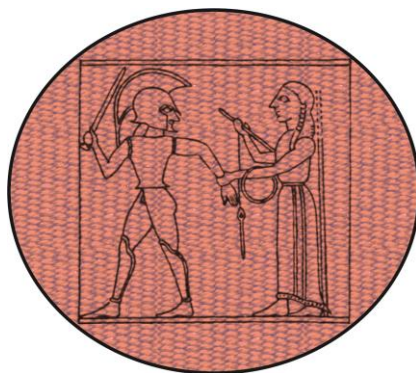


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## 1. How to get from Henri Coandă International Airport to Bucharest

Henri Coandă International Airport (OTP) is located in Otopeni, 16.5 km north of Bucharest's city center.



The city could be reached by:

- rail: An airport rail link service to the main railway station, Gara de Nord (Bucharest North), runs from the Airport railway station located near the parking lot of the Arrivals hall.

The trains, alternately operated by [CFR](#) and [TFC](#) depart every 40 minutes, seven days a week. A one-way trip takes 20-25 minutes. In Gara de Nord there is connection to the Bucharest Metro network.

The cost of a ticket is 5 RON (1 EUR). Tickets might be purchased online, directly from the train, from the ticket office or from the ticket vending machines in the airport.



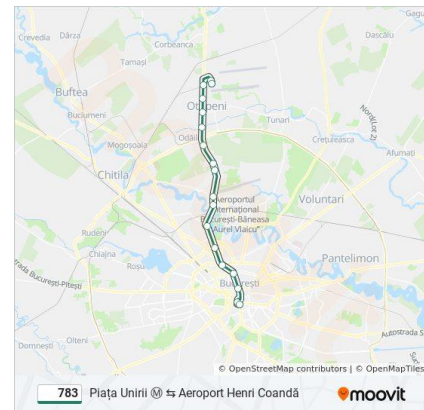
- bus: Line 783 operated by STB links the airport to Bucharest City Center, with stations in some of the most iconic areas in Bucharest: The Arch of Triumph (Arcul de Triumf, near the conference venue; only on the way to the airport), The Victory Square (Piața Victoriei),

The Roman Square (Piața Romană), The University Square (Piața Universității), The Union Square (Piața Unirii – end of line, near the Old City Centre). In the airport, there are bus stops in front of the Arrivals Terminal and Departures Terminal

The line runs day and night. At night, the bus leaves every 40 minutes. A one-way trip usually takes 40-45 minutes, except for the rush hours (7-10 a.m.; 16-19 p.m.)

The cost of a metropolitan trip of 90 minutes is 3 lei (0.60 EUR) and could be paid by STB card, contactless credit card, text message „C” (valid for 90 minutes) or „AB” (valid for 24 hours) at 7458, metropolitan cards, Tourist Travel Cards.

More information and schedule at this [link](#).



- taxi: Licensed taxis without prior request, with fares between 2.29 lei/km and 3.5 lei/km, are available for passengers in a taxi station located at the exit of the Arrivals terminal and will take passengers in order of arrival. Touch screen terminals for taxi requests will still be available for customers who want to order taxi from a certain company.

The cost of a trip to the city center should cost no more than 60-75 RON (12-15 EUR).

