

Kitsch_n Tasty [Daily 9:00 - 21:00] This place ... is a bit odd due to its name, Leonardo Da Vinci and design association. We don't get where it comes from, neither do the waiters. It's in an amazing square, Traian square, that we all hope one day will be the party area of the city.. The place is ... well, colorful, from the outside. Please let us know how it is, we're really curious too.

Cheap non stop food Feel like a cheap midnight pizza? Celentano is the place to go to. You can also get drinks and you are right next to the med school dorms so you might get to a random party too.

Intimate stay [Daily opens at 10:00, closes when the last one leaves] Atelier is a miniature posh club disguised as a coffee place. Go there for a drink, you'll love it for its intimate size and good taste in a recording studio / backstage - like design.

Always open since forever Two steps from the Art Faculty PAPILLON pub is opened around the clock for an artsy crowd of all ages. You can always find someone to chat with on all subjects you can imagine, even dogs. Don't worry about your budget, everything is cheap. If you stay in town longer they'll be nice enough to put it on your tab.

Local Tip: When inside, make time to admire the wall art where the students from the nearby Art School and local underground artists exhibit their works from urban photography to painted portraits.

Socializing Corner Spot (daily, almost always open) We don't know why it's called DRUNKEN RAT, but that doesn't matter. This former shop turned indian restaurant turned pub has a quite interesting interior, mixing brit pub design with indian decorations. A great place to have a drink or a late late snack. If it's late at night, ask for ribs and potatoes with spicy sauce.

Best sandwiches (daily, 9:00-21:00) Freshly made bread for the most tasty sandwiches you can find. Enjoy them in the sun on one of the benches of Unirii square. LUCAS is pretty crowded during lunchtime.

Coffee place + Club (Thu - Sat, 20:00-8:00) D'ARC is one of the landmarks in Timisoara's going out scene, covering all your party needs. The club downstairs has themed parties from Thursdays to Saturdays with pop and oldies music played by one of the 6 resident dj's. (everyday 9-midnight)The coffee place upstairs is perfect for meeting and socializing before party time, with well-chosen chill music. During the week they host architecture events, media art and experimental dj music/performances. In the weekends you can enjoy small electro and alternative concerts of local bands. Check their facebook page to know what's going (facebook: club.darc.timisoara).

9 room pub (daily 12:00-1:00) JARVIS is a good place for a daily menu lunch at a decent 4,5 eur. Dinner is priced reasonably too, and every room has flat screens to watch football.

24/7 sandwiches Non Stop. Center. Sandwiches. Landmark. Lots of options. Always go to PLANET in the night. Late in the night. Tastes good. Always hits the spot. Than get a taxi and go home.

Sprechen sie Deutsch? (Daily, 10:00 - midnight) Beer, beer, beer. If you were looking for a large variety of this awesome (drink, you came to the right address. Next to a diverse list of mainly imported beers, BIERHOUSE has a small clientele, partly made up of Timisoara's German community. They go there in the evenings, feel free to join them for talks and an interesting point of view on the city that us locals sometimes miss. And it's the only place in town with a foosball table and a huge screen to watch football matches with your buddies.

LT: Drink your beer in Bierhouse and then go downstairs in Bunker to party all night

Cheap Cocktails (weekends, from 20:00 on) BUNKER is another cellar-like club with a raging sound and lots of commotion. It has its own dj and most of the events are on Fridays and Saturdays. The first underground bar in the city used to be in this place. It didn't really have a name and since it looked like a dirty old cellar, we just called it bunker. Anyway, Bunker is the closest club from Bierhouse, actually down-

stairs, so if you are too lazy to walk, just look for the stairs and they'll take you there.

Alternative Bar Cool indoor and outdoor pub AETHERNATIVE hosts indie/jazzy/funky/disco/groovy concerts for a sociable, trippy student crowd. The balcony leading to the other club upstairs (Cuib D'arte) is the hot spot for summer live acts from local individual artists or short music projects to bands like Mario Bihari or Ira Mimosa. Most of the bands are experimental with an electro-pop-chill vibe.

