# Accommodation and transportation guide for SMART 2018 participants

The SMART 2018 Conference will take place in Bacau, on the 8<sup>th</sup> of June, over the course of the whole day. Because of this, participants are invited to arrive in Bacau on the evening of June 7<sup>th</sup>, the latest.

On the 9<sup>th</sup> of June we will organize a trip on the Bacau – Iasi route, returning in Bacau in the evening. Lunch and a festive dinner on the 8<sup>th</sup> of June, as well as dinner on the 9<sup>th</sup> are included in the participation fee of the Conference.

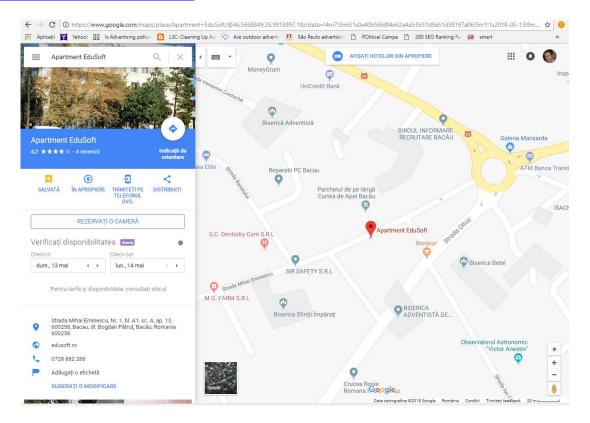
Having knowledge of this information, participants are asked to make sure they have accommodation and transportation in Bacau assured, for the smooth running of the Conference.

### I. ACCOMMODATION

For accommodation, you can use international sites, such as <a href="https://www.tripadvisor.com">www.airbnb.com</a>, <a href="https://www.turistinfo.ro/">https://www.turistinfo.ro/</a>.

When choosing the accommodation, try to choose a hotel or bed-and-breakfast as central as possible, near the place where the Conference will take its course, Benefica Center, on No. 1 Mihai Eminescu Street. Benefica Center is on the ground floor of the building marked as EduSoft Apartment on Google Maps, at this address:

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Nearby you can find: Elite Pension (Pensiunea Elite), Tosca Pension (Pensiunea Tosca), Studio Pension (Pensiunea Studio), Corola Villa (Vila Corola), Bizanț Boutique Hotel, President Hotel, Dumbrava Hotel, Bistrița Hotel, Decebal Hotel etc.

Our recommendations are Dumbrava Hotel and Corola Villa, where you can find high quality services.

#### II. TRANSPORTATION

Here you can find a few guiding instructions for participants, as for them to arrive to Bacau.

For travelling by plane, there are the following options:

**II.1 Flying by plane straight to Bacau, from London, Madrid, Roma, Milano, Bruxelles etc.** You can fly straight to Bacau from different European capitals, such as London, Roma, Bruxelles, Dublin or Madrid, as well as from other major European cities. The low-cost airplane company Blue Air operates on the George Enescu International Airport in Bacau.

You can view your travel possibilities on the <a href="https://www.blueairweb.com/en/gb/">https://www.blueairweb.com/en/gb/</a> site or the newly modernized site of the Bacau Airport <a href="http://bacauairport.ro/?lang=en">http://bacauairport.ro/?lang=en</a>.

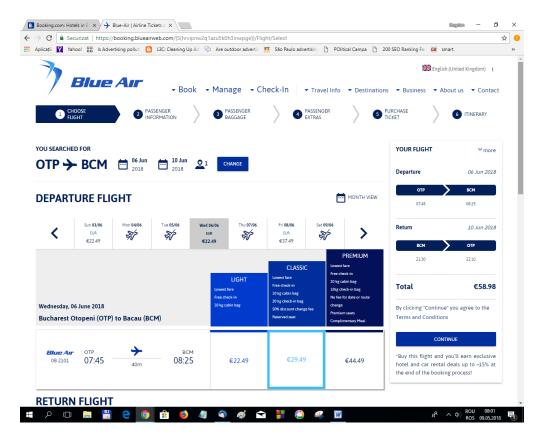
A map of the international flights from Bacau:



