



# ECBS 2019

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## Welcome to Bucharest!

### Your information guide for Bucharest.

We are glad to welcome you on behalf of the University Politehnica of Bucharest. To make your stay in Bucharest as pleasant as possible, we have compiled some practical information and tips. If you need more information or have any other queries, do not hesitate to contact us.



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### 1. Weather in June in Bucharest

For accurate information about the weather, please check <https://weather.com/weather/tenday/l/ROXX0003:1:RO> before preparing your luggage. Bucharest is pretty hot in this time of the year (25 - 28 °C), but it can be rainy and windy, so make sure that are also prepared for a rainy and windy weather.

### 2. Exchange Rate: Dollar, Euro /Romanian Money

The local currency in Romania is the **LEU** or RON.

It is incredibly easy, safe and affordable to change money in Romania. You can do this at banks or exchange offices. None charge any commission and you will find the best rates at exchange offices, where the procedure is much quicker than at banks – it takes less than 2-3 minutes. Please note that you may be asked to present a document to exchange the money. There is also the possibility to simply withdraw money from the ATMs or pay with a credit card.

Those with an American Express card might have some difficulty finding the right ATM or paying with their card, so it's best to carry some cash when arriving in Romania (Dollars or any other major currency) to exchange it here. All banks and exchange offices will change Euro, Dollars or Pounds into Romanian Lei. You can find the current exchange rates here: <http://www.cursvalutar.ro/> It's always a good idea to have some small notes in your pocket, as a lot of shop keepers will get a small fright and they will invariably ask: **Nu aveti marunt?** (Don't have some small money?).



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### 3. Transfer from the airport Henri Coanda to the center

#### a. Public transport

There is no metro station near the main airport of Bucharest – Otopeni. The best connection to the center are represented by the two **Express lines**:

**780 (Airport – Central Station Gara de Nord – Central station), 24 hour service !!!**

**783 (Airport – Piata Unirii, which is in the city center).**

If you want to take the **BUS Line 780 or 783** from the **Airport Otopeni Henri Coanda** to the city, the **bus stop** is **downstairs**, in front of **Arrivals Entrance** (from International Arrivals,

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take the stairs, follow the signs to get to **Arrivals** and then exit) or follow the yellow **Bus signs**. There is a kiosk/ machine where you can **buy tickets**, the **driver doesn't sell tickets**. The price is 7-8 Lei (RON). At **Victory Square**

(**Piata Victoriei**), **Romana Square** (**Piata Romana**), **21 December Square** (**Piata 21 Decembrie**), **Unirii Square 1** (**Piata Unirii 1**) and **Unirii Square 2** you have access to **Subway (Metrou)**.

### b. Taxi and other services

Licensed taxis without prior request, with fares between 1.69 Lei/km and 3.5 Lei/km, will be available for passengers arriving at Bucharest Henri Coandă International Airport.

These cars will be situated in a taxi stations located at the exit of the terminal and will take passengers in order of arrival. The touch screen terminals for taxi requests will still be available for customers who want to order taxi from a certain company.

UBER – If you have an app you can use UBER. From Henri Coanda Airport to the Center the price is between 30 and 40 Lei/RON, payed only by card, no cash accepted!

## 4. Public transport in Bucharest

Bucharest has an extensive public transport network that includes almost all known means: buses, trolleys, trams and subway.

The metro system is the fastest way to travel in Bucharest. The center of the city is covered by several stations, who are set around 1-2 km from each other: Piata Unirii, Universitate, Piata Romana, Piata Victoriei. There are multiple types of tickets you can buy:

- 2 fares that costs 5 Lei (2.5 Lei/1 fare)
- 10 fares that costs 20 Lei (2 Lei/1 fare)
- the day pass for 10 Lei
- the weekly pass for 25 Lei.

