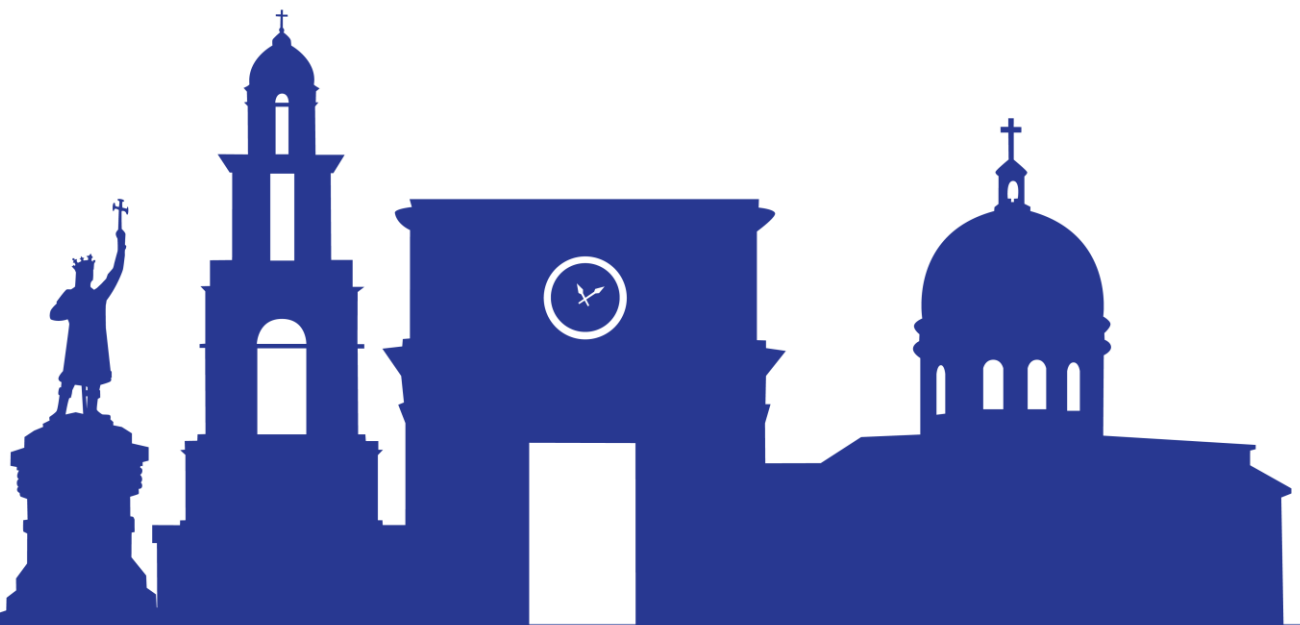




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Dear participant of the Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum,

The Steering Committee welcomes you to the annual meeting of the Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum 2013, which will take place in Chisinau, Moldova and appreciates your contribution to ensure a fruitful dialogue, exchange of expertise and establishment of new partnerships.

In this document, you will find useful information related to this event.

EVENT-RELATED INFORMATION

AIRPORT PICK-UP

After your arrival at the Chisinau airport, look for volunteers in white polo shirts holding the logo and the banner of the conference; they will pick you up and take you to your hotel. Also, on the first morning of the conference, at 8:00 AM volunteers will be waiting for you in the lobby of your hotel to guide you to the Palace of the Republic, where the Forum will be held. Throughout the Forum, do not hesitate to approach these volunteers to ask for any guiding advice.

EVENT VENUE & FACILITIES

The Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum in Chisinau will be held at the Palace of the Republic (16 Maria Cebotari Street, entrance from Nicolaelorga Street) on June 4 – 5 October, 2013.

EVENT REGISTRATION

On the first day of the Forum, October 4th, you need to register in the lobby of the Palace of the Republic, between 08:00 and 9.00 A.M. and receive your identification badge and a package of information materials and documents.

EQUIPMENT

Digital multimedia and overhead projectors will be available in each meeting room. Simultaneous translation in two languages (English and Russian) will be ensured throughout the conference (plenary and workshop sessions).



INFORMATION DESK

Throughout the event, an information desk will be operational in the lobby of the Palace of the Republic to respond any queries and requests for assistance.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

NGO FAIR

An NGO Fair will take place during the afternoon session on the first day of the event, October 4th. The aim of this Fair is to present the organizations participating at the event, exchange ideas and establish partnerships. If your organization would like to participate in the Fair, please email Maria Vizdoaga at maria.vizdoaga@gmail.com and you are welcome to bring promotional materials, leaflets, booklets or other resources that reflect the activity of your organization. In case you need any special equipment/facilities for the Fair, please notify the coordinators in advance.

WELCOME DINNER RECEPTION

The Government of Moldova will host a Welcome Reception on October 4th, at 19:00 P.M. in the hall of the second floor in the Palace of the Republic.

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GENERAL INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

CURRENCY

The currency used in the country is Moldovan Lei (MDL) with coins called Bani. There are banknotes of 1000, 500, 200, 50, 20, 10, 5 and 1 MDL. Its exchange rate is around 1 EUR = 16.00 MDL and 1 USD = 13.00 MDL. Major currencies (USD, EUR, etc.) can be exchanged at any bank or exchange office. Automatic Teller Machines for credit cards (Mastercard, Maestro, Visa, etc.) are also available. These dispense local currency only.

You can exchange your currency at the exchange office at the airport, any Moldovan bank (9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday), your hotel, or any private exchange office.

