



Cluj-Napoca

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The unofficial capital of Transylvania, Cluj-Napoca is a place significantly less grim than its ominous administrative status may imply. Named European Youth Capital in 2015, the city is home to an estimated 100,000 students (who make up about a fifth of the population) - a statistic that partly explains Cluj's current cultural Renaissance and well-deserved reputation of a party town.

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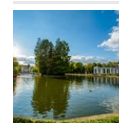
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THE CITY



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Transylvania's former capital effortlessly brings together medieval and Baroque architecture, and is home to Romania's second largest Gothic church - St. Michael's. Downtown Cluj-Napoca is somewhat of an open-air museum, one that breathes a nostalgic air of epochs forgone and contains no shortage of actual museums and attractions. Transylvania's notorious historic ruler - Vlad III, also known as Vlad the Impaler or Vlad Dracula - served as inspiration to the figure of Dracula in, first, Bram Stoker's sensational novel, and later the public imaginary and pop culture.

Little reminds visitors to today's Cluj (Transylvania's former capital) of the region's sinister past - European Youth Capital of 2015 buzzes with life, much due to its ever-increasing student population, which favours Cluj-Napoca's bohemian cafes, hip bars and - most notably - vibrant nightlife establishments. Due to its relative obscurity, Cluj remains an off-the-beaten path destination with prices that seem too low to be true - food and drink tend to be laughably cheap, and so are accommodation and transportation - at least for the time being. Cluj also plays host to quite a few cultural festivals throughout the year, so timing your trip to coincide with one of those is surely something to consider.

DO & SEE



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Cluj-Napoca's charming historic town center is a pleasure to stroll through, with most attractions easily reachable by walking. Some of the city's highlights include the Ethnographic Museum (the open-air Ethnographic Park will require using public transport to get to), the curious Pharmacy History Collection, and the Gothic St Michael's Church - the showpiece of Cluj's central square (Piata Unirii). Bohemian cafes and cool bars dot the city, making for interesting break spots.

Central Park



Refreshingly shaded in the summer and still well-visited during the colder winter months, Cluj-Napoca's Central Park is a lively social hub that hosts concerts, contains free-to-use sporting machines, and even offers boats for hire (to be put to use on the park's own lake).

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Botanical Garden



The green oasis of tranquillity that is Alexandru Borza Botanical Garden lies just outside Cluj's Old Town.

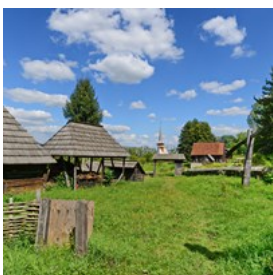
Inside, a multitude of flora species are on display, from tropical flowers to Nordic mosses sprawling over rock arrangements. There is an on-site museum of plant kingdom curiosities and even a compact Japanese Garden.

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Ethnographic Park Romulus Vuia



The open-air ethnographic museum of Romulus Vuia contains replicas of traditional Romanian architecture from across the country

(complete with interior design detail and household items), all of which span centuries. The museum also grants visitors insight into the arts of woodwork, fabric weaving, pottery, and more.

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Address: Aleea Muzeului Etnografic, Cluj-Napoca

Opening hours: Summer and winter hours vary

Internet: www.muzeul-etnografic.ro

More Info: Ethnographic Museum of Transylvania located at Str Memorandumului 21, in central Cluj-Napoca

The Pharmacy History Collection



The museums of pharmaceutical curiosities is simply an unmissable attraction - here, visitors will see a vast selection of historic

Transylvanian ailment remedies and dated treatment methods, with fixes available for even the lovesick (see the wine-based "love potion", for instance).

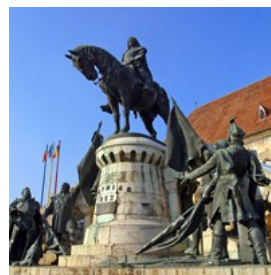
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Phone: +40 264 597 567

Internet: www.muzeulfarmaciei.ro

St Michael's Church & Clock Tower



Cluj-Napoca's central Union Square (Piata Unirii) contains the nation's second most prominent Gothic church with a tall clock tower

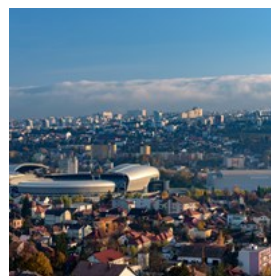
from which some of the best city panoramas unfold. Dating back to as early as the 14th century, the church still holds daily mass (in Romanian and Hungarian) to-date.

