

## Things to know before visiting Cluj

### *Sights and Landmarks*

- [http://www.welcometoromania.ro/Cluj/Cluj\\_Lista\\_Obiective\\_e.htm](http://www.welcometoromania.ro/Cluj/Cluj_Lista_Obiective_e.htm)
- [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_places\\_in\\_Cluj-Napoca](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_places_in_Cluj-Napoca)
- In Hungarian: [http://hu.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kolozsvár\\_látnivalóinak\\_listája](http://hu.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kolozsvár_látnivalóinak_listája)
- Interactive map:  
[http://www.welcometoromania.ro/Cluj/Cluj\\_Harta\\_Obiective\\_e.htm#gradient](http://www.welcometoromania.ro/Cluj/Cluj_Harta_Obiective_e.htm#gradient)

### *Money*

The local currency is **lei** (singular **leu**), official currency code: **RON**.

**Exchange rates:** <https://www.banca-romaneasca.ro/en/tools-and-resources/exchange-rates/>

The official exchange rate is established by BNR (National Bank of Romania).

**Exchange offices:** casă de schimb;

cumpărare/cumpărăm – sell rate; vânzare/vindem – buy rate;

- Trustworthy offices in Cluj: <http://www.macrogrou-clus.ro/pages/index>
- Exchange offices in Cluj downtown:
  - Macrogroup: Piața Muzeului, nr. 6;
  - Strada Iuliu Maniu, nr. 7.;
  - Sakercomp: Strada Bolyai János, 1A.
- Exchange offices usually have better exchange rates than banks, but please be aware that some offices charge commission. Look for the ones that have "Comision 0" written somewhere visible.

**Credit cards** are accepted in most places, but a **PIN is required** to make credit card purchases. Many American banks allow cardholders to establish such a PIN prior to travel. If you do not have a pin tell the cashier "this is a no pin credit card" before the transaction.

### *Restaurants*

**Restaurants** in downtown:

[http://www.tripadvisor.com/Restaurants-g298474-Cluj\\_Napoca\\_Cluj\\_County\\_Northwest\\_Romania\\_Transylvania.html](http://www.tripadvisor.com/Restaurants-g298474-Cluj_Napoca_Cluj_County_Northwest_Romania_Transylvania.html)

**Smoking:** In most restaurants, pubs, cafés smoking is allowed. If you are bothered by the smoke please ask for a table in the non-smoking section.

**Tipping:** although service is included in price a 5% to 10% tip would be appreciated.

## ***Public transport***

Traveling within Cluj-Napoca with public transportation is easy and convenient. There is a transport network connecting city districts, you can choose between trolleybus, bus and tram to reach your destination. CTP (previously RATUC) is the public transport authority in Cluj-Napoca (Autonomous Urban Transport Agency).

**Tickets** for public transport are sold at almost every station in the city at CTP ticket-offices. A ticket costs 4 RON (~ 1\$) and can be used twice. After boarding you have to punch one end of the ticket.

**Route Map** of public transport:

[http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/8/8a/RATUC\\_Cluj-Napoca\\_Trasee.pdf](http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/8/8a/RATUC_Cluj-Napoca_Trasee.pdf)

Google Maps (Browser or App) can be used for planning your route, but it's not always accurate.

There is only one night bus transport in the city. The last regular rides are between 10:30pm and 11:00pm depending on route. You can consult the timetables for every route on the official website, <http://www.ratuc.ro/programe1.php> (only the terminal points are marked).

Every city district can be reached from the **train station** with trolleybus, bus or tram. To Hotel Universitas you can take the tram 101 or 102 from the train station (Piața Gării) towards Bucium to Plopilor station. From the Faculty of Letters (Horea) the same route is needed.

For those who prefer public transport the easiest way to get from the **International Airport** (Aeroportul International Avram Iancu) to the city center is by local trolley number 5. For the Faculty of Letters you have to get off at bus-stop Horea. To Hotel Universitas take the tram from the Horea tram-station near the bus-stop towards Bucium to Plopilor.

<http://airportcluj.ro/transport-si-acces/transport/cu-autobuzul>

## ***Taxi***

For those who have never been to Cluj we recommend taking a taxi from the airport. The taxi ride from the airport to Hotel Universitas should be under 30 RON (~ 7\$).

The taxi rates in Cluj-Napoca are standard:

- Taxi fare for daytime (from 6:00am to 10:00pm): start 2, 25 RON, and 2, 25 RON for every km (< 1\$ for a mile);

- Taxi fare for nighttime (from 10:00pm to 6:00am): start 2, 25 RON, and 2, 50 RON for every km.

**Mátyás Taxi** is a customer portal which can help you find a Hungarian speaking taxi driver. Contact tel.: 00-40-312263100

**Taxi companies:** <http://www.taximetre.ro/taxi/cluj-napoca/>

## ***Tourist Information Center***

Cluj-Napoca's Tourist Information Center can provide information about the objectives, tourist routes in the city and nearby, as well as to the tourist base (hotels, bed and breakfast, restaurants, clubs, travel agencies, car rental) and recreational possibilities. TIC offers its guests free leaflets, maps and tourist guides in several international languages, but also internet access to tourist information, interactive tourist map etc.

**Address:** 6-8 Eroilor blvd., Cluj-Napoca

**Tel.:** 004 0264 452244 / 004 0264 450090

**Web:** <http://www.visitclujnapoca.ro/en/despre-cluj/info-center/>

## ***Where can I get help in Hungarian?***

The majority of Cluj-Napoca population speaks Romanian as their mother tongue, for those who don't speak Romanian, English will be the easiest way of communication in shops, restaurant, etc. There are some places where Hungarian is spoken too. The list of these is available on [Igen, tessék!](#) Website. The places where Hungarian is spoken are marked by the logo seen on website.

## ***Useful numbers***

**Emergency call**                      112

**Consulate General of Hungary to Cluj-Napoca**

**00-40-744 703-290**

00-40-264-596-300

00-40-264-590-561

There is no American diplomatic office in Cluj-Napoca, but you may have recourse to *American Corners Program*.

[http://romania.usembassy.gov/resources/ac\\_cluj-napoca.html](http://romania.usembassy.gov/resources/ac_cluj-napoca.html)