One fare means that you can go to any station in Bucharest no matter how far and the color of the line. There are no zones marked on the metro map, so the price of one fare is the same. The public transport (<http://www.ratb.ro>) works every day between 5 am – 23 pm, with night buses covering some routes during the remaining hours of the night. Most night buses start



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their journey at Piata Unirii as you can see in their list uploaded on the webpage of the provider RATB. [http://www.ratb.ro/v\\_noapte.php](http://www.ratb.ro/v_noapte.php)

### a. Connection from the Center to the University Politehnica

From Piata Universitatii (University Square):

- bus 601, there are five stations, till the station “Complex Regie” OR
- Metro: 2 stations till station Piata Victoriei 2, change to M1 direction Pantelimon, 5 stations till Grozavesti

From Piata Unirii 1, Metro M3, direction Preciziei, 3 stations, till station Politehnica





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### b. By Taxi to the University Politehnica

From the center to the Campus of Politehnica you will pay between 10 and 15 Lei/RON. To find a taxi is usually very easy (unless you need one at rush hour, in which case be prepared to have a lot of patience and pray for some luck): they are almost everywhere, especially around the center, and easy to spot since they are all yellow.

You have two options: either go looking on the street for a taxi or order one by phone or by smartphone app. The **app** that features the largest number of Taxi Company and works well is: **Star Taxi**. Should you already be a client of **Uber**, then go for it. If you don't have internet, but can make phone calls, these are the recommended taxi companies: Meridian, CrisTaxi, Speed Taxi, Taxi Cobalcescu or Taxi Titan (look at the bottom for the phone numbers).

The tariff per km is between 1.69 – 1.99 Lei for most large companies, but some may also practice tariffs above this mark. However, you shouldn't pay more than 2 Lei/km in Bucharest. There are some taxis who charge 3.5 Lei/km, but be very careful with them since some of them have been found guilty of tampering with the taximeter and charging much more (even 5 times more than it's worth). Another important advice: always check the tariff which is displayed clearly on the side door and note that there is no night tariff in Bucharest for regular taxi companies. Besides this, make sure you see the logo of the company and the phone number.

## 4. EXTEND meeting at the central library





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The conference rooms for our meeting are at the central library, 4<sup>th</sup> floor.

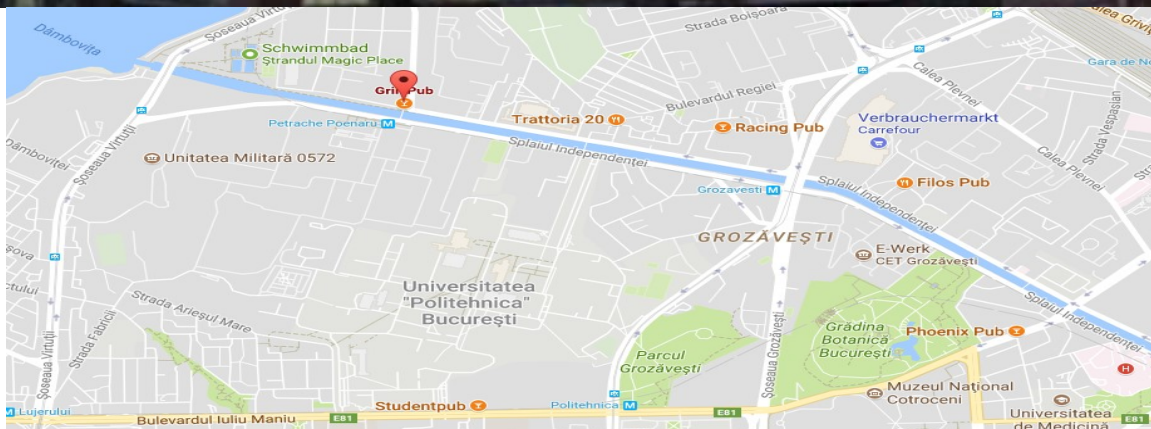
## 5. Meals around the campus

Grill Pub: International menu: <http://www.grillpub.ro/meniu-2/>  
Splaiul Independenței 296, Bucharest, 11AM–2AM

