

## Info for foreign visitors

### Location:

The NUSTAR Week will be held in Magurele (a small town 7 km south of Bucharest) in the National Physics Library of IFIN-HH.

### 1. How to get to the recommended hotels from the Otopeni Airport or Baneasa Airport:

Before leaving the airport it is better to withdraw some money from an ATM – see “Money”.

All the three recommended hotels are in the center of Bucharest, in the area of Piata Unirii.

- The easiest way is to take a taxi. The Airports have an agreement with a taxi company and you will always find taxi at the exit from the Airport. The price that you will see on the meter is expressed in lei/km and at this moment is 3.5 lei / km; the distance Otopeni Airport – hotel is around 18 km; the distance Baneasa Airport – hotel is around 9 km.
- Another possibility is the public transportation. Express Bus 783 offers daily service to the city centre, with stops at *Baneasa Airport, Piata Presei Libere, Piata Victoriei, Piata Romana, Piata Universitatii* and *Piata Unirii*. The bus leaves from the international departures terminal of Otopeni Airport every 15 minutes (every 30 minutes after 8:30pm and during weekends), from 5:30am until 11:00pm. The journey to downtown takes approximately 40 minutes. The fare is 7 Lei (about \$2.5 or 1.6 euro) for a round-trip ticket. Take this bus to the end of the line (Piata Unirii). The recommended hotels are within walking distance from the bus-stop.

It has to be mentioned that for all the public transportation you have to buy the ticket before and stamp it after getting in. For buying the tickets, look for a kiosk labeled “RATB”

- At this time we do not recommend the train from the airport to the railway station (although the works continues, the line is not yet finished and part of this route has to be done by bus)

### 2. How to get to the workshop:

#### – *From the recommended hotels:*

- Transportation to the workshop will be provided by the local organizer (IFIN-HH) using dedicated buses, both in the morning for going to or in the evening for returning from the workshop.

– ***From the airport:***

- The easiest way is to take a taxi. You will find taxi at the exit from the Airport building. The price that you will see on the meter and on the car is expressed in lei/km; the distance Baneasa Airport – Magurele is around 22 km (depends on the route taken). The largest taxi company in Bucharest is Cobalcescu and their price is now 1.6 lei/km. Do not take an independent taxi! The rate/km have to be always displayed on the car! Some other big taxi companies are: Meridian, Total, Cristaxi, Tess, Confort, etc  
Ask the taxi driver to take you to Magurele. As Magurele hosts 8 physics institutes, you have to tell him that you need to go to the Physics Faculty or to the IFA Institute.
- Another possibility is the public transportation. Express Bus 783 offers daily service to the city centre - see the previously info regarding it. Take this bus to the end of the line (Piata Unirii). There you can take the tram number 32 (~ 50 m distance from the bus stop) to the Antiaeriana station or the 385 bus to the “Piata 13 Septembrie” station. From there a mini-van called “maxi-taxi” goes for Magurele. The maxi-taxi ticket price is 2 lei. It has to be mentioned that for all the public transportation you have to buy the ticket before and stamp it after getting in. For buying the tickets, look for a kiosk labeled “RATB”
- If the taxi seems too expensive and the public transportation choice too complicated, it can be a good idea to mix them: take the 783 bus from the airport and you have already made almost half of the trip.

### **3. Accommodation**

– ***Recommended hotels:***

The organisers have an agreement to keep rooms for NUSTAR week participants in the following hotels: Hotel Royal, NH Bucharest Hotel and International Bucharest Hotel. All of them are in the center of Bucharest, close to Piata Unirii and very close to each other (~100 m).

Please note that the buses from and to the workshop will leave from these hotels.

To book a room in one of these hotels, you should fill the reservation form of the hotel you choose available on this webpage and send it to the hotel as indicated in the form.

- Hotel Royal
- Hotel NH
- Hotel International

### **4. Money**

Local currency is leu (plural – lei). The exchange rate of the day can be seen for example at [www.bnro.ro/Cursul-de-schimb-524.aspx](http://www.bnro.ro/Cursul-de-schimb-524.aspx) .

You should use an ATM in the airport in order to have the cash to pay the transportation and other items. Although the majority of places accept credit cards, they might not accept your type of credit card. So you should always carry some cash with you. The easiest way to get cash is to use an ATM – you can find them almost anywhere in Bucharest.

In Magurele there are three ATMs: one just at the entrance of the workshop's location, one at the City Hall, and the other one at the BancPost Bank – look for the red and blue sign saying BancPost at the end of the road that begins at the rear of the tallest building in town.

Another way to get cash is to exchange some of your currency into lei at a bank or at an exchange office – but the exchange rate could be less advantageous than that obtained when using an ATM.

#### **4. Dining**

- In Magurele: There is one quite good restaurant at the first floor of the building in front of the Hotel Magurele. You can also find: the hotel Magurele's restaurant, a second restaurant - pizzeria (not very fancy) in front of the City Hall and near the postal office and a third on the main road, in a yard on the left when coming from the institute.
- In Bucharest there are a lot of very good restaurants. For the atmosphere, good food and cheap prices we recommend “Caru cu bere” and “Cercul Militar National” that are near the historical center of Bucharest, on the boulevard called Calea Victoriei. You can also try to do some sightseeing in the historical center of Bucharest, where you can find a lot of restaurants, cafes, etc. like "Crama Domneasca" or "Cantina Sports Bar".

Also, at the 4th floor of Unirea Shopping Center (which is located in Piata Unirii and within walking distance from the recommended hotels) you can find various restaurants, with different specific food.

#### **5. Sightseeing in Bucharest**

As the recommended hotels are near the historical center, you can wander about it the historical or take a walk on Calea Victoriei, where you can see the Atheneum, the National Art Museum (inside the former Royal Palace), the National History Museum (where it might be possible to see a part of the Romanian Historical Treasure), CEC Museum and a lot of other very nice old buildings. You should also look for “Pasajul Victoria”. All the info about the routes and what you can see can be found here: <http://www.bucurestiulintrozi.ro>

You might be interested in spending a quiet day in the largest park, Herastrau, built around a lake in the northern part of the city. Here you can rent a bicycle, visit Village Museum (Muzeul Satului)

and after leaving the park you can wander on the small streets in the area and admire some beautiful old palaces and villas.

If you like opera or classical music we recommend that you go to the National Opera or at the Atheneum – the tickets are cheap and the concerts are great.

You can also find a lot of cafes, pubs, and nightclubs, some with live music.