Local tip: Go there before 9PM, otherwise it is going to be too crowded.

Hip Hideout [Daily 10:00-2:00] If you like big, old, pompous houses, this place is for you. CUIB D'ARTE has the atmosphere of a decayed old town apartment and hosts various artistic events, from poetry to music and workshops (creative recycling, a bow-workshop) to performances of all kind (it's one of the venues hosting the Timishort Film Festival). There's no clear program on the internet so you'll have to ask at the bar or mingle with other participants during the events to know what's going on. Whether it's a tango evening or a presentation by a DIY group, or maybe even a vinyl only night or playing some video games, every day's different. It's always a surprise! When they ask for the last order, keep calm and drink on, no one is gonna kick you out. The walls are more than friendly and extravagant, check them out. Even in the toilet

CELLAR DINNER PARTY (everyday 10:00-00:00 or more) A pub with great ribs and sauces in one of the city's cellar-like locations. BUGARD has large tables for big groups and is a good place for socializing, dinner and drinks before going to a nearby party. LT: If you're not into ribs, try some Tagliatelle with chicken...they're so yummy!

Literary evenings The name of this wine bar (BIBLIOTHEKA) comes from an old joke where instead of using the terms shots, cellar and distillery for an interview, the reporter changed those terms with books, library (ro: bibliotecă) and printing house.

Local Tip: Ask for the joke at the bar.

Indian Taste (Mon - Fri, 11:00-17:00) Vegetarian indian cuisine at RADHA's is served on a daily menu basis. Just taste it, and you'll see what we mean.

books and tea (Everyday 9:00 to 22:00) CARTURESTI is the place where you will find the perfect present for your friends... or maybe for yourself from their huge collection of books, movies, music and stationery articles. And if you can't afford to drink your 5 o'clock tea in the UK, you surely can in their tea house, offering loads of tea types and a nice, quiet and smoke free setting perfect for some reading.