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Phone: +40 264 452 244

Cetatuia Hill



A 15-minute hike will take you up Cluj-Napoca's most scenic observation point, the Cetatuia Hill (just across the river from the Old Town). The hill's

park-like environment draws in locals and visitors in-the-know, and a plethora of cafes offer sit-down snack and/or drink breaks.

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Museum Square



Cluj Napoca's second most popular square is indeed in immediate proximity to one of the town's most important museums (the National Museum of Transylvanian History), but is an appealing spot in its own right for the outdoor bars, cafes, and an irresistible old-age charm.

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Address: Piata Muzeului, Cluj-Napoca

Turda Gorge



A place of rare natural beauty a mere 15km away from Cluj-Napoca, the Turda Gorge is excellent hiking grounds for explorers of any fitness level. Persevere all the way to the top (which shouldn't take more than an hour) and enjoy some incredible, sweeping views of the green surroundings. Sundays here tend to be the busiest.

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Address: Cheile Turzii, Cheia

National Theater and Romanian Opera



If a trip to the theatre isn't something you would initially consider doing during your stay in Cluj, think again - the city's National Theater is heralded as one of the best in the country, and regularly puts on an ever-changing selection of

musical and theatrical performances (check their website for news and schedules).

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Address: 24 Piata Stefan cel Mare, Cluj-Napoca
Phone: +40 264 590 272
Internet: www.teatrulnationalcluj.ro

Tailors' Bastion & Baba Novac Statue



The Tailors' Bastion is what remains of the town's original 15th century fortifications. Although the bastion's lookout is not one that's best fit for taking in all of Cluj-Napoca today, the site is worth visiting if only for historic value (and its exhibitions of Romanian art). Directly outside is the statue of Baba Novac, a distinguished anti-Ottoman resistance fighter.

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Address: Avram Iancu & Baba Novac, Cluj Napoca
Phone: +40 264 444 624

Fabrica de Pensule



First of its kind in Romania, the Fabrica de Pensule is a contemporary art space that was conceived as a place to play host to various cultural happenings and bring together creators willing to showcase their - sometimes rather experimental - artwork within its walls.

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Address: Strada Henri Barbusse 59-61, Cluj-Napoca
Phone: +40 731 854 976
Internet: www.fabricadepensule.ro

DINING



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Cluj-Napoca's dining scene is as varied and diverse as the city's cultural heritage - it features eateries specializing in Transylvanian, greater Romanian, Hungarian, and other world cuisines, down to relatively recent imports such as steakhouses and sushi bars. Some local specialties include different varieties of "ciorba" (soups), meats (sausages especially), and "mamaliga" (known as "polenta" elsewhere in the world) that often comes as a side.

Roata



Out of the tourist way yet still very central, Roata is an excellent choice for those looking to dine on traditional Romanian specialties (those are normally rather meat-heavy, but non-meat eaters will also find a lot to choose from). To sample multiple dishes at once, try the full platter.

Photo: Edith Frincu/Shutterstock.com
 Address: 6 Alexandru Ciurea, Cluj-Napoca
 Opening hours: Daily 12pm-11pm
 Phone: +40 264 592 022
 Internet: www.restaurant-roata.ro

Camino



The inviting outdoor seating area of Camino Restaurant is equally fit for a dinner in dim lighting or a daytime meal in the Old Town.

Cuisine served is Italian and general Mediterranean, with Spanish and Indian dishes thrown into the mix. Pasta is freshly made in-house.

