

TRANSPORTATION IN BUCHAREST, Romania
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TAXI

Bucharest has a lot of taxi companies available both on call or in the street; all of them are yellow and have a distinctive signage; tariffs are always listed both outside and inside the car and **prices start from 1.39 lei / kilometer** (about 0.35 €). Make sure you check the price per kilometer on the taxi door before you enter the car.

Useful taxi phone numbers:

Taxi Meridian – 021 - 9444 / 9488

Taxi Mondial – 021 – 9423

Taxi Leone – 021 – 9425

Taxi Speed – 021 – 9477

A taxi ride to the city center will cost approximately 2.5 euro (one way).

BUSES

The most extensive public transportation network in Bucharest. The local company is called **RATB** and runs buses and trams from 6am to 11 pm (<http://www.ratb.ro/>)

The **nearest bus station** is right in front of the hotel and it is called *Piata Arsenalului*; bus number **385** takes you in the city centre, to *Piata Unirii* (about 5 stops). Tip – from here you can easily get to the historic center of the city – a pedestrian area where the city is animated and full of life at any hour of the day or the night.

Tickets are to be purchased from the specialized booths (in most of the stations) and validated in the bus/tram (drivers never carry tickets).

- 1 ride – 1.3 lei (about 0.30 €)
- unlimited rides for a day – 8 lei (about 2 €)
- unlimited rides for 7 days – 17 lei (about 4 €)
- unlimited rides for 15 days – 25 lei (about 5.8 €)
- unlimited rides for a month – 50 lei (about 11.5 €)

Bus map: <http://www.ratb.ro/download/harti/autobuze.pdf>

General map for public transport: <http://www.ratb.ro/download/harti/generala.pdf>

SUBWAY

A fast and convenient way of getting around, that also takes you to some of the important sites (city center, train station, Herastrau Park etc).

There are 4 lines, but you will probably only need to use the one connecting the center (blue in the map); stations are marked with **M** (*metrou*) blue signs.

The closest metro stations to the hotel are *Izvor* and *Eroilor* (aprox 10 minute walks).

Tickets/passes can be bought at every station; and grant access in the subway.

- 2 rides – 2.5 lei (about 0.60 €)
- 10 rides – 8 lei (about 2 €)
- unlimited rides for one day – 5 lei (about 1.15 €)
- unlimited rides for one month – 25 lei (about 5.8 €)

Subway map: <http://www.metrorex.ro/images/harta.png>

TRAIN

There are several train stations in Bucharest, the main one is **Gara de Nord** (North Station), situated at 10 minutes driving distance from the hotel (2,5 km)

The train company is called SNCFR (or CFR) and details can be found here: <http://www.cfr.ro/>.

CAR RENTALS

A **Hertz** rental desk is available in the lobby, open daily from 10 to 6pm, on request in weekends. From **Star Limo** (also in our lobby) you can rent cars with chauffeur services.

The Concierge clerks can assist you in booking either provider.

AIRPORTS

There are 2 airports in the city – **The International Henri Coanda Airport** and **The International Aurel Vlaicu (Baneasa) Airport**.

<http://otp-airport.ro/index.php>

<http://www.baneasa-airport.ro/index.php?lang=en>

Transfer to and from the airports can be arranged for a fee with our Concierge (156 lei without taxes, aprox 36 €).

Alternatively you can take a taxi (the fare will cost around 100 lei, 24€) or alternate the Express buses 780 or 783 to the city, with local buses.