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Bucharest Pipe Contest 2023

06.10.2023 – 09.10.2023

Bucharest is the capital and largest city, as well as the cultural, industrial, and financial centre of Romania. It is located in the southeast of the country, on the banks of the Dâmbovița River, less than 60 km (37.3 mi) north of the Danube River and the Bulgarian border.

Bucharest has a lot of landmark buildings and monuments. Perhaps the most prominent of them is the **Palace of the Parliament**, built in the 1980s during the reign of Communist dictator Nicolae Ceaușescu. The largest Parliament building in the world, the Palace hosts the Romanian Parliament (the Chamber of Deputies and the Senate), as well as the **National Museum of Contemporary Art**. The building has one of the largest convention centres in the world.

Another landmark in Bucharest is **The Triumphal Arch**, built in its current form in 1935 and modeled after the Arc de Triomphe in Paris.

The Romanian Athenaeum is considered to be a symbol of Romanian culture and since 2007 is on the list of the Label of European Heritage sites.

Other cultural venues include the **National Museum of Art of Romania**, **Museum of Natural History "Grigore Antipa"**, **Museum of the Romanian Peasant** (*Muzeul țăranului Român*), **National History Museum**, and the **Military Museum**.



Accommodation options in Bucharest

06.10.2023 – 09.10.2023 – 3 nights accommodation

Hotel Ibis Bucharest Politehnica 3*, Bucharest

<https://ibisbucharestpolitehnica.ro/>

Situated in Bucharest, 1.9 km from National Museum Cotroceni, ibis Bucharest Politehnica features accommodation with a restaurant, free private parking, a bar and a shared lounge. Among the facilities at this property are a 24-hour front desk and an ATM, along with free WiFi throughout the property. The hotel has a garden and provides a terrace. The hotel will provide guests with air-conditioned rooms offering a desk, a safety deposit box, a flat-screen TV and a private bathroom with a shower. At ibis Bucharest Politehnica the rooms come with bed linen and towels. The accommodation offers a buffet or vegetarian breakfast. Bucharest Botanical Garden is 2 km from ibis Bucharest Politehnica, while AFI Cotroceni is 2.2 km from the property. The nearest airport is Băneasa Airport, 10 km from the hotel.



Price: 210 EUR / single room for 1 adult / 3 nights accommodation with breakfast included

Price: 240 EUR / double room for 2 adults / 3 nights accommodation with breakfast included

Hotel MyContinental 3*, Bucharest

<https://mycontinental-bucuresti.continentalhotels.ro/>

Conveniently located only 200 m from the Northern Railway Station and 2 km from Bucharest's centre, the MyContinental Bucharest offers comfortable non-smoking rooms. You can benefit from the Wi-Fi wireless internet access and private parking with security guard service. All rooms are equipped with air conditioning, LCD TVs and bathrooms with a shower and a hairdryer. MyContinental Bucharest features 8 well-appointed meeting and conference rooms with individual-controlled air conditioning. The bar at the MyContinental Bucharest offers a wide selection of snacks, desserts, as well as cold and hot beverages. In summer, you can also relax on the outdoor terrace.



Price: 175 EUR / single room for 1 adult / 3 nights accommodation with breakfast included

Price: 200 EUR / double room for 2 adults / 3 nights accommodation with breakfast included

Hotel Ramada Parc 4*, Bucharest

<https://ramadabucharestparc.ro/ro/>

Ramada by Wyndham Bucharest Parc Hotel is located in the northern business district of Bucharest, 500 m from the Romexpo Exhibition Centre. It offers free WiFi internet and complimentary breakfast. The access to the on-site SPA is free for the guests accommodated in Business Class rooms and Suites, while the guests accommodated in the Superior Class rooms benefit from a discounted fee. The Vitality Wellness Club is equipped with a heated indoor pool, a dry and wet sauna, aerobics room, spinning center and an extensive fitness area. A beauty center and a gift shop can also be found at the Ramada by Wyndham Bucharest Parc Hotel. The cozy rooms, designed to make guests feel at home, are fully equipped with high-tech facilities. A self-controlled air conditioning system and LCD TV sets are some of the facilities of the rooms. Romanian and international dishes can be served in the La Parc Restaurant, in a traditional ambience with modern elements and live entertainment, while the Red Pepper Restaurant provides a varied international menu. The lunch or dinner menu includes starter, a main course, a cake and water. Guests can enjoy an afternoon or evening in the garden of La Parc Restaurant, while the modern Anais Bar is the perfect place for a drink or a meeting. The hotel's coffee shop serves light meals during the day. The hotel features an events center with 16 conference rooms with capacities from 10 to 400 people. The Bucharest Business Park, as well as other major office buildings, are in close proximity and the Baneasa Shopping City can be reached within a 10-minute drive. From the hotel to the city center there are 4 km and the Henri Coanda Airport is reachable within 15 minutes by car.