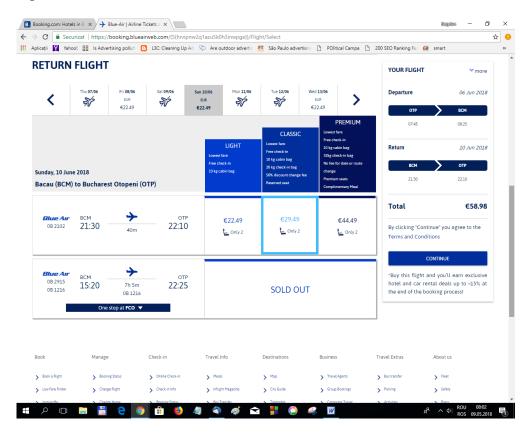
Furthermore, <a href="https://www.vola.ro/">https://www.vola.ro/</a> will give you different flight options for reaching Bacau Airport, which can be found under the code of BCM.

## II.2. Flying by plane to Bucharest, then flying from Bucharest to Bacau

Recently, a direct flight from Romania's capital, Bucharest, to Bacau has been established. Thus, if you arrive in Bucharest (on the Henri Coanda / Otopeni – OTP code), you can come to Bacau with the morning flight on Wednesday, the 6<sup>th</sup> of June 2018. The plane takes off at 7.45am and lands at 8.25am in Bacau. Pay attention to the fact that there is no flight on Thursday, so you would have to arrive a day earlier.



For returning to Bucharest, you can fly from Bacau at 21:30pm on Sunday, the  $10^{th}$  of June, as shown in the picture below.

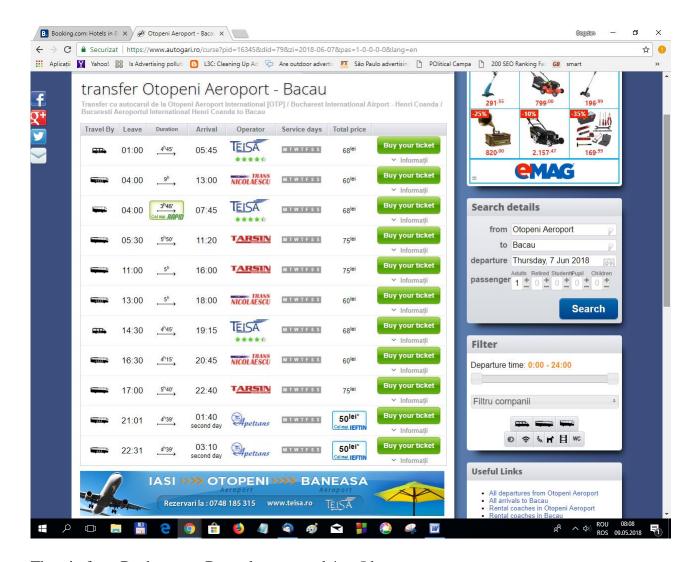


If these flights are not convenient for you, you can choose to arrive from Bucharest to Bacau by train or by bus. Moreover, there is the possibility of renting a car straight from Bucharest's Airport.

## II.3. Flying by plane to Bucharest, then travelling by bus to Bacau

In the picture below and at <a href="https://www.autogari.ro/curse?pid=16345&did=79&zi=2018-06-07&pas=1-0-0-0-&lang=en">https://www.autogari.ro/curse?pid=16345&did=79&zi=2018-06-07&pas=1-0-0-0-&lang=en</a> you can find every bus option from Otopeni Airport to Bacau, so you can pick whichever one suits you arrival hour best. From this site you can purchase tickets online, which cost roughly around 17 euros.

