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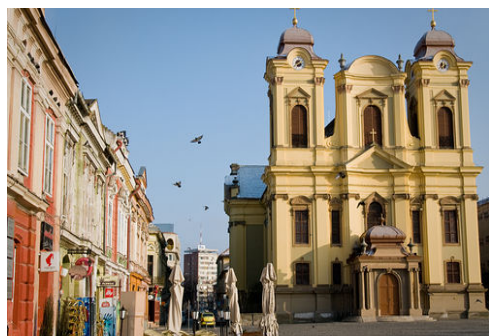


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Lying on the Hungarian and Serbian borders, Timișoara is the gateway to the West and has a long history of cosmopolitan multiculturalism. It is most famous today as the birthplace of the 1989 Romanian revolution that ended the Ceaușescu dictatorship.

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THE CITY



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Timișoara is the regional capital of Banat province, the abundant agricultural heartland of Romania, as reflected in the city's many restaurants. It is Romania's most cosmopolitan city, owing to its liberal history and the diverse ethnicities that make up its population. Timișoara has a large Hungarian population, as well as Serbs, Germans and Roma. It has been dubbed 'the city of flowers' in honour of the many parks which circle the city, but is most recently (and affectionately) known to its inhabitants as 'Primul Oraș Liber' – the first free town – in reference to its part in the revolution of 1989.

It was here that a Hungarian priest first spoke out against the dictator Ceaușescu, resulting in one of the most passionate revolutions in recent European history. The city has an easy-going Latin feel to it, with large squares lined by coffee shops and cafés, and some fine architecture revealing the city's Hapsburg past. It was the first city in Europe to introduce horse-drawn trams in 1869, and they are still here now – minus the horses! Today, people are quickly adjusting to the new democracy, with a thriving city centre and new ventures opening all the time.

DO & SEE

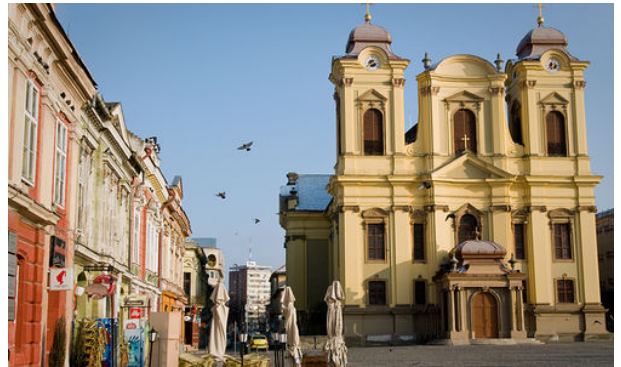


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Timisoara offers many historical sites, cathedrals, churches etc. The city is easy to explore by foot and the main square in old town is worth a visit.

Piața Unirii

The main square of Timișoara's Old Town is the most picturesque and a focal point for the whole city. Named 'Union Square' after the two cathedrals that face one another across it, this is the perfect place to relax in a café.

Address: Piața Unirii, Timisoara

Serbian Orthodox Cathedral

Built in 1754, the same year as the Roman Catholic cathedral that it faces across the square, this immense building stands as a reminder that this city lies on the Serbian frontier, with a large Serb population.

Address: Piața Unirii, Timisoara

Roman Catholic Cathedral

Opposite the Serbian Orthodox cathedral, the Baroque Roman Catholic cathedral fills the eastern end of Piața Unirii. The painting at the altar was carried out by Michael Angelo Unterberger of the Viennese Fine Art Academy.

Address: Piața Unirii, Timisoara

Huniades Palace

Housing the Banat History Museum, this 14th-century

palace, built by the Hungarian king Carol Robert, was redesigned by the Hapsburgs in the late 18th century.

Address: Piața Huniades 1, Timisoara

Tökés Reformed Church

This is where the 1989 revolution began, when Father László Tökés spoke out against the regime, bringing people onto the streets to resist the attempts to arrest him.

