

A Complete Guide to Cluj-Napoca

Your comprehensive guide to exploring the Heart of Transylvania

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Welcome to Cluj-Napoca

Cluj-Napoca is Transylvania's unofficial capital and Romania's second-largest city. This vibrant university town combines rich history, dynamic culture, and modern energy, offering visitors an authentic Romanian experience with a cosmopolitan twist.

Quick Essentials

Currency: Romanian Lei (RON)

Language: Romanian (many speak English)

Emergency: 112 (Police, Fire, Ambulance)

Utilities Emergency: Electricity: 0264 - 929 & Gas: 0265 - 200 928

Tourist Info: Visit Cluj Tourist Center ([Location](#))

Basic Romanian Phrases

Hello - Bună ziua | Thank you - Mulțumesc | Please - Vă rog

Yes/No - Da/Nu | Excuse me - Scuzați-mă | Cheers - Noroc

Weather Guide

Spring (Mar-May): 10-20°C, mild and pleasant

Summer (Jun-Aug): 20-30°C, warm and sunny

Autumn (Sep-Nov): 5-15°C, colorful and cool

Winter (Dec-Feb): -5-5°C, cold with occasional snow

Food & Beverages

Cafes

Perfect spots for your morning coffee or afternoon break

Premium Coffee Shops

Olivo ([Link](#)) - Specialty coffee and modern atmosphere

Let's Coffee ([Link](#)) - Cozy spot with great pastries

Brewtiful ([Link](#)) - Instagram-worthy drinks and setting

il Caffé ([Link](#)) - Coffee roaster, premium Italian espresso

Traditional & Modern Cafes

Victor ([Link](#))

Meron ([Link](#))

Roots ([Link](#))

Bujole ([Link](#))

Bulgakov ([Link](#))

Tea Houses

Samsara ([Link](#)) - Unique chillout experience

Demmers ([Link](#)) - Traditional Austrian tea house

Restaurants

From fine dining to casual eateries

Fine Dining & Gourmet

Cimbru Author Cuisine ([Link](#))

Kupaj Gourmet ([Link](#))

Nativ ([Link](#))

Via ([Link](#))

Italian & Pizza Specialists

Da Pino ([Link](#))

Pizzeria Storia ([Link](#))

Pizzeria Don Pasquale ([Link](#))

Pizzeria D'Autore ([Link](#))

Pizzeria Il Forno ([Link](#))

Pizzeria Napoli Centrale ([Link](#))
Tortelli Pasta Bar ([Link](#))

Contemporary & International

Boema ([Link](#))
Muura Stake House ([Link](#))
Eggchetera ([Link](#))
Manger ([Link](#))
Jaxx ([Link](#))
Visuin ([Link](#))
Marty Piata Muzeului ([Link](#))
Klausen Burger ([Link](#))
Livada ([Link](#))
Garlic ([Link](#))

Vegetarian & Health-Focused

Samsara Vegetarian ([Link](#))
Cuccina Turea ([Link](#))

Traditional Romanian Restaurants

Experience authentic local cuisine

Zama - Modern take on traditional food ([Link](#))
Roata - Classic Romanian dishes ([Link](#))
Fairplay ([Link](#))
Varzaria Eroilor ([Link](#))
Casa Dacilor - Authentic atmosphere ([Link](#))
Valachia ([Link](#))

Sweet Treats

Ice Cream

Bianco Milano Ice Cream - Italian-style gelato ([Link](#))
Moritz Eis - Artisanal ice cream ([Link](#))

Cake and Pastry Shops

Bianco Milano ([Link](#))
Friandise ([Link](#))

Cofetaria Petrisor ([Link](#))
Iris Délice ([Link](#))
Claudia Artisanal Bakery ([Link](#))
Un Dulce ([Link](#))

Entertainment & Nightlife

Bars, Pubs & Clubs

Classic Bars

Toulouse ([Link](#))
Bardot ([Link](#))
Hemingway Bar ([Link](#))

Breweries & Beer Gardens

Ursus Brewery ([Link](#))
Euphoria Biergarten ([Link](#))

Themed Pubs

Che Guevara Social Pub ([Link](#))
O'Peter's Irish Pub & Grill ([Link](#))
Klausen Pubhouse ([Link](#))

Night Spots

Sisters ([Link](#))
The Soviet ([Link](#))
Jaxx ([Link](#))
Atelier - Cafe by day, bar by night ([Link](#))

Night Clubs

Caro ([Link](#))
Club NOA ([Link](#))
Form Space ([Link](#))
After Eight ([Link](#))
Flying Circus ([Link](#))

Culture & Arts

Cultural Venues

Romanian National Opera - World-class performances ([Link](#))
Lucian Blaga National Theatre - Contemporary and classical theater ([Link](#))
Transylvania State Philharmonic - Classical music concerts ([Link](#))
Hungarian Opera ([Link](#))
Hungarian Theatre ([Link](#))
Puck Puppet Theatre ([Link](#))

Cultural Centers

Institut français - French Cultural Center ([Link](#))
Goethe-Institut - German Cultural Center ([Link](#))
Istituto Italiano di Cultura - Italian Cultural Center ([Link](#))
Center of Japanese Art and Culture ([Link](#))

Cinemas

Cinema City-Iulius ([Link](#))
Cinema Arta - Arthouse Cinema ([Link](#))
Cinema Florin Piersic ([Link](#))
Odeon Cinema Vivo ([Link](#))
Cinema Victoria ([Link](#))

Bookstores

Carturesti ([Link](#)) - Modern bookstore with events
Humanitas ([Link](#)) - Largest bookstore chain
Librarium ([Link](#)) - International selection

Museums

Explore the rich history and culture of Transilvania

Art & Contemporary

Art Museum ([Link](#))
Centrul de Interes ([Link](#))
Fabrica de Pensule ([Link](#))

History & Heritage

Ethnographical Museum of Transylvania (Indoor Exhibition) ([Link](#))

Ethnographic Park of Transylvania (Open Air Museum) ([Link](#))

National Museum of Transylvanian History ([Link](#))

Holocaust Museum ([Link](#))

Jewish History Museum ([Link](#))

Metropolitan Museum ([Link](#))

Science & Nature

The Vivarium ([Link](#))

Mineralogy Museum ([Link](#))

Zoological Museum ([Link](#))

Botanical Museum ([Link](#))

Paleontology Museum ([Link](#))

Speleology Museum ([Link](#))

Water Museum ([Link](#))

Specialty Museums

Pharmacy Museum ([Link](#))

Matthias Corvinus House ([Link](#))

Astronomical Observatory ([Link](#))

Historical Churches

Architectural and spiritual landmarks

Major Religious Sites

Saint Michael Roman Catholic Church - Gothic masterpiece ([Link](#))

Dormition of the Theotokos Cathedral Romanian Orthodox ([Link](#))

Greek-Catholic Cathedral ([Link](#))

Historical Churches

Franciscan Temple ([Link](#))

The Piarist Church ([Link](#))

Evangelical Church ([Link](#))

Reformed Church ([Link](#))

Reformed Synagogue ([Link](#))

Calvin Church with Rooster ([Link](#))

Calvinist Reformed Church ([Link](#))

Calvaria Church ([Link](#))

Unitarian Church ([Link](#))
Reformed Church 2 Towers ([Link](#))
St. Peter's Church ([Link](#))

Historical Landmarks

Firefighters' Tower - Historic watchtower ([Link](#))
Tailors' Bastion - Part of medieval city walls ([Link](#))
Union Square ([Link](#))
Muzeului Square ([Link](#))

Notable Statues & Monuments

Matthias Corvinus ([Link](#))
King Michael ([Link](#))
Avram Iancu ([Link](#))
Carolina Obelisk ([Link](#))
Capitoline Wolf Statue ([Link](#))
St George Killing the Dragon ([Link](#))
Saint Mary the Protector ([Link](#))
Monumentul Eroii Neamului ([Link](#))
Baba Novac near Tailors' Tower ([Link](#))

Shopping & Markets

Fresh Food Markets

Food Market Mihai Viteazu - Traditional market ([Link](#))
Food Market Marasti - Local produce ([Link](#))

Local Food Shops

Panemar - Fresh bakery ([Link](#))
La Casa ([Link](#))
Moldovan Butchery - Quality meats ([Link](#))
Petry ([Link](#))

Shopping Centers

Vivo ([Link](#))
Iulius ([Link](#))
Platinia Shopping Center ([Link](#))

Central Shopping Center ([Link](#))

Romanian Souvenir Shopping

Diafan Art - Traditional crafts ([Link](#))

Art & Craft Cluj Airport - Convenient location ([Link](#))

Outdoor Activities & Recreation

Parks & Nature

Botanical Garden - 14 hectares of natural beauty ([Link](#))

Central Park - Urban oasis ([Link](#))

Cetatuia Park - Panoramic city views ([Link](#))

Hoia Forest - Natural preserve ([Link](#))

Ethnographic Park ([Link](#))

Gyms & Fitness

World Class Premium Fitness Clubs ([Link](#))

Cluj Arena Fitness ([Link](#))

Sun Garden Gym - Resort fitness center ([Link](#))

Iuliu Hațieganu Sports Park ([Link](#))

Baza Sportiva Gheorgheni ([Link](#))

Swimming Pools

Sun Garden Resort Pool - Outdoor pools complex ([Link](#))

World Class Pools ([Link](#))

Olimpic Pools ([Link](#))

Grigorescu Olympic Pool ([Link](#))