The list of Moldovan banks is available at: <http://bit.ly/15p6usg>

LOCAL TRANSPORTATION

Within Chisinau, transportation is performed by urban public transport: buses, trolley buses, minibuses or taxies. The cost of a one ride ticket for minibuses is MDL 3 (EUR 0.2). There is a number of on-call taxi services in Chisinau providing transportation for the price of approx. MDL 40 or EUR 3 per ride within the city limit (wait time for a taxi is usually around 10-15 minutes). You might want to use the following numbers for taxi services: 14006, 14007, 14022 and 14448.

HEALTH SERVICES

Chisinau has many medical facilities, including the Republican Clinical Hospital. All services and prescriptions require immediate cash payment from those who do not possess Moldovan medical insurance.

Emergency #: 903.

Throughout the event an ambulance will be available for the participants of the Forum for any medical assistance or emergency situation.

WEATHER

For up-to-date information, please visit: <http://bit.ly/17nCFIA>

FOOD AND WATER

Tap water is chlorinated, but bottled water is available at local stores. Moldovan cuisine is known for its natural products. The food is made of organic products (cereals, vegetables, fruit, milk, meat, etc.). A large diversity of dishes made of maize and maize flour gives Moldovan cuisine its specific character. Local soups ("zeama" and "borsh"), goulash, steak, chicken noodles, salads and national pies called "placinte" are very popular as well.



RESTAURANTS

Chisinau offers a wide range of restaurants, where one can enjoy both national and international cuisine. There are a number of good restaurants in the city that serve quality food. Expect to spend from 10 to 30 EUR for a meal in one of these restaurants:

La Taifas	67, Bucuresti str., Tel. (373-22) 22 76 92, National Cuisine
Symposium	78, 31 August 1989 str., Tel. (373-22) 21 13 17, European Cuisine
PaniPit	115, 31 August 1989 str., Tel. (373-22) 24 01 27, European Cuisine
El Paso	10, Armeneasca str., Tel. (373-22) 50 41 00, Mexican Cuisine
Dublin Pub	27 Bulgara str., Tel.(373-22) 24 58 55, Irish Cuisine
Alaverdy	1/2, Moscovei Blvd., Tel. (373-22) 44 50 82, Caucasian Cuisine
Caravan	64, M.Eminescu str., Tel. (373-22) 22 24 05, Uzbek Cuisine
Hutorok	68, Vasile Alecsandri str., Tel. (373-22) 22 21 02, Ukrainian Cuisine
Popasul Dacilor	13, Valea Crucii str., Tel. (373-22) 66 42 30, National Cuisine
Andy's Pizza	32, Puskin str., Tel. (373-22) 21 10 80
Indian Tandoori	6, Renasterii Blvd., Tel. (373-22) 24 50 23, Indian Cuisine
Vasabi	73, Sciusev str., Tel. (373-22) 21 10 20, Sea-food
Delice D'Ange	117/2 "31 August 1989" Str., French Bakery

SHOPPING

Most stores are open from 10:00 until 18:00. Supermarkets are generally open from 9:00 until 22:00, though some are open 24 hours. All of the malls, supermarkets and other stores accept the national currency only. Also, most of them accept the Visa card.

To buy local hand-made souvenirs, visit the small market next to the City Hall on the main street, Stefan cel Mare Blvd. (on the opposite side from McDonald's).

CUSTOMS REGULATIONS

The import of foreign currency is regulated. Any amount exceeding 10 000 EUR needs to be declared at the customs. You may only bring in/ take out one block of cigarettes (200 pieces) and two liters of alcohol.

SECURITY IN CHISINAU

It is wise for travelers to exercise the same precautions with regard to personal safety and protection to valuables in Chisinau as they would in any other major city. Please also be cautious to your personal belongings when traveling by public transportation.



EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS

Fire Department: 901

Police: 902

Emergency Hospital: 903

MOLDOVA AT A GLANCE

GENERAL FACTS

- **Formal Name:** Republic of Moldova (short form – Moldova)
- **Population:** 4.3 million
- **Area:** 33,800 sq km (13,050 sq miles)
- **Major languages:** Romanian, Russian
- **Major cities :** Chisinau (the capital), Tiraspol (in Transnistria), Balti and Cahul
- **Major religion:** Christianity
- **Form of government** – Parliamentary Republic
- **Monetary unit:** MDL
- **Main exports:** Foodstuffs, wine, animal and vegetable products, textiles
- **Life expectancy:** 65 years (men), 72 years (women)
- **Time zone:** GMT + 2
- **International dialing code:** +373

MINI DICTIONARY

English	Romanian
Good morning, hello	Buna dimineata, salut
Good evening	Buna seara
How are you?	Ce faci?
Nice to meet you	Bucuros de cunostinta
Thank you	Mulumesc
Sorry	Scuze
You are welcome	Sunteti binevenit
Goodbye	La revedere
Can I have the bill please?	Nota, Va rog
How much is that?	Cit costa?
Please	Va rog
I would like to go to.....hotel	Eu as vrea sa ajung la.....hotel



SIGHTSEEING IN CHISINAU

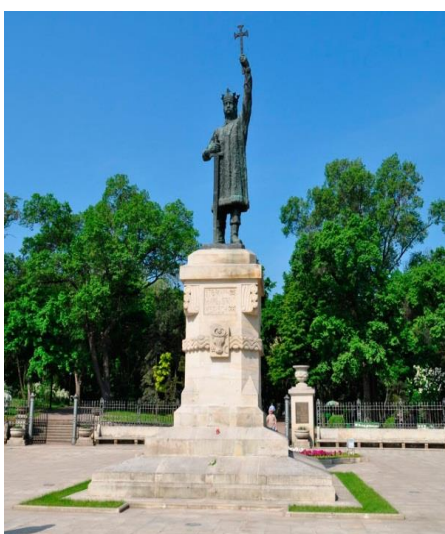
Cathedral Park

The Cathedral Park is situated in the heart of the city, on the Square of the Great National Assembly (Piața Marii Adunari Nationale). Here you will find the main Christian Orthodox Cathedral, the Bell Tower and the Arc de Triumph that commemorates the victory over Turks in the war of 1806-1812. The square and the park are the places where most of the celebrations in the city take place; the main boulevard closes on holidays for concerts and celebrations. This year, on 5 – 6 October, in the proximity of the cathedral park, a very popular Moldovan holiday - the National Wine Festival will take place.