Address: Str Timotei Cipariu 1, Timisoara

Great Synagogue

In 1864, when Timișoara was part of the Austro-Hungarian empire, the Jews of the empire were emancipated. In that same year, they were granted the right to build this synagogue.

Address: Str Mărășești 6, Timisoara

Romanian Orthodox Cathedral

With 5,000 wooden struts beneath it to hold it up from the swamp Timișoara is built on, the Romanian Orthodox Metropolitan cathedral was built between 1936-46. It has memorial crosses to those who died in the 1989 revolution outside.

Address: Piața Victoriei, Timisoara

Banat Village Museum

This large open-air collection of 19th-century peasant houses offers a fascinating glimpse into a bygone age, including folk performances. Situated 6 km northeast of the centre, tram 1 goes there from the Timișoara-Nord train station.

Address: Alea CFR 1, Timisoara
Phone: +40 256 225 588

DINING



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Traditional Romanian cuisine is big and hearty, using the natural produce of the country to produce dishes of a distinctly central European flavour, with Turkish influences. The most popular ingredients you will find in Romanian cooking are various types of pork, cabbage, potatoes and mamaliga – a cornmeal similar to Italian polenta. Over the last decade or so, international foods have become popular and you will find Mediterranean eateries across Timișoara.

Lloyd Restaurant

Lloyd Restaurant is a classy restaurant that serves an array of classic international cuisine. In 1866 the restaurant was founded by Banat grain wholesalers, and the decor reflects the time period.

Address: Piața Victoriei 2, Timisoara
Phone: +40 256 294 949
Internet: www.restaurantlloyd.ro

Casa Bunicii

Casa Bunicii is a tribute to all the jam-making, love-generous and cooking-talented grandma's out there. The menu has been created from grandma's old recipes and the feeling of the place is joyful and appreciation.

Address: Virgil Onitiu 3, Timisoara
Phone: +40 356 100 870
Internet: www.casa-bunicii.ro
Email: info@casa-bunicii.ro

Dinar Restaurant

Dinar Restaurant is an established family-run Serbian restaurant. They serve Serbian-style barbecues that show the multicultural variety of the city.

Address: Str. Turgheniev 10A, Timisoara
Phone: +40 256 229 696
Internet: restaurantdinar.tripod.com

Casa cu Flori

Casa cu Flori is a very classy restaurant situated close to the central square. The menu has a wide variety of things to choose from and the dishes are pleasantly presented and also quite generously portioned.

Address: Str. Alba Iulia, Timisoara
Phone: +40 256 435 080
Internet: www.casacufiori.ro

Star Kervan Turkish Restaurant

In keeping with the Ottoman history of the area, this Turkish-run restaurant serves a huge choice of mezes and grills. It makes this a perfect place to go to for dinner and try many different dishes.

Address: Str Constantin Brancoveanu 68, Timisoara
Phone: +40 256 217 007
Internet: starkervan.tripod.com

CAFES



Photo: Adam Jones

Enjoy a good coffee in one of the coffee shops the city has to offer. Why not go to one of the coffee shops in Piata Unirii (Union Square) and look at the beautiful view.

Java Coffee House

Java Coffee House is a relaxing coffee bar for taking a break in the daytime, with internet access. If you come here in the evening you better wear your dancing shoes.

Address: Str. Augustin Pacha 6, Timisoara
Phone: +40 356 422 075
Internet: www.javacoffeehouse.ro

Starbucks - Plaza Romania

The famous Starbucks is located in Plaza Romania. Here you can relax after a shopping day with a good cup of coffee and cake.

Address: Timisoara Blvd, no. 26, sector 6, Timisoara
Phone: +40 752 281 201
Internet: www.starbucksromania.ro

Café Corso

Café Corso is a pleasant pastry shop offering a chance to sit and watch the world go by. This is a great place to try some of the sweet delights in Timisoara.

Address: Str Eugen de Savoya 24, Timisoara
Phone: +40 256 432 943

Café Eclipse

This coffee and pastry café in the heart of the Old Town is

perfect for people watching. You can come here either for breakfast, lunch or just an afternoon snack.