Pay attention to the fact that in Bucharest there are 2 Airports. Thus, if you land on Baneasca Airport (BBU) instead of Henri Coandă / Otopeni Airport (OTP), you will have to adjusts your trip accordingly.



The trip from Bucharest to Bacau lasts around 4 to 5 hours.

## II.4. Flying by plane to Bucharest, then travelling by train to Bacau

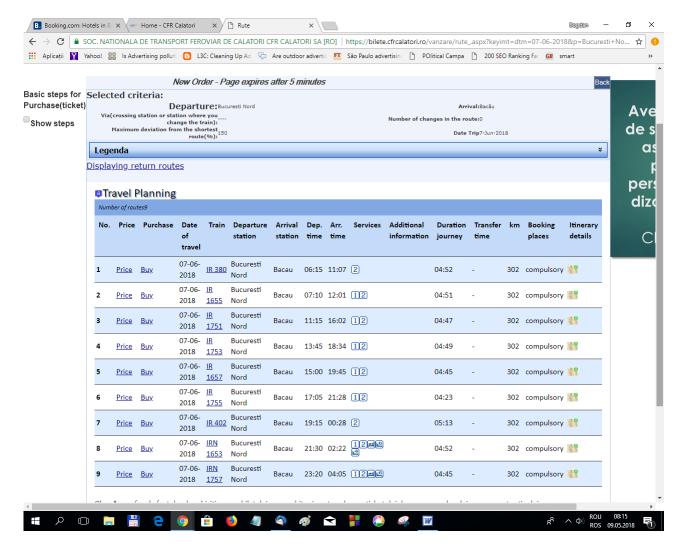
In case you wish to travel from Bucharest to Bacau by train, make sure you add an extra hour as time to get to the train station, Gara de Nord. Maybe even an hour and a half, if you take into consideration certain hours when Bucharest traffic is very busy. Therefore, after checking out of the Airport, exchange some money, as to have at least 225 lei (about 50 euro).

Ask about buses that go to the North train station, Gara de Nord. Be careful and avoid using the so-called train that goes to Gara de Nord (Bucuresti Nord station – North Bucharest station), because this is a poorly organized service.

Travel options from Gara de Nord (Bucuresti Nord) to the Bacau train station on the 7<sup>th</sup> of June 2018 can be viewed below:

https://bilete.cfrcalatori.ro/vanzare/rute\_.aspx?keyimt=dtm=07-06-2018&p=Bucuresti+Nord&d=Bac%C4%83u&ora=00&lng=en&cautavans=0

Pick trains that are IR (Inter-Regio), not R (Regio), as the trip lasts around 4:45 to 5 hours. The cost of one ticket is roughly around 20 euro.



For returning in Bucharest from Bacau, you can inform yourself about your options from the same sites or we can help you decide which option is more convenient, at the end of the Conference.

### II.5. Flying by plane to Iasi, then travelling by bus or by train to Bacau

We would like to mention that Iasi also has an airport (<a href="http://www.aeroport-iasi.ro/">http://www.aeroport-iasi.ro/</a>), where you can land from different important European cities (Paris, Rome, Larnaca). The trip by bus from Iasi to Bacau lasts about two hours. The trip by train lasts about 3h30' (Regio trains) and 2h (with Inter-Regio trains).

In the end, we would like to inform you that there is a very useful international site that you can use, which can give you other solutions for your trip <a href="https://www.rome2rio.com/map/Bac%C4%83u">https://www.rome2rio.com/map/Bac%C4%83u</a>

We hope that you find this travel guide useful. For any other questions, don't hesitate to contact the organizers of SMART 2018 Conference.

We would like to remind you that the conference site is <a href="https://www.edusoft.ro/smart2018/">https://www.edusoft.ro/smart2018/</a> We recommend you visit it periodically, as to be up to date with our new posts.

We are gladly expecting you at SMART 2018, not only to share beautiful moments of scientific collaboration, but also to socialize and have great fun.