

PLACES TO BE VISITED

BUCHAREST

SCINTEAHLAKZA - literally translated to "Spark Square," is located immediately in front of the imposing Scintia and is where the President will receive the Keys to the City from the Mayor of Bucharest. Just beyond the Piata Scintia is a smaller but exact copy of Paris' Arch of Triumph and symbolizes the influence of French culture on Romania.

SPRING PALACE - borders on Lake Floreasca, one of the most beautiful lakes in Bucharest, the city known as "City of Lakes." The Spring Palace was built in the middle sixties specifically to serve as a guest residence for visiting heads of State. The Palace is located in a compound of homes and official residences, including President Ceausescu's residence.

THE COUNCIL OF STATE - is located in the Palace of the Republic on Gheorghe Gheorghiu-Dej Square. The Palace also houses the National Museum of Art. The Palace, built in a U-shape, the Council of State located in the right wing as one faces the building, was built between 1930 and 1937, on the site of a Grand Boyar's 19th Century town house and the residence of United Romania's first leader, Alexander Cuza. The modern palace served as a royal residence until 1944. It was here that the August 23, 1944 uprising occurred and where, in 1947, the end of the monarchy was officially proclaimed.

TRAIN ROUTE FROM BUCHAREST TO SINAIA - is a distance of about 127 kilometers which passes through gently sloping plains to the city of Ploiesti, Romania's leading oil refining center. The train will pass within sight of the largest oil refining complex in Europe. About 30 kilometers beyond Ploiesti, the train ascends into the Prahova Valley, one of the most picturesque in Romania.