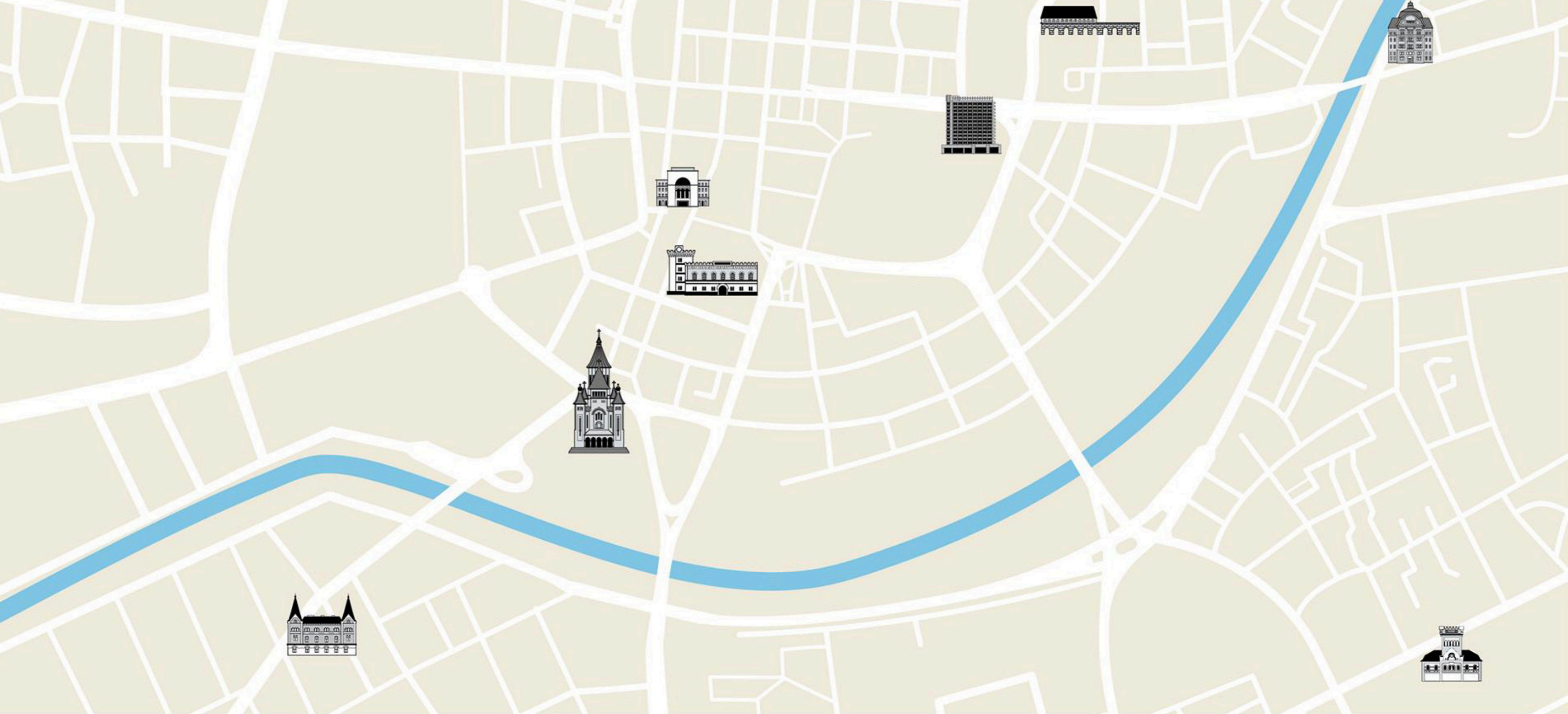
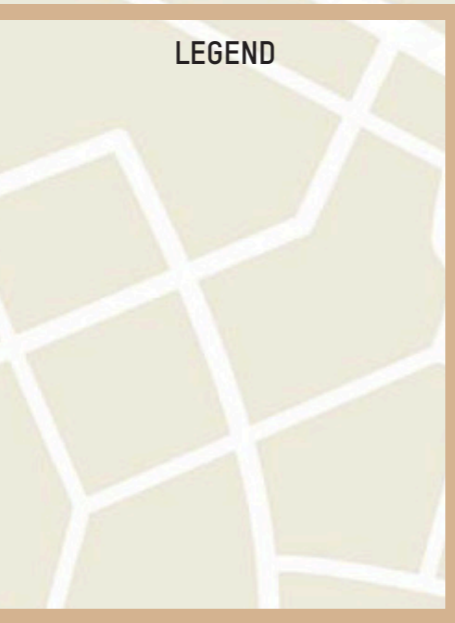
LT: Warning! This is an addictive place in which you'll spend more than your „free time“

Cozy all day long (08:00-00:00) We love the windows of ZAI caffè because you can see all the passers-by. And because it's fun to wave and invite people in for coffee so you are never alone... We also like the black piano, the size of the place, the bright atmosphere and the sunny interior colors, even when it's raining outside.

Best Coffee (Mo-Fr 8:00-17:00, Sa 9:00-14:00, Su closed) With a wide variety of coffee to go at a very good price, MOKUM is a perfect place to include on your morning route. Always some friendly people around to drink your coffee with. And they serve kopi luwak, hand picked coffee from lemur excrement. Indeed: the lemur is like a cat that lives in Indonesia and eats the coffee beans. After digestion, people gather the beans and sell them to coffee shops. Some of those beans end up here too. 100G of them cost around 120\$ and you'll pay about 10Eur for a cup here.

Local Tip: Watch out for the strong coffee (RedEye&BlackEye it's really strong).

Pick-up Spot (Tue-Sat, 19:00 on till the last one standing) If you like a combination between fancy and rockish, SCOTTISH is the place to be. Music, dancing, ERASMUS students and girls/boys you wanna date at the fish fountain tomorrow. If it's Thursday, then you have to be here. It's the biggest party of the week, mostly for pick-up. Stay tuned for concerts,



they are really awesome (check <http://scottishpub.ro/> or ask at the bar). Even if the events have a theme, the DJ's take the crowd's pulse and the evening can take a spontaneous turn. You have to be there to feel it!

