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## **Welcome to Bucharest**

Bucharest stands as the capital and largest city of Romania, serving as the nation's primary hub for industry and commerce. Furthermore, it ranks among Europe's most genuinely authentic capitals.

Bucharest, often referred to as "Little Paris of the East," is a city steeped in history and culture. Nestled along the banks of the Dâmbovița River, it offers a vibrant cultural scene. The city is home to numerous theatres, museums, and galleries, including the renowned Village Museum, which exhibits traditional Romanian village life.

Bucharest's Old Town, known as Lipscani, is a lively hub filled with charming cafes, restaurants, and boutiques, making it the perfect place to explore and savour the local cuisine.

Would you like additional recommendations? In the heart of the city, the Downtown Bucharest Fountains offer a mesmerizing sight. For lovers of literature and architecture, the Cărturești Carousel Bookstore is a true gem. Housed in a building that has undergone a remarkable transformation, it's now considered one of the world's most beautiful bookstores.

For more information and recommendations, visit <u>https://visitbucharest.today/</u>

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## **Useful information**

#### WEATHER: https://visitbucharest.today/bucharest-weather/

In November, Bucharest experiences the transition from autumn to winter. The weather in November can be quite cold. Daytime temperatures usually range from 4°C to 12°C, and usually below zero at night.

#### TRANSPORT

Bucharest has buses, trams, and trolleybuses and the subway system. To use them, you must first purchase an 'Activ' or 'Multiple' magnetic card from any STB street kiosk. Trips cost EUR 0.60€ each, and the minimum amount of credit you can buy is 1€. More information on ticket prices can be found on the <u>STB website</u>. The subway has a different system and is based on a magnetic card that can be purchased from the subway stations.

**Ride-sharing apps like Uber, Bolt, and Yango are well-established in Bucharest and represent a good alternative to taxis,** average price from the airport is of around 70 lei (14€), but can vary depending on the time and traffic (50-100 lei / 10-20€).

Bucharest airport: Henri Coanda International Airport, more commonly known as the Otopeni Airport. To reach the city center you can take the bus, train, taxi or ridesharing services.

- Bus: nº 783, 40 minutes to the city center.
- Train: direct train to Gara de Nord and then subway to get to the city center.

#### LOCAL CUSTOMS

Shops are generally open Monday to Saturday, from 9:00 to 18:00, while bigger department stores tend to stay open to 21:00 or 22:00.

LANGUAGE: Romanian

CURRENCY: Lei

**COUNTRY DIALLING CODE:** +40

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## **Event and Practicalities**



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## **Practical Links**

**AGENDA-** Stay updated with the latest session details and speaker information for the Black Sea Stakeholder Conference by visiting this link: <u>Black Sea Common Maritime</u> <u>Agenda Stakeholder Conference 2023</u>

**PROJECT AWARDS-** The Common Maritime Agenda for the Black Sea, with support from the Black Sea Assistance Mechanism, has launched the first edition of the Black Sea Project Awards. Don't miss the opportunity to present your Blue Economy project in the Black Sea region and win recognition during the Black Sea Stakeholder Conference. Find detailed information on the application process by following this link: Project Awards Black Sea Stakeholder Conference 2023

**WEBSITE-** Do not miss any news about the Common Maritime Agenda for the Black Sea and the latest updates about the Black Sea Stakeholder Conference. Explore our website: <u>Home | CMA for the Black Sea (europa.eu)</u>

**SUBSCRIBE TO OUR NEWSLETTER-** Read about our recent accomplishments, upcoming events, latest publications, and available funding opportunities. The Common Maritime Agenda for the Black Sea is excited to share these updates with you via our newsletter: <u>Newsletter Common Maritime Agenda for the Black Sea</u>

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## **National Bank of Romania**

The Black Sea Stakeholder Conference will take place at the National Bank of Romania.







Wireless Internet will be available throughout the bank



# Hotel recommendations for participants

For those who are organising their own travel and accommodation arrangements, we present here some accommodation options that may be of your interest.







Strada Doamnei 12, Bucharest 030055, Romania







# Hotel recommendations for participants

#### Hotel Continental Forum București





Strada Izvor 82-84, Bucharest 050564, Romania

#### How to get to the venue:

The Continental Forum is conveniently situated in the heart of Bucharest, at Strada Izvor 82-84. You have the option to use public transport, ride-sharing apps, or simply walk to the venue:

- Bus 385 from Dr. Staicovici, stop at Piata Natiunile Unite and walk 8 minutes to the venue (about 20 minutes in total).
- Ride-sharing apps like Uber, Bolt, and Yango (11 minutes)
- By foot: 27 minutes



## Catering

Lunch and coffee breaks will be served according to the agenda.

#### Contacts

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We are looking forward to meeting you in Bucharest!