Stefan cel Mare Park

Gradina Stefan cel Mare, is the main city center park. It was originally laid out, in the nineteenth century by Russian military engineers during the reign of Alexander I. Pushkin used to walk here in the early 1820s, and a statue of Pushkin was erected in the park in 1885. In 1928, the city erected a statue of Stefan cel Mare at the entrance of the park. Here, you can also walk in the shade of century trees on the Alley of Classic Writers of Moldovan/Romanian literature.



Statue of Stefan cel Mare

The statue of Stefan cel Mare, the King of Moldova (1457 – 1504) in the center of Chisinau commemorates Moldova's greatest national hero. The bronze statue was unveiled in 1928. He became famous for his many victories against the Ottoman Turks and was seen as the defender of Christian Europe against the invading Muslims. Hence, in the statue he is depicted holding up a cross. He won 34 out of 36; battles he fought and following his victory in the Battle of Vaslui, where 40,000 Moldovans defeated 120,000 Ottoman troops. Pope Sixtus IV honored him as true Champion of the Christian Faith.

National Museum of History



The National Museum of History of Moldova is located only a short walk from the Palace of the Republic (on 121 “31 August 1989” Street). Its exhibits illustrate the history of Moldova from the oldest times until present. You can purchase tickets inside the museum from 10:00 am until 17:00 pm.

National Museum of Archeology and History



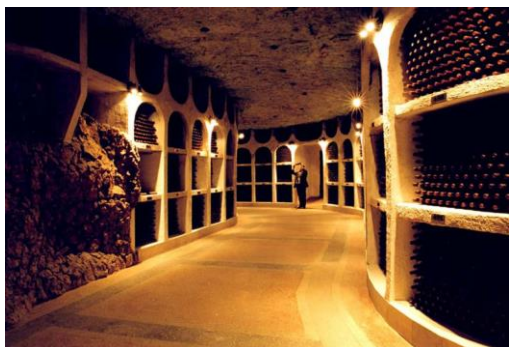
The National Museum of Archaeology and History of Moldova is also situated on a walking distance from the Palace of the Republic on 82 Kogalniceanu Street, and is open from 10:00 am until 17:00 pm. The museum has a collection of 322,172 items, the diversity of which covers the history of Moldova over the centuries, from prehistoric times until present.

Milestii Mici Wine Cellars



Stretching for 250 km, of which only 120 km are currently in use, the Milestii Mici Cellar complex is also the largest winery in the world, located only 30 minutes away from Chisinau. In 2007 Milestii Mici were noted in the Guinness Book of World Records for having the largest (2 million) wine collection in the world. This is a great place to visit if you would like to supplement your collection of wine. For more information, visit <http://www.milestii-mici.md/en/>

Cricova Wine Cellar



The second largest wine cellar in Moldova, located 15 km north of Chisinau stretches for 120 km of labyrinthine roadways. Its tunnels have existed since the 15th century, when limestone was dug out to help build Chisinau. As of 2008, the collection consists of over 70 gold, silver, and Grand Prix awards from world leading sommeliers.

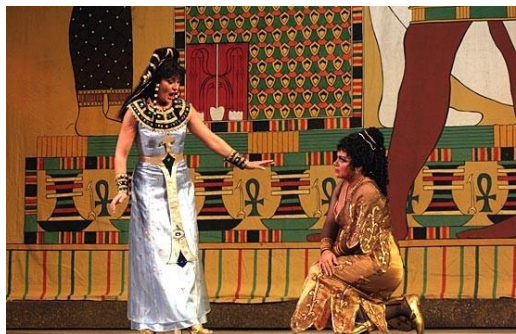
www.cricova.md

Old Orhei



The city of Old Orhei, 60 km from Chisinau, is a unique historical complex in open air that combines the natural landscape and vestiges of ancient civilizations. Here you can find a functioning monastery that is caved into a massive limestone cliff. Archaeologists have uncovered remnants of a defense wall surrounding the monastery complex from the 15th century. For more information, visit <http://orheiulvechi.com/>

