveries in this field. Address: Str. Tudor Arghezi 26, apt 16, phone: +40-21-312.48.31. Monday-Saturday: from 10:00 to 21:00.

**Beauty Salon 90-60-90.** Private with a pleasant décor, this place offers manicure, pedicure, massage, cosmetics and solar treatments. Str. Gabroveni 24, phone: +21-313.16.90.

**Coco's Gym.** Fitness with a personal trainer, diet and nutrition programs, modern devices and smart facilities. Blvd. Unirii 65, phone: +40-723-48.00.61.

### ***Massage***

**Tao Oriental Center** is near the Intercontinental Hotel. This place is excellent and discreet. Call to schedule an appointment. Phone: +40-21-740 778 660 / 312 00 80, [kino@fx.ro](mailto:kino@fx.ro), [www.erotic-massage.ro](http://www.erotic-massage.ro). Also, 50 m away from Marriot Grand Hotel, phone: +40-21-788 884 900.

### ***Beauty parlours***

**Api Estetic.** Treatments with honey. Address: Str. C.A. Rosetti 31, phone: +40-21-211 38 27 / 722 824 212, [apiestetic@yahoo.com](mailto:apiestetic@yahoo.com). Opening hours: from 08:00 to 20:00, Saturday from 08:00 to 14:00, Closed on Sundays.

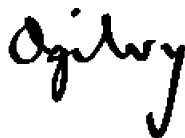
**Beauty Laser International Centre.** Laser treatment of spots, unwanted hair, wrinkles and tattoos. Not cheap, but cheaper than in the West. Address: Str. Suvenir 12, phone: +40-21-210 24 14, fax +40-21-212 35 52. Opening hours: from 09:00 to 19:00, Saturday from 09:00 to 15:00, Closed on Sundays.

**Beauty Line.** Friendly atmosphere, professional care and a quality hairdresser. Address: Str. Iatropol (Piata Cotroceni), phone: +40-21-781 77 77. Opening hours: from 10:00 to 20:00, Saturday from 10:00 to 14:00, Closed on Sundays.

**Blues Line.** One of the best beauty parlours in Bucharest. Address: World Trade Centre, Blvd. Expozitiei 2, phone: +40-21-224 38 53 / 224 19 26, [info@romcare.ro](mailto:info@romcare.ro). [www.blueslinesalons.com](http://www.blueslinesalons.com). Opening hours: from 08:00 to 20:00, Saturday from 10:00 to 17:00, closed on Sundays. Also in Episcopiei 1 – 3 (phone: +40-21-313 70 80, +40-21-303 37 77 extension. 3795).

**Blues Line Classic.** Inside Hilton Hotel, Str. Episcopiei 1-3, phone: +40-21-313 70 80. Opening hours: from 08:00 to 20:00, Saturday from 10:00 to 17:00, Closed on Sundays.





**Cella Centre.** Smart place offering sauna, jacuzzi, a hairdresser's services and ionizing baths. Address: Str. Elefterie 54, phone: +40-21-410 98 52 / 745 83 88, fax. +40-21-411 65 84. Opening hours: from 09:00 to 21:00, Saturday from 09:00 to 14:00, Closed on Sundays.

**CiUFOLici.** Attractive haircuts and games to keep children's minds busy and not on the hairdresser's chair. Address: Str. piata Amzei 16 – 22, phone: +40-21-212 54 56. Opening hours: from 10:00 to 20:00. Also in Str. Chirstigiilor 6, phone: +40-21-252 99 50.

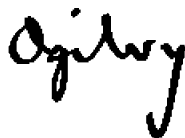
**Dibi Centre.** An Italian beauty centre with Dibbi devices, creams and lotions. Address: Calea Victoriei 143. Opening hours: from 11:00 to 19:00, Saturday from 10:00 to 15:00, Closed on Sundays.

**Gett's Hair Studio.** The favourite salon of business women and ambassador wives. Address: Str. Londra 43, phone: +40-21-230 31 33, fax. +40-21-230 77 34. [office@getts.ro](mailto:office@getts.ro), [www.getts.ro](http://www.getts.ro). Opening hours: from 09:00 to 21:00, Saturday from 09:00 to 17:00, Closed on Sundays. Also, in Bucharest Marriot Grand Hotel (phone: 403 31 33 / 403 35 33).

