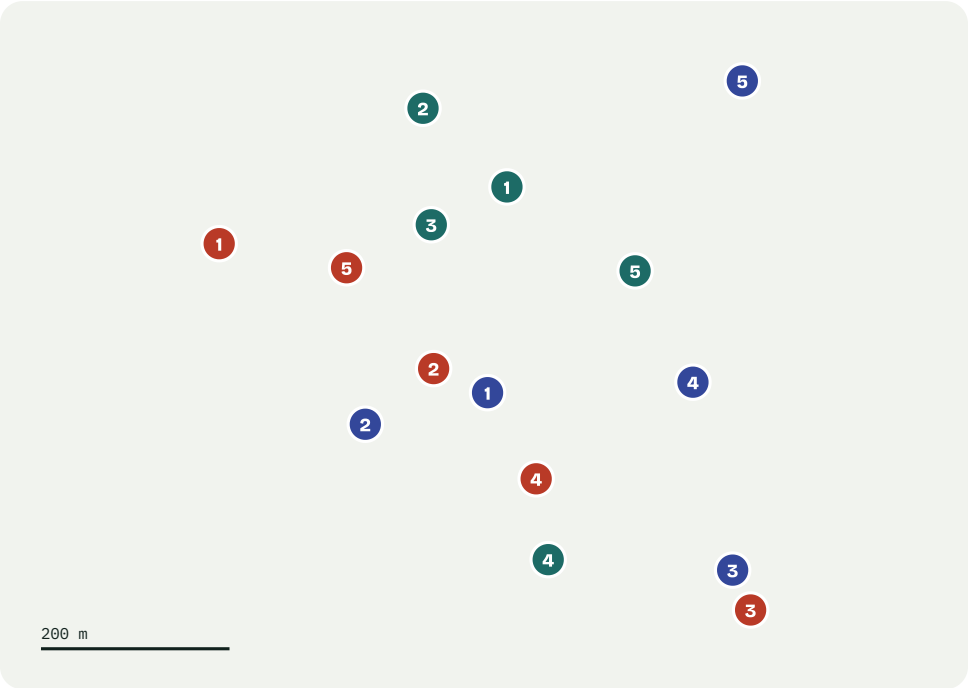
Centrul Vechi

Bucharest's historic centre between Calea Victoriei and Brătianu Boulevard, with pedestrian streets, churches from the 16th to 18th centuries, the ruins of the Princely Court, bank palaces from around 1900 and the city's best-known old restaurants.



What to see · Where to eat · Where to stay

Sketch, not exactly to scale.

How to use this guide

For each category we picked five places, in the order we would recommend them. Map numbers match the list. On bucuresti.guide you'll find the interactive map, Google Maps links and the always up-to-date version.

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What to see in Centrul Vechi



1 Mănăstirea Stavropoleos

BRÂNCOVENESC-STYLE CHURCH OF 1724 · CENTRUL VECHI

It is a category A listed monument and holds 4.8 on Google from more than 6,500 reviews.

Small Brâncovenesc-style church built in 1724 by the archimandrite Ioanichie Stratonikeas, now a convent, with a collection of old icons and a lapidarium in the courtyard.

Strada Stavropoleos 4 · Tel. +40 21 313 4747 · Hours: daily 8–19



2 Muzeul Național de Istorie a României

NATIONAL HISTORY MUSEUM · CALEA VICTORIEI

The building is a category A listed monument, and the museum holds 4.4 on Google from more than 8,100 reviews.

The country's history museum, in the Post Office Palace on Calea Victoriei, with the Historical Treasury, a full-size copy of Trajan's Column and a lapidarium; the rest of the building is under renovation.

Calea Victoriei 12 · Tel. +40 21 313 1925 · Hours: Mo Closed · Tu Closed · We 9–17 · Th 9–17 · Fr 9–17 · Sa 9–17 · Su 9–17



3 Curtea Veche: Biserica Buna Vestire și ruinele Curții Domnești

PRINCELY CHURCH AND MEDIEVAL SITE · CENTRUL VECHI

The Curtea Veche ensemble is a category A listed monument, and the church holds 4.8 on Google from more than 4,600 reviews.

The church of the former Princely Court, founded by Mircea Ciobanul in the 16th century, next to the ruins of the palace where the princes of Wallachia lived.

Strada Franceză 33 · Tel. +40 726 365 113 · hours not confirmed



4 Cărturești Carusel

BOOKSHOP IN A RESTORED BUILDING · CENTRUL VECHI

It holds 4.8 on Google from more than 25,000 reviews, and the building is a listed monument.

Multi-level bookshop in the former Chrissoveloni Bank building on Lipscani, a late-19th-century house with shop, opened as a bookshop in 2015, with a café upstairs.

Strada Lipscani 55 · Tel. +40 728 828 922 · Hours: daily 10–22



5 Palatul Suțu – Muzeul Municipiului București

NEO-GOTHIC PALACE AND CITY MUSEUM · PIAȚA UNIVERSITĂȚII

It is a category A listed monument and holds 4.5 on Google from more than 1,800 reviews.

Neo-Gothic palace built between 1833 and 1835 for the Suțu family on University Square, now home to the Bucharest Municipal Museum and its permanent exhibition 'Timpul Orașului' (The City's Time).