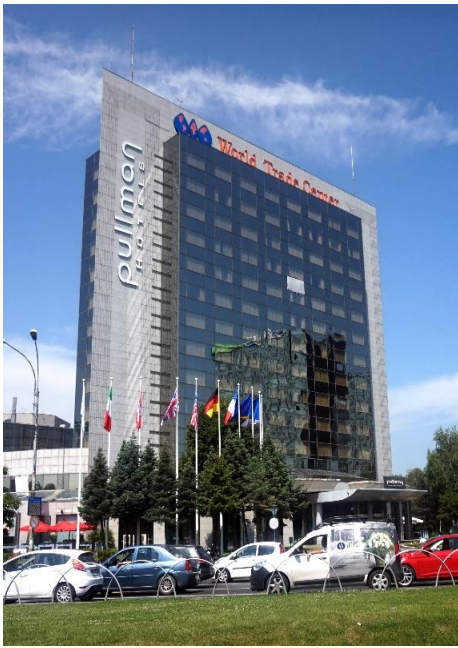
Price: 265 EUR / single room for 1 adult / 3 nights accommodation with breakfast included

Price: 310 EUR / double room for 2 adults / 3 nights accommodation with breakfast included

Hotel Pullman Bucharest World Trade Center 4*, Bucharest

<https://all.accor.com/hotel/1714/index.en.shtml>

Located next to Herastrau Park and the ROMEXPO exhibition centre in the commercial centre, the Pullman Bucharest is only 5 minutes drive from central Bucharest and it organises a shuttle service to Henri Coanda International Airport, 15 minutes' drive away. Free WiFi is offered throughout the property. Piata Montreal is 160 m away and the City Gate Towers are 270 m away. Get active in a fully-equipped fitness centre and relax with a soothing massage and sauna. Pullman Bucharest World Trade Center provides air-conditioned rooms with laptop-size safes, a minibar, coffee/tea facilities and LCD TV. All bathrooms come with bathtubs with shower facilities. Guests can choose from the Barbizon Steak House, serving a range of 50 different wines, and the La Galette Restaurant & Snacking with its adjacent outdoor terrace. In the newly opened Paris Bucarest Brasserie, the buffet for breakfast is served. The spacious Arpège Bar is open to the lobby where guests can relax while drinking a cocktail or enjoying a light snack. Guests can go jogging in Herastrau Park, the biggest park of Bucharest, just a few steps away from Pullman Bucharest World Trade Center. The property is 450 m from Romanian - American University and 950 m from SNSPA . Piata Presei is 450 m away and Hard Rock Cafe, as well as Beraria H can be found 650 m away.



Price: 285 EUR / single room for 1 adult / 3 nights accommodation with breakfast included

Price: 325 EUR / double room for 2 adults / 3 nights accommodation with breakfast included

Grand Hotel Continental 5*, Bucharest

<https://grand-hotel-continental-bucuresti.continentalhotels.ro/>

Centrally located on Victoriei Street in the heart of Bucharest, Grand Hotel Continental is steps away from the National Art Museum and close to the Athenaeum, Universitate Metro Station, and business district. The sophisticated rooms and elegant suites offer free WiFi feature a seating area and glass-encased showers and bathtubs. They offer views over Victoriei Street, Bucharest's most popular avenue. The Continental features 2 exquisite restaurants offering a wide range of Balkan dishes, as well as Romanian and international cuisine. The elegant lobby also features the refined Victoria Club where you can choose from more than 100 types of spirits. Henri Coanda Airport is a 25-minute drive away.



Price: 430 EUR / single room for 1 adult / 3 nights accommodation with breakfast included

Price: 470 EUR / double room for 2 adults / 3 nights accommodation with breakfast included

***Upon request, we can make tailored offers for other hotels, periods or number of people.**

***Prices are informative and may differ upon availability at the time of booking.**

Optional you can book one of the activities below:

Two Castles in One Day (Peleş & Bran) – 75 EUR / person

Peles Castle & Bran Castle in Transylvania are the most visited attractions in Romania.

If there is one experience you shouldn't miss when visiting Bucharest, this is the one! Spend an incredible day on this **tour from Bucharest to Bran Castle & Peles Castle**.

Bran Castle in Transylvania is worldwide famous for its connection with the myth of Dracula and Peles Royal Castle is among the most beautiful castles of Europe. Enjoy a breathtaking ride through **the Carpathians**, a walking tour of the **charming city of Brasov**, and a **delicious Romanian traditional lunch** to complete an experience you will long remember.

Peleş Castle is a Neo-Renaissance castle in the Carpathian Mountains, near Sinaia, in Prahova County, Romania, on an existing medieval route linking Transylvania and Wallachia, built between 1873 and 1914. Peleş Castle has been the summer residence of the Romanian Royal family and it is the most visited museum in Romania.



At 08:00 am, you will leave Bucharest, heading north towards the Carpathian Mountains and Transylvania. The first stop is Sinaia, a beautiful mountain resort, where you will visit **Peles Castle** – the former residence of the Romanian Royal Family. Continue the day with a scenic drive through the Carpathian Mountains and, in about 1 hour, arrive at Bran where you will visit **Bran Castle, also known as Dracula's castle**.