**Miko Beauty Center.** Get rid of upsetting wrinkles. Intr. Scoala Herastrau nr. 1 C, phone: +40-21-233 00 83 / 233 00 84, fax +40-21-233 00 85, [contact@mikobeautz.ro](mailto:contact@mikobeautz.ro), [www.mikobeautz.ro](http://www.mikobeautz.ro). Opening hours: from 08:00 to 21:00, Saturday from 08:00 to 18:00, Closed on Sundays. Also in Str. Silvestru no. 41, Sector 2, phone: +40-21-211 09 64 / 211 09 65 / 211 09 73.

**Perfect Nails.** Address: Blvd. Unirii 1 (Unirea Shopping Center, ground floor), phone: +40-21-303 01 39. Opening hours: from 10:00 to 18:00, Closed on Sundays.

**Vogue.** Offers a wide range of treatments for women and men as well as massage and sauna. Str. George Enescu 36 – 40, phone: / fax +40-21-310 22 51. Opening hours: from 08:00 to 20:00, Saturday from 08:00 to 18:00, Sunday from 09:00 to 13:00. Also in Piata Alba Iulia 5 (phone: +40-21-327 53 90).



### ***Film Developing Services***

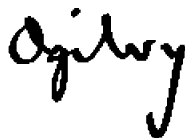
**Fujifilm Image Centre.** Fast and high quality service. They also develop slides – bring your own frames. Located inside Unirea Shopping Center (ground floor). Opening hours: from 09:15 to 20:30, Saturday from 10:00 to 14:00, Closed on Sundays. Also on Calea Mosilor 241.

**Kodak** is specialised in all areas of the film business, from sales to developing. Address: Piata Unirii 1 (Unirea Shopping Center), phone: +40-21-312 62 37. Opening hours: from 09:00 to 21:00, Sunday from 09:00 to 15:00. Also in Blvd. Iancu de Hunedoara and Calea Mosilor 211 (phone: +40-21-211 93 05).

**Patric Art.** Small yet professional laboratories offering fast and good service at reasonable prices. Opening hours 24 h. Address: Gara de Nord (near the supermarket), phone: +40-21-222 83 22. Also in Blvd. Regina Elisabeta 5 (Eminescu Bookshop, phone: +40-21-315 16 77), Str. Halelor 11 (phone: +40-21-310 01 52), Blvd. Balcescu 21 (phone: +40-21-310 01 53), Piata Norilor (Str. Maria Tanase, phone: +40-21-330 71 80), Concordia store (phone: +40-21-336 40 64), Victoria store.

**Photomat.** Photographs on the spot. Address: in the passage of Piata Universitatii. Opening hours: from 07:00 to 19:00, Saturday from 09:00 to 13:00, Closed on Sundays.

**Top Service Total.** A mini laboratory offering fast developing. Address: Blvd. Magheru 34, phone: 312 35 90. Opening hours: from 08:00 to 20:00, Closed on Sundays. Also on Blvd. Magheru 9 A (phone: +40-21-313 28 24) and on Blvd. Kogalniceanu (phone: +40-21-312 70 76).



### ***Photocopying Services***

**Arexim Document Centre.** One of the best photocopying centres for coloured copies, professional scanning as well as other DTP services. Address: Str. Franceza 10, phone: +40-21-312 32 53, fax. +40-21-311 30 18, [www.arexim.ro](http://www.arexim.ro). Opening hours: from 08:00 to 20:00, Closed on Saturdays and Sundays.

**Océ Copy Centre.** Both quality and prices are high here. Address: Str. Biserica Enei. Opening hours: from 09:00 to 18:00, Saturday from 10:00 to 14:00, Closed on Sundays.

**Rom Team Solutions.** Address: Calea Dorobantilor 152, phone:/fax +40-21-230 62 57. Opening hours: from 09:00 to 17:00, Closed on Saturdays and Sundays.

### ***Chemical Drycleaners***

**Ama-Ecol.** Free collection and delivery for orders higher than ROL 500,000. Address: Blvd. Titulescu 95-103, block 3, phone: +40-21-222 23 17. Opening hours: from 08:00 to 20:00, Saturday from 08:00 to 18:00, Closed on Sundays. Also in Str. Vasile Lascar 111 (phone: +40-21-210 42 57), Drumul Taberei 90 (phone: +40-21-445 05 49), Blvd. 1 Mai (+40-21-224 10 17).

**Athénée Palace Hilton.** Access through The Works health centre. Address: Str. Episcopiei 1-3, phone: +40-21-303 37 77, extension 3972. Opened 24 hours.

