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Candidate Information Pack

Cluj, Romania
Cluj, România



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1. Cluj-Napoca

1.1 Overview

Cluj-Napoca - General Information

Location: Central Romania (County: Cluj)

Size: 16.2 sq. miles (42 sq. km)

Elevation: 1,181 ft. (360 meters)

Population: 340,000

Inhabited since: 200 BC



This western city in the region of Transylvania traces its origins back to the Dacian settlement of Napuca in the 2-nd century A.D. After the Roman take-over of Dacia, it was renamed Napoca and in 124 A.D., received the rank of "municipium". The city quickly advanced socially and economically and during Marcus Aurelius' reign Napoca received the title "colonia", the highest possible urban status in the Roman Empire.

Cluj-Napoca The name Cluj comes from Castrum Clus, first used in the 12-th century as the name of the citadel surrounding the city. Clus means "closed" in Latin and refers to the hills that surround the city.



German merchants, who arrived here in the 12th century, rebuilt the medieval earthen walls of Clus in stone after the Tartar invasion of 1241. Known as Klausenburg to the Germans* and Kolosvar to the Hungarians, Cluj became Cluj Napoca in the 1970s, when the communist regime added the name of the old Roman settlement to emphasize its Daco-Roman origin.

With one of the most vibrant economies in the country and a population of around 330,000, Cluj, is today a vibrant cultural and educational city. The six state and

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several private universities located here also make Cluj Napoca the city with the largest percentage of student population in Romania.

Cluj Napoca national Theatre: The main square, resplendent with 18th and 19th century buildings and home to many shops and restaurants, is dominated by the 15th century St. Michael's Church, one of the finest examples of gothic architecture in Romania. The square also claims the 18-th century baroque Banffy Palace, housing the weaponry and Romanian art collections of the Art Museum. Visitors who want to learn more about the region should pay a visit to the open-air section of the Ethnographic Museum of Transylvania, a true display of folk architecture. For entertainment, spend an enjoyable evening at the Opera or attend a classical music concert offered by the Cluj Philharmonic.

1.2 Things to do in Cluj-Napoca

Opera & Ballet

Cluj - Opera House Opera, Address: Piata Stefan cel Mare 24

www.operacluj.ro

Aida by Giuseppe Verdi was performed at the opening night of the Cluj National Opera in 1919. Since then, the opera company's repertoire has added impressive stage productions such as La Boheme, Tosca, Giselle, Carmen, Faust and the Bald Soprano.



Union Square (Piata Unirii)

Featuring baroque, gothic, Renaissance and neoclassical buildings, the square allows for quick access to St. Michael's Church and the Banffy Palace. Flanking the church on the south side is a 1902 equestrian statue of the 15-th century ruler, Matei Corvin. In the southwest corner of the square stands Hotel Continental, built in 1895 in an eclectic style combining Renaissance, classical and baroque elements. During World War II, the hotel served as the German military headquarters in Transylvania. Across the square, you can visit the Hintz House, which served as Cluj's first and longest-running pharmacy (1573-1949) and is now home to the Pharmacy Museum (see museum details).

Saint Michael - Cluj-Napoca St. Michael's Church

Address: Piata Unirii

This church is one of the most beautiful gothic monuments in Transylvania. St. Michael's Church was erected between 1350 and 1487 on the site of the former St. Jacob's Chapel. The altar, built around 1390, is the oldest part of the church. The most recent section is the tower, erected in neo-gothic style in 1860. The star-shaped vault, the stained-glass windows and the sculptures impress with their beauty and grandeur. Repeated restorations revealed early 15th century murals. The latest restoration took place between 1957 and 1960.



Cluj National Museum of Art, Address: Piata Unirii 30

Admission charge

The 22 halls of the Banffy Palace display sculptures, graphics, weapons, furniture, carpets, and paintings by famous Romanian artists such as Nicolae Grigorescu (1838-1907), Theodor Aman (1831-1891) and Theodor Pallady (1871-1956). Both Grigorescu and Aman were influenced by the Barbizon group and the Impressionists, while Pallady spent many years in Paris and drew inspiration from Matisse.



