

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...
- **Calea Victoriei & Romanian Athenaeum** — Stroll Bucharest's oldest boulevard past the National Art Museum (former Royal Palace), Revolution Square, and the...
- **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...
- **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...
- **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...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	63°	44°	10d
Jun	79°	62°	13d
Aug	86°	66°	5d
Sep	77°	58°	4d
Oct	64°	47°	7d

 **DAYLIGHT & MONEY**

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

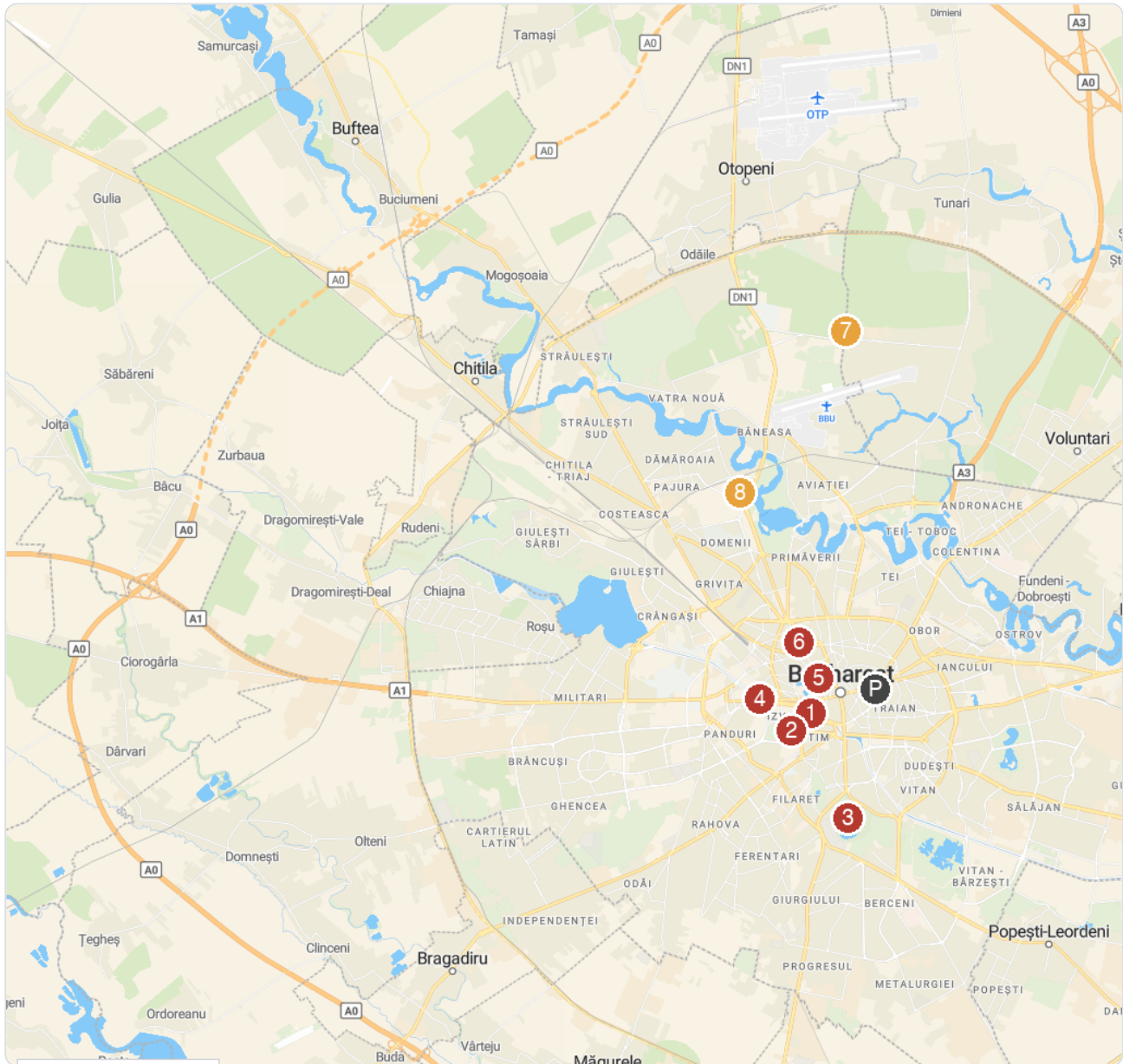
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- 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.

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.



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| 1 Michael the Voivode Church | Historic 16th-century Orthodox church, part of a former monastery. | 2 Palace of Parliament | Massive, ornate building housing Romania's Parliament; world's heaviest. |
| 3 Tineretului Park | Large urban park with a lake, playgrounds, and green spaces. | 4 The Monument of Medical Heroes | Monument honoring medical professionals, located near the University Hospital. |
| 5 National Museum of Art | Romania's national art museum, housed in a former royal palace. | 6 Palace Casino | Elegant casino in a historic palace, offering games and entertainment. |
| 7 Zoo Bucharest | Bucharest's zoological garden, home to diverse animal species. | 8 The House of the Free Press | Iconic communist-era building, formerly a printing house, now offices. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |