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How to reach Bucharest

Bucharest is located in the southeast of Romania (latitude: 44°24'49", longitude: 26°05'48"), on the banks of the Dâmbovița River. By European standards, Bucharest is not an old city, its existence first being referred to as late as 1459. Bucharest became the state capital of Romania in 1862. With a population of 1,888,425 (as 2011), Bucharest is the 10th largest city in the European Union by population within city limits. The urban area is 228 km².

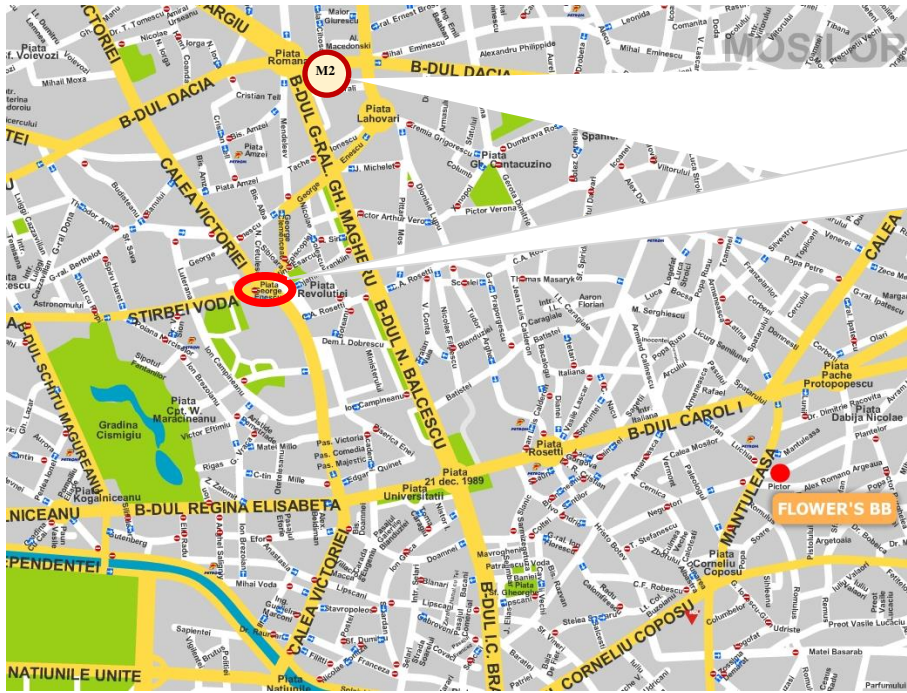
The city is served by Henri Coandă International Airport (formerly Otopeni) - the largest airport in Romania and the main hub for the national operator TAROM. It is also connected to several international airports by a wide range of international airlines.

Transportation between Henri Coanda International Airport and city centre may be achieved by taxi or surface public transportation – express line 783.

Bucharest is the hub of Romania's national railway network, run by Căile Ferate Române (*CFR*). The main railway station is North Train Station (Gara de Nord), which provides connections to all major cities in Romania as well as international destinations. The city also has five other railway stations run by *CFR*, most important are Basarab (in proximity of North Station), Obor, Baneasa, Progresu.