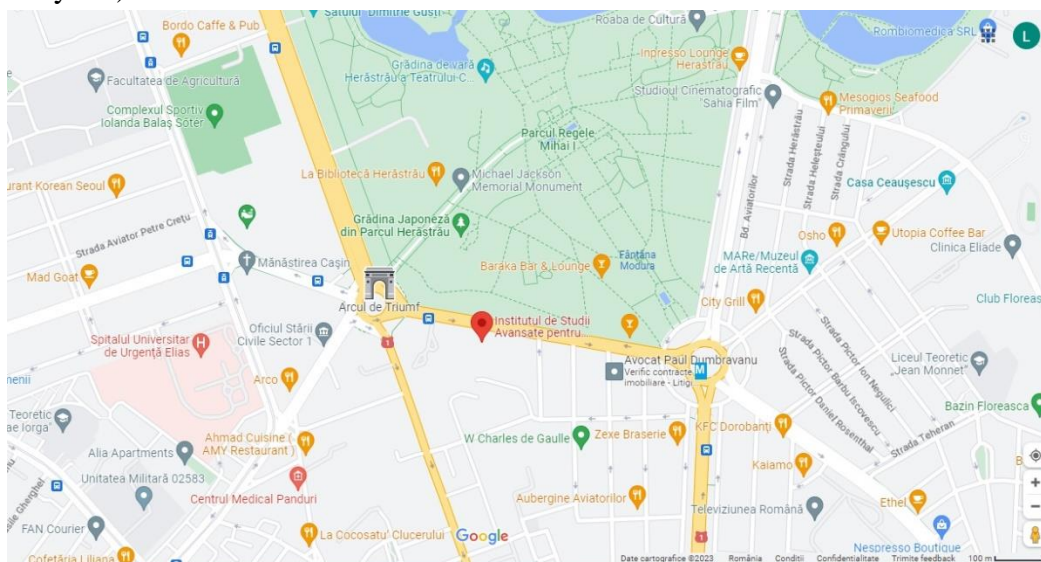


- Uber/Bolt: Pick-up points for Uber and Bolt cars could be set in the parking lot near the Arrivals terminals. Recently, 6 parking places were specially allotted to Uber/Bolt at the first floor of the parking lot at the Arrivals terminal. The cost of a trip to the city center should cost no more than 50-60 RON for a standard car (10-12 EUR), when there are not any traffic jams and rush hours.



## 2. Venue: The Institute for Advanced Studies in Levant Culture and Civilization

The Levant Institute (*Institutul Levantului* - as it is known under a shorter name) is located on 2A Constantin Prezan Bld., in the northern area of Bucharest, close to The Arch of Triumph and the Herăstrău (or King Michael I – Regele Mihai I) Park. It is one of the rather exquisite neighborhoods of Bucharest and easily reachable from the airport (10-15 minutes by car).



A map with the exact location of the Institute can be found here: <https://institutlevant.ro/en/contacts/>

The closest metro station is the **Aviatorilor Station**, on M2 line (blue), at the southeast entrance to the park. The map of the Bucharest Metro Network is available [here](#). The price of a two-trips ticket is 6 RON (1.20 EUR), while the price of a ten-trips ticket is 25 RON (5 EUR). Tickets can be purchased at the tickets offices and the tickets vending machines in the

metro stations. The fare of 3 RON (0.60 EUR) of a one-way trip can be paid directly by contactless credit card at the flat barrier automatic gates.

The closest bus station is the [Arcul de Triumf Station](#), where the following buses stop: 131, 205, 231, 282, 330, 331, 335, 361, 783 (please note that there are four different places around the Arcul de Triumf Square where buses stop; however, most buses stop at the place on Constantin Prezan Bld.).

The cost of a metropolitan trip of 90 minutes is 3 lei (0.60 EUR) and could be paid by STB card, contactless credit card, text message „C” (valid for 90 minutes) or „AB” (valid for 24 hours) at 7458, metropolitan cards, Tourist Travel Cards.

### **3. Nearby hotels**

There are not many hotels in the immediate vicinity of the Institute, as the area is one of public institutions, small office buildings, private residences and embassies.

You might find however a few small and cosy pensions and guesthouses such as [Helvetia](#) (on Popa Savu Street, 3 stars, 5 minute walk to the Institute, 3 minute walk to the Aviatorilor metro station; <https://www.booking.com/hotel/ro/pensiunea-helvetia.ro.html>). Many more guesthouses, small hotels and apartments for rent can be found to the south, around Victoriei Square.

Similarly close, there is the newly renovated and recently reopened [Triumf Hotel](#) (on Kiseleff Bd., 15 minute walk to the Institute; <https://hoteltriumf.ro/>), after a fire that damaged its roof a few years ago. The hotel is a historical monument.

To the north, in Piața Presei Square or on Poligrafiei Bd. there are hotels from large international brands, such as [Pullman Hotel](#) (4 stars, 20 minute walk through the Herăstrău/King Michael I Park to the Institute / 2 bus stations: 131, 331, 335; <https://www.booking.com/hotel/ro/sofitel-bucharest.ro.html>) and [Ramada Parc Hotel](#) (4 stars, 30 minute walk / 3 bus stations: 331; <https://ramadabucharestparc.ro/>).

Equally to the north, for those loving to have their morning/evening walk, there is [Herăstrău Hotel](#) (3 stars, 30 minute walk around the lake in the Herăstrău/ King Michael I Park to the Institute; <https://www.herastrau.ro/en/>).

However, the fact that the metro station Aviatorilor is ca. 6-7 minutes far from the Institute means that you can book a room almost anywhere in Bucharest where you find it convenient, next to other metro stations.

The prices range from around 35-80 EUR/night for guesthouses and small hotels (2 to 3 stars) to 100-150 EUR/night for large hotels (4 to 5 stars).

### **4. Coffee breaks and Lunch breaks**

Coffee breaks will take place each day in the garden of the Institute and will include small refreshments and drinks. The expenses for the coffee breaks are covered by the Euroweb grant awarded to the conference.

Each participant can choose where to take lunch in the nearby restaurants. The lunch expenses are to be covered by each participant.