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 Address: 4 Piata Muzeului, Cluj-Napoca
 Opening hours: Daily 9am-1am
 Phone: +40 749 200 117
 Internet: www.caminocluj.ro

Bricks - Meeting Point



This riverside restaurant offers a refreshingly varied selection of international dishes, ranging from burgers to burritos to even sushi and other Asian specialties. Fit for a (great value) lunch, low-key dinner or even a coffee break just outside the Old Town.

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 Address: 2 Horea, Cluj-Napoca
 Opening hours: Daily 11am-12am
 Phone: +40 364 730 615
 Internet: www.bricksrestaurant.ro

Matei Corvin



Located in its namesake street, Matei Corvin is a well-regarded Transylvanian restaurant that serves large, hearty portions of local specialties. The menu is meat-heavy, with a good

mix of Romanian and Hungarian dishes. In- and outdoor seating available.

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Address: 3 Strada Matei Corvin, Cluj-Napoca

Phone: +40 264 597 496

Napoca 15



Napoca 15's appealing outdoor courtyard seating is complimented by an extensive menu selection of local Romanian and international dishes, with special offers available during lunch. The wine list is graced by a sizable selection of labels from across the globe.

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Address: 15 Strada Napoca, Cluj-Napoca

Phone: +40 264 590 655

Internet: www.napoca15.ro

Cabinet de Vin & Cocotte



The refined Cabinet de Vin & Cocotte in central Cluj is a natural stand-out on the city's dining scene - the menu selection is concise yet very well thought out, featuring a curious fusion of seafood (sashimi, oysters, and escargot), meats and Italian dishes.

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Address: 5 Bulevard Eroilor, Cluj-Napoca

Opening hours: Daily 12pm-11pm

Phone: +40 264 590 200

Internet: www.cabinet.restaurant

Samsara Foodhouse



Those feeling disoriented by meat-heavy Transylvanian cuisine will find refuge at Samsara, a restaurant that caters to vegetarian and vegan eaters, and yet still hugely appeals to those with no dietary restrictions. Healthy foods and green smoothies must be followed by decadent desserts.

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Address: 5 Strada Roth Stephan Ludwig, Cluj-Napoca

Opening hours: Daily 11am-11pm

Phone: +40 364 889 278

Internet: www.samsara.ro

Indigo



Indigo may not follow authentic Indian recipes to the letter, but the liberties it takes are fully justified by the delicious outcome. Some of the restaurant's highlights are the tasting sets and platters intended to be shared by up to 4 diners, as well as the extensive selection of traditional flat breads.

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Address: 10-12 Strada Piezisa, Cluj-Napoca

Opening hours: Tue-Sun 12pm-11pm

Phone: +40 740 910 688

Internet: www.indigorestaurant.ro

Jaxx American Restaurant



Jaxx's American-inspired menu and interior (the latter much resembles that of a classic Hard Rock Cafe) continue to draw in return customers,

who especially favour the establishment's airy outdoor seating area. The menu lists Tex-Mex classics, steaks, burgers (Black Jaxx Burger being the star of the show), and an extensive drink list.

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Address: Strada Isac Emil, Cluj-Napoca
Phone: +40 756 136 953
Internet: www.jaxxrestaurants.ro

Wasabi



Wasabi is a running sushi restaurant that successfully pulls off combining affordable pricing with quality, and offers a dining concept irresistible to many - a 1-hour all you can eat & drink experience, with prompt conveyor order delivery and service. Located inside the Iulius Shopping Mall.

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Address: 1 Strada Aristide Demetriade, Cluj-Napoca
Opening hours: Mon-Sat 10am-10pm
Phone: +40 729 950 322
Internet: www.wasabi-sushi.ro

CAFES



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Keeping pace with emerging European destinations, Cluj boasts a vibrant cafe scene. There is often a rather fine line between what constitutes a cafe versus a bar, and the former often double as latter after sundown. One dessert to simply not be missed is the quintessential Romanian "papanasi" - a deep-fried pastry stuffed with a cheese or jam, topped with a sweet cream more often than not. Cheap eats on the go include pretzel-like "covrigi" and sugar-dusted doughnuts called "gogosi" .

Bistro Viena



The Viennese-style bistro specializes in Austrian cuisine, and offers a selection of food and drink to match those of its many Austrian counterparts. Viena serves everything from the quintessential schnitzel to strudel and Sachertorte for dessert, along with an extensive list of drinks and coffee.