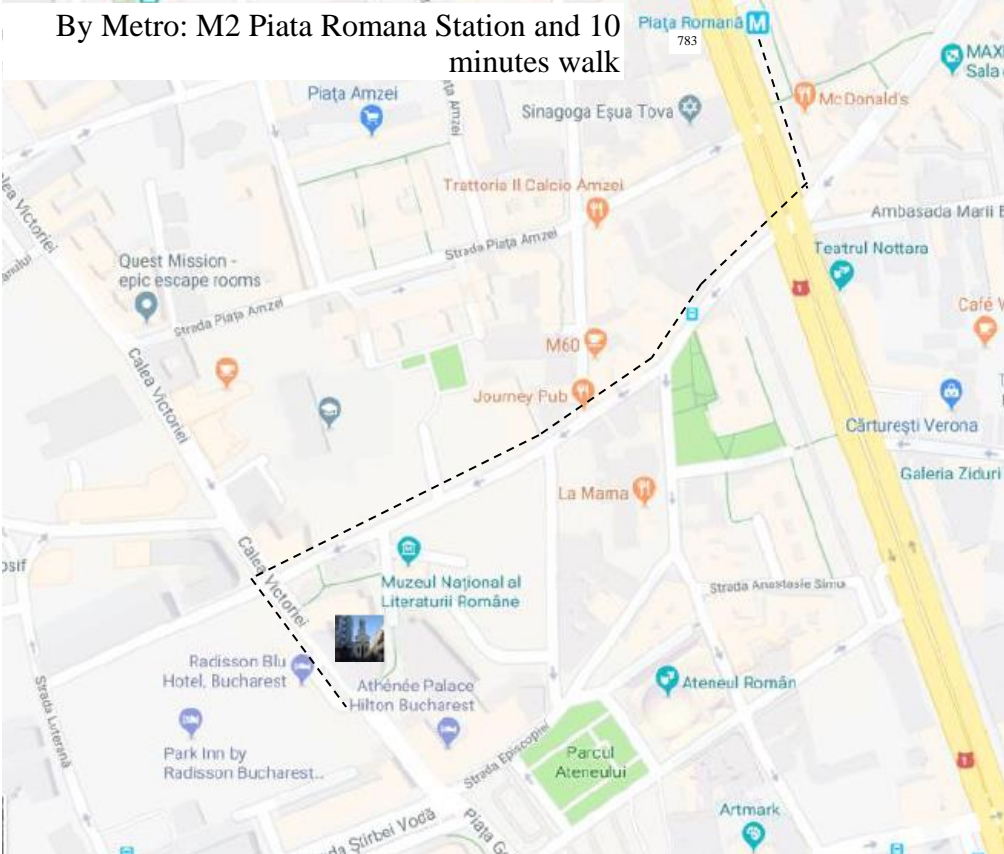
Hotel location

The five-star Radisson Blu hotel is located in the Bucharest city center, with easy access from Henri Coanda Airport and North Train Station.



The meeting place, and the metro station are marked in red on the map.

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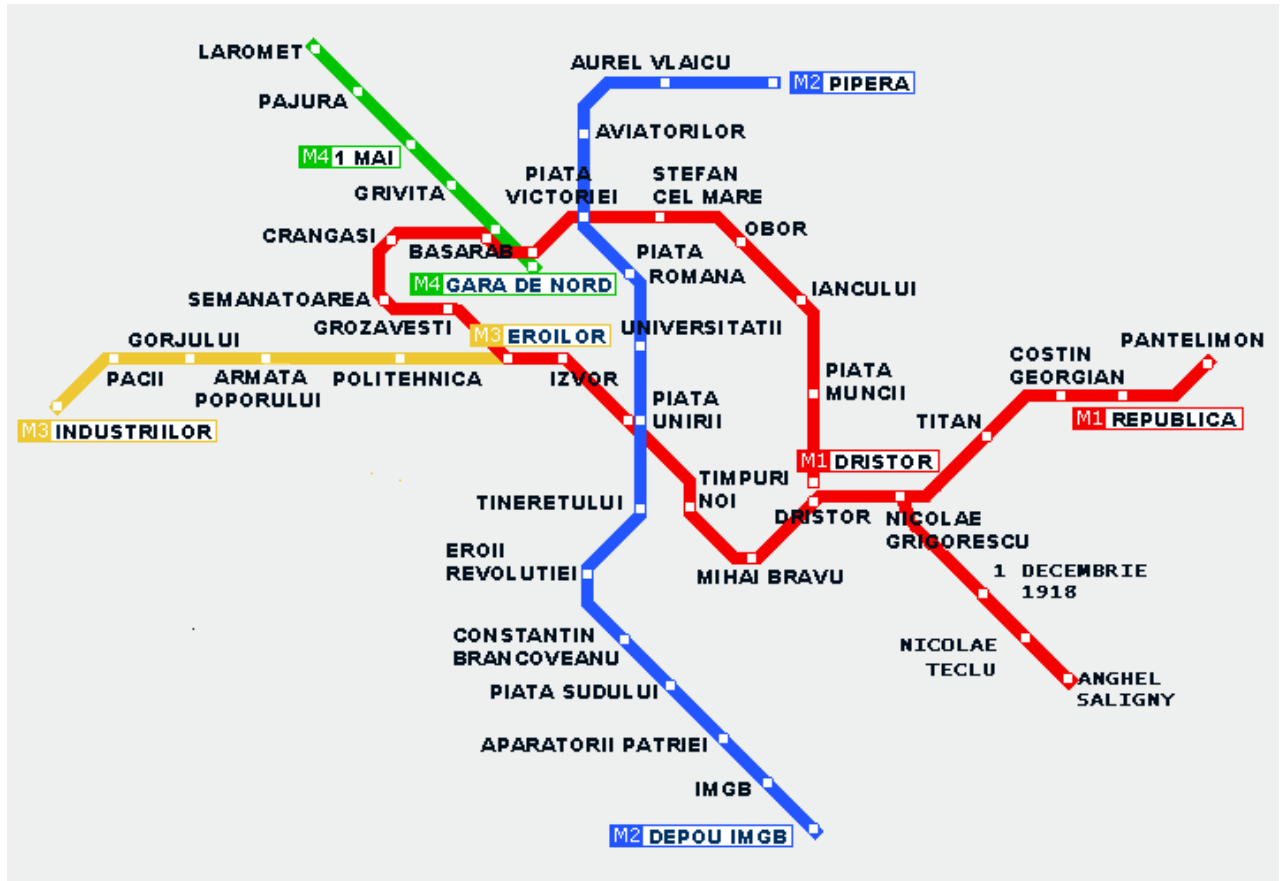
By Train: North Train Station; Metro M1 line to Piata Victoriei Station; change to M2 line to Piata Romana Station and 10 minutes walk