**Compania Galbena.** Seven-hour fast cleaning services for emergencies (it costs an extra 50%), but there are 10% discounts for regular clients. Address: Blvd. Decebal 7, phone: +40-21-322 68 67. Opening hours: from 07:30 to 21:00, Saturday from 09:00 to 17:00, Closed on Sundays. Calea Dorobantilor 151 (phone: +40-21-231 51 50).

**Immaculate Cleaners.** The best chemical drycleaner in town. Free collection and delivery.

Address: Str. Polona 107 A, phone: +40-21-211 44 13, [enquiries@immaculate.ro](mailto:enquiries@immaculate.ro). Opening hours: from 07:30 to 20:30, Saturday from 09:00 to 16:00, Closed on Sundays. Also at Nic, Piata Amzei 10 – 22, Piata Cotroceni (Opening hours: from 09:00 to 21:00, Sunday from 09:00 to 16:00), Mega Image, Sos. N. Titulescu 39 – 49 (Opening hours: from 08:30 to 21:30, Sunday from 09:00 to 18:00), Opera Center.

**Nuf Nuf.** They provide a good 24-hour self-washing service. Either watch MTV or read something while your laundry is doing. Address: Calea Serban Voda 76 – 78, phone: +40-21-335 01 68. Opened 24 hours. Also on Virtutii (inside SIR Trade Centre).

**Nufarul.** A good state-owned cleaner. If you don't like starched shirts, you'd better explicitly say so. Address: Calea Mosilor 276, phone: +40-21-210 14 41. Opening hours: from 07:00 to 20:00, Saturday from 09:00 to 13:00, Closed on Sundays. Also in Str. Stirbei Voda, phone: +40-21-313 82 20.

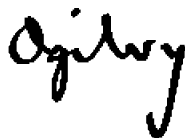
### ***Foreign Exchange***

**Alliance Exchange.** A non-stop exchange office offering good rates. Address: Blvd. Nicolae Balcescu 30. Right next to the Italian church.

**IDM Exchange.** A very popular exchange office. Opening hours: from 05:50 to 23:10. Address: Blvd. Nicolae Balcescu 30.

**Berrak Exchange.** Offers a good rate of exchange. Address: Calea Mosilor, no. 221 / Blvd. Decebal, no. 18.

**Casa Romana.** Address: Blvd. Iuliu Maniu, no. 59 / Calea Crângasi, no. 8-10.



**Dacia.** Address: Calea Dorobantilor, no. 151

**Dallas Exchange.** Address: Piata Mihail Kogalniceanu, no. 7

**Delta Exchange.** Address: Str. George Enescu, no. 31 / Calea Mosilor, no. 205.

**New Welcome Exchange.** Address: Blvd. Magheru, no. 22

### **Info Bucharest**

**Location:** in the south of the country, in the centre of the Romanian Plain

**Surface area:** 228 sqkm

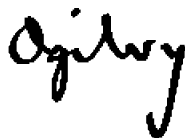
**Population:** more than 2 million people

**Description:** Bucharest, the capital city of Romania, is the country's first town both from the point of view of its surface and of its importance (political, economic, financial, commercial, cultural and touristic). It is located at the same altitude as Genoa (Italy), Bordeaux (France) and Minneapolis (USA).

**Relief:** the plain is interrupted by many valleys. The city is crossed by many rivers and surrounded by several lakes

**Climate:** moderate continental, the annual average temperature being 10-11<sup>o</sup> C.

**Exchange offices:** There are exchange offices inside hotels, railway stations and airports, in the big stores and on the main thoroughfares of the cities. **Bank card use:** today large hotels and restaurants accept credit cards such as American Express, MasterCard, DinersClub and Visa. Bank card payment is extending.



### ***Useful Numbers:***

Ambulance services – 961; Police – 955; Fire brigade– 981; International phone calls– 971; Reservations for TAROM – 9361, Information on CFR – 9521. In order to phone to Romania from abroad, you must first dial the international country code +40 and then the area code depending on the region where you want to call (21 for Bucharest). Apart from the services of the national telephone company, you can also benefit from GSM services – including roaming.

### ***Airports***

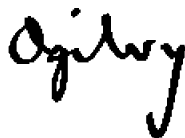
**Otopeni Airport** (international). Autostrada Bucuresti-Ploiesti 40, phone: +40-21-230.00.22, fax: +40-21-210.56.87.