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Address: 3 Strada Matei Corvin, Cluj-Napoca
Phone: +40 757 082 590
Internet: www.bistroviena.ro

Cafe Bulgakov



Favoured by the local student population, Bulgakov isn't an easy one to simply stumble upon due to its location off the main walking streets. The search is worth the time, however - it serves a good selection of Eastern and Central European dishes, and turns into a lively bar come sundown.

Photo: Olesia Bilkei/Shutterstock.com
Address: Strada Micu Klein Inocentiu, Cluj-Napoca
Opening hours: Thurs-Sat 11.30am-4am, Sun-Tues 11.30am-1am, Wed 11.30am-2am
Phone: +40 264 450 156

Nuka Bistro



With its rustic, pastel-colored furniture set against raw brick walls, Nuka Bistro is creatively inspired down to its menu, where a selection of original burgers named after historic figures such as Count Dracula and Marilyn Monroe is on offer (along with quite a few breakfast options).

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Address: 16 Piata Unirii, Cluj-Napoca
Opening hours: Mon-Sat 8am-3am
Phone: +40 742 687 769

Donuterie Memo



It's hard to picture a doughnut selection more decadent than that of Donuterie Memo, a Romania-wide chain that boasts endless varieties of the beloved treat, from cookies and cream to

marshmallow, cheesecake, and even Kinder Bueno-flavoured (that last one is topped with actual bits of the candy).

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Address: 6 Strada Memorandumului, Cluj-Napoca
Opening hours: Mon-Fri 9am-9pm, Sat 10am-7pm
Phone: +40 752 637 993

Cafe Francesca



Francesca is one of Cluj's cosiest locations - with its handful of tables and a resident teddy bear, the cafe is a compact, homey space where a wide selection of artisan cakes (on clear display) is complimented by an extensive list of warming drinks from coffee to mulled wine.

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Address: 6 Piata Museului, Cluj-Napoca
Phone: +40 756 632 444

Olivo Caffe



Centrally located Olivo is an Italian cafe whose breakfasts enjoy a good reputation. Aside from those, the menu lists salads, a decent selection of pasta dishes, meat and cheese platters, as well as a few decadent Italian desserts (including everyone's favorite cannoli).

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Address: 7 Bulevard Eroilor, Cluj-Napoca
Phone: +40 732 331 099
Internet: www.olivocaffe.com

Zama



Trendy and affordably priced, Zama showcases Transylvanian cuisine at its finest, combining elements of long-established culinary

tradition with modern international influences. The menu features everything from stews, sausages and polenta to steaks and pasta. Coffee or tea on the house with order of breakfast.

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Address: 16 Strada Napoca, Cluj-Napoca

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 8am-12am, Sat-Sun 11am-12am

Phone: +40 755 080 777

Internet: www.zamabistro.ro

Toulouse



French to the bone in its interior, Toulouse is Cluj-Napoca's very own brasserie, with a menu that truly surprises by extending far beyond

French specialties alone to burgers, pasta, and further international dishes. The drink list is extensive to match.

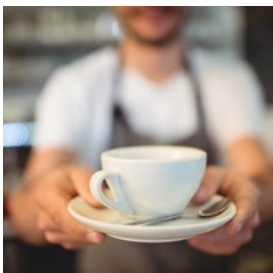
Photo: Semmick Photo/Shutterstock.com

Address: 12 Piata Unirii, Cluj-Napoca

Phone: +40 730 112 354

Internet: www.toulouse.ro

Roots Urban Tastery



Known primarily for its excellent quality coffee, Roots is a compact, trendy cafe that instantly transports visitors to a hip Scandinavian

neighbourhood it might as well have come from. Do not miss out in the stylish breakfasts, wine

platters and artisan cakes.

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Address: 4 Bulevard Eroilor, Cluj-Napoca

Phone: +40 749 995 545

Yolka



With trees sprouting from the ceiling and live green plants adorning the walls, Yolka (Russian for "fir tree") is a wood-dominated cafe and

bar whose curious interior is complimented by unbeatable views over Cluj's central square and cathedral. Equally fit for a daytime coffee or evening drink.