Address: Piața Unirii 2, Timisoara
Phone: +40 722 343 528
Internet: www.eclipse-opera.ro

Papillon Cafe

This is a café-bar which you can find in Unirii Square. Papillon Cafe is visited by many arts students since they have art shows, band playing and display of photos or paintings.

Address: Piata Unirii, Timisoara
Phone: +40 724 300 858
Internet: www.papilloncafe.ro

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



Photo: Nicu Buculei

Timișoara is regarded as having the most cosmopolitan and varied nightlife in Romania, and the Old Town is lined with late night cafés and bars where a relaxed Mediterranean atmosphere can be enjoyed. With its eye firmly set on Western Europe and its sophisticated atmosphere, it is no surprise that Timișoara offers a wide range of clubs – from blues and jazz joints to Euro pop dance venues as well as its famous Opera House.

The Irish Public House

Irish pubs all over the world serve as a friendly place for people to get together, drink beer and meet new friends. This Irish pub is no exception. One minute away from Union Square.

Address: Str. Tarcului, Timisoara
Phone: +40 721 106 362
Internet: www.irish-pub.ro

National Theatre & Opera House

The highly regarded opera house is an 18th-century marble building on the square where protesters gathered in the 1989 revolution. After an evening at the Opera you might want to stop for a cocktail at the Symphony Café, which is located right by the Opera.

Address: Str Mărășești 2, Timisoara
Phone: +40 256 201 288
Internet: www.ort.ro

Club 30

Club 30 is a relaxed and cool place to enjoy jazz and blues as you sip your drinks. Check out if they have a special theme while you are in town.

Address: Victoriei nr. 7, Timisoara
Phone: +40 256 247 878
Internet: www.club30.ro

D'Arc Club

D'Arc Club is located in the Union Square in the centre of Timișoara. This is the city's main entertainment venues, the place to be when going out with friends. The atmosphere has an old-style feeling where you can dance to live music or when DJ's are playing.

Address: Strada General Eremia Grigorescu, Timișoara
Phone: +40 722 891 085
Internet: www.darc.ro

Papillon Café

Papillon has a bar that holds many cocktail you can think of. There's great entertainment in art provided by students at the Art University.

Address: Piata Unirii, Timisoara
Phone: +40 356 442 770
Internet: www.papilloncafe.ro

SHOPPING



Photo: Adam Jones

Romanians are immensely proud of their culture, and in this western part of the country where so many other races intermingle, that cultural history is even more varied. One thing you will come across in abundance is the folk arts, crafts and costumes of the Banat region – both historically interesting and very beautiful. The Banat Ethnographic Museum (Str Popa Sapca) sells local crafts and costumes, and also head for the Piața Victoriei, where you will find among lines of shops selling all sorts of souvenirs and modern conveniences, Galeria Helios and Galeriile de Artă Populară with local crafts.

For everything under one roof – from designer clothes to jewelry, electronics and music – head for Bega Shopping Center (Str Bocsei 3). The Banat region is also justifiably famed as the fertile agricultural heartland of Romania, and there are markets worth visiting for local produce on Str Coriolan Brediceanu or in Piața Badea Cartan. Romania has a large wine industry, and just 25km out of Timișoara you will find the Recas vineyards where you can take wine tasting tours and buy the produce. In the more immediate vicinity, the Timișoreana brewery in the Fabric district has a long history of brewing some of Romania's best beers in the historic vaulted buildings.

ACCOMMODATION



Photo: Thomas Quine

Timisoara offers all kinds of hotels from budget to four star hotels. No matter your budget or how many days you are visiting the city, you will find a suitable accommodation for you.

Casa del Sole

Casa del Sole has a charming interior with antique furniture and a romantic ambience. It doesn't matter if outside the winter is cold and dark, because inside Casa del Sole you cozy up next to an open fire.