Before heading back to Bucharest, we will remain in Transylvania and stop for a short time in **Brasov, a typical medieval city**. You will stop in Council Square and start a **quick walking tour in the Old Town**. You will learn more about the story of the Saxons in Transylvania, admire the impressive and well-preserved architecture, see the Black Church (city's landmark – view from outside) and discover which is the second narrowest street in Europe – the Rope Street.

Itinerary & visits:

Bucharest - Sinaia: Visit Peles Royal Castle in Sinaia - General Exhibition standard tour 1 hour

Sinaia - Bran: Visit Bran Castle (also known as Dracula's Castle)

Bran - Brasov: Walking tour of Brasov downtown central square

Brasov – Bucharest

The price includes:

Transportation by bus;

English speaking guide;

The price excludes:

Lunch– there will be a stop for lunch and you can eat together with the group or individually

Entrance fees (aprox. 50 Lei at Peles Castle and aprox. 45 Lei at Bran Castle)

Half-Day Tour of Bucharest – 45 EUR / person

The City Tour of Bucharest will make you fall in love within only a few hours!

Being over 550 years old, Bucharest went through a series of continuous changes, representing the central scene of Romania's political, artistic, educational, financial, and cultural life. Between the two world wars, thanks to the elegant architecture and the elite living here, the city's nickname was "The Little Paris".



Following a four-hour sightseeing itinerary, we will show you the most interesting attractions of Bucharest with an inside, guided visit to the Parliament Palace – the world's second-largest administrative building after The Pentagon and The Village Museum – the charming open-air museum which reunites original houses that belonged to the Romanian peasants, being brought here from all the regions of the country: Transylvania, Valachia, Dobrogea, and Moldavia. The village museum hosts many traditional fairs, where you can find traditional food and crafts. And for souvenirs, here is definitely the most inspiring place from where you can buy authentic and handmade for you and your beloved ones.

Learn the secrets of the city, on a rounded panoramic tour with breathtaking views of the most interesting monuments and iconic buildings in Bucharest, be ready to take pictures.

During this tour, apart from the visits to the Parliament Palace and the Village Museum, there are two major stops, one in the Revolution Square, the place where the Romanians fought against the communist regime, and one in the Constitution Square, where you will hear the story of the Romanian dictator Nicolae Ceausescu.

The itinerary of the Half-Day Tour of Bucharest depends on your hotel's location and it will include:

Free Press Square (Piata Presei Libere) – The Arch of Triumph (Arcul de Triumf) – Victoriei Square (Piata Victoriei) – Calea Victoriei – Revolution Square (Romanian Atheneum, Revolution's Memorial) – The Palace of Parliament (Palatul Parlamentului) – Union Square (Piata Unirii) – University Square (Piata Universitatii) – Romana Square (Piata Romana) – Victoriei Square (Piata Victoriei) – Charles de Gaulle Square (Piata Charles de Gaulle) – The Village Museum (Muzeul Satului).

The price includes:

Transportation by A/C van/minibus
Certified English speaking tour guide
Hotel pick-up & drop-off

The price excludes:

Entrance fees at the Palace of Parliament and the Village Museum

The Last Days of Communism Tour – 45 EUR / person

Romania has been a communist country for more than 40 years, between 1948 and December 1989. Nicolae Ceausescu became the General Secretary of the Romanian Communist Party in 1965 and the president of the Socialist Republic of Romania in 1974. 15 years later, he was removed from power and executed after a violent revolution during the winter of 1989. Learn on this communist tour of Bucharest why, while nowadays Romania is a democracy, the communist period remained interesting as well as controversial.



Follow us on this trip through Bucharest to reveal the “great accomplishments of the golden era” and to hear the story of the people who built it. You will see the first communist building in Bucharest, **the Revolution Square** with the balcony where the dictator gave his last speech, the majestic “**House of People**” and **the former residence of the presidential couple**.

The itinerary of the Communist Tour of Bucharest depends on your hotel’s location, but it will include: Free Press Square – The Arch of Triumph – Victoriei Square – Calea Victoriei – Revolution Square (Romanian Atheneum, Revolution’s Memorial) – The Palace of Parliament – Union Square – University Square – Romana Square – Victoriei Square – Charles de Gaulle Square – Primaverii Palace (the former residence of the dictator).

The price includes:

Transportation by A/C van/minibus
Certified English speaking tour guide
Hotel pick-up & drop-off

The price excludes:

Entrance fees at the Primaverii Palace and the Palace of Parliament

Transfer airport Henri Coanda – Bucharest – airport Henri Coanda:

- aprox. 45 EUR / car for max. 3 adults / round trip transfer
- aprox. 70 EUR / minivan for max. 8 adults / round trip transfer
- aprox. 210 EUR / minibus for max. 18 adults / round trip transfer