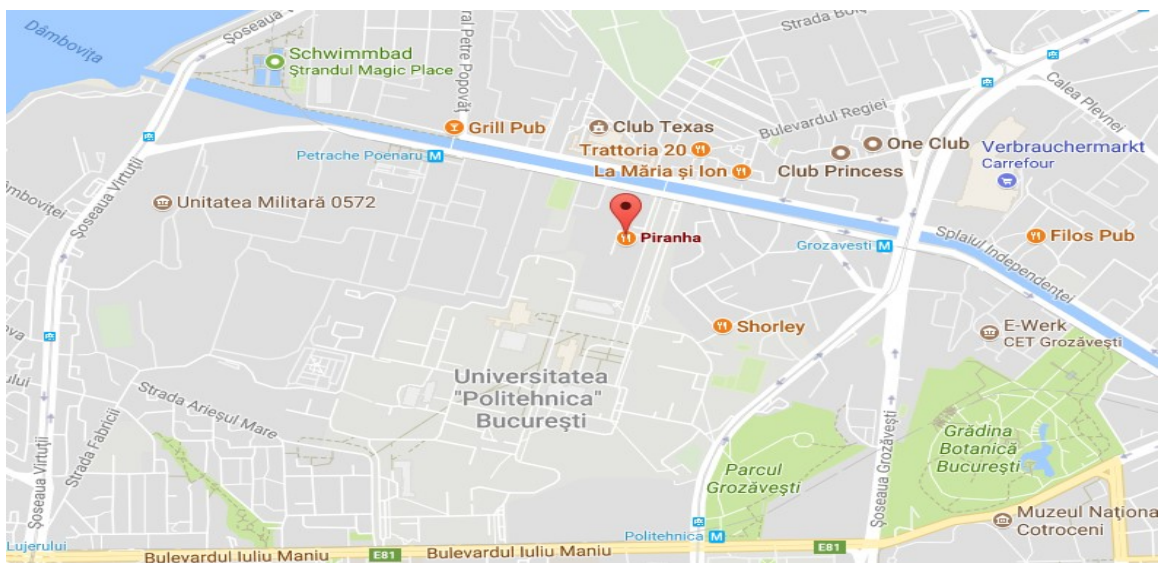


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**Piranha:** international menu, Splaiul Independenței 313A, Bucharest, 8:30AM–5AM



**Shorley:** international menu : <http://www.shorleyrestaurant.ro/meniu.html>

Strada Economu Cezărescu 50, Bucharest, 12PM–12AM; **Pui de Urs:** Romanian food:

[www.puideurs.ro](http://www.puideurs.ro) Str, Economu Cezărescu 42, +40 21 627 2830.

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## 6. Discover Bucharest

If you have some time and want to discover Bucharest, we scheduled some few suggestions for you.

### 7.1 Romanian Food

- **Sarmale** (cabbage rolls): these round cabbage leaves stuffed with minced meat (and some rice) are a favorite among 99% of Romanians. Most say this is the best traditional food and the main festive dish cooked on all special occasions.

- **Mici or mititei**: small rolls of grilled minced meat that comes in various combinations with pork, sheep or beef. It's every meat lover's dream come true.

**Mamaliga**: it is basically boiled corn flour, the Romanian version of 'polenta', and this was basically the substitute for bread decades ago. It's best served alongside sarmale or in the vegetarian version with cottage cheese and cream.

- **Slanina, caltabosi, lebar, toba** also known as 'porcarii' (products made of pork meat), there are best served in the cold winter season. Order a cold platter and you will them invariably together with various types of cheese. 'Slanina' is smoked fat; 'caltabosi' is a sausage made of the pig's

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internal organs, minced meat and spices (pepper and thyme); 'lebar' is a sausage made mostly of pork liver; 'toba' is made of the pig's head, tongue, kidneys, heart and muscle. Probably all this does not sound very tasty, but trust us, if it's made right, you will be licking your fingers at the end of the meal.