Some restaurants have special offers for lunch priced around 10 EUR (without drinks).

For example, the [current offer](#) at [City Grill Primăverii](#), near the Aviatorilor metro station, where we will hold a reservation, includes: soup/snack + main dish (31.9 RON/6.4 EUR) + dessert (9.5 RON/2 EUR).



## **5. The main touristic attractions of Bucharest**

Bucharest was first mentioned in official documents in 1459, during the rule of the Wallachian voivode (prince) **Vlad the Impaler**, the historical character on which Bram Stoker created the literary character of **Dracula**. The city, which quickly became the capital of Wallachia, one of the three medieval states from which present Romania emerged later, developed along the banks of **the river Dâmbovița**, near nowadays **Union Square (Piața Unirii) metro station**.

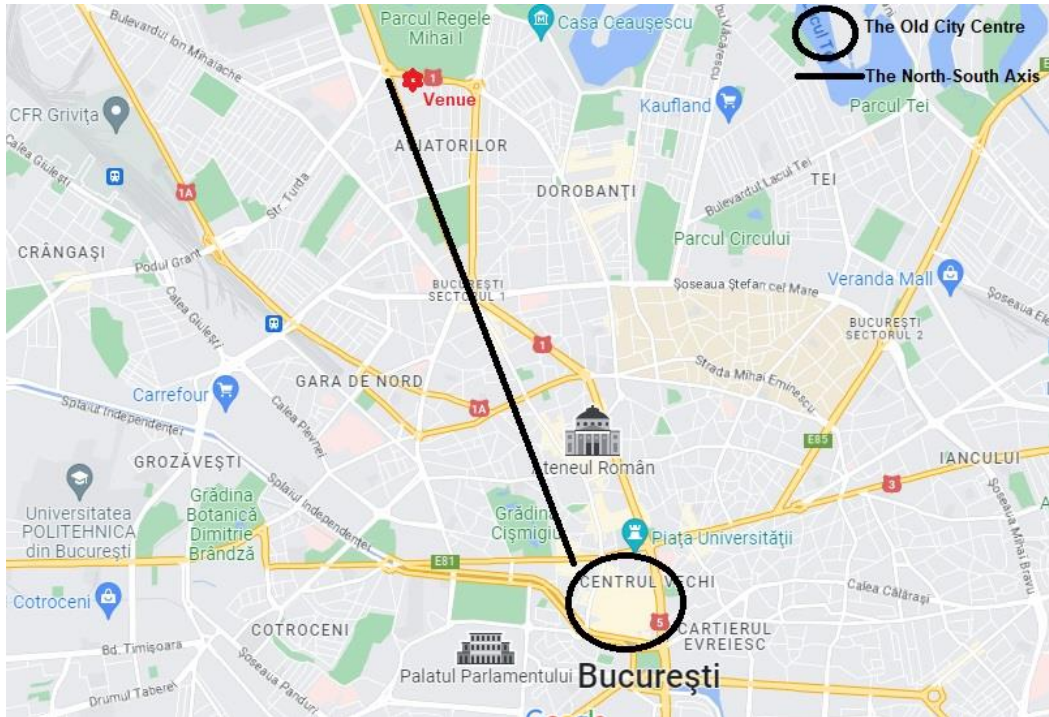
In this area you can discover the **Old City Centre**, with its pubs, restaurants, clubs and vibrant night life, the ruins of the **Old Princely Court** – the palace of the voivodes of Wallachia, old **Orthodox churches** combining both Eastern and Western architectural traits, **19<sup>th</sup> century buildings imitating the architectural style of Paris**.

Not too far from the Old City Centre there is **the Palace of the Parliament or the People's House**, the world's second-largest administrative building, after the Pentagon, built and furnished by the communist dictator Nicolae Ceaușescu in the 1980s exclusively with Romanian building materials and furniture.

From the **Arch of Triumph** near the Institute of Levant, in the north, to the Dâmbovița river, in the south, there is a **N-S axis** created by the **Kiseleff Bld.** and **Calea Victoriei**, along which parks, museums, palaces, theaters, concert halls and shops can be found.

