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A Welcome Guide

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Currency and Exchange Rates

The Romanian currency is the LEU, LEI in the plural or RON (the new LEU). Here are the most important exchange rates (as of 23.08.2016), which you can check for constant updates at: <http://www.cursbnr.ro/>:

1 EURO = 4.45 RON 1 USD = 3.93 RON

Arrival Information

- For details about “Henri Coandă” Otopeni Airport please refer to the following website: <http://www.bucharestairports.ro/>
- **To travel from the “Henri Coandă” Otopeni Airport to Bucharest** you have the following options:
 - **Taxi:** on-demand taxi services are available at Bucharest “Henri Coandă” International Airport. You may order a taxi car by using the touch screen devices in the public area of the Arrivals Terminal. The passengers get on the taxi-cabs right outside the terminal, on the first floor, by showing the ticket issued by the automatic touch screen. The charges vary between 1.39 lei/km – 3.50 lei/km. Depending on the price per kilometer, taxi fare should be between 20 and 60 Romanian lei (between 5 and 15 EUR). **Do not let yourself approached by fake taxi drivers!**
 - **Public transport:** express lines 780 and 783. For further details please refer to <http://www.bucharestairports.ro/en/transport/bus>, or <http://transporturban.ro/en/bucuresti/>.
 - **Train:** these trains connect Bucharest “Henri Coandă” International Airport and Bucharest North Railway Station (Gara de Nord). The passengers can reach the CFR “Airport Stop” by shuttle buses departing from the Arrivals Terminal. Tickets for the train/transfer bus are available at the ticket office located in the International Arrivals public area, as well as from all the railway station ticket offices and travel agencies in the country. One ticket costs 6.8 lei.
- **To arrive at UTCB:**
 - **By taxi:** price should be 1.39/1.40/1.60 lei per km; make sure you get on the “good cab”, for further details here are two articles with explanations: <http://www.inyourpocket.com/romania/bucharest/Public-Transport-in-Bucharest/taxis> and <http://www.romania-insider.com/bucharest-city-foes-how-to-avoid-the-bad-taxies/77380/>
Taxi cars in Bucharest are traditionally and obligatorily yellow and display their name, logo, phone number and fare. Here are some of them:
Taxi 2000 Tel.: 021 9494
Taxi Meridian Tel.: 021 9444, 021 9888, 021 9484
Taxi Auto Cobălcescu Tel.: 021 9451
Here you can find a more comprehensive list comprising name, fare and phone number: <http://www.ataxi.ro/>.
 - **By public transportation:** In order to use the means of public transportation provided by the RATB, you need to buy the prepaid ACTIV travel card issued by RATB points of sale instantly, which you need to load with a minimum of 2,6 RON and a maximum of 50 RON. The fare for all the city lines is 1.3 RON; the fare for all the Express lines is 3,5 RON; and the fare for all the suburban lines is 1.5 RON.

MIP: You need to validate your card every time you get on a bus, tram or trolleybus, irrespective of how many means of transportation you need in order to reach your destination.

Tickets must be purchased beforehand and validated upon boarding. Travellers may be asked to show the validated ticket/card during the trip. Travelers without a validated ticket/card must pay a 50 RON penalty (*Suprataxa*).

An alternative to the prepaid ACTIV card issued instantly are the tickets for individual trips which you can buy at the same RATB points of sale, where the travel cards are issued, for your convenience.

The city lines operate between 6:00am and 11:00pm. At night there are night lines (e.g. N123) which operate every 30 (11:00pm – 1:00am and 5:00am – 6:00am) and 60 minutes (1:00am – 5:00am) from the central point at Piața Unirii to different parts of the city.

Access to UTCB by tram, lines 16 and 36, and by bus, lines 182 and 282 (starting point Gara de Nord), stop "Institutul de Construcții".

You can plan your public transportation route on the <http://transporturban.ro/en/bucuresti/> website

- **When at UTCB**

- No matter the means of transportation, when you arrive at the UTCB, Bd. Lacul Tei 122-124, you will see this (well, yes, buildings are now behind trees, but what's important is the barrier):



Pass the barrier, go straight ahead and enter the Faculty of Hydrotechnics (Facultatea de Hidrotehnică, short HIDRO) building, pass the concierge and take the stairs at your left. Arrows will guide you to room II-7, where registration takes place.



