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## BUCHAREST HALF DAY TOUR (Palace of Parliament without lunch)



*Bucharest - it is known as the city of joy, located between the Carpathians and the Danube. It is the capital of Romania and currently the largest city and the most important industrial and commercial center of the country. The first time the word Bucharest appeared was around 1459. It became the capital of Romania in 1862. Since then it has undergone a continuous transformation, being currently the most important Romanian artistic and cultural center.*

*In the period between the First World War and the Second World War in Bucharest developed an elegant architecture and an intellectual elite that made him deserve the pseudonym "Little Paris" or "Paris of the East".*

### 14.30 – meet the English-speaking guide in the lobby of your hotel

### 14.30 – 14.45 – Transfer from Radisson Blu Hotel to the Palace of Parliament

*On the way to the Palace of the Parliament we will pass by The Romanian Atheneum, The Revolution Square, The Royal Palace, The Central Arms House, CEC Building*



### 15.00 – 16.30 – Visit the Palace of Parliament

*The Palace of the Parliament is the seat of the Parliament of Romania. Located on Dealul Arsenalului in central Bucharest, it is the second largest administrative building in the world.*

*The building was designed and supervised by chief architect Anca Petrescu, with a team of approximately 700 architects, and constructed over a period of 13 years in Socialist realist and modernist Neoclassical architectural forms and styles, with socialist realism in mind. The Palace was ordered by Nicolae Ceaușescu, the dictator of Communist Romania and the second of two longtime autocrats in power in the country since World War II, during a period in which the personality cult of political worship and adoration was noticeably increased for him and his family.*

*A colossal parliament building known for its ornate interior, it houses the Senate and the Chamber of Deputies, three museums (The National Museum of Contemporary Art, the Museum of Communist Totalitarianism (established in 2015) and the Museum of the Palace) and an international conference center.*

*As of 2008, the Palace of the Parliament is valued at €3 billion, making it also the most expensive administrative building in the world. The cost of heating and electric use and lighting alone exceeds \$6 million per year, comparable to the total cost for powering a medium-sized city.*



**16.30 – 16.45 – free time for pictures in the courtyard of the Parliament Palace**

**16.45 – 17.00 – Transfer back to Radisson Blu Hotel**



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