- **Carnati de Plescoi**: sausages from the region of Buzau (North-East of Bucharest) made from a mix of sheep and beef meat seasoned with paprika.
- **Salata de vinete** or aubergine salad with mayonnaise and a bit of onion.
- **Zacusca** is a salad of reddish color made with aubergines, red bell peppers, onions and tomato sauce.
- **Ciorba** which is basically sour soup and since Romanians are crazy about this, it comes in many varieties. What we recommend is the 'ciorba de fasole si afumatura' (bean soup with smoked bacon) served from a bread bowl and, if you are fond of sour cream, try the pork, chicken or beef ciorba cooked with cream. If you are in the mood for something different, then try the ciorba de burta (tripe sour soup with cream) – it's one of the most loved Romanian dishes.
- **Papanasi** is a hearty delicious dessert with two doughnuts covered by cream and Jam.
- **Placinta cu branza dulce** is a pie with sweet cheese, a dessert that can be found everywhere: restaurants, cafes, bakeries and homes.
- **Cozonac** is a sweet bread dough with nuts and Turkish delight. It is a treat cooked on all special occasions (Christmas, Easter, and other religious holidays).
- **Covrigi** or the Romanian pretzel is a thinner version of the famous German counterpart and it comes in various combinations: with salt, with sesame, poppy or fillings (chocolate, cheese, jam or a sausage). The covrig is the Romanian breakfast if you had no time to eat something at home and you will often see queues of people waiting in front of bakeries to buy these treats in the early hours of the morning.

### 7.2 Restaurants/Bistros in the City

**Alt Shift**: <http://www.altshift.ro/menu>, Str. Constantin Mille 4, Bucharest

**Energiea**: <http://energiea.ro/menu-en/>, Str. Actor Ion Brezoianu 4, Bucharest

**Caru' cu bere**: <https://www.carucubere.ro/en/a-la-carte-menu/>

Strada Stavropoleos 5, Bucharest. Located in the Old Town, is probably the most famous restaurant in Bucharest thanks to its impressive Baroque style and its atmosphere. The place is

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almost always packed with tourists but also locals and it's an experience to eat here. But if you plan on dining here in the evening or on weekends, consider making a reservation.

**City Grill:** <https://www.citygrill.ro/en/> present in various locations, is the place where you can find the biggest selection of mici (sheep, beef, pork and a mix from each type) that are cooked on a grill in front of you. Besides this, they have great lunch offers at convenient prices. We recommend: B-dul Primăverii, nr. 3, [0726 62.62.62](tel:0726626262), [021 233.98.18](tel:0212339818), [primaverii@citygrill.ro](mailto:primaverii@citygrill.ro), Mon - Sun 08:00 - 00:00

**Crama Domneasca:** [www.cramadomneasca.net](http://www.cramadomneasca.net) Strada Selari 13-15 in the Old Town, +40 758 333 000, 12 PM – 12 AM. Has an old-style decor where music is played live in the weekend evening and the portions of traditional Romanian food are truly generous.

**Hanu' Berarilor:** Strada Poenaru Bordea 2 (near Piata Unirii) Good quality Romanian food, services and a vintage atmosphere thanks to the old buildings that house them.

**Hanul lui Manuc:** <https://hanulluimanuc.ro/en/> Strada Franceza 62-64 in the Old Town. +40 21 313 1411. Is located in a 200-year old inn made in the caravanserai style, the last one in Europe. Eating here is a pleasant experience especially on a summer day when the local musicians are playing in the courtyard and they are serving mici from the grill set up outside.

**Lacrimi si Sfinti:** [www.lacrimisifinti.com](http://www.lacrimisifinti.com) Strada Sepcari 16 in the Old Town. +40 372 773 999, 12.30 PM – 2.00 AM Is owned by a well-known Romanian poet, Mircea Dinescu, and offers delicious traditional dishes made of produces from the owner's organic farm located near the Danube River.

**La copac:** <http://lacopac.ro/dealegurii.php> Pitar Mos, 23rd, Sector 1, Bucharest, Romania +40 31 434 0672

**La Placinte** <https://laplacinte.ro/ro/pages/restaurante/2/> present in various locations; is a chain of restaurants that originally started out in the Republic of Moldova and extended to Romania, where it offers popular Romanian (and some Moldovan) food as well as a wide variety of pies at affordable prices.

**Shift Pub:** [www.shiftpub.ro](http://www.shiftpub.ro) Str. General Eremia Grigorescu, 17, Bucharest, 12 PM – 5 AM

**Upstairs Rooftop:** <https://www.upstairs.ro/menu/a-la-carte/> Strada Sevastopol Nr 24, 7th floor, Bucharest

### 7.3 Teahouses in Bucharest



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**Camera din Fata:** <http://cameradinfata.ro/> Str. Mendeleev 22, +40 21 311 1512. Is a small place but with a lot of personality and a cozy atmosphere, the kind you would like to find wherever you go. Also, if you really enjoyed your tea, you can buy it from the shop and serve it at home.

