

Bucharest, Muntenia, Romania

Romania's grand capital blends communist-era monuments with Ottoman lanes and Art Nouveau boulevards. River cruise passengers arrive via Giurgiu, an hour south — the transfer is worth every minute.

Docked at Giurgiu (river pier) Typical call: 8-10 hrs Romanian Leu (RON) Romanian (English widely spoken)

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____	Arrive: _____	All aboard: _____
Excursion: _____	Notes: _____	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: River ships berth at Giurgiu, ~60 km (40 mi) south of Bucharest. Coach transfer ~1 hr each way.

Best For: Communist-era architecture, Romanian history, lively Old Town, café culture.

Walk to center: Not walkable from pier — coach or private car required into the city.

Don't Miss: Palace of Parliament (book ahead), Stavropoleos Monastery, Calea Victoriei.

Getting around: Taxi \$40–\$55 · Rideshare Uber, Bolt · Hop-on hop-off Hop-on hop-off

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Palace of Parliament Tour** — The world's second-largest administrative building — 1,100 rooms, 12 floors, and an astonishing weight of marble.
- **Old Town (Lipscani) Walk** — Cobblestone streets hide Ottoman-era inns, Curtea Veche (Vlad the Impaler's court ruins), Stavropoleos Monastery, and the ornate Cărturești Carusel...
- **Calea Victoriei & Romanian Athenaeum** — Stroll Bucharest's oldest boulevard past the National Art Museum (former Royal Palace), Revolution Square, and the domed Romanian Athenaeum concert...
- **National Museum of Romanian History** — Houses the Romanian Crown Jewels and a cast of Trajan's Column, tracing Romanian history from Dacian times to the present day.
- **Cișmigiu Gardens** — Bucharest's oldest public park, established in 1847 around a central lake.

BEST WALKS

- **Old Town to Calea Victoriei Loop** 3-4 km · 1.5-2 hrs · Easy — Start at Unirii Square, explore Lipscani's cobblestone lanes (Curtea Veche, Stavropoleos Monastery, Cărturești Carusel), then follow Calea Victoriei north past CEC...
- **Palace of Parliament to Cișmigiu Gardens** 1.5 km · 30-45 min · Easy — After your Parliament tour, walk the wide Izvor Park promenade northwest to Cișmigiu Gardens for a relaxing lakeside break before heading back to the coach.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)				DAYLIGHT & MONEY	
Mon	High	Low	Rain	Apr 6:31AM–8:00PM · Jun 5:30AM–9:01PM · Aug 6:18AM–8:20PM · Sep 6:54AM–7:25PM · Oct 7:30AM–6:30PM	
Apr	63°	44°	10d		
Jun	79°	62°	13d		
Aug	86°	66°	5d		
Sep	77°	58°	4d		
Oct	64°	47°	7d		