**Baneasa Airport** (domestic). Autostrada Bucuresti-Ploiesti km 16,5, phone: +40-21-212.01.22, fax: +40-21-312.37.44.

### ***Airlines***

**Tarom.** Spl. Independentei, phone: +40-21-336.04.16, [www.tarom.ro](http://www.tarom.ro). Other offices: Str. Brezoianu 10, phone: +40-21-314.42.95, fax: +40-21-313.03.63, Intercontinental Hotel phone: +40-21-310.20.20, Bucuresti Hotel, phone: +40-21-314.28.89, Otopeni, phone: +40-21-204.10.00. **Air France.** Str. G-ral Praporgescu 1-5, et. 1, apt. 1, phone: +40-21-210.11.76, fax: +40-21-210.16.51, [airfrance@pcnet.ro](mailto:airfrance@pcnet.ro), [www.airfrance.com](http://www.airfrance.com). **Air Moldova.** Str. Toma Caragiu 3, floor. 1, apt. 4, phone : +40-21-312.12.58, fax : +40-21-314.92.11., [air.mld@xnet.ro](mailto:air.mld@xnet.ro), [www.airmoldova.md](http://www.airmoldova.md). **Alitalia.** Str. Italiana 25, phone : +40-21-210.41.11, fax: +40-210.41.09, [office@alitalia.ro](mailto:office@alitalia.ro), [www.alitalia.ro](http://www.alitalia.ro). **Angel Airlines.** Str. C-tin Balcescu 18, phone: +40-21-231.59.44, fax: +40-21-201.17.04, [marketing@angelairlines.ro](mailto:marketing@angelairlines.ro), [www.angelairlines.ro](http://www.angelairlines.ro). **Austrian Airlines.** Blvd. Magheru 16-18, phone: +40-21-312.05.45, fax: +40-21-312.02.11, [all-bhto@aua.com](mailto:all-bhto@aua.com), [www.aua.com](http://www.aua.com). **British Airways.** Calea Victoriei 15, phone: +40-21-303.22.22, fax: +40-21-303.22.11, [barom@pcnet.com](mailto:barom@pcnet.com), [www.britishairways.ro](http://www.britishairways.ro). **Czech Airlines.** Str. Batistei 3-5, phone: +40-21-311.09.86, fax: +40-21-312.08.84, [okcsa@mb.roknet.ro](mailto:okcsa@mb.roknet.ro), [www.czech-airlines.ro](http://www.czech-airlines.ro)

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airlines.com. **El Al**. Blvd. Dimitrie Cantemir 1, phone: +40-21-330.87.61, fax: +40-21-330.00.52.

**KLM**. Aleea Alexandru 9A, phone : +40-21-231.56.19, fax : +40-21-231.56.22,

klm.romania@klm.com, www.klm.ro. **Lufthansa German Airlines**. Blvd. Magheru 41, phone: +40-21-315.75.75, fax: +40-21-312.02.11, Lufthansa@softnet.ro, www.lufthansa.ro. **Olympic Airways**.

Calea Victoriei 87-89, phone: +40-21-210.74.45, fax: +40-21-210.74.67, Olympic@fx.ro,

www.olympic-airways.gr. **Swiss Air Lines**. Blvd. Magheru 18, phone: +40-21-312.02.38, fax: +40-21-212.57.74, swiss@dnt.ro, www.swiss.com. **Turkish Airlines**. Blvd. Nicolae Balcescu 35A,

phone: +40-21-311.24.10, fax: +40-21-311.29.20, thy@mb.rokenet.ro, www.turkishairlines.com/thy.

### ***Rent-a-car***

**Hertz**. Str. Ion Bianu 47, phone: +40-21-222.12.56, fax: +40-21-222 12 57, reservations@hertz.com.ro.

Other offices: Crowne Plaza Hotel phone:/fax: +40-21-202.10.57, Bucharest Marriott Grand Hotel phone: +40-21-403.29.56, fax: +40-21- 403 29 57, Athenee Palace Hilton phone/fax: +40-21-303 37 44, Otopeni Airport phone: +40-21-201.49.54, fax: +40-21-201.49.55

**Avis**. Mihail Moxa 9, phone: +40-21-210.43.45, fax: +40-21-210.69.12, reservations@avis.ro,

avis.ro@pcnet.ro. Other offices: Hilton phone: 312.20.43, Intercontinental phone: +40-21-314.18.37, Minerva phone: +40-21-312.27.38, Otopeni phone: +40-21-201.19.57.