**Infinitea:** <https://infinitea.ro/>, <https://www.facebook.com/ceainaria.infinitea> Str. Dr. Grigore Romniceanu 7, ap. 2, mobile: 0723 175 300. Is the definition of a romantic place. This tea house may not be situated in the center of Bucharest, but a visit here is something you will remember for a long time, wishing to return.

**Green Tea:** <http://greentea.ro/ceainaria/despre-ceainarie/> Str.Dr. Burghelea 24, sector 2, 021/320.93.96 0749.090.202 is one of those memorable places regardless of the weather. It features 4 rooms influenced by different cultures (Japanese, Indian, and Parisian), a shaded terrace and a shop filled with many types of tea.

**Ceainaria Bohemia Tea House:** <http://bohemiatea.ro/turpanoramic/> Strada Poiana Narciselor nr.1, 010158 Bucharest, Tel: +40 727 333 631, 12PM – 11PM. Is located in a house with a welcoming attic near the Conservatory of Music. It offers a relaxing intimate atmosphere, perfect for a chat, a book or for a board game. At the end of the trip you can also buy something for later from their shop.

### **Ceainarie:**

<http://www.ceainarie.ro/> Two locations: near Universitate or in the Floreasca quarter) is one of the oldest tea houses in Bucharest. The lights are dim, the music is low and all these will help you have a perfect moment of relaxation and silence away from the loudness of the big city.

**Bernschutz & Co Tea:** <http://www.bernschutz.com/> Str. Ion Nistor 6, sector 3, 021 310 47 88 across the Universitate building, offers premium tea in a small yet cosy place that has everything one needs for a nice cup of tea.

**Acuarela:** <http://acuarelabistro.ro/> Str. Polona 40, Bucharest, Romania

### 7.4 Cafés in Bucharest

**Bloom Specialty Coffee:** <https://web.facebook.com/bloomsspecialtycoffee? rdc=1& rdr> (str. George Vraca 7) is a friendly spot that smells and tastes amazing.

**Coftale:** <https://web.facebook.com/Coftale? rdc=1& rdr> (str. Profesor Stefan Mihaileanu 42): enjoy the flavor of high quality coffee in a friendly environment with passionate people.

**Cremier:** <https://web.facebook.com/creamiercoffeeshop? rdc=1& rdr> (str. Benjamin Franklin 5) offers two of the best things in life: great coffee and delicious ice-cream. The other good

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news? It's located near the meeting point of our free walking tour, so right behind the Athenaeum building!

**5 to go:** <https://fivetogo.ro/> is a fast growing chain of small coffee shops. The concept is simple: everything in the store costs only 5 Lei (less than 1.20 EUR!) and it's usually to go, since there is little space inside. Despite the low price, the quality is high and this explains their incredible success.

**French Bakery:** <http://www.frenchbakery.ro/> will remind you of Paris: sick a nice coffee and a croissant on a quiet cobblestone. Luckily, you can feast yourself in several locations. **M60:**

[https://web.facebook.com/m60cafeamzei?\\_rdc=1&\\_rdr](https://web.facebook.com/m60cafeamzei?_rdc=1&_rdr) (str. Mendeleev 2, Bucharest 030167) is a cosy little café with a great Scandinavian design that brings together groups of artists and other people from the creative fields.

**Origo:** <https://origocoffee.ro/> (str. Lipscani 9, Bucharest 050971) is a small yet very popular coffeeshop located very close to the Old Town.

**Orygyns Specialty Coffee:** [https://web.facebook.com/OrygynsCoffee?\\_rdc=1&\\_rdr](https://web.facebook.com/OrygynsCoffee?_rdc=1&_rdr) (str. Jules Michelet 12, Bucharest 010463) offers roasted coffee from different places in a location with an eye-catching design.