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Address: 21 Piata Unirii, Cluj-Napoca

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 10am-2am, Sat 11am-2am, Sun 11am-12am

Phone: +40 751 454 513

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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As Cluj's young population flourishes, so does its nightlife - with roughly one in every five residents a student, demand for evening entertainment remains high throughout the year, with supply to match. The concentration of bars and clubs is truly extraordinary for a town as compact as Cluj-Napoca, with establishments to fit a multitude of tastes - from underground bars

to flashy night clubs to dimly lit, refined live music venues. Local drinks include a whole plethora of regional wines and "tuica" - a plum brandy.

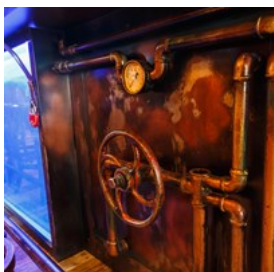
Sax Speakeasy Wine Bar



Access to this covert bar is limited to only those in-the-know - one needs a password to get in (which is divulged upon phone or web reservation, along with exact details on how to reach the bar), after which entry is granted and an impeccable evening of wine savouring (over 250 varieties grace the list) and live music ensues.

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 Address: 1 Piata Muzeului, Cluj-Napoca
 Phone: +40 736095750
 Internet: www.saxwithfriends.ro

Steampunk Bar & Bistro Joben



Joben's interior is a real feast for the eyes - the Steampunk-inspired bar is one of the city's most curious locations for an evening out, with attention to detail down to the industrial bathroom faucets. A pleasant selection of food is offered on top of the drink list.

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 Address: 29 Strada Avram Iancu, Cluj-Napoca
 Phone: +40 720 222 800
 Internet: www.jobenbistro.ro

O'Peter's Irish Pub & Grill



An Irish pub like no other in Cluj, O'Peter's is known for its relaxed, familiar ambiance and upbeat vibe. The pub hosts its "Wine & Knowledge" quiz nights, to which both locals and visitors are most welcome (check the website for schedules). Beer list may appear shorter than expected, which isn't to say insufficient.

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 Address: 4 Strada Goldis Vasile, Cluj-Napoca
 Opening hours: Daily 10am-4am
 Phone: +40 726 738 377

The Londoner



The Londoner is a cool, hip bar favoured by the local population. One of the establishment's strong points are its resident mixologists - the talented bartenders who are able to craft customized drinks based on individual preference. Hosts quiz nights every Monday.

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 Address: 5 Strada Zola Emile, Cluj-Napoca
 Phone: +40 371 370 914

Janis la Stuf



With a quirky interior reminiscent of the ruin bar trend sweeping the world, Janis is an unconventional space that startles with its eclectic decor and neon lights. The crowd it draws is mostly comprised of local students, attracted to its underground quality and cheap drinks.

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Address: 19 Piata Unirii, Cluj-Napoca

Opening hours: Daily 10pm-6am

Phone: +40 736 365 807

Insomnia



Insomnia really is a one-of-kind location, a hideout of choice for the town's artistic Boheme. The coarse furnishings and imaginative decor

invite for a drink and stimulating conversation, while the airy outdoor seating space is an alternative favoured during the summer.

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Address: 2 Strada Universitatii, Cluj-Napoca

Opening hours: Daily 8am-12pm

Phone: +40 742 072 955

Shto College Bar



Young at heart and often host to themed parties, Shto College Bar is yet another bar enormously enjoyed by the student population. Good vibes

are guaranteed both day and night, with a fun interior (featuring shoes and even an actual bike stuck to the walls) conducive to a laid-back experience.

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Address: 6 Strada Memorandumului, Cluj-Napoca

Phone: +40 756 136 951

Terasa Ferdinand 5



Tucked away in an intimate, green courtyard (yet very centrally located), Terasa Ferdinand 5 is a classy bar that hosts live music shows and breathes an air of sophistication. The establishment's popularity peaks in the summer, but an indoor space is there for other seasons.