**Absolut Rent-a-Car**. Aleea Trestiana 2, bl. 17, entrance. A, et.10, apt. 42, phone: +40-21-330.42.55, fax: +40-21-330.87.03,absolut@pcnet.ro

**Autorent**. Otopeni Airport, phone: +40-21-201.46.68, fax: +40-21-201.46.68, office@autorent.ro

**Sky Services**. Otopeni Airport arrivals, phone: +40-21-204.19.17, fax: +40-21-204.19.17, sky.transport@edfgroup.ro

**Tranzit Romania**. Str. Caderea Bastiliei 5, ap. 5 (P-ta Romana), phone: +40-21-315.23.24, fax: +40-21- 411.23.24, tranzit@ely.leader.ro

**Holidays Autos Romania.** Str. Washington 25, phone: +40-21-230.42.99, fax: +40-21-231.70.72, [office@holidayautos.ro](mailto:office@holidayautos.ro)/[holidayautos@easynet.ro](mailto:holidayautos@easynet.ro)

**Budget.** Str. Polona 35, floor 1, apt. 4, phone: +40-21-210 28 67 / 212 26 51, fax +40-21-210 29 95, [budget@pcnet.ro](mailto:budget@pcnet.ro), [budget@totalnet.ro](mailto:budget@totalnet.ro), [www.budgetro.ro](http://www.budgetro.ro). Also Agentia Liberty, Str. Batistei 5 – phone: +40-21-313 70 70., Otopeni Airport – phone: +40-21-204 16 67, World Trade Center – Mara II Agency – phone: +40-21-224 40 26.

**Euro Service Amerom.** Str. Ion Brezoianu 23 – 25, phone: +40-21-745 18 99 51 / 744 63 19 83, fax. 201 46 71, [esa@arexim.ro](mailto:esa@arexim.ro), [www.esa.ro](http://www.esa.ro).

**Europcar.** Calea Calarasi 46, phone: – fax. +40-21-320 85 54, [europcar@dataserv.ro](mailto:europcar@dataserv.ro).

**FrancRoCar.** Str. Loius Blanc 2, phone: +40-21- 230 47 89, fax +40-21-230 04 39, [rent.a.car@francrocar.com](mailto:rent.a.car@francrocar.com), [www.francrocar.com](http://www.francrocar.com).

**Mega Taxi.** Str. Institutul Medico Militar 11, phone: +40-21-722 495 900 / 722 485 901, [megataxi99@yahoo.com](mailto:megataxi99@yahoo.com).

**Sixt.** Str. Horia, Closca si Crisan 17, Ilfov, phone: +40-21-233 22 22, fax. +40-21-233 23 43, [email@sixt.ro](mailto:email@sixt.ro), [www.sixt.ro](http://www.sixt.ro). Also at Otopeni Airport phone: +40-21-201 46 26.

### ***Cab Companies***

The most reliable are ...

**Meridian**, phone: 9444/9888

**Cristaxi**, phone: 9461/9466



**Taxi 2000**, phone: 9494

**Cobalcescu**, phone: 9451

### ***Travel Agencies***

**J'Info Tours**. Str. Jules Michelet 1, phone: +40-21-212.58.10, fax: +40-21-311.09.98, [office@jinfotours.ro](mailto:office@jinfotours.ro), [www.jinfotours.ro](http://www.jinfotours.ro); **Mara Tours**. Calea Victoriei 87-89, phone: +40-21-212 50 10, fax: +40-21-212.59.48, [maratour@mara.ro](mailto:maratour@mara.ro); **Marshal Turism**. Blvd. Unirii 20, phone: +40-21-335.12.24, fax: +40-21-335.66.56, [office@marshal.ro](mailto:office@marshal.ro); **Medair**. Str. Popa Rusu 16A, [medair@fx.ro](mailto:medair@fx.ro), [www.medairtravel.com](http://www.medairtravel.com); **Paralela 45**. Blvd. Regina Elisabeta 29-31, phone: +40-21-311.19.58, fax: +40-21-312.27.74, [office@paralela45.ro](mailto:office@paralela45.ro), [www.paralela45.ro](http://www.paralela45.ro); **Visit Romania**. Blvd. Ion Mihalache 62, phone: +40-21-223.18.18, fax: +40-21-223.18.10, [visit@kappa.ro](mailto:visit@kappa.ro), [www.visitromania.ro](http://www.visitromania.ro); **Vacanta**. Blvd. Unirii 27, phone: +40-21-336.39.70, fax: +40-21-335.09.17, [vacanta@innovator.ro](mailto:vacanta@innovator.ro), [office@vacanta.net](http://office@vacanta.net), [www.vacanta.net](http://www.vacanta.net).