By Bus: Express line 783 from Henri Coanda Airport (18 km from the hotel). Express line 783 stops in Piata Romana vis-à-vis from Metro M2 line

By taxi

Underground transport

The map of Bucharest metro is given below.



For metro transportation magnetic cards are needed. A magnetic card type ‘2 călătorii’ allows you two trips and costs 5 lei (approx. 1.1 €). A magnetic card type ‘10 călătorii’ allows you ten trips and costs 20.0 lei (approx. 4.3 €). A magnetic card type ‘abonament 1 zi’ allow as many trips as possible for only one day and cost 8 lei (approx. 1.7 €).



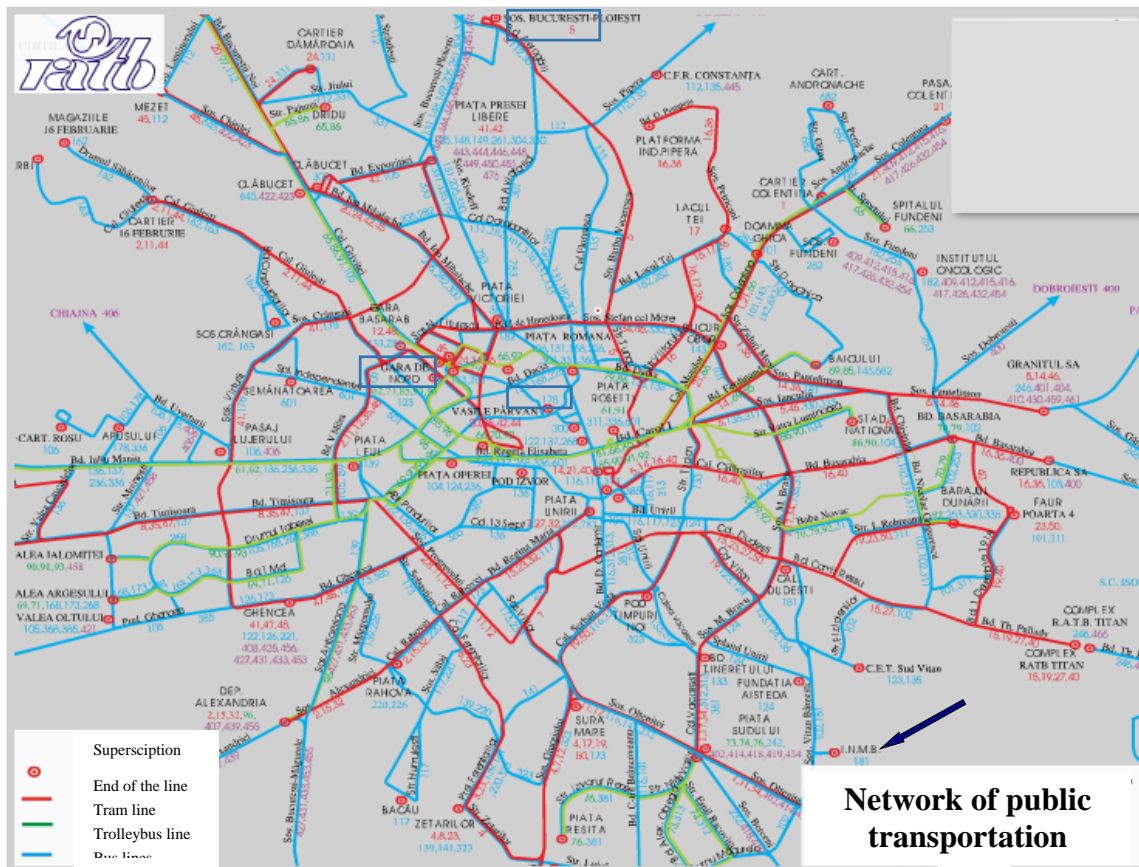
Magnetic cards can be bought in metro stations either from special machines or desks clearly marked.

