



Tour Name

Private Bucharest: New York Times Journeys - Bucharest: Shaking Off The Past

Tour City

Bucharest

Tour Snapshot

Walk through the changes in Bucharest on a tour inspired by The New York Times's 36 Hours and led by a local guide. See how the Romanian capital is shaking off years of dictatorship and corruption, and see the places and people making the change happen. On a tour with unique access to people and places, see, taste and experience the charm of Bucharest. Hear how the revolution of 1989 led to a revolution in both society and culture, and see how grassroots organizations are seeking to remedy past ills.

Highlights

- Walk through quaint neighborhoods away from the city center
- Discover local initiatives that promote the arts and crafts of Romanian minorities
- Learn how young people and new organizations are helping Bucharest overcome its troubled past
- See how the Italian influence lives on in Bucharest's coffee culture

- Experience Bucharest through the eyes of a local, on a tour like no other

New York Times Exclusives

- *Behind-the-Scenes Access*: Tour “‘80s east apartment,” a recreation of a typical apartment of the period, and talk to people from the nonprofit that created it for educational purposes
- *Hands-on Element*: Learn how to prepare a cup of coffee like a true barista
- *Local Interactions*: Haggle in the market to procure vegetables and cheese for lunch

Inclusions: Local English-speaking guide, 1 bottle of water (recyclable glass), one pretzel, 2 skinless sausages, cheese, vegetables, 1 beer, 1 flight of beer, 1 coffee, 1 biscuit, bus tickets, coffee brewing workshop.

Exclusions: Gratuity

Schedule details

- Duration: 5 Hours
- Meeting point:
On the stairs of the National Theatre in front of the main entrance.

View on [Google Maps](#)

Exact GPS Coordinates of the meeting point: 44°26'11.3"N 26°06'11.2"E

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- Starting time: 10.00 AM
- Ending point:
Craft Beer Bar, Victory Street

Full Itinerary

Meet your guide for a savory Romanian street snack in University Square. Learn about the 1989 revolution that threw off years of communist dictatorship and opened the door to a new future. Then, venture into a charming Armenian neighborhood.

In Obor market, the oldest and biggest in the city, take a shopping list and a few Romanian lei and haggle with a vendor for vegetables and cheese, which you can savor with traditional Romanian food: two mici (skinless sausages), bread and a beer.

The Funky Citizens seeks to fight corruption in Romania. With members of the nonprofit, tour one of its projects, the “80s east apartment,” a re-creation of a typical communist apartment, usually reserved for academics.

Take the trolley to University Square and see a social enterprise that brings together high-end designers and Roma craftspeople. Here, the Roma, among the most persecuted during the war and beyond, practice traditional crafts like pounding copper. Then stop for a quick, exclusive look at some of the most impressive street art in the city, hidden on the terrace of the University of Architecture.

The Italian influence in Bucharest is showing up in its emerging coffee scene. Attend an exclusive coffee brewing workshop led by some of Bucharest’s most skilled baristas.

Stroll in Cismigiu Gardens, the oldest in the city. Exit the park toward Victory Avenue, the epicenter of Bucharest in the interwar period and the heart of Little Paris. Stop at the Good Beer Factory, the first craft beer bar in the city, for a sampler of four local brews. Before leaving, ask your guide for some recommendations about what else to do in Bucharest.

The New York Times Reading List

- [On the Rug Route in Romania, Kilims and an Enduring Culture](#)
- [‘God Was on Vacation’: A Visit With a Long-Lost Cousin in Romania Is a Holocaust Lesson](#)
- [A Big Cathedral, a Big Bill, and a Big Debate in Romania](#)
- [A Stolen Picasso Buried in the Woods? Not So Fast](#)
- [Cobblestones? Check. Castles? Check. Budget? Check. Why Romania Is Worth the Trip. \(<https://www.nytimes.com/2017/08/24/travel/romania-europe-bargain-family-travel.html>\)](#)
- [Keeping Alive a Haven for Yiddish Culture in Modern Romania](#)

- [At Ceausescu's Villa, Focus Is on Décor, Not Dictatorship \(https://www.nytimes.com/2016/06/07/world/europe/romania-bucharet-ceausescu-villa.html\)](https://www.nytimes.com/2016/06/07/world/europe/romania-bucharet-ceausescu-villa.html)
- [Pope Francis Apologizes to Roma for Mistreatment and Urges European Unity](#)

Additional information

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Confirmation of booking: If you have your voucher, your booking is confirmed. We'll see you at the start point. Get in touch if you have any concerns or require more information via the email address or phone number (business hours only) on your voucher.

Closure of sites: Some of the venues might not be accessible due to vacation of the staff. On these occasions we will find alternate solutions for similar points of interest.

Child Policy: This is a child-friendly tour. Children between the ages of 6 and 11 inclusively are permitted on this tour at the rate listed above. Please select "child" above when booking. Children under the age of 6 are permitted to join this tour free of charge. Please inform us at the time of booking if you'll be bringing a child under the age of 6. You can do so in the special request box on the checkout page.

Dietary Notes

We can accommodate vegetarians and other dietary restrictions. Please notify us in advance if you have any dietary requests. You can do so in the 'Additional information' box at checkout, or by emailing us at info@bucharesturbanadventures.com

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