National Opera and Ballet Theater

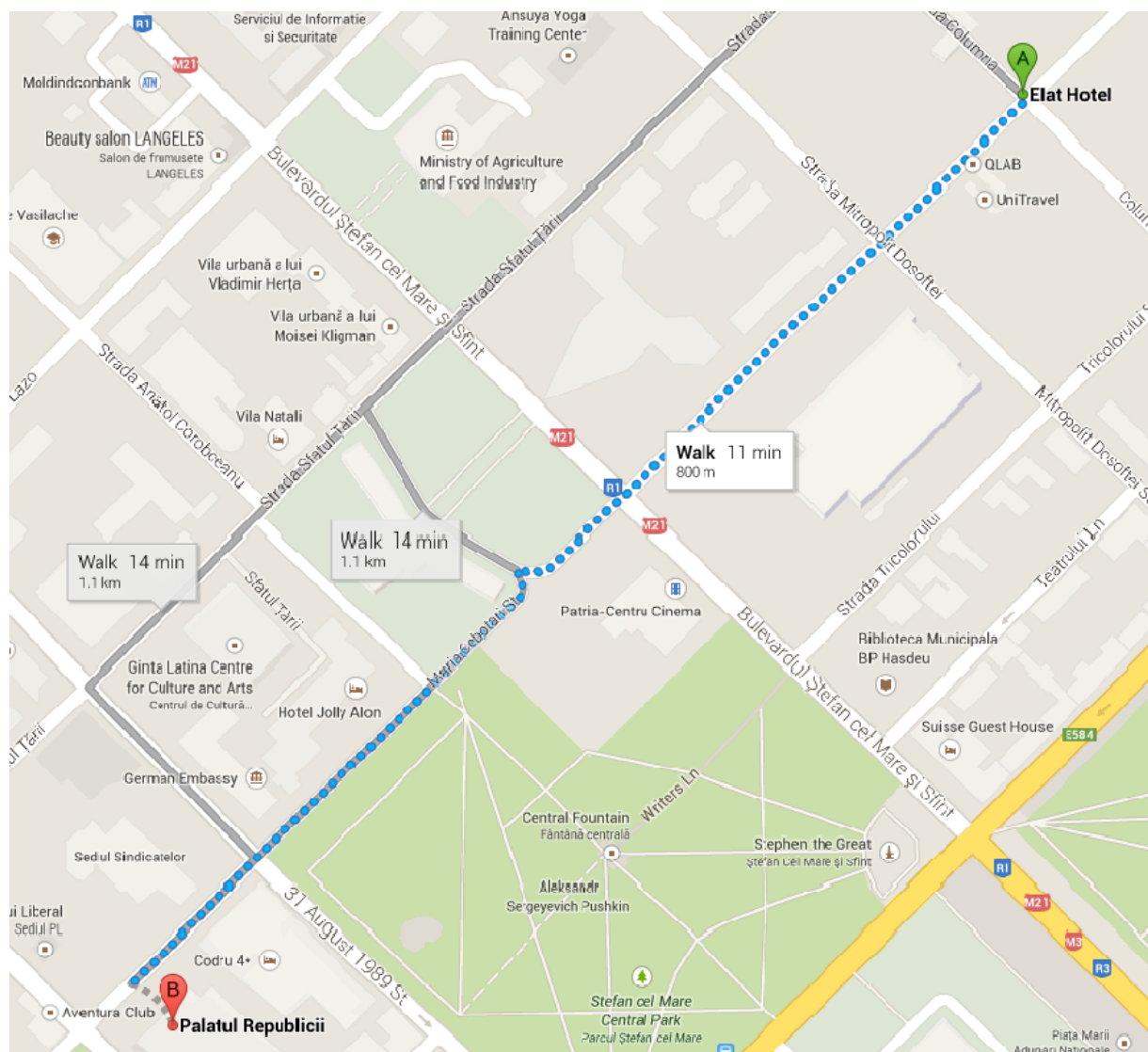


Located in the heart of Chisinau, the National Opera and Ballet Theater is a great and very affordable place to spend an evening in Chisinau. For more information on the latest performances, please visit <http://www.nationalopera.md/?l=en>

WALKING DIRECTIONS

All of the hotels are within walking distance from the venue. Please find your hotel in the list below:

Directions from Elat Hotel to the Palace of the Republic



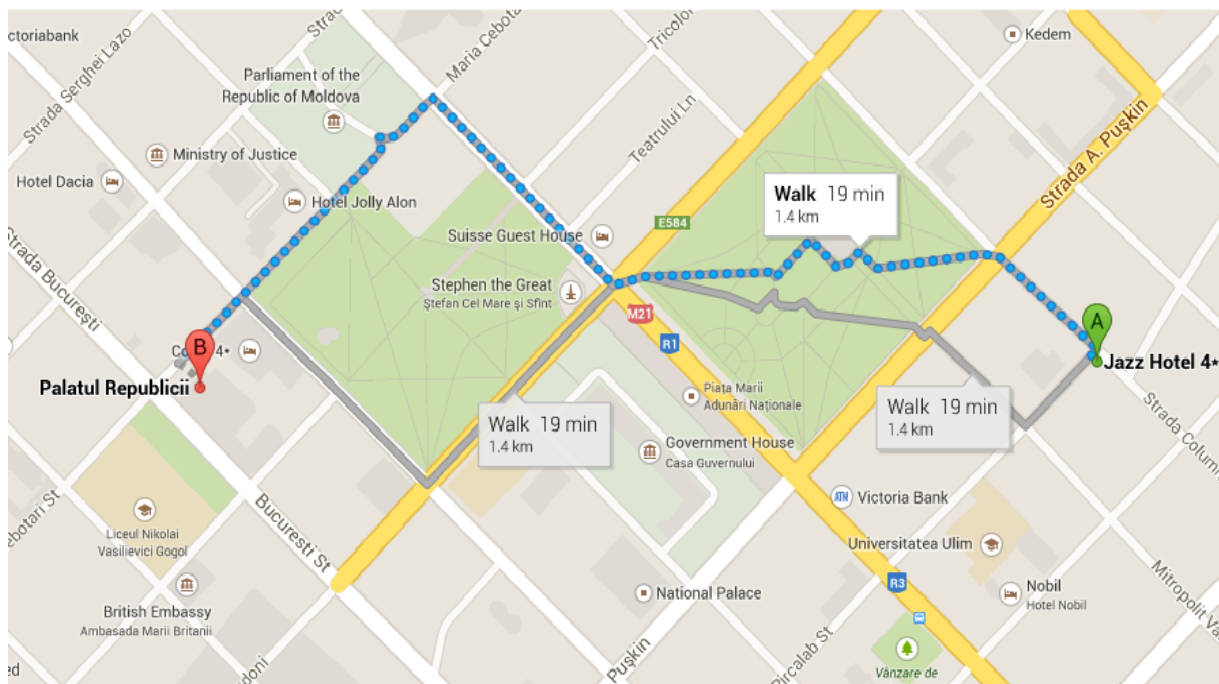
Destination A: Elat Hotel, 140/1 Columna St, Chisinau.

