

Everything you need to know before visiting Romania's cultural capital

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## **Attractions**



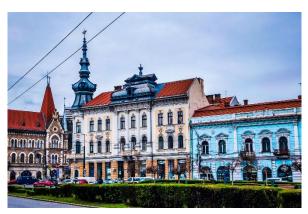
#### St. Michael's Church

 Description: Gothic masterpiece awarded the Europa Nostra Award for restoration. Admire its stained glass, Baroque pulpit, and frescoes.

• Duration: 30–45 minutes.

• Price: Free entry

O Address: Piața Unirii, Cluj-Napoca



#### Old Town

 Description: Explore cobblestone streets, Museum Square terraces, medieval churches, and charming courtyards with a knowledgeable guide.

• Duration: 2-3 hours.

Price: Starts at 15 €

Address: Starting point: Piaţa Unirii, Cluj-Napoca



#### Cluj-Napoca National Opera

 Description: Elegant opera house showcasing Romanian and international performances in a stunning neoclassical building.

• **Duration:** 1 h guided tour.

• Price: Starts at 5 €

Address: Piaţa Ştefan cel Mare 24, Cluj-Napoca



#### Avram lancu Square

 Description: Iconic square dominated by the grand Orthodox Cathedral, with fountains, statues, and impressive views of the city's cultural heart.

• Duration: 30 – 40 minutes.

• **Price:** Free entry.

Address: Piața Avram Iancu, Cluj-Napoca



## Ethnographic Museum of Transylvania

- Description: Learn about Romanian rural life, traditions, and crafts through detailed exhibits and folk art collections.
- Duration: 1–1.5 hours.
- Price: Adults 2 €, children free.
- Address: Strada Memorandumului 21, Cluj-Napoca



#### National Museum of Transylvanian History

- **Description**: Discover ancient artifacts, the famous "Golden Hen with the Chicks" treasure, and a rare Egyptian mummy.
- Duration: 1–1.5 hours.
- **Price:** Family ticket 10 €, individual tickets vary
- Address: Strada Constantin Daicoviciu 2, Cluj-Napoca



#### Steampunk Transylvania Museum

- Description: Interactive museum blending fantasy, science, and mechanics. See time machines, alchemy displays, and quirky experiments.
- Duration: 1 hour.
- Price: Adults 12 €, Children 10 €
- Address: Strada Ştefan Octavian Iosif 4, Cluj-Napoca



#### **Botanical Garden**

- Description: One of Europe's largest gardens, with over 10,000 plant species, tropical greenhouses, and a peaceful Japanese garden.
- Duration: 1-2 hours.
- Price: 3 € per person
- Address: Strada Republicii 42, Cluj-Napoca

## Transportation

#### **Public transport**

- Affordable and reliable buses/trams.
- Download **Tranzy App** for routes and schedules.
- Buy Tickets at every bus and tram station using the purple ticket machines. You can pay cash or with card. The instructions are available in 5 languages.
- Information regarding prices for tickets and cards are available on <a href="CTPJ.ro">CTPJ.ro</a>.

#### Taxis/Uber/Bolt

- Use Uber and Bolt to avoid overcharging. Payment is possible via cash or Google Pay. You can also use these apps to order food.
- Make sure to use licensed taxi services otherwise you risk paying too much.
- The Uber App uses Google Maps for navigation and is therefore more reliable with attractions outside of Cluj. Use the app if you plan on travelling to remote destinations such as Clyde Western Town or the countryside.

#### Car rental

- Essential for exploring attractions outside of Cluj such as Turda Salt Mine or Banffy Castle book via <u>DiscoverCars</u> for deals from 10 €/day.
- Choose a climatized rental car if you are visiting Cluj in the summertime as temperatures are mostly above 30 degrees



### Hotels



Avram lancu street

#### Courtyard by Marriott

Check-In: at 3 PM
Check Out: until 12AM

**Addres**s: Strada Avram Iancu 23-24, Cluj-Napoca, Romania **Description:** Modern hotel offering panoramic city views, a vegan breakfast option, and spacious rooms. Great for both

business and leisure travelers.

Book now 👍



Mihai Viteazu square

#### **Bloom Downtown Suites**

Check-In: at 3PM

Check Out: until 11AM

**Address:** Strada Gheorghe Şincai 2, Cluj-Napoca, Romania **Description:** Stylish serviced apartments just steps from the Mihai Viteazu square. Ideal for families or longer stays, with

modern amenities and a welcoming atmosphere.

Book now ()



Unirii square

#### Camino Home

Check-In: at 2PM
Check Out: until 11AM

Address: Strada Universității 1, Clui-Napoca, Romania

**Description:** Quiet boutique stay on a side street in the city center near Unirii square. Known for its excellent breakfast,

friendly service, and comfortable rooms.

Book now ()



Metropolitan Cathedral

#### Hotel Beyfin

Check-In: at 2PM

Check Out: until 12AM

Address: Piața Avram Iancu 3, Cluj-Napoca, Romania

**Description:** Elegant hotel overlooking Avram Iancu Square and the Metropolitan Cathedral. Features stylish rooms, an on-site restaurant, and a rooftop terrace with panoramic

views.

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### Restaurants

#### Zama

Description: Traditional Transylvanian restaurant known for its homely atmosphere and authentic Romanian flavors. Signature dishes include *ciorbă de burtă* (tripe soup), *sarmale* (stuffed cabbage rolls), and slow-cooked meats.

Address: Strada Moților 6, Cluj-Napoca, Romania

#### Roata

Description: Rustic-style restaurant serving generous portions of Romanian classics. Highlights include *mititei* (grilled minced meat rolls), bean soup with smoked pork, and hearty stews.

Address: Strada Alexandru Ciurea 6, Cluj-Napoca, Romania

#### Olivo Coffee Culture

Description: Stylish café and bistro offering specialty coffee roasted on-site, creative brunch dishes, and fresh pastries. Popular choices include eggs benedict, avocado toast, and artisan desserts.

Address: Bulevardul Eroilor 7, Cluj-Napoca, Romania

#### Barraca

Description: Contemporary fine-dining restaurant blending modern culinary techniques with seasonal, local ingredients. Signature plates include seared duck breast, fresh seafood, and delicate desserts.

Address: Strada Napoca 3, Cluj-Napoca, Romania

#### Bujole

Description: Chic bistro overlooking Piața Unirii, known for its Parisian café vibe and elegant menu. Specialties include gourmet breakfasts, fresh salads, and artisanal cakes paired with expertly brewed coffee.

Address: Piața Unirii 15, Cluj-Napoca, Romania

#### Acadeea

Description: Cozy and family-friendly restaurant with a focus on fresh, seasonal produce and lighter Romanian and international dishes. Menu favorites include fresh salads, pasta, and homemade desserts.

Address: Strada Universității 14, Cluj-Napoca, Romania

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It includes a complete daily schedule, restaurant picks, hotel recs, the best day trips and essential travel tips to transportation, money, driving etc— all tested by me!

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## About me

Hi there,

#### I AM GEORGIA

I was born in Romania and spent the first 22 years of my life there before moving to Germany in 2007.

Ever since, I've been returning every year with my family to rediscover the beauty and magic of the place I used to call home.

From hidden mountain villages in the Carpathians to the lively streets in Bucharest, I track down those special places you won't find in an ordinary travel guide.

And now, I'd love to help you discover Romania like a true insider.

Whether you're visiting Romania for the first time or you've already fallen in love with it — my travel blog <u>Rolling-in-Romania</u> is here to help you uncover the authentic treasures that turn an ordinary trip into an unforgettable adventure.



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