



## Bucharest, a bustling metropolis on the rise

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Not coming to Bucharest is missing out the very heart of Romania.

Bucharest has its own charm and elegance and is an extremely dynamic city, rapidly changing.

With its eclectic architecture hiding art nouveau villas and little squares tucked away in unknown parts of the city, with its trendy cafes and extremely rich nightlife, Bucharest is more than ready to receive any type of traveler.

Let's not forget that Bucharest is the cultural capital of Romania, hosting series of impressing cultural events like George Enescu Music Festival, but it is also a platform of cultural happenings for a very young community.

The Palace of the Parliament in Bucharest is the second largest building in the world, next to the Pentagon in the US.

## Be a local in Bucharest!

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- Stroll on the cobbled streets of Lipscani District, the place where the Romanian, Austrian, German, Greek, Bulgarian merchants and craftsmen established their shops at the beginning of the 1400s. Today it is home to many coffeehouses, antique shops and art galleries!
- Have a beer at the famous beer house Caru` cu Bere, the meeting place where Bucharest's literati would gather to discuss matters of their time!
- The first cinematographic projection in Romania took place in Bucharest, on the 27<sup>th</sup> of May 1896 (less than 5 months after the first film exhibition by the Lumière brothers).
- Visit Stavropoleos Church, a delicate architectural jewel built by the Greek monk Ionikie Stratonikeas!
- Enjoy a day in one of Europe's largest outdoor museums, the Village Museum, which features a collection of 50 buildings representing the history and design of Romania's rural architecture!
- Bucharest was the first city of the world lit up with lamp oil, in 1858.
- Bucharest was first mentioned in 1459 as the residence of Vlad the Impaler.