### ***Railway stations***

**Gara Basarab**. Address: Sos. Orhideelor nr.2, phone: +40-21-637.57.05,

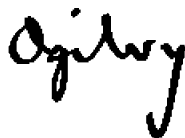
**Gara Baneasa**. Address: Str. Dr. Nicolae Minovici 1, phone: +40-21-223.08.80/3537

**Gara de Nord**. Address: Blvd. Garii de Nord 2, phone: +40-21-223.08.80/2106, 2107

**Gara Obor**. Address: Blvd. Garii Obor 1, phone: +40-21-252.02.04, 637.18.80

**Gara Titan**. Address: Blvd. Basarabia, phone: +40-21- 255.58.15

### ***C.F.R. travel agencies***



For information regarding the timetable of trains see: [www.cfr.ro/mersultrenurilor](http://www.cfr.ro/mersultrenurilor). And to make reservations (at least 24 hours before train departure), contact one of the C.F.R. agencies or Wasteels.

**Agentia de Voiaj C.F.R.** Str. Domnita Anastasia 10-14, phone: +40-21-313.26.43/313.26.44, [www.cfr.ro](http://www.cfr.ro). Other branches are located at the following addresses: Str. Grivitei 139, phone: +40-21-650.32.47, Blvd. al. Obreja 25, et.1, phone: +40-21-223.08.80, , extension 2121, Str. Pantelimon 255, phone: +40-21-627.40.95, Str. N. Grigorescu 22, phone: +40-21-223.06.60, extension 2055, Blvd. Ferdinand 96, phone: +40-21-223.08.80, extension 3404, Str. I.C. Bratianu 44 bis, phone: +40-21-311.08.57.

**Wasteels.** Gara de Nord, phone: +40-21-222 78 44, fax: +40-21-222.78. 63, [wasteels@fx.ro](mailto:wasteels@fx.ro), [www.wasteelstravel.ro](http://www.wasteelstravel.ro)

### ***Motor Coach Stations***

**Baneasa Motor Coach Station.** Address: Blvd. Ion Ionescu de la Brad no. 5-7, phone: +40-21-230.56.45

**Filaret Motor Coach Station.** Address: Sos. Alexandriei no.164, phone: +40-21- 420.47.95

**Grivita Motor Coach Station.** Address: Sos. Chitilei no.221, phone: +40-21- 667.59.70

**Militari Motor Coach Station.** Address: Blvd. Iuliu Maniu no.141, phone: 220.84.40

**Obor Motor Coach Station.** Address: Blvd. Garii Obor, phone: +40-21- 252.76.46

**Rahova Motor Coach Station.** Address: Sos. Alexandriei no.164, phone: +40-21- 420.47.95

### ***Persons Transportation Agencies***

**Iulian Trans – home and international transportation.** Str. Ceahlau, phone: +40-21- 423.00.54, fax: +40-21- 221.40.98, 221.73.99, 423.30.08

**Touring - home and international transportation.** Str. Sofia 26, phone: +40-21- 230.36.61, fax: +40-21- 312.85.43, <mailto:touring.rez@eurolines.ro>. Other offices: Str. Ankara 6, phone:/fax: +40-21- 230.03.70; Cal. Dorobantilor 134, phone:/fax: +40-21- 230.59.25

**Touring Eurolines Romania - home and international transportation.** Str. Alexandru Ioan Cuza 5 A, phone : +40-21- 210.08.12

**Primado Travel – home transportation.** Address: Str. Nicolae Caranfil.56, phone/fax: +40-21- 233.31.39/233.31.38, [primado@primado.ro](mailto:primado@primado.ro)

**Twins Tour S.R.L. - home and international transportation.** Address: Str. Sf. Maria, no. 89, phone/fax: +40-21-665.41.71

### ***R.A.T.B. Lines***

**TRAMWAY. 5** - Sos. Bucuresti-Ploiesti on Blvd. Aerogarii, Aviatiei Passage, Str. Cpt. Aviator Alex. Serbanescu, Str. Barbu Vacarescu, Str. Tunari, Str. Alecu Russo, Blvd. Dacia P-ta Galati, Str. Vasile Lascar, Str. Armand Calinescu, Cal. Mosilor, Str. Sf. Vineri, Blvd. Corneliu Coposu, Calea Calarasilor, Str. Traian, Blvd. Pache Protopopescu, Sos. Iancului, Sos. Pantelimon, Granitul. **32** - Depoul Alexandria, Sos. Alexandriei, Cal. Rahovei, P-ta Chirigiu, Cal. Rahovei, Blvd. G. Cosbuc, P-ta Unirii. **40** - Faur Poarta 4, Blvd. 1 Decembrie 1918, Blvd. Basarabia, Calea Calarasilor, Blvd. Corneliu Coposu, Str. Sf. Vineri, Calea Mosilor, Str. Cavafii Vechi, Str. Baniei to Sf. Gheorghe returning through Str. Lipsani, Calea Mosilor , then following the coming-in route.