Vegan and so on (daily 11:00-22:00) The vegetarian and vegan place to be, with a healthy food philosophy and all dishes freshly prepared with great care and passion. There's also a daily menu at BIOFRESH for 17lei (4,5eur) and the best part: there's no phone signal in most of the space.

IRISH PUB (Daily 8:00 - 00:00) Irish pub is a good gathering place to socialize and share stories, watching one of the football games they broadcast daily and, in our case, great food with a great beverage. We like the Pub House Grille (aka „the big one“) sandwich. There's even a jukebox for music: for only 50 bani (-0.11 EUR) you can play a tune, and for a few coins more you can make your own playlist.

Local Tip: Play some darts. Try to hit the board

after a few beers and you'll become a celebrity earning your wall picture for sure

Timisoareana's Hangout (Daily 9:00 - 00:00) Timisoareana, the local beer, is produced in the first beer factory in Romania (founded in 1718). And after the factory restaurant, CURTEA BERARILOR is its second home. Come here for the local vibe and food, like grilled pork with potatoes and salad, and to get some insights from the locals, as many people gather here from all parts of town to enjoy a big fat dinner with their office colleagues. The best dishes are almost entirely of pork and the portions are huge.

FACTORY PUB (daily, 10-24) The restaurant is in the same building with the factory, serving the most heavy dishes you can find. This is the really meaty place for the non vegetarian. Prices are low, the space looks like a barn, music is traditional, waiters seem to be there since the 80's and the beer... well, it flows thru pipes from the factory.

BEST IN CAMPUS

(daily, 9:00-00:00) A student's place to be in the campus area, OXFORD is neat and the food is excellent. Ask for steaks and boiled or fried potatoes. Or try the best „ciorba“ (broth) in town.

SERBIAN BURGER 24 / 7 The fast food place in the heart of the student campus that's always open. Has the best Plescavi a in town and always fresh as they make them on the spot. There's always a line. If you go there and there's no queue, let us know, we'll join you

EAT IN THE MIDDLE AGES (11:00 - 22:00, daily) Do you feel medieval? Eating like a hunter after a bloody day in the woods? Going to CAMELOT will get you closer to this than you think. Prepare to eat, like, really eat. Vegetarians might get a stroke, so be advised. Ask for knife and fork, or just eat like a Viking.

ACTOR'S BAR This place doesn't have a name. It's inside the German/Hungarian national theater, 1st floor. All the actors go there during rehearsal breaks or after the plays. It has the cheapest

coffee in the city center, smoking is allowed and you can get alcohol and a cheap sandwich. It's hard to find if you don't know it's there, so even few locals know about it.

LEBANESE SPECIAL (daily 9:00-22:00) This place called BEIRUT is run by a Lebanese family and serves the best Arab food in town. We realized this since most of the talking there is done in Arabic, and most of the customers are from Tunisia, Lebanon, Morocco or Egypt. We never went to those countries, but if the food reminds them of home, it should be a good sign. Try the Arays and the Humus Extra.

CHAOS (Daily after 18:00 to last customer) Head banging place to socialize and share stories, really eat. Vegetarians might get a stroke, so be advised. Ask for knife and fork, or just eat like a Viking. Either way, of typographic art and design. Either way, in the morning ask for the mint lemonade (the best in the city), made with fresh mint handpicked every morning by a local who is the sole provider for most of the bars.

HUNGARIAN CONNECTION KAFKA is one of a kind: it's probably the only place where you can order in Hungarian and get a nice shot of „uica (hu: palinka). Say thanks in hungarian: koszonom szepen or just koszi (ko-si)

PINT SHOTS (Daily, 9:00-00:00) A nice place with cheap drinks and good music if you want to relax in a beanbag chair.The main reason to come to MANUFACTURA: you get shots in a pint.