The underground transportation system operates - between 5:00am and 11:00pm.

Metro link: <http://www.metrorex.ro>

Surface public transport system

The surface transport system is operated by RATB (*Regia Autonomă de Transport București*), which consists of buses, trams, trolleybuses and light rail. The map of the surface transport is given below.



The airport, the railway station, the meeting place and the INM and are marked on the map.

The ground transportation system operates - between 5:00am and 11:59pm.

Trip cards must be purchased beforehand and validated upon boarding. You may be requested to show the validated card during the trip. When first issuing a trip card, the minimum amount needed is 15 lei (approx.3.3 €). However, at present a one-way trip is 1.3 lei (approx. 0.3 €), interchangeable for the bus, tram and trolley.

Trip cards can be purchased at any kiosk displaying the RATB logo.

RATB link: www.ratb.ro

Express Line 783 is a 24 h/day service to the city Centre, with 14 stops till Piața Unirii (final stop).

The bus leaves from the international departures terminal approx. every 15 to 20 minutes (depending on the time of day).

The time table of Express Line 783 can be downloaded from: http://www.ratb.ro/pdf_statii/783/783_50.pdf. Note that the hours of departure depend on the traffic.

The journey to downtown takes approximately 40 - 50 minutes.

Fare is 7 Lei (about 1.5 €) for two trips.

The tickets are, in fact, magnetic cards that can be bought from any RATB kiosk. Tourists mostly use the blue card named **Multiplu**. A card for 2 trips costs 7 lei (about 1.5 €) plus the cost of the card 1.6 lei (0.35 €). You can't buy a card with only 1 trip since the cards are issued with minimum 2 trips and maximum 10 trips. This type of card is not rechargeable and you can use the trips together with your friends or family.



Taxi

The taxis are yellow and can be summoned by telephone or hailed on the street. Fares per km are posted on driver's and passenger doors

Licensed taxis without prior request are available for passengers arriving at Bucharest Henri Coandă International Airport. These cars are situated in a taxi stations located at the exit of the terminal and will take passengers in order of arrival.

The touch screen terminals for taxi requests are available for customers who want to order taxi from a certain company.

Licensed taxi cars are available on the ground floor, in front of the Arrivals terminal.

Taxi access in public parking is prohibited by law.

Approaching customers, both by taxi drivers and by middlemen, is sanctioned by taxi law (Law 38/2003). Any violation of the law in the airport area shall be handled by the Transport Police (phone number: +4021 201 3242).

Fares per go-off, per km and per stationary are applied by taxi companies. Fares between 1.39 lei/km and 3.5 lei/km (0.3 €/km and 0.75 €/km) are applied by the licensed taxis operating at Bucharest Henri Coandă International Airport depending on the taxi company. Estimated price for a trip during daylight from Bucharest Henri Coandă International Airport to Piața Romana (16 km) is of 60 lei (around 13 €) for a fare of 1.7 lei/km (0.36 €/km).

Check the taxi fares and ask the driver to confirm the approximate cost of the ride, if not sure. Please note that some taxi companies may post and/or charge up to 1.5 times the fares mentioned above.

Radisson Blu Hotel provides airport transfer (one way) upon request at the price of 200 lei (43 €).

Alternatively, the travel agency EUROVACANTA can ensure the airport transfer (one way) for one person at the rate of 20 € (invoiced in euros) if is single in the car. For 2 to 3 persons the cost per person is 15 €.

