

ROMANIA'S BEST CITY: TÂRGOVISTE



HISTORY

- Capital of Wallachia
- From 1396 to 1714, Târgoviște served as the capital of Wallachia (Țara Românească).
- It became a political, military, and cultural center of the region.
- Vlad the Impaler
- One of the city's most famous rulers.
- Ruled Wallachia in the mid-15th century.
- Built or expanded the Princely Court .
- The Chindia Tower, Târgoviște's symbol, dates from his reign



CHURCHES

Why the churches in Târgoviște are important:

- **Show the city's role as a religious and cultural capital**
- **Closely linked to Wallachian rulers**
- **Among the best-preserved medieval religious buildings Romania**

Metropolitan Cathedral

- **Built: 1650s, during the reign of Matei Basarab**
- **Former seat of the Metropolitan Bishop of Wallachia**
- **Important Orthodox religious center**
- **Rich interior frescoes**



THE CENTRE

- **Practical information and atmosphere:**
- **Location:** The central area is centered around the Tricolor Square (where the National Center for Tourist Information and Promotion is also located) and extends towards the Royal Court.
- **Atmosphere:** It is an effervescent, often noisy area, preferred for going out and walking.
- **Restaurants:** There are a lot of restaurants in the old centre where you can eat delicious traditional food.
- **Visiting:** The area is ideal to be explored on foot, offering an insight into the 318-year history in which Târgoviște was the capital (1396-1714).



RIVERS

- The main rivers in the Târgoviște area:
- Ialomița River: It crosses the municipality of Târgoviște, representing the main source of surface water and influencing the local hydrography.
- Dâmbovița River: It flows near the city (approx. 8 km away), crossing the Târgoviște High Plain on its way to Argeș.
- Prâul Milioara: A smaller watercourse, historically linked to the city, whose course is today represented by the Târgoviște Citadel Moat and which feeds the lakes at Priseaca.



MUSEUMS

- National Museum Complex "Curtea Domnească"
- The most important museum complex in the city, includes:
- Curtea Domnească – former residence of the voivodes of Wallachia
- Chindia Tower – symbol of the city (can be climbed for a panoramic view)
- History Museum – exhibits from prehistory to the modern era
- Museum of Human Evolution
- Museum of Printing and Old Romanian Books
- Presenting the beginnings of printing in Wallachia
- Police Museum
- Romanian painting, sculpture and graphics
- Museum of Communism
- Works from the 19th–20th centuries



ZOO

What you can see

- **Mammals, birds, and reptiles from Europe, Asia, Africa, and America**
- **Shaded walking paths and green areas inside the park**

Opening hours

- **Typically Tuesday–Sunday**
- **Closed on Mondays**
- **Hours vary by season (generally 09:00–16:00 in colder months, longer in summer)**

Why visit

It is a medium-sized municipal zoo, well suited for families and for combining with a walk through Chindia Park and the nearby historic monuments.



PARKS

Features & Activities

- Broad landscaped areas with mature trees, lawns, and walking paths.
- A recreational lake where you can enjoy paddle boats or water bikes.
- Alea Voievozilor, an avenue featuring busts of 33 historical rulers.
- Bike paths and spaces for walking or cycling with family and friends.
- Children's play areas and places to rest or picnic.
- Regular cultural events, markets and traditional fairs.

Access

- The park is typically open and free to visit throughout the day and evening.
- Recent works have added additional entrances and parking areas to make access easier.





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