1. When you are in front of the Elat Hotel, turn right onto Maria Cebotari St. and walk for about 11 minutes.
2. Turn left to stay on Maria Cebotari St.; your destination will be on the left.

Destination B: Palace of the Republic, 16 Maria Cebotari St., Chisinau.



Directions from Jazz Hotel to the Palace of the Republic

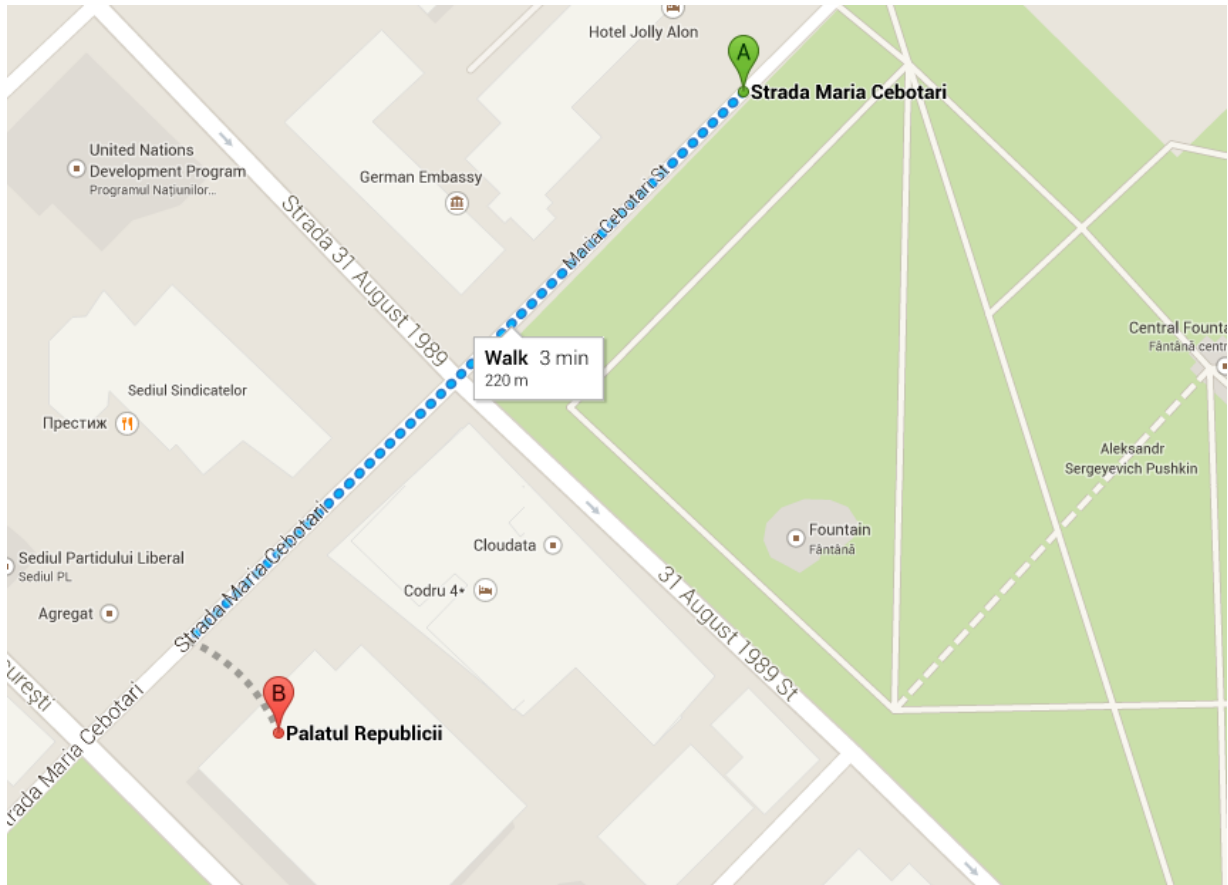


Destination A: Jazz Hotel, Vlaicu Pircalab St., Chisinau.

1. Turn right onto Mitropolit Varlaam St. and walk for about 2 minutes.
2. Turn left until you reach Pushkin St. Cross Pushkin St. and enter park; you will see a white cathedral in front of you.
3. Cross the park diagonally until you reach the crossroad of B.Bodoni St. with Stefan cel Mare St. From that point, you will see the monument of Stefan cel Mare.
4. When you are next to the monument, walk on B.Bodoni St. until you reach the 31st of August St.
5. Turn right on 31st of August St. and keep walking until you see on the left side Codru Hotel.
6. Walk pass the hotel and take the first left to Maria Cebotari St and in about 100 m you will have reached your destination, which will be on the left.

Destination B: Palace of the Republic, 16 Maria Cebotari St., Chisinau.