History Museum of Transylvania (Muzeul National de Istorie al Transilvaniei)

Address: Str. Dr. Daicovici 2

Founded in 1859, this museum illustrates the history of Transylvania from Paleolithic times to the present. The size of the collection has grown from about 24,000 items in the 1870s to more than 400,000 today, including many rare or extremely valuable objects. Strange skulls, mammoth tusks, arrow- and spearheads illustrate the progress from the Neolithic and Bronze Ages to the rise of the Dacian civilization, which reached its peak between the second century B.C. and the first century A.D. The sections for medieval, modern and contemporary history and the Numismatic Cabinet contain collections of decorative art, ancient books, old printings, memoirs, history and coins.

2. Cost of Living

According to data from numbeo.com site, the largest free database on the cost of living, Cluj-Napoca is an expensive city, where the monthly rent, utilities and clothing costs exceed the average monthly income, which reached EUR 350.

A restaurant meal costs 3.47 EUR and a meal for two, with three dishes, reaching 15.87 euros. 0.5 liters of domestic beer is 1.21 euros, while the imported reach 1.89 euros (0.33 l). Soft drinks are more expensive than soda six cents (0.94 euro to 0.88 euro). Prices are for restaurants and public places.

Milk is one of the cheapest products, a liter costs 0.92 euros, while fresh bread comes to 0.52 euros.

Average Salary of Cluj, after tax, remains at 350 euros, while the average rent of an apartment in the city room is 175 euros. If, however, choose to rent a three room apartment, do you almost salary - 322 euros - monthly rent.

No Chapter transport Cluj are not too good. A ticket for a trip on public transportation reached 0.46 euros, while a monthly subscription costs 16.67 euros. If you own car, pay a 1.09 euros per liter of petrol. To buy a car, for

For utilities, a Cluj pays an average monthly euro 54.34 and for an Internet subscription, 5.77 euros. A subscription to the gym costs, monthly, about 35 euros, while a summer dress bought from a store Zara and H & M comes to 46.63 euros.

Data provided by numbeo.com is based on 160 data entries in last 18 months.

Restaurants	Avg.
Meal, Inexpensive Restaurant	5.06 €
Meal for 2, Mid-range Restaurant, Three-course	20.13 €
Combo Meal at McDonalds or Similar	3.87 €
Domestic Beer (0.5 liter draught)	1.03 €
Imported Beer (0.33 liter bottle)	1.60 €
Cappuccino (regular)	1.63 €

Coke/Pepsi (0.33 liter bottle)	0.89 €
Water (0.33 liter bottle)	0.66 €
Markets	Avg.
Milk (regular), 1 liter	0.87 €
Loaf of Fresh White Bread (500g)	0.43 €
Eggs (12)	1.72 €
Fresh Cheese (1kg)	4.23 €
Chicken Breasts (Boneless, Skinless), (1kg)	3.97 €
Apples (1kg)	0.87 €
Oranges (1kg)	0.92 €
Potato (1kg)	0.39 €
Lettuce (1 head)	0.47 €
Water (1.5 liter bottle)	0.57 €
Bottle of Wine (Mid-Range)	3.40 €
Domestic Beer (0.5 liter bottle)	0.62 €
Imported Beer (0.33 liter bottle)	1.05 €
Pack of Cigarettes (Marlboro)	2.71 €



3. Transport

By air : Cluj Napoca International Airport (CLJ)

www.airportcluj.ro

The airport is located 2.5 miles from the city centre. Taxis are the easiest way to get around. Bus number # 8 runs from the airport to Piata Mihai Viteazul in the centre of the city.

