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1. WELCOME TO BUCHAREST

We are pleased to provide you with the following information regarding arrangements for the upcoming EEAC 31st Conference held in Bucharest, Romania. Should you have any questions, you can contact the conference team by email: <u>eeac2023@gov.ro</u>

2. MEETING DATES & PROGRAMME

The conference will be held on 4 – 5 October 2023 in Bucharest. Participants travelling from abroad are suggested to arrive on 3 October. The detailed program, information about the venues, Bucharest guide for the participants as well as other materials will be updated on the EEAC conference website.

3. ACCOMMODATION

Some accommodation options, which are just a short walk away from the Parliament House are: JW Marriott Bucharest Grand Hotel**** https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/buhro-jw-marriott-bucharest-grand-hotel/ overview/ Hotel Continental Forum București Palatul Parlamentului **** https://continental-forum-bucuresti.continentalhotels.ro/ Hotel Parliament **** http://www.parliament-hotel.ro/ JN Boutique Hotel*** https://jnboutiquehotel.com/ Parliament Square *** https://parliamentsquare.ro/

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4. WEATHER

The average temperature in Bucharest in October for a typical day range from a high of 66°F (19°C) to a low of 45°F (7°C). Some would describe it as moderately chilly with a gentle breeze.

Kindly refer to the Accuweather's website for more information: <u>https://shorturl.at/ivDU3</u>

5. ARRIVING TO Romania

Entry into Romania is allowed for passengers arriving from all countries, if they meet the general entry requirements as stated here: <u>https://www.mae.ro/en/node/2084</u>

6. SERVICES

ATM = BANCOMAT

ATMs are available throughout the city, and they are called the "BANCOMAT" or "ATM" in Romanian. ATMs enable you to withdraw cash also with internationally recognized credit cards.

Usually, you can withdraw the local currency which is Romanian Leu-ROL. You can find it under the name of RON – Romanian New Leu.

The exchange rate is **1 euro = approx. 5 ROL**

For the updated exchange rate please see:

https://www.bnr.ro/Exchange-rates-1224.aspx

PHARMACY = FARMACIE

In case you need to visit the pharmacy during your visit in Bucharest, the place to go is called "farmacie" in romanian. Central Bucharest has several pharmacies and the best way to recognize them is the green cross – sign. There are several pharmacies (Farmacie) open 24 hours a day. **Farmacia 2NA - Unirii** Bulevardul Unirii , nr. 14, bloc 6 , Sector 4, București; **Farmacia HelpNet - Unirii** Bulevardul Unirii, nr. 27, Sector 4, București; **Farmacia HelpNet - Calea 13 Septembrie** Calea 13 Septembrie, nr. 126, P34, Sector 4, București

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PUBLIC TRANSPORT – STB

Bucharest's public transportation network includes: bus (autobuz), tram (tramvai), trolley-bus (troilebuz) and subway (Metrou). Bucharest Public Transport Tourist Card ("Card Călătorie Turist") is available to visitors and residents.

This 'combo ticket' offers unlimited rides for:

- ~ the train from Bucharest International Airport to Gara de Nord Train Terminal
- ~ bus 783 from Bucharest International Airport to Downtown
- ~ all urban, above-ground, transport: bus, tram and trolleybus
- ~ Bucharest Metro (subway)

Cost of Bucharest Public Transport Tourist Card: 20 lei / 24-hours card or 40 lei / 72-hours card.

Tickets for Bucharest public transport can be purchased at kiosks located next to selected bus/ tram stops or on-line.

Public transport fares can also be paid on-board with a contactless debit or credit card.

Buses, trams, and trolley buses operate - between 5 a.m. and 11:55 p.m. The subway operates - from 5 a.m. until 11 p.m.

Tickets/cards must be validated upon boarding.

Travelers may be asked to show the validated ticket/card during the trip. Passengers that cannot show a validated ticket must pay a penalty (Suprataxa). STB route maps can be found at kiosks near bus and tram stops or you can print one here: <u>https://stbsa.ro/eng/index</u>

More info can be found here: <u>https://www.stbsa.ro/eng/sms_new_eng</u> and <u>https://www.stbsa.ro/eng/card_contactless_eng</u>

TAXI & RIDE-SHARING

The center of Bucharest is relatively small; therefore, taxi journeys do not tend to be very long and are fairly inexpensive. Taxis are the easiest way of getting to places that don't have very good public transport links that are not in the city center. When you take a taxi in Bucharest, it's important to remember that not all taxi drivers speak English. Therefore, it's useful to have a map to be able to point out where you want to go, or better still, be able to show them the full address. If possible, it's better to pay with small notes, as taxi drivers often do not have much

change.

Prices

In Bucharest, there are many different taxi services with different rates. The prices appear on the door and can vary from 1.99 RON (EUR 0.40) up to 3.50 RON (EUR 0.70) per kilometer (0.6 miles).

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If you book a taxi from the airport, the price will depend on the taxi company and the exact location of your hotel. The price can vary between 70 and 150 RON (15-30 EUR). To get a taxi from the airport, you have to book the taxi before you leave the terminal by using the machines in the arrivals hall.

Taxi Numbers

Here are the numbers of some of the taxi companies in Bucharest: Meridian 0219444, 0219888 Taxi Cobalcescu 0219451 Speed Taxi: 0219477, 0219488, 0722109477, 0740109477, 0766109477

You can also choose UBER or BOLT ride-sharing apps.

8. THINGS TO SEE IN BUCHAREST

There are many things to see during your visit in Bucharest. To start, we recommend you to visit the <u>https://visitbucharest.today/</u> website to get started with planning your activities during your stay. Useful links: <u>Events in Bucharest</u> <u>Eat and drink</u>

Shopping Things to do in Bucharest

FUTHER INFORMATION:

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