BEST AFTER PARTY LEMONADE (Summerdays 9:00 - 6:00) There's a terrace boat on the river.D'ARC MAL. In summer evenings they have live concerts and throughout the night you can party to dubstep, drum and bass and other electronic sounds. Or it might just as well be a quiet evening with an open air museum of typographic art and design. Almost every week there's also a bio/organic produce market supporting the young farmers in the area.

HAY LOUNGE (summer evenings, everyday 14:00 - 2:00) LA CAPIT means „at the hay stack“ - there are actual hay stacks that are part of the decor. This former swimming pool area is now a wicked terrace on the river bank with an interesting mix of people due to the various artists (Blazza), Jais, Personal performing here. You can sit in the hay, on the ground, on the stage or on the transparent seats. All events here have a nice vibe and you should really see it during summertime because it's an open air place. But watch out: rain can be good on a hot July night but not in October. Almost every week there's also a bio/organic produce market supporting the young farmers in the area.

Local Tip: As inviting as the pool looks during hot summer days, don't jump in! It has no water...

Scartz Cult Bar Away from the beat-fest of the clubs, Scartz - Loc Lejer (aka „Squeak“ - laid back place) is a delightfully kooky improvised pub in an old townhouse, owned and run by theater actors and boasting a large garden of fairy

lights and hammocks. You can get the good old communist vibes with some good old treats like Eugenia waffles, ROM chocolate or Pufuleti snacks made from corn flour. When they bring the check, just say „Banii, viata sau mustata (bunny, veeatza sau moose-tatza)“. This is also the home of Aualeu Theater with plays every week from Friday to Sunday.Tickets are about 5eur and be sure to book in advance at the bar or online (fb.com / scartoclejer). These plays are in Romanian, though totally worth it.

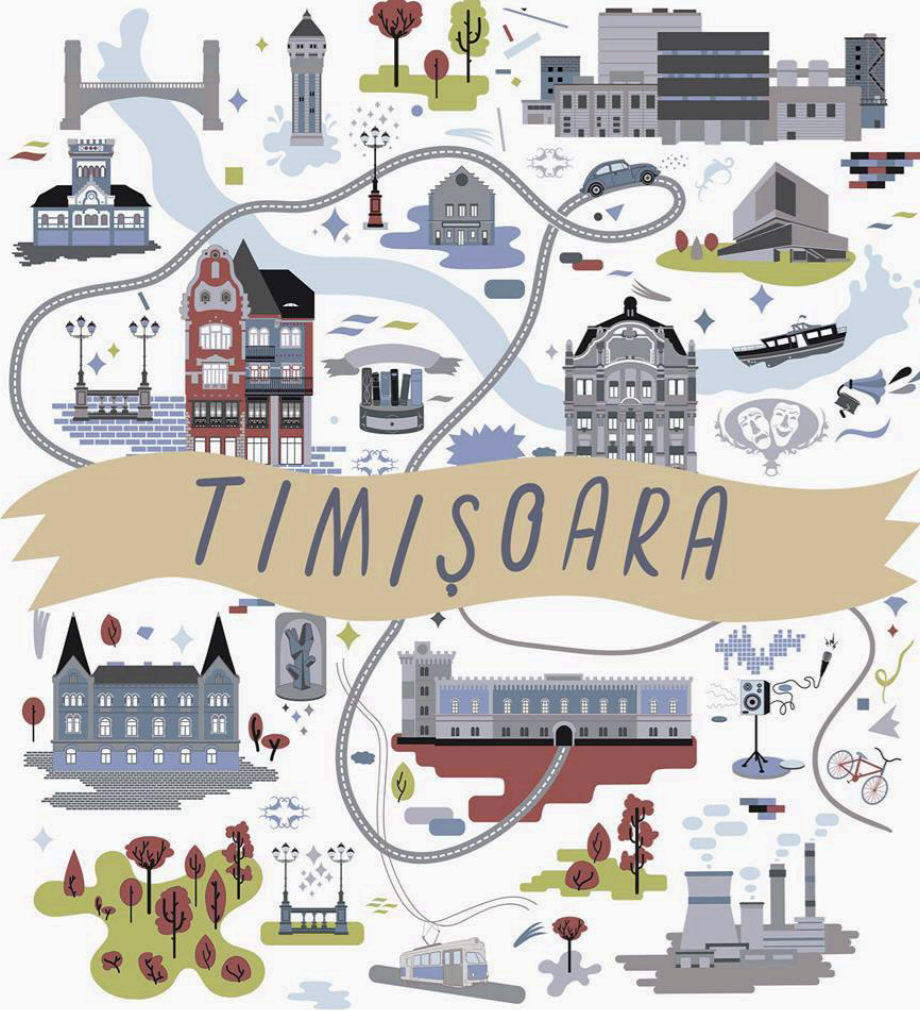
Local Tip: Once you sit down on the couch you will never want to get up