Directions from Jolly Alon Hotel to the Palace of the Republic

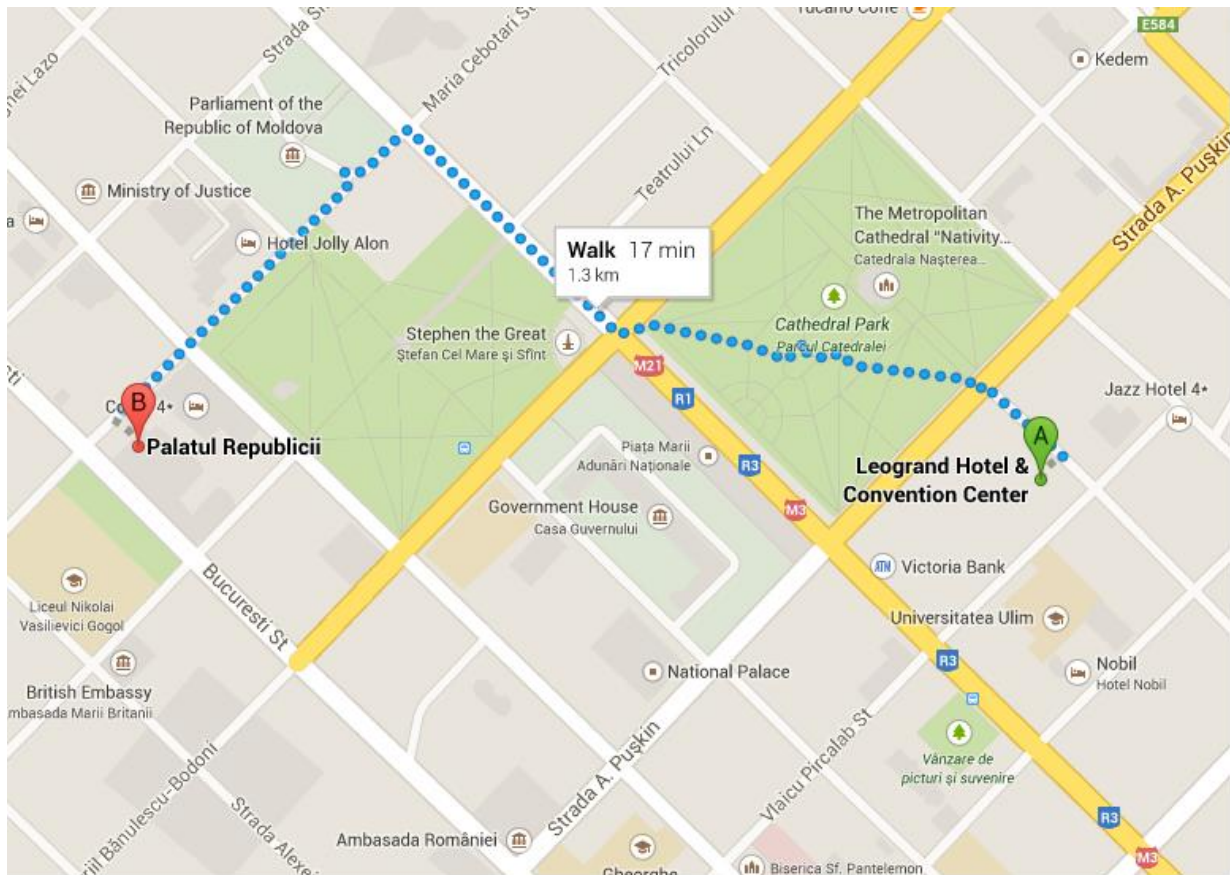


Destination A: Jolly Alon Hotel, 37 Maria Cebotari St., Chisinau.

1. When you are in front of Jolly Alon Hotel, turn right and walk for about 3 minutes, crossing the 31st August St.
2. The destination will be on the left.

Destination B: Palace of the Republic, 16 Maria Cebotari St., Chisinau.

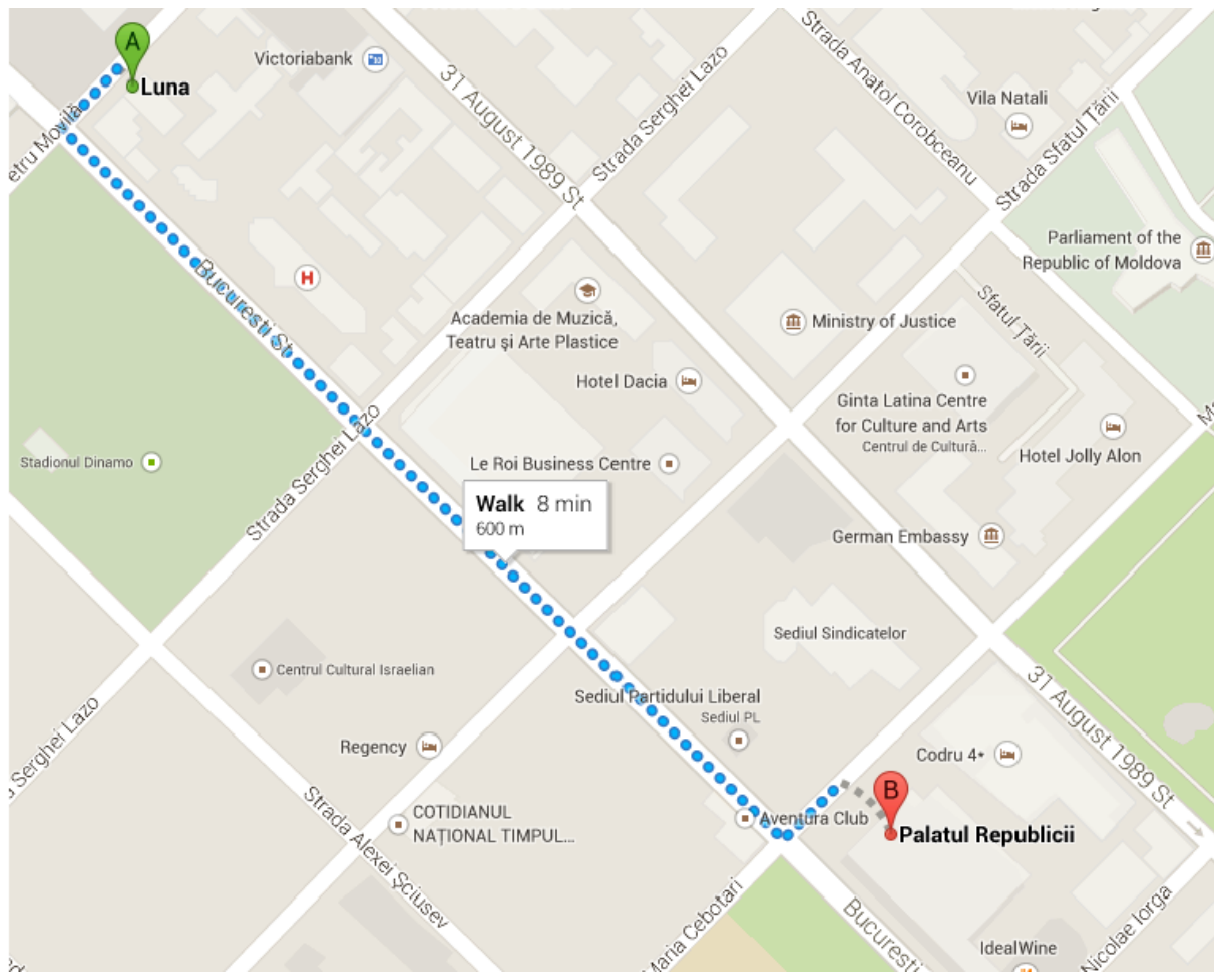
Directions from Leograd Hotel to the Palace of the Republic