Wonderland - Water park ([Link](#))

Yoga Studios

IKWE Yoga Studio ([Link](#)) • Mudra Yoga Studio ([Link](#))

Additional Cluj City Links

Visit Cluj - The Heart of Transylvania ([Link](#))
All Events in Cluj - Comprehensive City Guide ([Link](#))

Seasonal Events

([Link](#))

TIFF (May/June) - Transilvania International Film Festival
Electric Castle (July) - Music festival
Untold Festival (August) - Electronic music festival
Christmas Market (December) - Traditional winter fair

Beyond Cluj

Nearby Attractions (Less than 1 hour)

Salina Turda - Ancient salt mine ([Link](#))
Tarnita Lake - Recreation area ([Link](#))
Belis Lake - Natural beauty ([Link](#))
Banffy Castle - Historical landmark ([Link](#))
Turda Gorge - Hiking destination ([Link](#))
Tureni Gorge - Natural formation ([Link](#))

Ski Resorts

Ski Resort Baisoara ([Link](#)) • Ski Resort Buscat ([Link](#))
Ski Resort Marisel ([Link](#))

Major Attractions (More than 1 hour)

Bran Castle - "Dracula's Castle" ([Link](#))
Corvin Castle - Medieval fortress ([Link](#))
Peles Castle - Royal residence ([Link](#))
Viscri Village & King Charles - UNESCO site ([Link](#))

*For places more than 1 hour away, contact OOMBLA TRAVEL
(+40 740 277255, hello@oombla.travel)*

Practical Information

Transportation

Public Transport

€0.6/trip

Contactless payment accepted on buses and trams

Extensive network covering main attractions

Taxis & Ride-sharing

Bolt App

Uber App

Traditional Taxis: Napoca: +40 (264) 953 & Clima: +40 (264) 943

Car Rental by *Cluj Rent-a-Car*

Full service with drop-off and pick-up included

Contact: +40 (0)769 222 992 / Call for fleet information and rates

Nearby Supermarkets (6 mins walk)

Mega Image 24 hrs ([Location](#))

Mega Image XL ([Location](#))

Carrefour Market ([Location](#))

Supermarket Sora ([Location](#))

Dry Cleaners (with Pick-up Service)

Garrom Art ([Contact](#)) ([Tariffs](#))

Express Cleaning The Office ([Link](#))

Clean and Go ([Link](#))

Top Clean Iulius Mall ([Link](#))

Healthcare Services

Emergency Hospitals

Cluj County Emergency Hospital ([Link](#)) - Main emergency center Children's Emergency Hospital ([Link](#)) - Pediatric emergency care Neurological Emergency Hospital ([Link](#)) -

Neurological emergencies

Heart Institute ([Link](#)) - Cardiac emergency and specialist care

Municipal Hospital Cluj ([Link](#)) - General emergency services

Hospital for Infectious Diseases ([Link](#))

Private Hospitals & Clinics

Regina Maria Medical Network ([Link](#)) - Private healthcare network

MedLife Hospital ([Link](#)) - Comprehensive private hospital
Interservisan Medical Center ([Link](#)) - Private medical services
Humanitas Private Hospital ([Link](#)) - General and specialist care

Medical Laboratories

Synevo Laboratory ([Link](#)) - Comprehensive testing
MedLife Laboratory ([Link](#)) - Full range of medical tests
Regina Maria Laboratory ([Link](#)) - Blood and diagnostic tests
Pro Vitam Diagnostic Center ([Link](#)) - Medical analysis

Personal Care & Wellness Services

Beauty Services

Vestige Atelier des Beaux Arts ([Link](#))
Salon Isha ([Link](#))
Salon Carmin's ([Link](#))
Salon Vogue ([Link](#))
Headline Studio ([Link](#))
Napoca Barbers ([Link](#))
Barber City ([Link](#))

Spas & Wellness

Sun Garden Resort
Premium spa complex, outdoor pools and wellness center ([Link](#))

Sana Spa (Platinia Hotel)
Luxury day spa and wellness center (TBD)

DoubleTree by Hilton Spa
Hotel spa with massage and wellness treatments ([Link](#))

Hunsicham VIP SPA Boutique
Exclusive spa treatments and massages ([Link](#))

Luxury Spa
Premium wellness services ([Link](#))

Salty Spa Cluj-Napoca
Salt therapy and relaxation oasis ([Link](#))

Aquila Spa
Wellness and beauty treatments ([Link](#))

Everest Envy Spa
Massage and wellness center ([Link](#))

Riviera Beauty & Spa
Beauty treatments and relaxation services ([Link](#))

Vital Spa & Wellness (Grand Hotel Italia)
Premium spa services ([Link](#))

Wonderland Resort Cluj
Pool and spa complex ([Link](#))

Cojocna Balneoclimateric Resort ([Link](#))

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