



Cinemas

Bucuresti

B-dul Regina Elisabeta 26

Tel: 315 61 54

Seedy cinema playing scratchy blockbusters.

Cinemateca Romană

Str. Eforie 2

Tel: 313 04 83

10:00-21:00

Beautifully run-down establishment that has acquired a cult status amongst those wanting to see classics (we saw Lawrence of Arabia heavily edited and in b/w) or alternatives to Hollywood. Some films are dubbed live by an unhappy-sounding girl on a Fisher Price P.A. system. You can also email film suggestions to the National Film Archive, anf@ines.ro. Season membership 80,000 lei, half-price tickets (30,000 lei).

Corso

B-dul Regina Elisabeta 7

Tel: 315 13 34

In a more residential, but still central part of town, this little bijou cinema of 300 seats is cozy and recently refurbished to Western standards. Five shows per day. Air conditioning, Dolby, etc.

Cotroceni/Glendale Studio

Sos. Cotroceni 9

Tel: 212 64 41

12:00-20:00

For a more serious audience and arthouse (as well as mainstream) Glendale is a good bet for your money. Being out of the centre helps it keep its exclusive feel. Also has late screenings. Tickets 40,000 lei, 25,000 lei at 12:00.

Elvire Popesco

B-dul Dacia 77

Tel: 210 02 24

Website

The French Institute's cosy little cinema-cum-theatre showing French films, plays or concerts. Tickets 25,000 lei.

Europa

Calea Mosilor 127

Tel: 314 27 14

Pure European (with plenty of Romanian) cinema here. Perfect for serious film buffs. Tickets 30,000 lei, 20,000 lei on Wed.

Festival

B-dul Regina Elisabeta 32

Tel: 315 63 84

As musty and rat-infested as your grandparents' underwear collection. Tickets 30,000 lei, 20,000 lei on Thu.

Hollywood Multiplex

Calea Vitan 55-59

Tel: 327 70 30

The best complex of cinemas in the city, offering ten screens, good popcorn and comfortable seats. Found on the top floor of the Bucuresti Mall. Late screenings a bonus.

Lira De Luxe Cinema Centre

Calea 13 Septembrie 196

Tel: 410 21 71

Teeny-weeny but plush and modern place with screenings of mainstream films for smoochy couples. You can see up to 15 films a day at weekends and then have a smooch at the adjoining disco, if you hadn't already taken advantage of the back seats. Get there by bus N°226 from Piața Romană or N°385 from Izvor metro station. Tickets 25,000 lei; 15,000/20,000 lei before 17:00.

Patria

B-dul Magheru 12-14

Tel: 211 86 25

A modern, refurbished one screen cinema with 1,000 seats in the center of town, unlike the Hollywood Multiplex which is in a neighbourhood you do not want to be in! Western standards of luxury with vast marble halls, air conditioning etc. and everything you expect, - except the price which is an unbelievable 1.5 dollars. Go for it, the best bargain in town. 5 shows per day.

Scala

B-dul Magheru 2-4

Tel: 211 03 72

Thirty meters from cinema Patria and on the same street, it has similar bargain box office prices and shows top Western movies. Do not be put off by its shoddy exterior, it is marbled and Westernised inside. Five shows per day.

Studio

B-dul Magheru 29

Tel: 212 81 57

Slightly shabby but pleasant enough cinema near Piata Romană. Tickets 50,000 lei.