**TROLLEY. 61** - Master S.A. Militari, Blvd. Iuliu Maniu, Sos. Cotroceni, Blvd. Prof. Dr. Ghe. Marinescu, Blvd. Eroii Sanitari, Blvd. M. Kogalniceanu, Blvd. Elisabeta, Blvd. Carol I, P-ta C. A. Rosetti. **79** - Blvd. Basarabia, Str. Lucretiu Patrascanu, Str. Constantin Brâncusi, Str. Baba Novac, Str. Dristorului, Str. Tepes Voda, Str. Popa Nan, Blvd. Pache Protopopescu, Foisorul de Foc, Str. Traian, Blvd. Dacia, **P-ta Romana**, Blvd. Lascar Catargiu, Str. G. Manu, Str. Occidentului, Str. Polizu, Cal.

Grivitei, Gara de Nord. **86** - Stadionul National, Blvd. Pierre de Coubertin, Str. Vatra Luminoasa, Str. Matei Voievod, Blvd. Pache Protopopescu, Foisorul de Foc, Str. Traian, Blvd. Dacia, P-ta Romana, Blvd. Lascar Catargiu, Str. G. Manu, Str. Occidentului, Str. Polizu, Cal. Grivitei, Blvd. Dacia, Calea Victoriei, returning through Calea Grivitei

**BUSES. 122** - Cart. Tudor Vladimirescu, Blvd. Ghencea, Str. Brasov, Drumul Taberei, Sos. Pandurilor, Str. Prof. Dr. Rainer, Blvd. Eroilor, Str. Stirbei Voda, Cal. Victoriei, Str. C.A. Rosetti returning through Blvd. N. Balcescu, P-ta Universitatii, Blvd. Carol I, Blvd. Regina Elisabeta, Blvd. N. Kogalniceanu, Splaiul Independentei, Blvd. Eroilor. **126** - Cart. T. Vladimirescu, Str. Constantin Titel Petrescu, Str. 1 Mai, Str. Sibiu, Drumul Taberei, Sos. Panduri, Str. Prof. Dr. Rainer, Blvd. Eroilor, Str. Stirbei Voda, Cal. Victoriei, Str. Dem I. Dobrescu, Blvd. N. Balcescu, Blvd. Magheru, Piata Romana, returning through Magheru, Str. G. Enescu, Str. Episcopiei, Str. Stirbei Voda, Str. Luterana, Str. C. Budisteanu, Str. M. Vulcanescu, Str. Berzei, Str. Buzesti, Str. Stirbei Voda. **131** - P-ta Romana, Cal. Dorobantilor, P-ta Aviatorilor, Blvd. Maresal Constantin Prezan, Arcul de Triumf, Sos. Kiseleff, P-ta Presei Libere, Sos. Bucuresti-Ploiesti, Sos. Nordului, Blvd. Ficusului, Blvd. Aerogarii, Sos. Bucuresti-Ploiesti, Aeroportul Baneasa. **300** - Clabucet, Blvd. I. Mihalache, P-ta Victoriei, Blvd. Lascar Catargiu, P-ta Romana, Blvd. G-ral. Gh. Magheru, Str. G. Enescu, Str. Episcopiei Cal. Victoriei, Str. Dem. Dobrescu pâna la Blvd. N. Balcescu, returning through Blvd. G-ral Magheru, then following the coming itinerary.

**EXPRESS. 781** - P-ta Resita, Str. Resita, Str. Izvorul Rece, Str. serg. Nitu Vasile, P-ta Sudului, Cal. Vacaresti, Blvd. Tineretului, Blvd. Dimitrie Cantemir, Pasajul Unirii, Blvd. I.C. Bratianu, Blvd. N. Balcescu, Blvd. G-ral Gh. Magheru, P-ta Romana. **783** - Aeroportul Otopeni, Sos. Bucuresti-Ploiesti, P-ta Presei Libere, Sos. Kiseleff, P-ta Victoriei, Blvd. Lascar Catargiu, P-ta Romana, Blvd. G-ral Gh. Magheru, Blvd. N. Balcescu, Blvd. I.C. Bratianu, P-ta Unirii.