Address: Str Romulus nr 12, Timisoara

Phone: +40 356 457 7710

Internet: www.casadelsole.ro

Freeborn Hostel

This is a friendly hostel with helpful staff that will make sure your stay is a memorable one. They offer guided tours over the city and every new guest receives a shot of "Palinca" - a traditional, romanian fruit brandy.

Address: Patriarh Miron Cristea Street 3, Timisoara

Phone: +40 743 438 534

Internet: www.freebornhostel.com

Email: freebornhostel@gmail.com

Hotel Timișoara

Hotel Timișoara is a Soviet-style hotel with a faded grandeur. They have a restaurant, bar and gym facilities, making it ideal for the business traveller.

Address: Str. Marasesti 1-3, Timisoara

Phone: +40 256 498 852
Internet: www.hoteltimisoara.ro
Email: office@hoteltimisoara.ro

Savoy Hotel

This four star hotel offers an elegant environment and top quality service. The hotel also has an intimate restaurant, a traditional bar and a relaxing spa area.

Address: Spl. Tudor Vladimirescu 2, Timisoara
Phone: +40 256 249 900
Internet: www.hotelsavoytimisoara.ro
Email: contact@hotelsavoytimisoara.ro

Hotel Vanilla

Hotel Vanilla is a three star hotel close to the financial area of the city. They have a pleasant lounge area that provides the opportunity to relax with a cup of tea while chilling with a good book, or use the free Wi-Fi.

Address: Bulevardul Eoilor de la Tisa 57, Timisoara
Phone: +40 256 202 129

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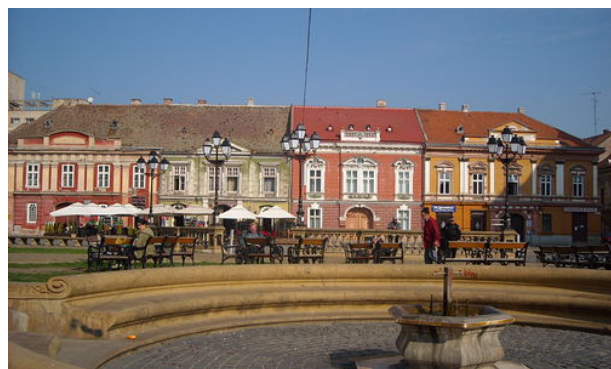


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Timișoara Traian Vuia International Airport

Timișoara International Airport, 10 km northeast from the town centre, is linked by the number 26 bus. A taxi service between the airport and the town centre (run by Omnitour). You will also find all major car hire companies, ATM machines and currency exchange facilities within the airport.

Address: Strada Aeroport 2, Timisoara
Phone: +40 256 386 089
Internet: www.aerotim.ro

Public Transport

Timișoara has an extensive bus, tram and trolleybus network. Buses and maxitaxis can be taken from the bus station on B-dul Maniu lului to nearby cities as well as Hungary and Turkey. For getting around the city, the trams and trolleybuses offer the best option with 11 tramlines and 9 trolleybus lines connecting all the major sights, run by Regia Autonomia de Transport Timișoara (RATT).

Phone: +40 356 803 700
Internet: www.ratt.ro

Train

The main train station in Timișoara is the Gara Timișoara-Nord (north train station), which is, confusingly, in the west of the city on Str Garii 2. There are eight fast trains a day to Bucharest, plus daily services to other major Romanian cities as well as Budapest and Belgrade. Tickets can be purchased at Agenție de Voiaj CFR at Piața Victoriei 2.

Internet: www.ratt.ro

Taxi

It is possible to hail a taxi on the street, especially in the centre of town or at the airport and train stations. Taxis can also be ordered from companies.

Tudo Taxi

+40 256 945

Taxi Euro

+40 256 941

Pharmacy

Pharmacy services are available at Sensi Blu Pharmacy. 8 am-8 pm. Monday to Friday 9 am-8 pm on weekends.