Hotel accommodation and booking deadlines

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5-star

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Direct Reservation link:

https://www.radissonblu.com/booking-entrance?language=en&sitaCode=BUHZH&adults_room1=1&rooms=1&children_room1=0&arrival=28/05/2018&departure=01/06/2018&paccode=EUMET

The room price for participants has a special rate (breakfast included) is

Single room: 523 lei (excluding VAT (9 %) and city tax (1 %))

Double room: 575 lei (excluding VAT (9 %) and city tax (1 %))

70 rooms are available at the special rate for booking before 28 April 2018.

Park Inn by Radisson Bucharest Hotel & Residence

4-star

Strada Luterana nr 2-4, Sector 1, Bucharest, 010162, Romania

Tel: +40 21 601 3600

Email: reservations.bucharest@residorpakinn.com

Direct Reservation link:

http://www.parkinn.com/booking-entrance?language=en&sitaCode=BUHPD&adults_room1=1&rooms=1&children_room1=0&arrival=28/05/2018&departure=01/06/2018&paccode=EURA

The room price for participants has a special rate (breakfast included) is

Single room: 430 lei (excluding VAT (9 %) and city tax (1 %))

Double room: 485 lei (excluding VAT (9 %) and city tax (1 %))

15 rooms are available at the special rate for booking before 28 April 2018.

Hotel reservation should be made by the participant at the above indicated reservation links.

Other information:

Currency

All payments in Bucharest are in Romanian currency, lei.

Banknote denominations: 1, 5, 10, 50, 100 and 500 lei

Coins: 1, 5, 10 and 50 bani pieces. (1 leu = 100 bani)

Foreign currencies may be exchanged at banks or authorized exchange offices (called: "*casa de schimb*" or "*birou de schimb valutar*").

International airports and larger hotels also offer currency exchange services.

On March 1st, 2018 the exchange rate was 1€ = 4.6581 lei.

Exchange offices are quite frequent.

Credit cards are accepted. However, many payments especially in public transport (metro, surface, express lines, taxi) are in cash.

Official Time

During winter, i.e from 3 a.m on the last Saturday in October to 3 a.m on the last Saturday in March the official time is Coordinated Universal Time plus two Hours. The rest of the year is the Coordinated Universal Time plus one Hour.

Weather

Bucharest has a continental climate. Average temperature in May ranges between 16 ... 18 °C.

Tourist information

General tourist information: <http://romaniatourism.com/bucharest.html>

Local tourist information offices: Piața Universității underpass; www.SeeBucharest.ro

Electricity supply in Romania is 220 V 50 cycles. Sockets take the standard continental European dual round-pronged plugs. A plug adaptor is required for non-European appliances. Please remember that simple adapters do not convert voltage or frequency.

A power converter is necessary for appliances requiring 110 V.

Mobile phone coverage: GSM international coverage standard is used in Romania. Widespread use of 3G (2100 Orange; 900/2100 Digi.Mobil; 900/2100 Vodafone; 2100 Telecom) and 4 G (LTE Orange 800/1800/2600Mhz; LTE Vodafone 800/1800/2600Mhz; LTE Telecom 1800/2600Mhz; LTE Digi.Mobil 2100/2600 Mhz) devices.

VAT: A tax (VAT) is included in most sales. Usually, VAT is of 19 %. For food, hotel stays and meals served in restaurants a 9 % VAT is applied (except for alcoholic drinks). VAT Refund offices can be found at a limited number of border crossing points and shops.

Business Hours

Banks are usually open 9 am to 5 pm, Monday through Friday. Some banks are also open on Saturday from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm

Shopping:

Specialty stores (handicraft / gift / souvenir) in downtown area are usually open from 9 am to 6 pm.

Malls and superstores are open until 9 pm or even later.

Many restaurants are open in Bucharest (www.restocracy.ro) and few of them operates non-stop. Old center offers a wide variety of nice restaurants, bars and coffee shops open till midnight.

A visit at the INM and at the Designated Institute IFIN HH, will be organized and the bus transfer from the hotel to the institute will be available.

In the local organization there will be 3 staff from the INM:

Irina Stan (email: irina.stan@inm.ro); Mihaela Rujan (email: mihaela.rujan@inm.ro) and

Mirella Buzoianu (email: mirella.buzoianu@inm.ro) clearly assigned to be in close contact with EURAMET Secretariat staff and the participants.