Read more here: <https://www.planetware.com/romania/top-rated-attractions-things-to-do-in-bucharest-rom-1-2.htm>





## 6. Optional trip to Dobrudja

Dobrogea (English: Dobrudja) is the geographical region between the Danube and the Black Sea connecting the Balkan Peninsula with the North-Pontic steppes, which are separated here by the mighty river and its delta. It was home to amazing Neolithic and Eneolithic cultures, such as Hamangia, Gumelnița-Karanovo and Cernavodă, as well as to the Thracian people of Getae. It was colonized by the Greeks starting from the 7<sup>th</sup> century BC, then it came under the Roman rule, in the late 1<sup>st</sup> century BC, and it was ruled from Rome and then Constantinople until the early 7<sup>th</sup> century AD, when the Danubian *limes* fell as a consequence of a massive Slavic invasion. Successively ruled by the Bulgarians, Byzantines, Mongols, Wallachians and Ottomans and even nowadays inhabited by Romanians and Aromanians, Bulgarians, Tatars, Turks, Russian Old Believers, Ukrainians, Greeks, Roma, Germans and Italians, it is one of the regions of Romania with the richest ethnographic, cultural and natural heritage.

Constanța, the main city in Dobrudja, is 2h and 15 minutes far from Bucharest.

The trip will take place in the week-end after the conference (20-21 May).

### Saturday - 20 May

Visit to the archaeological site and museum of Histria/Istros (Milesian colony)

Visit to the archaeological site of Orgame/Argamum (Milesian colony)

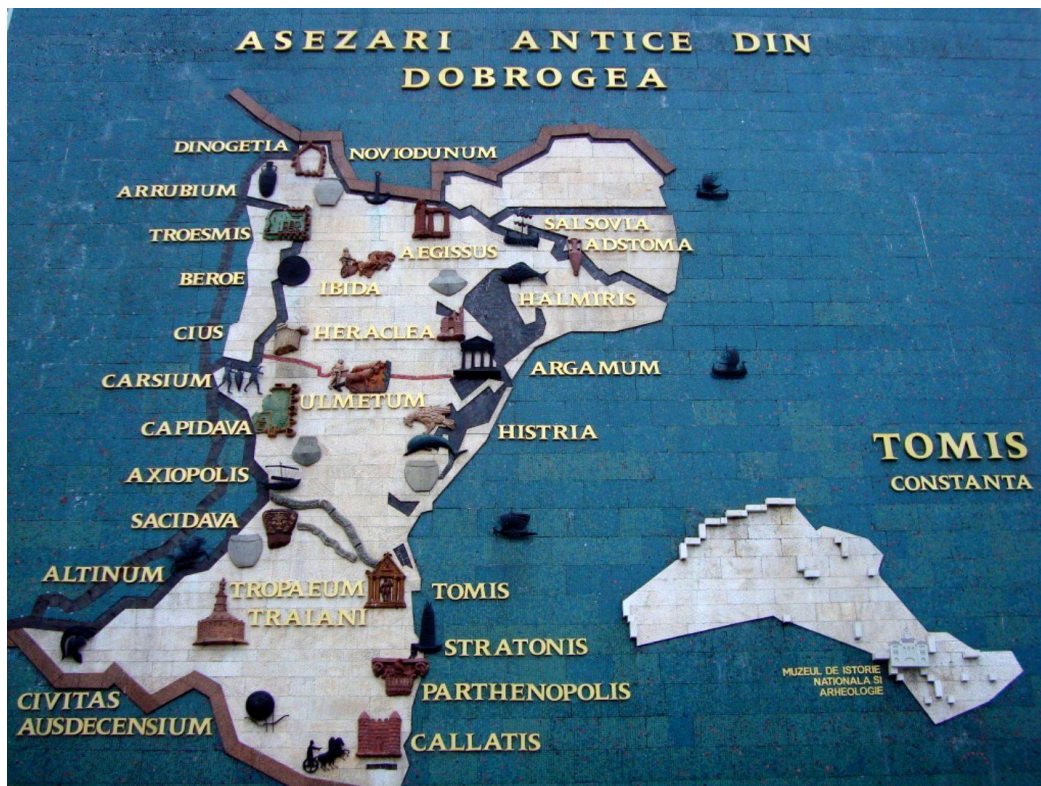
Traditional fish dinner in the Lipovan/Old Believer village of Jurilovca, near the mouths of the Danube

### Sunday - 21 May



Visit to Constanța (ancient Tomis, Milesian colony) - visit to the local museum of archaeology and the city centre.

Return to Bucharest.



The accommodation (dinner and breakfast included) would cost 60 EUR/person - single room; 45 EUR/person - double room.

The transportation cost is estimated between 25 and 60 EUR depending on the number of participants and the type of vehicles used (bus with driver; minibus with driver; rented cars).

**If you would like to participate you should write us an email by 25 March at the latest.**

## **7. Additional information**

The conference program, the book of abstracts and this short guide are also available on the conference website <https://institutlevant.ro/en/textilesandwar>.

Significant updates will be communicated through email, while minor updates will be posted only on the conference website.

For further details, please contact us at: [textilesandwar@gmail.com](mailto:textilesandwar@gmail.com).