Address: Piața Victoriei 7, Timisoara

Phone: +40 256 201 217

Internet: www.sensiblu.com

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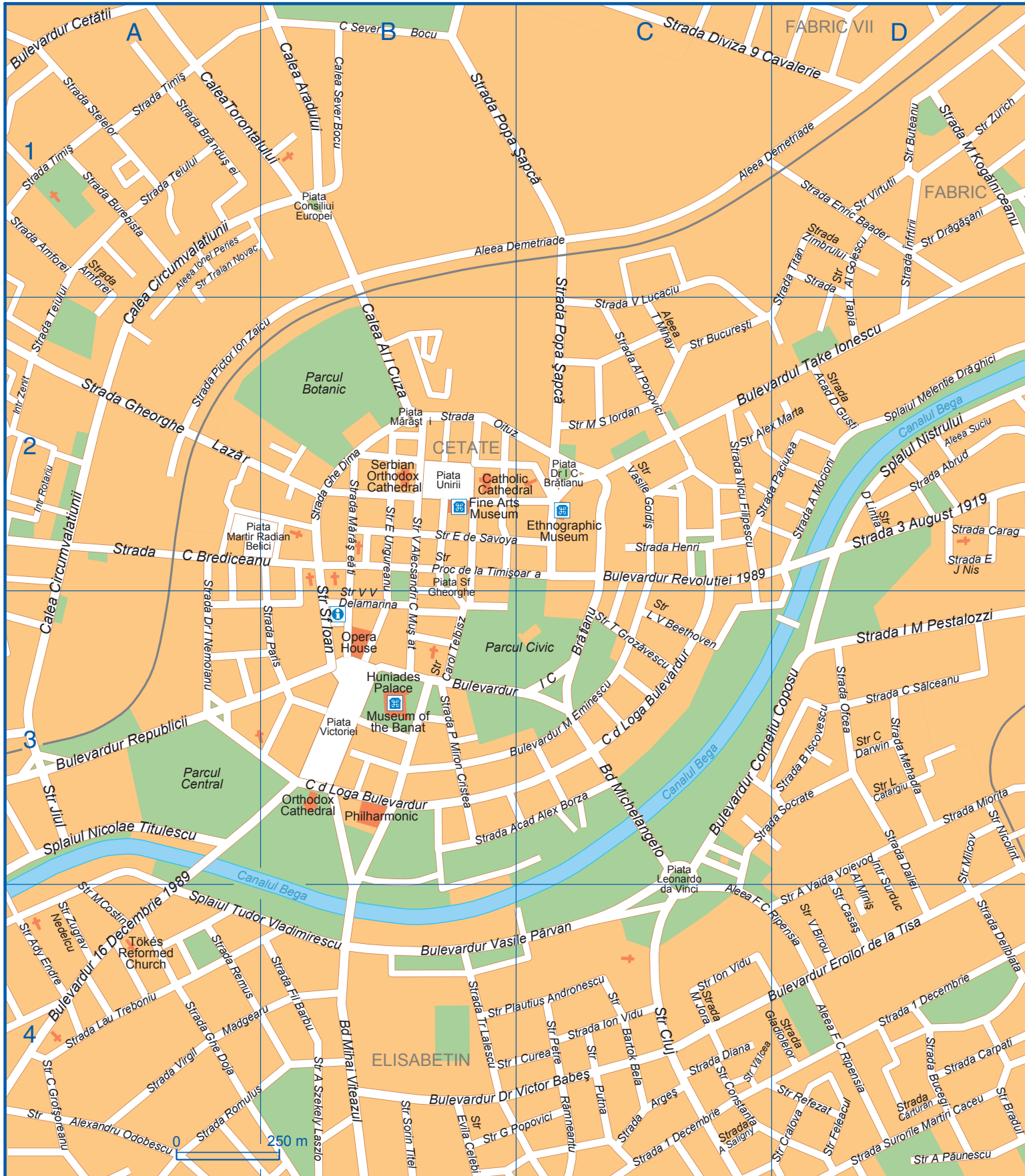
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