Destination A: Leograd Hotel & Convention Center, 77 Mitropolit Varlaam Str., Chisinau.

1. When you are outside the Leograd Hotel, turn left and keep walking until you reach Pushkin St. Cross Pushkin St. and enter the park; you will see a white cathedral.
2. Cross the park diagonally until you reach the crossroad of B. Bodoni St. with Stefan cel Mare St. From that point, you will see the monument of Stefan cel Mare.
3. When you are next to the Stefan cel Mare monument, keep walking on B. Bodoni St. until you reach the 31st of August St.
4. Turn right onto 31st of August St. and keep walking until you see on the left side Codru Hotel.
5. Walk pass Codru Hotel and take the first left to Maria Cebotari St. and in about 100 m you will have reached your destination.

Directions from Luna Hotel to the Palace of the Republic

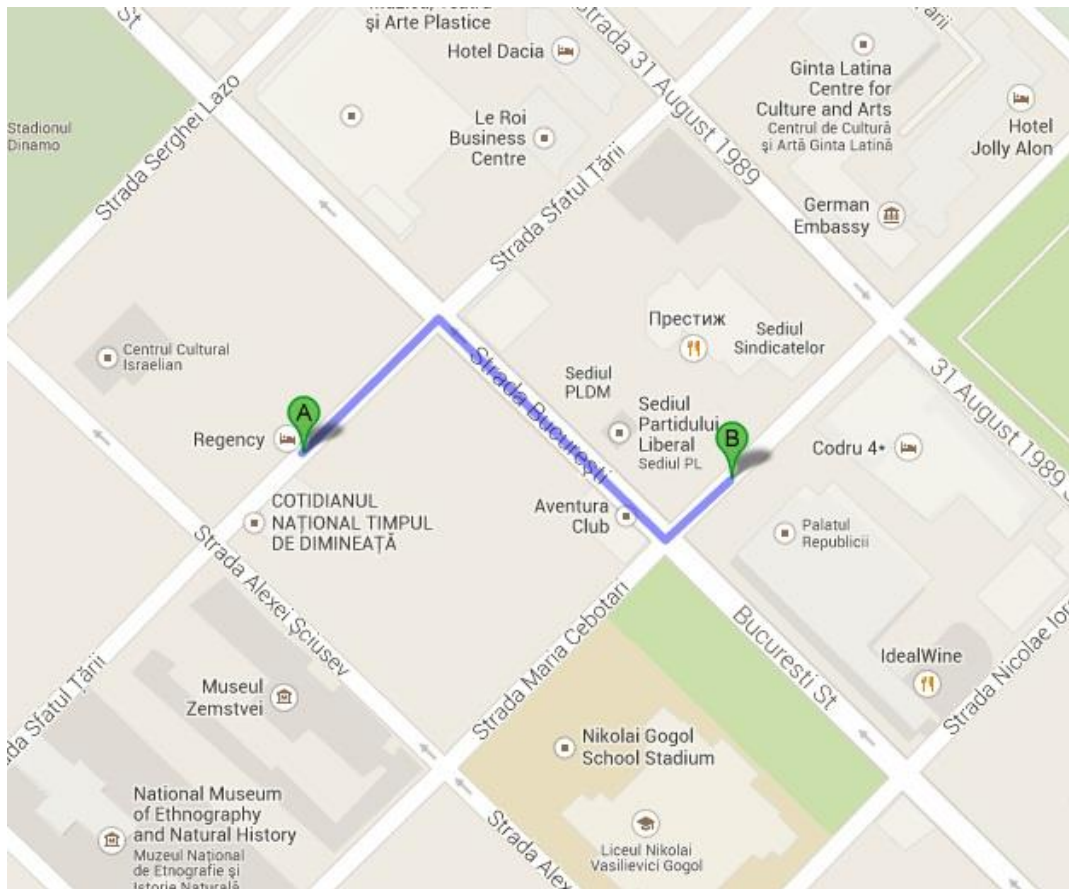


Destination A: Luna Hotel, 4 Petru Movila St., Chisinau.