TRADITIONAL FOOD (daily 9:00 - 23:00) Casa Bunicii or Grandma's House, serves really well cooked traditional and local food, making you feel at home immediately. We never saw grandma, though we know she's there in the kitchen somewhere. Ask for the Perișoare soup and Mameligă cu tocăni ă.

ARCHITECTS DEN A small coffee place called BRUIAJ for the

morning and a small bar later on where you can only order at the piano keyboards. It hosts small hipster music concerts and short movies from all over the world in their original language and with English or Romanian subtitles, every Sundays starting at around 8PM. Popcorn is included, all under the supervision of G Yuri the mouse.

CABARET (Evenings after 18:00) ELECTRIC THEATER is a spot for performance arts, music and wine. It opened its doors few months ago and is based in an old historic house. Opened daily, it hosts theatrical acts and concerts in a cabaret style on a weekly basis



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TOURIST INFO

Taxi: Taxi's are mostly safe, some will try to charge more so it's better to ask before how much it cost. Fares are low and almost any ride won't set you back more than 5 eur.

Buses:

Trams: They connect the most important parts of the city and they are reliable. Most of the times they arrive on time but early in the morning and evening they can be crowded. Lines 1 and 2 take you from the train station through the whole old neighbourhoods. You find tickets at the kiosks, for only 2 RON (0,40 cents).

Trains:

Rent a bike:

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Info Center

Airport:



LEGEND

SIGHTSEEING

Revolution Museum:
 Monday closed The only museum dedicated to the revolution, that started in 1989 in Timișoara. It has a large collection of documents, photos, archives and documentation along with videos in English and former participants during the events as guides

Botanical Park:
 This protected park offers a wide range of trees and plants. It's on the highest point in

Timișoara (93m above sea level) and during summer there might also be some events/concerts.

Unirii Square:
 Is the oldest square in the city and houses the Serbian Orthodox and Catholic domes, the Baroc Palace now the art museum, and most of the cafes and clubs. It's the place where the locals hang out at a terrace or just on a bench. We love to come here to enjoy a coffee and a book or a talk in the open air. The fountain water is drinkable and there's a small stone on the south side with the map of the old city engraved in it.

Plague Statue:
 During the black plague, a wealthy salt trader made a promise: if he and his family would be spared from the disease, he would make a gift to the city. They survived so this statue was crafted in Vienna and then transported by boat - like many old statues from the city.

The Dome:
 Is the most valued baroque building in the city and has the best acoustic for organ concerts. We just call it „La Dom” and it's a good meeting point on that side of the square. You can visit the creepy crypt on the night of 2nd

of November when it's open for the Day of the Dead.

Cardinal Points:
 This is actually a huge fountain in a roundabout. It points out the directions to the earth poles and it is also a good recognizable point, near to the bastion.

Bastion/Citadel:
 Maria Theresia Bastion is the only standing part from what was once one of Europe's most advanced and unconquerable citadels. That as before the introduction of artillery. Now it's a space for cultural and artistic

events, galleries and events.

Decebal Bridge:
 Was the largest span bridge built on concrete beams in 1909. It became a case study in the field for its innovation.

Poporului Park:
 This park has a really nice and cozy atmosphere because it is quiet and kind of familiar. Lots of people come here to walk their dog, play with their children, or just go for an evening jog.