### ***Hospitals and Clinics***

**Spitalul de Urgenta Floreasca (Floreasca Emergency Hospital).** Calea Floreasca 8, phone: +40-21-230.01.06/962, [spital@urgenta.ro](mailto:spital@urgenta.ro), [www.urgenta.ro](http://www.urgenta.ro)

**Elias Hospital.** Blvd. Marasti 17, phone: +40-21-224.06.60

**Grigore Alexandrescu Clinical Paediatric Hospital** Blvd. Iancu de Hunedoara 30-32, phone: +40-21-650.41.94/659.37.97

**Coltea Hospital.** Blvd. I.C. Bratianu, phone: +40-21-314.27.44

**Fundeni Clinical Hospital.** Sos. Fundeni 258, phone: +40-21-240.20.20

**University Clinical Hospital.** Spl. Independentei 169, phone: +40-21-637.70.30.

**Biomedica International.** Str. Eminescu 42, phone: +40-21-211.96.74, fax: +40-21-211.71.36, [office@bio-medica.ro](mailto:office@bio-medica.ro), [www.biomedica.ro](http://www.biomedica.ro).

**Marie Stopes Foundation.** Blvd. Marasesti 90, phone: +40-21-330.25.85, fax: +40-21-330.68.75, [www.mariestopes.org.uk](http://www.mariestopes.org.uk)

**Medicover.** Calea Plevnei 96, phone: +40-21-310.44.10, fax: +40-21-310.40.22, [officem@medicover.ro](mailto:officem@medicover.ro), [www.medicover.ro](http://www.medicover.ro)

**Medsana.** Str. Dr. Nanu Muscel 12, phone: +40-21-410.85.43/9607, fax: +40-21-402.80.76, [office@medsana.ro](mailto:office@medsana.ro)

### ***Ambulance Services***

**Puls.** Turda 127, block 2, sc. E, ground floor, phone: +40-21-224 01 87. Opening hours: from 07:30 to 19:30, Sunday from 07:30 to 13:30, or phone: 973.

### ***Dentists***

**B.B. Clinic.** The doctors here speak English, German and Romanian. Address: Str. Ionescu Gion 4, phone: / fax +40-21-320 01 51, [bbclinic@pcnet.ro](mailto:bbclinic@pcnet.ro), [www.germandentist.go.ro](http://www.germandentist.go.ro) Opening hours: from 10:00 to 19:00, Closed on Saturdays and Sundays. 24 h emergencies: phone: +40-21-744 49 91 99, +40-21-744 49 91 98.

**Biodent.** Address: Piata Amzei 10 – 22, sc. D apt. 9, phone: +40-21-312 37 52, [iaru@easznet.ro](mailto:iaru@easznet.ro). Opening hours: from 10:00 to 19:00, Closed on Saturdays and Sundays.

**Denta G.** Address: Str. Grigore Alexandrescu 6, phone: 650 63 68. Opening hours: from 09:00 to 20:00, Saturday from 09:00 to 14:00, Closed on Sundays.

**Dent-A-America.** Very good dentists. Address: Str. Varsovia 4, phone: +40-21-230 26 08 / 230 28 26, fax. +40-21-230 28 27, [dent-a-america@opensys.ro](mailto:dent-a-america@opensys.ro), [www.dentaamerica.go.ro](http://www.dentaamerica.go.ro). Opening hours from 08:00 to 20:00, Saturday: from 08:00 to 14:00, Closed on Sundays.

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**Farmacia Universitatii.** Piata Universitatii in the passage, phone: +40-21-310 20 14. Opening hours: from 07:30 to 19:00, Saturday from 10:00 to 14:00, Closed on Sundays.

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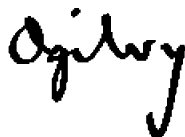
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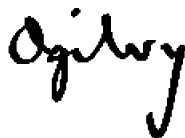
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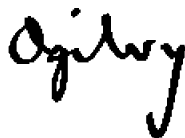
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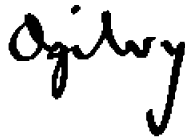
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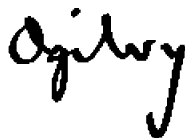
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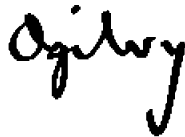
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