Bulevardul Ion C. Brătianu 2 · Tel. +40 722 574 897 · Hours: Mo Closed · Tu Closed · We 10–18 · Th 10–18 · Fr 10–18 · Sa 10–18 · Su 10–18

Where to eat in Centrul Vechi

1 Origo Coffee

SPECIALTY COFFEE SHOP AND BAR · CENTRUL VECHI

It won 'Best Coffee Shop' at the Romanian Hospitality Awards 2026, an award it has taken at every edition since 2018, and has 4.7 on Google from more than 5,000 reviews.

Specialty coffee shop on Strada Lipscani, opened in 2013 by Mihai Panfil, serving coffee from beans roasted by Origo by day and turning into a cocktail bar in the evening.

Strada Lipscani 9 · Tel. +40 757 086 689 · Hours: Mo 7:30–20 · Tu 7:30–24 · We 7:30–24 · Th 7:30–24 · Fr 7:30–24 · Sa 8–24 · Su 8–24

2 Caru' cu Bere

HISTORIC BEER HALL AND RESTAURANT · CENTRUL VECHI

It holds 4.6 on Google from more than 102,000 reviews, the most of any venue in Bucharest, and the building is a listed monument.

Beer hall opened in 1899 in a Gothic Revival building on Stavropoleos Street, with Romanian food, its own beer, live music and dancing.

Strada Stavropoleos 5 · Tel. +40 726 282 373 · Hours: daily 10–24

3 Hanu' lui Manuc

ROMANIAN RESTAURANT IN A HISTORIC INN · CENTRUL VECHI

It holds 4.7 on Google from more than 65,000 reviews, and the inn is a category A listed monument.

Romanian restaurant in the inn built between 1806 and 1808 by Manuc Bei, with an inner courtyard, terrace, music and traditional dancing.

Strada Franceză 62-64 · Tel. +40 730 188 653 · Hours: Mo 10–24 · Tu 10–24 · We 10–24 · Th 10–24 · Fr 10–02 · Sa 10–02 · Su 10–24

4 Jeonjuu Korean BBQ

KOREAN BARBECUE RESTAURANT · CENTRUL VECHI

It holds 4.8 on Google from more than 5,500 reviews.

Korean restaurant where meat is grilled at the table, with beef bulgogi, bibimbap, Korean fried chicken and cocktails.

Strada Sfântul Dumitru 3 · Tel. +40 31 630 9961 · Hours: Mo 17–24 · Tu 12–24 · We 12–24 · Th 12–24 · Fr 12–24 · Sa 11–24 · Su 11–24

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5 Linea / Closer to the Moon

ROOFTOP RESTAURANT AND BAR · CALEA VICTORIEI

It holds 4.6 on Google from more than 16,200 reviews, hundreds of which mention the sunset view.

Restaurant and bar on the fifth floor, on the roof of the Victoria department store building, with views over the Old Town and an international menu of pasta, burgers and meat dishes.

Strada Lipscani 17, etajul 5 · Tel. +40 757 824 298 · Hours: Mo 10–24 · Tu 10–24 · We 10–24 · Th 10–01 · Fr 10–02 · Sa 10–02 · Su 10–24

Where to stay in Centrul Vechi

1 The Marmorosch Bucharest, Autograph Collection

5-STAR HOTEL IN A BANK PALACE · CENTRUL VECHI

It holds 9.2 on Booking from more than 4,000 reviews, and the building is a category A listed monument.

5-star hotel in the former Marmorosch Blank Bank palace, built between 1915 and 1923, with a restaurant, a bar in the bank's old vault and a spa with an indoor pool.

Strada Doamnei 2-6 · Tel. +40 371 533 100

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2 Corinthia Grand Hotel du Boulevard

HISTORIC 5-STAR HOTEL · CALEA VICTORIEI

It holds 9.7 on Booking, though from few reviews, about 190, and 4.7 on Google from more than 300 reviews; the building is a category A listed monument.

5-star hotel in the former Grand Hôtel du Boulevard, opened in the 1870s on the corner of Calea Victoriei and Regina Elisabeta Boulevard and reopened in 2025 after a long restoration.

Bulevardul Regina Elisabeta 21 · Tel. +40 31 405 3031

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3 Vilacrosse Boutique Inn

3-STAR BOUTIQUE HOTEL · PASAJUL MACCA-VILLACROSSE

It holds 9.2 on Booking from more than 1,600 reviews, with 9.7 for location.

Small 3-star hotel in the Macca-Villacrosse Passage, the glass-roofed arcade of 1891, with colourful rooms, large bathrooms and a free minibar.

Calea Victoriei 16-20 (Pasajul Macca-Villacrosse) · Tel. +40 21 311 7879

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4 The Mansion Boutique Hotel

4-STAR BOUTIQUE HOTEL · CENTRUL VECHI

It holds 9.2 on Booking from more than 880 reviews, with 9.5 for staff and cleanliness.

4-star boutique hotel in a late-19th-century house on Franceză Street, with each room decorated in a different style and an Italian restaurant on the ground floor.

Strada Franceză 11 · Tel. +40 771 666 111

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5 Hilton Garden Inn Bucharest Old Town

4-STAR HOTEL · CENTRUL VECHI

It holds 9.1 on Booking from more than 4,100 reviews, the most of any Old Town hotel scoring above 9.

4-star Hilton hotel in a former bank headquarters from the first half of the 20th century on Doamnei Street, with a restaurant and gym.

Strada Doamnei 12 · Tel. +40 21 312 0300

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