Airlines with service to Cluj Napoca:

Austrian Airlines - www.aa.com

Direct flights from/to: Vienna

Carpat Air - www.carpatair.ro

Direct flights from/to: Timisoara

Connecting flights (via Timisoara) from/to: Romania (Bucharest, Bacau, Constanta, Craiova, Iasi, Oradea, Sibiu, Suceava); France (Paris); Germany (Düsseldorf, Munich, Stuttgart); Greece (Athena); Hungary (Budapest); Italy (Bari, Bergamo/Milan, Bologna, Florence, Rome/Fiumicino, Venice, Verona, Turin); Republic of Moldova (Chisinau); Ukraine (Kiev, Lvov, Odessa)

Lufthansa – www.lufthansa.com

Direct flights from/to: Munich

Malev - www.malev.com

Direct flights from/to: Budapest

Tarom - www.tarom.ro

Direct flights from/to: Romania (Bucharest, Constanta); Austria (Vienna); Germany (Frankfurt); Italy (Bologna); Spain (Madrid); Switzerland (Geneva, Zurich)

WizzAir - www.wizzair.com

Direct flights from/to: France (Paris); Germany (Dortmund); Italy (Bologna/Forli, Milan, Rome/Fiumicino, Venice); Spain (Barcelona, Madrid, Palma de Mallorca, Valencia); UK (London/Luton)

By train

Cluj Napoca - main train station (Gara Cluj Napoca)

There are daily trains from/to Budapest (journey time - 8 hours). Trains to other western European cities run via Budapest.

For the list of international trains with service to/from Romania please visit:

www.RomaniaTourism.com/Transportation.html#ByTrain

There are daily trains connecting Cluj-Napoca to Bistrita, Bucharest, Gura Humorului, Iasi, Oradea, Satu Mare, Sighetu Marmatiei, Suceava, Timisoara and several other cities in Romania.

There are daily INTERCITY (Express) trains connecting Cluj Napoca with Bucharest (journey time: 8 hours), Brasov (journey time: 5 hours), Medias (journey time: 2 ¾ hours), Sighisoara (journey time: 3 ½ hours), Oradea (journey time: 2 ¼ hours) and Timisoara (journey time: 5 hours).

To check the latest train schedules for domestic routes please visit the website of the Romanian Railways: www.cfrcalatori.ro

SNCFR's advance booking office (Agentia de Voiaj SNCFR Cluj-Napoca)

Address: Piata Mihai Viteazu 11

By bus

Cluj Napoca Bus Station # 1 (Autogara Cluj Napoca)

Daily domestic bus service from/to:

Alba Iulia, Arad, Baia Mare, Bistrita, Brasov, Bucuresti, Campeni, Horezu, Hunedoara, Iasi,

Oradea, Mangalia, Piatra Neamt, Reghin, Satu Mare, Sebes, Sibiu, Sighetu Marmatiei,

Targu Lapus, Targu Mures, Vatra Dornei

By car

The recommended route from Bucharest to Cluj Napoca is:

Bucharest - Brasov - Sighisoara - Targu Mures - Cluj (E60)

The recommended route from Budapest to Cluj Nappoca is:

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Budapest - Debrecen - Bors - Oradea - Cluj (E60)

Transport costs are low compared to other places for items such as public transport, vehicle costs, vehicle fuel, vehicle insurance and vehicle maintenance, hire purchase / lease of vehicle, petrol / diesel, public transport service maintenance, tires, vehicle Insurance, and vehicle purchase. There are 597 places that are more expensive, and 352 places that are less expensive for transport.

<http://www.ratuc.ro/eindex.php>

Transportation	Avg.
One-way Ticket (local transport)	0.32 €
Monthly Pass	11.89 €
Taxi Start (Normal Tariff)	0.34 €
Taxi 1km (Normal Tariff)	0.33 €
Taxi 1hour Waiting (Normal Tariff)	3.26 €
Gasoline (1 liter)	1.22 €
Volkswagen Golf 1.4 90 KW Trendline (Or Equivalent New Car)	12,668.57 €



4. Accommodation

Rent Per Month	Avg.
Apartment (1 bedroom) in City Centre	175.11 €
Apartment (1 bedroom) Outside of Centre	160.16 €
Apartment (3 bedrooms) in City Centre	322.20 €
Apartment (3 bedrooms) Outside of Centre	315.15 €

Buy Apartment Price	Avg.
Price per Square Meter to Buy Apartment in City Centre	1,330.85 €
Price per Square Meter to Buy Apartment Outside of Centre	944.35 €