Traian Square:

Is a former industrial and trading area. The whole area has a huge potential to be turned into the next artistic area. It's close to the campuses, the buildings are a bit run down so they are cheap. But still they have the high ceiling and the nice austro-hungarian touch. It is also out of the tourist area.

The Fresh Market:
 It is one of the biggest outdoor fresh markets in town. It recently got a new roof that was projected by some famous local architects. Small farmers gather here to sell their home-grown vegetables, fruit, cheese and meat. It's cheap and fresh and you can also just go

and taste if you want.

Sala 2:
 This former stable was turned into a modern performance space by the national theater.

Art Museum:
 The interiors are amazing and the curator soaks at least 4 languages.

Libertatii Square:
 This square is the largest square in the old town and used to house the old city hall (red building). Today it is more a transit place between Victoriei Square and Unirii Square.

Citadel Synagogue:
 This former synagogue is currently used for audio-visual live performances, experimental music, installations and lectures. It's mostly known today for housing the Simultan festival.

Huniade Castle...Huniade castle looks like it will never be finished.

The Cathedral

Central park

Roses Park

Muzeul Consumatorului Comunist

5 MINUTES OF HISTORY

1212 - Timișoara was first mentioned as a settlement

1552 - Timișoara under Ottoman rule gets controlled directly by the Sultan and enjoying a special status, similar to other cities in the region such as Budapest and Belgrade. Until 1716 Timișoara remained an Ottoman city. The castle on the current museum site, the churches, built until 1552, and then Ottoman - probably the majority of mosques were made of masonry. The dwellings were built of wood. Timișoara was a "wooden town".

1716 - Timișoara was besieged by the "imperial" Habsburg troops under the command of Prince Eugene of Savoy.

During this time, Timișoara evolved to an economic and industrial center:

1718 - first beer brewery in Romania

1760 - first town of the Habsburg Empire with street lighting with lamps

1771 - publishing of the first newspaper in Romania

1884 - in 1884, an absolute premiere took place. Timișoara was the first city on the continent in which general electric street lighting was introduced. In Timișoara, public street lighting was designed and executed from the beginning as a general system, for an entire city.

1989 - First communism-free city in Romania

„On December 15th, 1989, the anticommunist Romanian Revolution broke out and by December 20th, Timișoara is the first free town in Romania, paving the way for the removal of the communist dictatorship and the introduction of democratic political structures in all the country and consumerism kicked in with McDonald and Coca Cola joined the Party.”

Some other least useful info, Gustave Eiffel, the creator of the Eiffel Tower in Paris, drew the projects of one of Timișoara's footbridges over the Bega. Soit says at least .

Oh, and the only Romanian city hosting 3 state theaters under the same roof. Romanian, Hungarian and German.

EAT LIKE A LOCAL

Bere locala: Terapia, Sara, Bereta, Citra

Cei mai buni langosi sunt in pta Balcescu

Try the daily special or menu as most restaurants and bistros have it. Booking is at times required, but if it's warm outside you can pack your lunch and have it in a close-by park.

Cei mai buni mici Porto Arte

ACT LIKE A LOCAL

In fast food restaurants they put fries in the shawarma, sandwiches and hamburgers only to make them look bigger. The owner also has a Mercedes, probably for the same reason.

Men shake hands with men, however not with women. Probably some old Ottoman habit. No hard feelings though, we kiss women, both cheeks - probably some old Latin habit.

We like all movies in their original language (too lazy to dub them) and we put subtitles - feel invited to enjoy an old-school cinema movie - not Romanian movies though, the original language is Romanian.

Don't argue with us on politics or football. We know everything about these two, accumulated in the many long hours spent over the generations, in pubs.

Timișoara, well Romania actually, is 1h later than CET, except the gigs in clubs and halls, which are 2h later than CET

When in Timișoara you love birds and bees, but hate Dinamo Bucharest football club.

If you expect to see lots of gypsies around, well they are all in a „intercultural exchange programme” in France, Italy or Germany - working their way out.

Say Ceau regardless if you're coming or going and Ceau Ceau if there's more than one person around.