1. When you are outside Luna Hotel, turn left and walk towards Bucuresti St.
2. On the Bucuresti St. turn left and walk for about 7 minutes until you reach Maria Cebotari St.
3. The destination will be in front of you.

Destination B: Palace of the Republic, 16 Maria Cebotari St., Chisinau

Directions from Regency Hotel to the Palace of the Republic

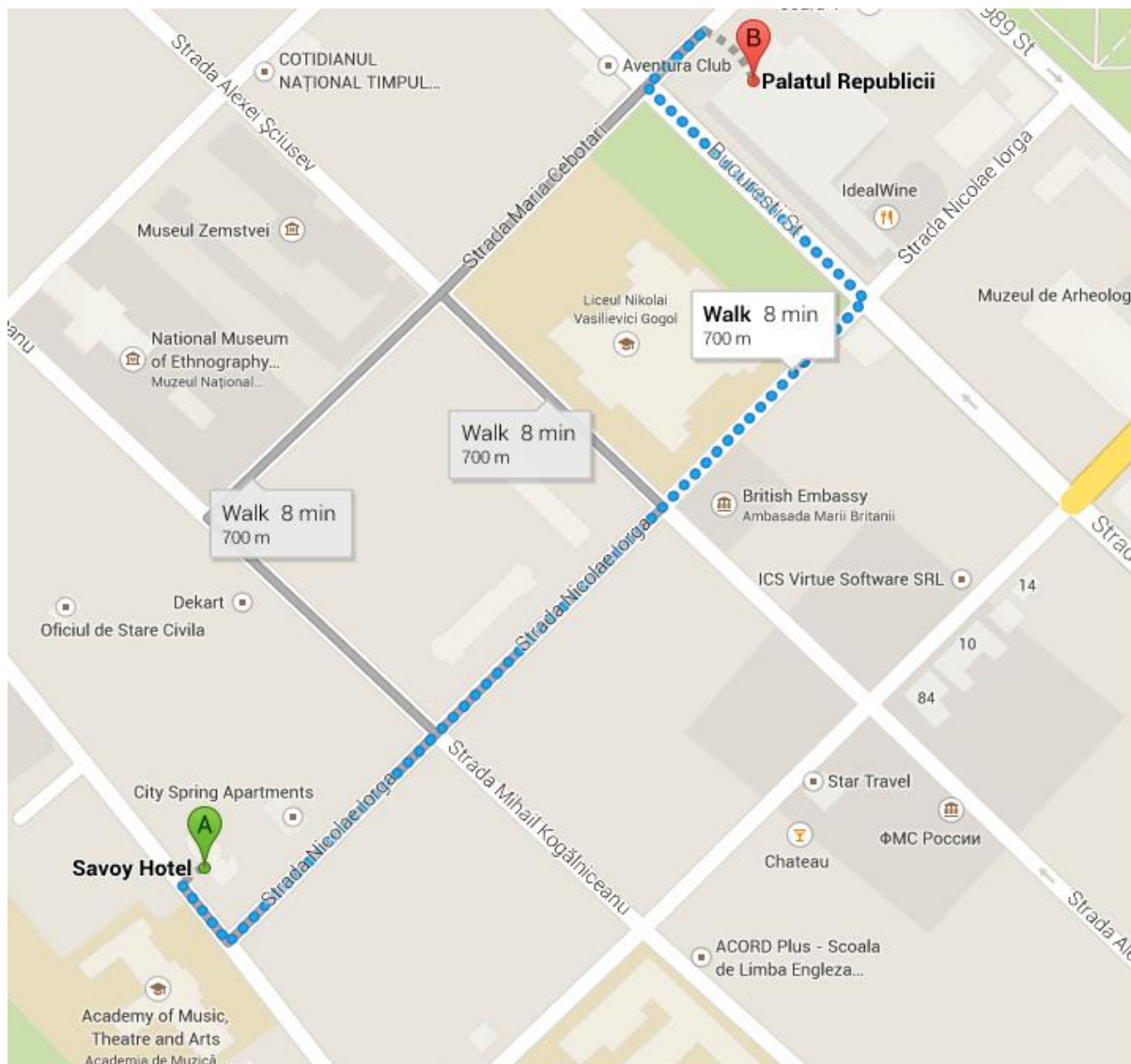


Destination A: Regency Hotel, 17 Sfatul Tarii, Chisinau.

1. When you are outside the Regency Hotel, turn left and walk for about 1 minute until you reach the Bucuresti St.
2. Turn right onto the Bucuresti St and walk for about 2 minutes until you reach the Maria Cebotari St.
3. Turn left onto Maria Cebotari St.; the destination will be on the right.

Destination B: Palace of the Republic, 16 Maria Cebotari St., Chisinau.

Directions from Savoy Hotel to the Palace of the Republic



Destination A: Savoy Hotel, 66 Alexei Mateevici St., Chisinau

4. When you are outside the Savoy Hotel, turn left until you reach the Nicolae Iorga St.
5. Turn left onto the Nicolae Iorga St and walk for about 5 minutes until you reach the Bucuresti St.
6. Turn left onto the Bucuresti St. and walk for about 2 minutes until you reach the Maria Cebotari St.
7. Turn right onto Maria Cebotari St.; the destination will be on the right.

Destination B: Palace of the Republic, 16 Maria Cebotari St., Chisinau.