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Address: 5 Strada Regele Ferdinand, Cluj-Napoca

Phone: +40 755 375 753

After Eight Club



Currently one of the best dance venues in Cluj, After Eight is where the party is at - if a track list of pop hits, disco balls and a full dance floor sound like your kind of fun, that is.

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Address: 12 Strada Brassai Samuel, Cluj-Napoca

Phone: +40 743 359 795

The Soviet



The Soviet is a themed bar decorated with all manner of - you guessed it - Soviet memorabilia, from wall posters promoting communist ideology to cups and utensils that look like they came straight from USSR factories' production lines. The cocktails are all aptly named.

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Address: Strada Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Cluj-Napoca

Opening hours: Daily 1pm-7am, Sun 1pm-12am

Phone: +40 749 902 484

Internet: www.thesoviet.ro

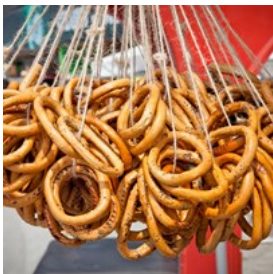
SHOPPING



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When in Cluj, look out for all things local - whether it be sweet (jams, nuts, dried fruit, honey) or savory (cheese, preserved foods, wine, and more) treats, traditional handicrafts (jewellery, embroidery, woven rugs, ceramics, and woodwork), or the excellent quality, affordable leather goods (one brand that enjoys a good reputation for those is Marelbo, with two locations in Cluj). Dracula memorabilia is as popular with visitors to Transylvania as it has ever been, which means vampire-themed souvenirs fill tourist shop shelves. Do not leave town without paying a visit to a local market (haggling acceptable).

Central Market



For an authentic Transylvanian marketplace experience, try Cluj-Napoca's Central Market, where dozens of vendors come together daily to offer some of the freshest, locally-grown produce to city residents. Communication may be a challenge, but navigating the kaleidoscope of stalls can be a joy nonetheless.

Photo: Aleksandar Todorovic/Shutterstock.com
Address: Piata Mihai Viteazul, Cluj-Napoca

Opening hours: Mon-Sun 8am-9pm

Vivo Mall



Just outside Cluj's town center lies the Vivo mall, whose entrance is marked by two towers modeled after the old Romanian architectural tradition. The shopping center contains a whole range of local and international brand stores and boutiques, as well as entertainment venues and a large supermarket.

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Address: 492-500 Avram Iancu, Cluj-Napoca
Phone: +40 364 41 34 23
Internet: www.vivo-shopping.com

Camara cu Bunatati



If the hustle and bustle of markets proves to be a tad disorienting, try Camara cu Bunatati - a fixed-price gourmet boutique that specializes in organic Romanian food stuffs, ranging from sweet jams and dried fruit to savoury spreads ("zacusca").

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Address: 38 Bulevard Eroilor, Cluj-Napoca
Phone: +40 740 915 463
Internet: www.camara-cu-bunatati.ro

Crama Noastra



For a taste of celebrated regional wines, try Crama Noastra - Cluj's most well-regarded wine boutique with an ever-changing selection of wines available for tasting (up to 10 different

kinds on any given week). Professional staff are there to advise.

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Address: 35 Strada Bratianu Ion I. C., Cluj-Napoca

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 9am-10.30pm, Sat 10am-6pm

Phone: +40 753 017 753

BonBon Candy



The toy-like BonBon is an ultimate candy store, packed to the brim with sweets of all varieties imaginable - from jelly beans to cookies,

chocolate, macarons and cup cakes, all set picture-perfectly against the pastel backdrop of the store's interior.

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Address: 3 Strada Roosevelt Theodore, Cluj-Napoca

Phone: +40 742 201 717

Internet: www.bonbonshop.ro

Marelbo



Romania's own leather product brand, Marelbo is an acclaimed manufacturer of men's and women's footwear, belts, bags, and all

possible leather accessories. Prices are more than reasonable for the quality - the brand has even been distinguished by multiple national and international awards.