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Leisure Guide

Guided Tours

We recommend our partner WheninBucharest.com for interesting and meaningful city tours taking you off the beaten tracks of mass tourism. Call Alina, the local guide for an unforgettable experience in the Romanian capital.

Cultural Landmarks

For a detailed description of Bucharest and maps of individual cultural landmarks, please visit <http://www.romaniatourism.com/bucharest.html>.

Eating & Drinking.

You can have a wholesome lunch for 8-10 Euro in most places in Bucharest.

Tipping is not obligatory, but if you are pleased with the services received, you can give up to 10% of the check value.

Shopping

Since the 1990s, brand names and high-end stores have been pushing their way into the Romanian market. From high fashion boutiques to art galleries, shopping in Bucharest can fit any taste or budget. Stroll down *Blvd. Magheru* from *Piața Romană* to *Piața Universității* for a shopping extravaganza or hit one of the many shopping malls favored by the local rich & famous.

Promenada Mall (closest to UTCB)

Address: Calea Floreasca 246B

Tel: (21) 794 72 13

Web: www.promenada.ro

Open: Mon. – Sun. 10:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Bucuresti Mall

Address: Calea Vitan 55-59, Bucharest

Tel: (21) 327.67.00

Web: www.bucurestimall.com.ro

Open: Mon. - Sun. 10:00am - 10:00pm

Liberty Center

Address: Str. Progresului 151 - 171

Tel: (21) 369.98.75

Web: www.libertycenter.ro

Open: Mon. – Sun. 10:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Plaza Romania Mall

Address: Blvd. Timisoara 26, Bucharest

Tel: (21) 407.84.16

Web: www.plazaromania.ro/index.php

Open: Mon. - Sun. 10:00am - 10:00pm

World Trade Plaza

Address: Blvd. Expozitiei 2, Bucharest

Tel: (21) 202.44.50

Web: www.wtcb.ro/shopping_gallery.html

Open: Mon. - Sun. 8am - 8pm

Baneasa Shopping City

Address: Sos. Bucuresti – Ploiesti 42

Tel: (21) 306.06.58

Web: www.baneasashoppingcity.ro

Open: Mon. – Sun. 10:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Grand Arena Mall

Address: Blvd. Metalurgiei 12-18, sector 4

Tel: (31) 425.75.14

Web: www.grandarena.ro/orar.php

Open: Mon. – Sun. 10:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Mario Plaza

Address: Calea Dorobantilor 172, Bucharest

Tel: (21) 230.47.71

Open: Mon. - Sat. 10:00am - 9:00pm, Sun. 10:00am - 2:00pm

Unirea Shopping Center

Address: Piata Unirii 1, Bucharest

Tel: (21) 303.03.07

Web: www.unireashop.ro

Open: Mon. - Sat. 9:00am - 10:00pm; Sun. 9:00pm - 8:00pm

Afi Palace Cotroceni Mall

Address: Blvd. Timisoara

Tel: (31) 425.75.10

Web: www.aficotroceni.ro

Open: Mon. – Sun. 10:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

City Map



For more maps please visit www.RomaniaTourism.com/maps.html.

Useful Information

Weather

Bucharest Weather Forecast

For the weather forecast please visit: www.weather.com or www.accuweather.com

Transport by metro

In order to use the underground railway you need to buy a Metrorex ticket available at the points of sale in any of the stations. You have the following options:

„2 trips” ticket:	RON 4.00
„10 trips” ticket:	RON 10.00
„Daily Pass”:	RON 6.00
„Weekly Pass”:	RON 15.00

The access to passengers’ embarking platforms is permitted only after validating the trip titles using the fare collection and control system.

Bucharest Subway Map



The metro trains schedule operate between 5:00 am-11:00 pm, note that the last metro train leaves at 11:00 pm from end line stations, and at Piața Unirii 1 and Piața Unirii 2, the operation is on hold until the transfer of the passengers between lines 1, 3, and 2 is completed.

More Tourist Information and Materials

You can find more information and materials on Bucharest and Romania at the Tourist Information Centre located at the Universitate Metro Station.