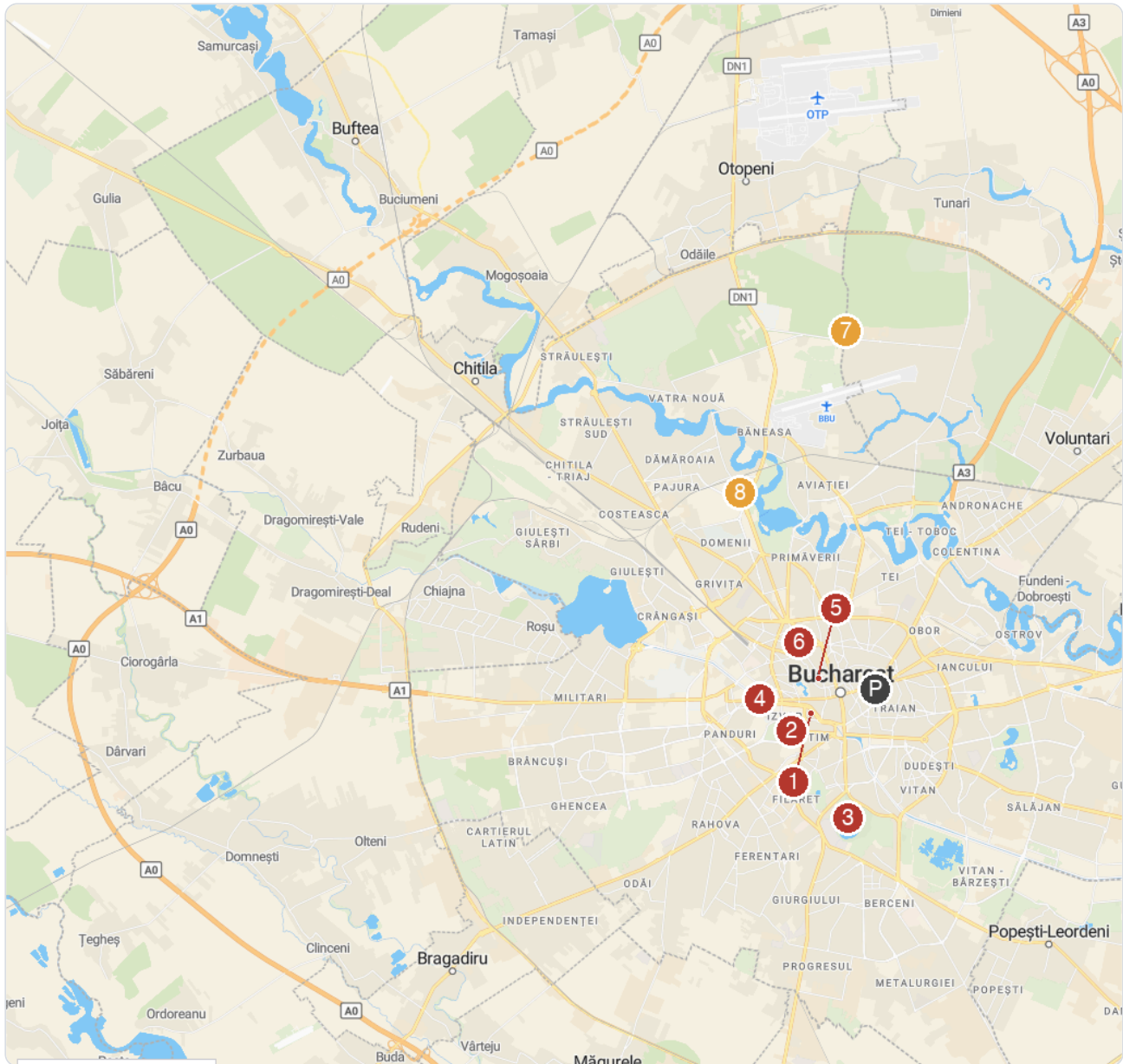
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Allow 90 min buffer for return transfer. Bucharest afternoon traffic is real — coaches back to Giurgiu can take longer than the morning run.
- Palace of Parliament requires advance booking. Walk-up tickets sell out. Call or book online before your cruise day.
- Cards work almost everywhere in central Bucharest. ATMs are plentiful; Romanian Leu (RON) is the currency. Euros accepted occasionally but at poor rates.
- Use Uber or Bolt for city journeys — prices are fixed and very cheap by European standards. Street hailing at the station can mean overcharging.
- Summer heat. July-August temperatures often exceed 35°C — carry water, wear a hat, and plan outdoor sights for morning.
- Try local food in the Old Town — mămăligă (polenta), sarmale (stuffed cabbage rolls), and the local beer are cheap and good. Avoid overly touristy Lipscani strip restaurants.

Bucharest, Muntenia, Romania — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



- 1 Michael the Voivode Church** Historic 16th-century Orthodox church, part of a former monastery.
- 3 Tineretului Park** Large urban park with a lake, playgrounds, and green spaces.
- 5 National Museum of Art** Romania's national art museum, housed in a former royal palace.
- 7 Zoo Bucharest** Bucharest's zoological garden, home to diverse animal species.
- P Cruise port / terminal**

- 2 Palace of Parliament** Massive, ornate building housing Romania's Parliament; world's heaviest.
- 4 The Monument of Medical Heroes** Monument honoring medical professionals, located near the University Hospital.
- 6 Palace Casino** Elegant casino in a historic palace, offering games and entertainment.
- 8 The House of the Free Press** Iconic communist-era building, formerly a printing house, now offices.