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Address: Piata Mihai Viteazu, Cluj-Napoca

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 8am-8pm, Sat 8am-3pm

Phone: +40 264 535 000

Internet: www.marelbo.com

Mesteshukar ButiQ



The exquisite boutique stocks unique, hand-made artwork, clothing and jewellery, all designed exclusively by local craftsmen, many of whom

of Roma origin. Much of the profit made from sales goes directly to support the Roma craftsmen producing the items.

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Address: Piata Unirii, Cluj-Napoca

Phone: +40 748 895 357

Internet: www.cluj.mbq.ro

Iulius Mall



Iulius is a well-established local shopping mall that's been around for nearly a decade. Apart from a wide range of shops and

stores, the mall is known for its extensive food court and a low-cost supermarket contained inside. There is an on-site entertainment center complete with a cinema and game centre.

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Address: 53B Alexandru Vaida Voievod Strada, Cluj-Napoca

Phone: +40 264 552 020

Internet: www.iuliusmall.com

Central Shopping Center



Perhaps the oldest shopping center in town, Central isn't just a shopping location but a meeting point for local residents. Its array of

stores includes local and international clothing, jewellery, and cosmetics brands. Restaurants, services, and an affordable supermarket are all

on-site.

Photo: Kamil Macniak/Shutterstock.com
Address: 22-26 Regele Ferdinand, Cluj-Napoca
Opening hours: Mon-Sat 10am-8pm
Phone: +40 755 042 541
Internet: www.magazincentral.ro

Libraria Humanitas



Located in the heart of the student quarter, Libraria Humanitas is a bookstore favoured by the city's young residents, and one that stocks quite the selection of English-language books, along with board games, stationery and other paraphernalia.

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Address: 4 Strada Universitatii, Cluj-Napoca
Opening hours: Mon-Fri 8.30am-8pm, Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 10am-4pm
Phone: +40 264 439 475
Internet: www.humanitas.ro

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION



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Cluj International Airport



Located only 9km away from the city center, Cluj International Airport primarily serves destinations across Europe. There is a public bus service (buses 8 & 5) that runs between the airport and central Cluj (tickets may be purchased at "Bilete" booths prior to boarding, these are often found at bus stops), but taxis and rental cars are also readily available for hire.

Photo: Juan Garces
Address: 149-151 Strada Traian Vuia, Cluj-Napoca
Phone: +40 264 307 500
Internet: www.airportcluj.ro

Public Transport



Most attractions within the city center are easy to reach on foot. For longer distance travel, make use of the excellent public transportation system comprised of buses, trolleybuses and trams. Tickets must be purchased at special kiosks prior to boarding; some stops are equipped with ticket vending machines.

Photo: Pierre-Luc Auclair

Taxi



Taxis are normally equipped with a meter, which means prices are calculated by distance driven. Taxis may be flagged down or hired directly in the street.

Nova Taxi

+40 745 151000

Diesel Taxi

+40 745 381532

+40 722 859093

Post Office



There are several post offices throughout Cluj.
33 Strada Regele
Ferdinand +40 725 907
444 Mon-Fri 8am-7pm,
Sat 9am-1pm

Photo: Andy Fuchs

Pharmacy



Viafarm(open 24/7) Piata
Mihai Viteazu,
Cluj-Napoca +40 264 434
182 Sensiblu 1 Strada
Samuil Micu, Cluj-Napoca
+40 264 591 166 Mon-Fri

8am-9pm

Photo: Gemma Garner

Telephone



Romania country code:
+40 Cluj-Napoca city
code: 264

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Electricity

230 V, 50 Hz



Photo: Stirling Tschan

Population

303,047 (2012)

Currency

Romanian leu

Opening hours

Opening hours vary by business; most are closed on Sundays and work short day Saturdays. Shops and entertainment venues operate from around 8am to 6-9pm, often later. Nightclubs and some bars often remain open till the early morning hours.

Newspapers

Actualitatea (In Romanian & English)
Nine O'Clock (English)
Clujeanul

Emergency numbers

Emergency/Police/Fire Department: 112

Tourist information

Centrul de Informare Turistică
Bulevardul Eroilor 6, Cluj-Napoca
+40 264 452 244
Mon-Fri 8.30am-8pm, Sat-Sun 10am-6pm