**Steam Coffee Shop:** <http://steam.coffee/> (str. Visarion 2 near the intersection with Blvd. Dacia) is small but offers fantastic cups of coffee to help you start your day in a fab way.

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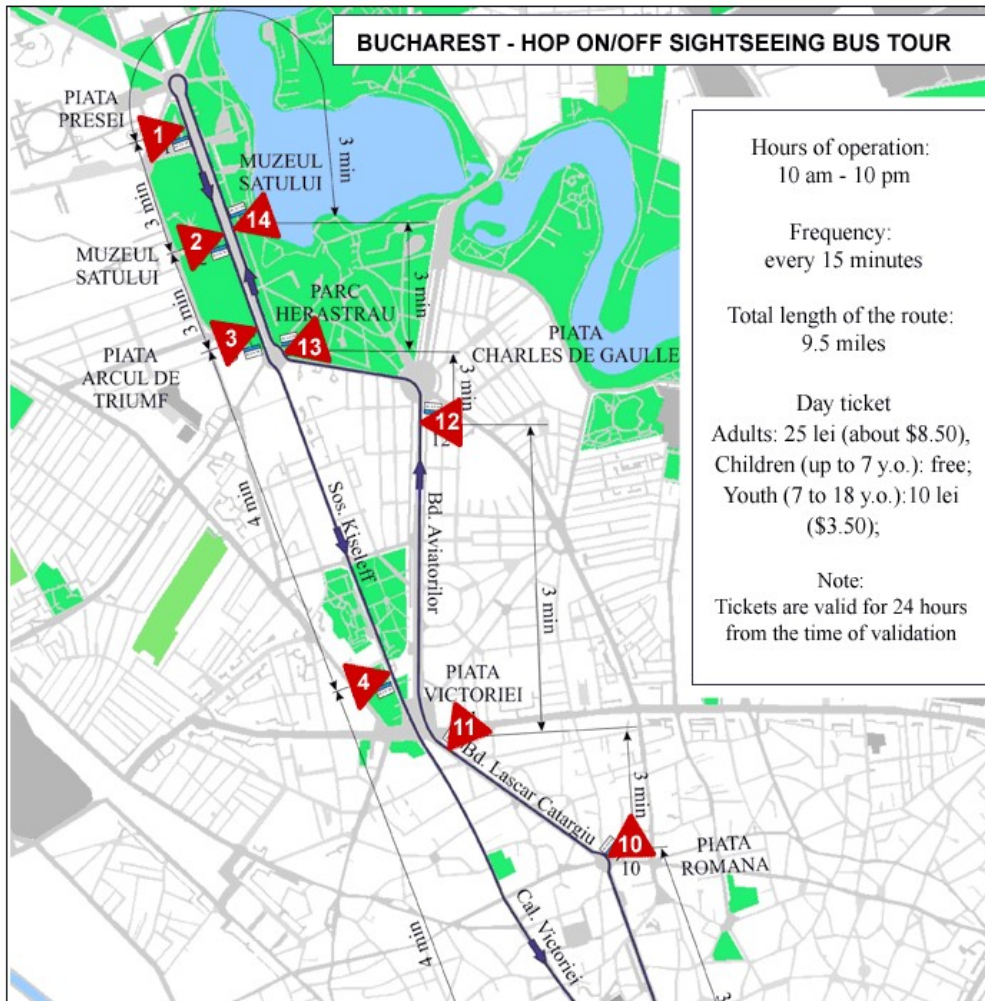
- Free walking tours of Bucharest: <https://bucharest.walkaboutfreetours.com/>
- You can find nice places on this list: <https://www.theguardian.com/travel/2015/oct/24/bucharest-city-guide-romania>
- Hopon-hopoff sightseeing bus tour : <http://romaniatourism.com/romania-maps/bucharest/bucharest-hopon-hopoff-sightseeing-bus-tours.html>

For detailed information, check <https://www.inyourpocket.com/bucharest/sightseeing> and <http://romaniatourism.com/bucharest.html>



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6	CEC
7	PALATUL PARLAMENTULUI
8	PIATA UNIRII
9	UNIVERSITATE

We wish you a pleasant stay in Bucharest!