

Welcome to Bucharest

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1) Arriving to Bucharest

Arriving by air

All international flights arrive at Henri Coanda International Airport (Otopeni), located about 19 kilometers north of downtown Bucharest. There are direct flights from multiple destinations in Europe and connecting flights from the United States, Canada, Australia and New Zealand.

Connections of Henri Coandă International Airport to/from city center:

- By taxi. We highly recommend using the order taxi office. As you enter into the arrival area you will notice some leaflets regarding how you can order a taxi. You can do this either by using the free phone from the special designated desk (a girl there can help you if you don't speak Romanian), or by using the new user-friendly and intuitive touch-screen terminals. After selecting the company that you would like to use, a ticket is issued, stating the indicative of the car that is going to pick you up in front off the airport and also the time is going to be there. A trip to the city center should take about 30 to 45 minutes, depending on traffic.



Touch-screen terminals for taxi ordering - Image source: www.zf.ro

- By bus. Express Bus 783 offers daily service to the city Centre, with stops at Baneasa Airport, Piata Presei Libere, Piata Victoriei, Piata Romana, Piata Universitatii and Piata Unirii. The service is available 24/7 with different time intervals (around 20 minutes in general). The full schedule can be found [here](#). Express Bus 780 offers daily service to the main train station (Gara de Nord) with stops at: Henri Coanda Airport - Baneasa Airport - Piata Presei Libere - Clabucet - Gara de Nord - Str. Fluviului. The schedule is from Monday to Sunday 5:30 – 23:00, with a maximum interval of 60 minutes. The full schedule can be found [here](#).
- By carpooling service. In Bucharest, Uber and Taxify apps are available.

Arriving by train

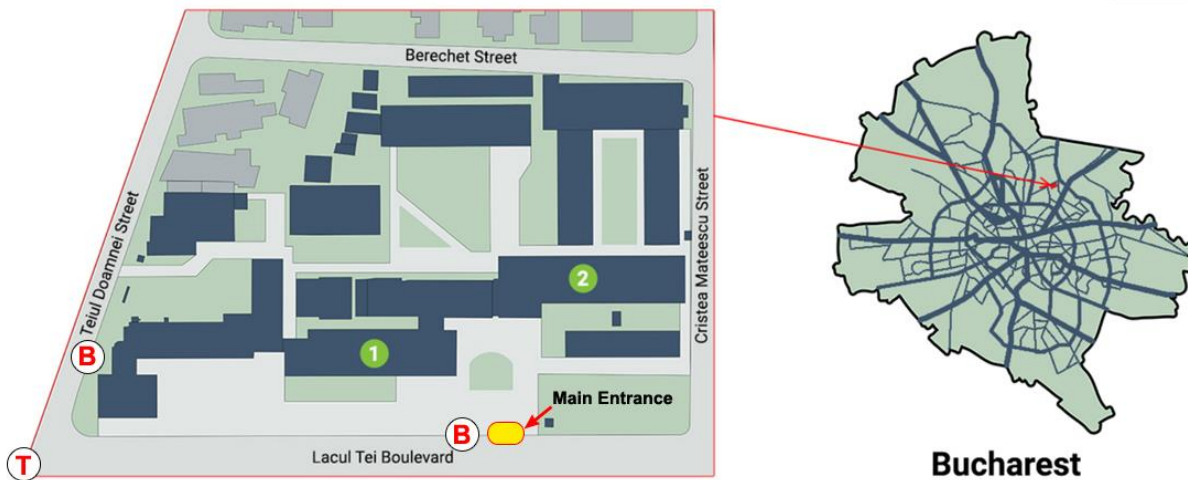
Bucharest's main station, Gara de Nord (Bucharest North), is located three miles from downtown Bucharest and it is a major rail centre with daily connections from/to cities throughout Europe and main cities in Romania.

Public transportation

Bucharest's public transportation ([STB](#), [METROREX](#)) network includes:

- bus (autobuz);
- tram (tramvai);
- trolley bus (troilebuz);
- subway/metro (metrou).

2) Our host - the Technical University of Civil Engineering, Bucharest



- 1 – The main conference hall (first floor) – Civil Engineering Faculty
- 2 – The innovation hall – Faculty of Hydrotechnics – second floor
- B – Bus stations
- T – Tram station

How to get there:

- By tram:
 - Universitatea Tehnica de Constructii Station: **16, 36**
- By bus:
 - Universitatea Tehnica de Constructii Station: **182, 282**

3) Local information

Standard time: East European Time EET : GMT+2 hours. Daylight saving time East European Summer Time EEST: GMT+3 hours applies from March to October.

Currency (since 1867): the official Romanian currency is the Romanian Leu (RON). The exchange rate at this time is about 1\$ = 4.20 RON, 1€ =4.75 RON and 1£ = 5.55 RON. The Leu (plural lei) is divided into Ban (plural bani), so that 1 leu = 100 bani. Foreign currency can be changed at any bank or exchange office. Please be careful to check all the commissions applied. Banks are open Monday-Friday from 08:30h -16:00h. ATMs are found at hotels, all banks and many other locations throughout the city.

Temperatures: Bucharest City has a typical continental weather with extreme temperatures in winter and in summer. In June you can expect daily temperatures of 20-22 C, or during the day as high as 30C. During the night normally the temperatures are around 13-15 C, but during rain events can drop under 10 C. In June in Bucharest you can expect heavy rains so be prepared with a raincoat.

Bus/tram ticket: can be bought from most bus stations in Bucharest for 1.30 RON (about 0.3 €) one-way. The ticket must be validated in the bus/tram.



Bus validation



Kiosk for bus/tram tickets

Subway ticket: can be bought from every subway station for 5 RON 2 way-ticket. (about 1,1€).

Electricity standards: EU standard 220 V / 50 Hz. Please ensure that you have the proper adapter for your appliances.

Weights and Measures: metric system in force since 1866.

Emergency phone number: the emergency phone number in Romania is 112.

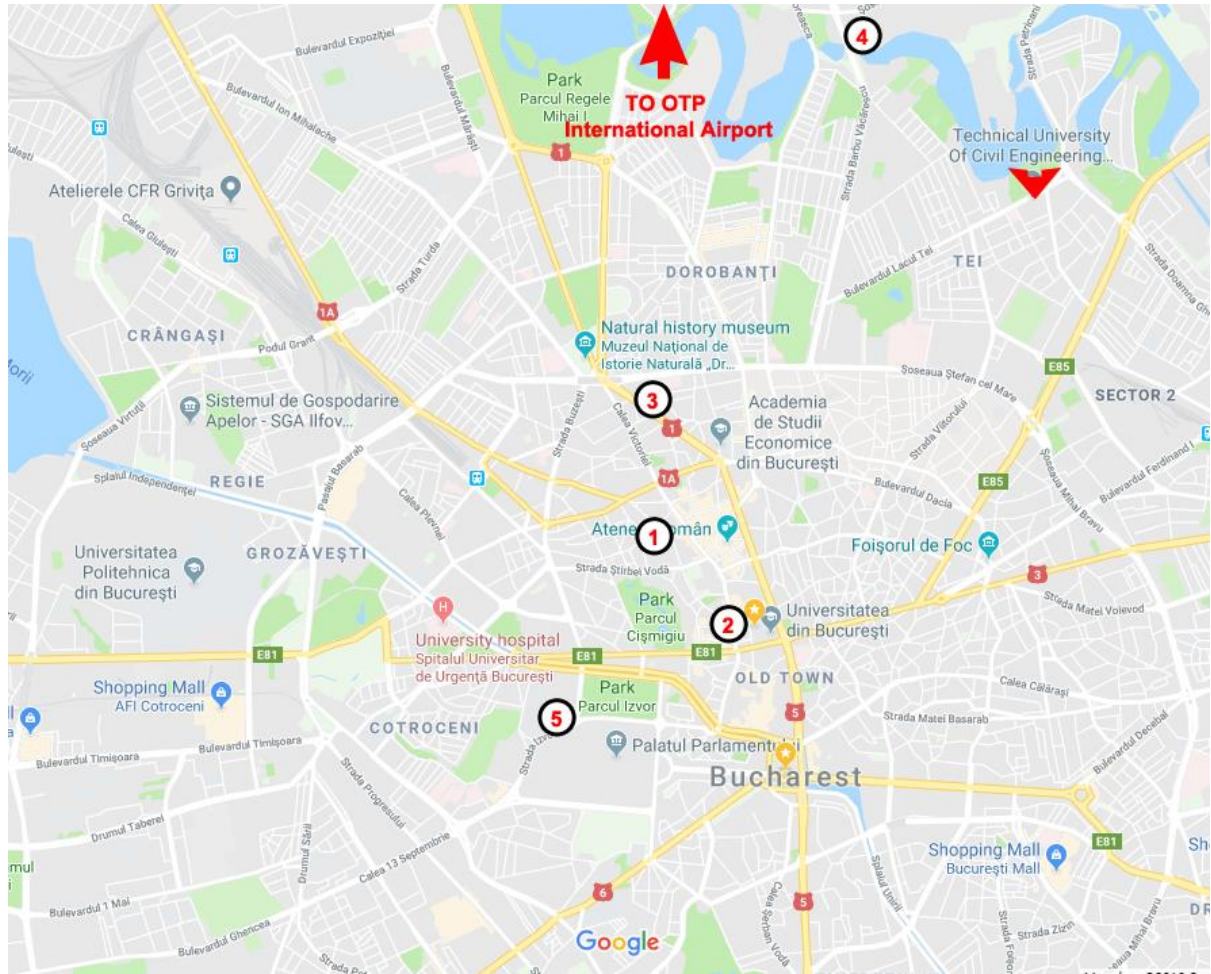
4) Hotels

Bucharest is the administrative and economic capital of Romania. There is a sufficient number of hotels and accommodation places, but please be aware that in June is the ending period of Romanian rotating Presidency of the Council of the European Union, so a lot of people will come to Bucharest.

No	Hotel	No of free rooms ¹	Price	Link
1	Hotel Berthelot	10	70 euro Single (breakfast included)	http://www.hotelberthelot.ro/
2	Ramada Bucharest Majestic Hotel	50	80 euro / Single	www.Ramadainternational.com
3	Minerva	50	61 euro/Single	www.minerva.ro
4	Caro	50	Caro Golf 4**** - Business King/Twin Single – 84 euro/night Caro Parc 4****- Premium King/Twin Single – 104 euro/night	www.hotelcaro.ro All options have breakfast included
5	Ibis	30	61 euro/night Single with the mention of BRIGAD in the reservation	www.ibishotels.ro

In the following map you will find the location of each hotel (by number) and also the location of the Technical University of Civil Engineering.

¹ PLEASE BE AWARE THAT THIS IS JUST A PICTURE FROM THE BEGINNING OF MARCH, THERE IS NO GUARENTE THAT NUMBERS WILL REMAIN THE SAME



5. Reaching and leaving Facau Polder

BRIGAD will organize buses that leave Bucharest center early in the Friday morning, and the departure from Facau Polder will be around 14:30. The bus will stop either at the city center and airport, however we advise not to book a plane ticket before 17:00 if you plan to leave Bucharest on Friday evening.

The details of the bus trip departure point will be given during the Conference.