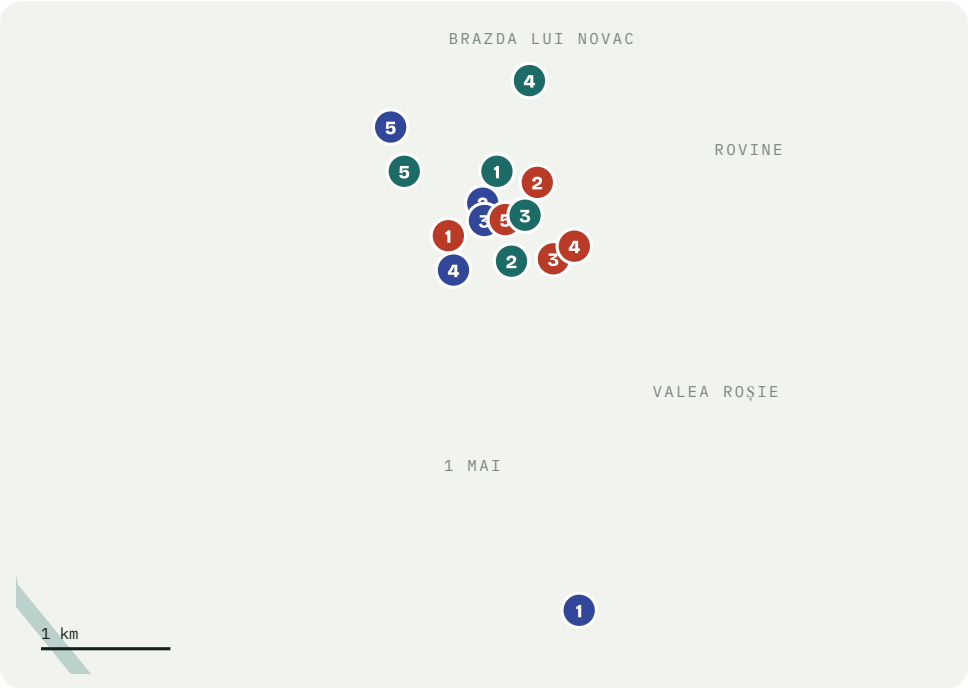
Craiova

The seat of Dolj County and the largest city of Oltenia, with Nicolae Romanescu Park, the Jean Mihail Palace and the Christmas market in the centre, open from 13 November 2026 to 3 January 2027.



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Sketch, not exactly to scale.

How to use this guide

For each category we picked five places, in the order we would recommend them. Map numbers match the list. On dolj.info you'll find the interactive map, Google Maps links and the always up-to-date version.

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What to see in Craiova



1 Parcul Nicolae Romanescu

HISTORIC PARK · SUDUL ORAȘULUI, LA CIRCA 3 KM DE CENTRU

It is Craiova's best-known sight and one of the largest historic parks in Romania; it has 4.7 on Google from more than 19,000 reviews.

A romantic park of about 96 hectares, designed by the French architect Édouard Redont and opened in 1903, with a lake, a suspension bridge and a small castle.

Bulevardul Nicolae Romanescu 1A, Craiova · hours not confirmed



2 Muzeul de Artă – Palatul Jean Mihail

ART MUSEUM IN A PALACE · CENTRU, PE CALEA UNIRII, LA CIRCA 150 M DE PIAȚA MIHAI VITEAZUL

You can see early sculptures by Brâncuși and the interiors of an 1900s palace; it has 4.7 on Google from almost 2,000 reviews.

A palace built between 1900 and 1907 for Constantin Mihail to plans by the French architect Paul Gottereau; since 1954 it has housed the Art Museum, with a room devoted to Constantin Brâncuși.

Calea Unirii 15, Craiova · Tel. +40 251 412 342 · Hours: Mo Closed · Tu 10–17 · We 10–17 · Th 10–17 · Fr 10–17 · Sa 10–17 · Su 10–17



3 Piața Mihai Viteazul și centrul vechi

HISTORIC CENTRE AND CHRISTMAS MARKET · CENTRU

It is the heart of the city, and its Christmas market won the 2025 European Best Destinations vote for the best Christmas market in Europe.

Craiova's central square and the pedestrian streets around it, with Strada Lipscani to the south; the Christmas market is held here every winter.

Piața Mihai Viteazul, Craiova · Tel. +40 251 416 235 · hours not confirmed



4 Casa Băniei și Catedrala Sfântul Dumitru

ETHNOGRAPHIC MUSEUM AND CATHEDRAL · CENTRUL VECHI, LA CIRCA 550 M SUD DE PIAȚA MIHAI VITEAZUL

In one place you see the oldest house in town and the cathedral of Oltenia; the museum has 4.7 on Google from almost 470 reviews.

The oldest civil building in Craiova, given its present form by Constantin Brâncoveanu in 1699, home to the Ethnography Section of the Oltenia Museum; next to it is the Metropolitan Cathedral of St Demetrius.

Strada Matei Basarab 16, Craiova · Tel. +40 251 417 756 · Hours: Mo Closed · Tu 9–17 · We 9–17 · Th 9–17 · Fr 9–17 · Sa 9–17 · Su 9–17



5 Grădina Botanică „Alexandru Buia”

BOTANICAL GARDEN · VESTUL CENTRULUI, LA CIRCA 1 KM DE PIAȚA MIHAI VITEAZUL

It is the largest green space near the centre, with lakes, landscaped hills and plant collections; it has 4.7 on Google from almost 8,900 reviews.

The University of Craiova's botanical garden, about 12.8 ha, founded in 1952 by Professor Alexandru Buia on the site of the former 'Fântâna Jianu' park.

Strada Constantin Lecca 26, Craiova · Tel. +40 251 413 820 · hours not confirmed

Where to eat in Craiova

1 Casa Ghincea

OLTENIAN RESTAURANT · CENTRUL VECHI, PE STRADA MADONA DUDU, LA CIRCA 300 M DE PIAȚA MIHAI VITEAZUL

It is the most reviewed traditional restaurant in town: 4.4 on Google from more than 2,600 reviews.

A restaurant serving Oltenian food in the old centre, with two large dining rooms and a wine cellar in the basement.

Strada Madona Dudu 31, Craiova · Tel. +40 769 920 410 · Hours: Mo 10–24 · Tu 10–24 · We 10–24 · Th 10–24 · Fr 10–24 · Sa 11–24 · Su 10–24

2 SteSo Restaurant

MEDITERRANEAN RESTAURANT · CENTRU, PE STRADA GHEORGHE BARIȚIU, LA CIRCA 450 M DE MUZEUL DE ARTĂ

It scores 4.9 on Google from more than 1,000 reviews, the highest score among the town's restaurants with that many reviews.

A Mediterranean restaurant with open-fire dishes, seafood, pasta and pizza.

Strada Gheorghe Barițiu 1, Craiova · Tel. +40 726 328 927 · Hours: Mo 9–24 · Tu 9–24 · We 9–24 · Th 9–24 · Fr 9–1 · Sa 9–1 · Su 9:30–24

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PUB AND RESTAURANT · LÂNGĂ CENTRUL VECHI, PE STRADA EUGENIU CARADA

It scores 4.6 on Google from more than 1,800 reviews and is open from morning until after midnight.

A pub, restaurant and café a short walk from the old centre, with a covered rooftop terrace.

Strada Eugeniu Carada 12, Craiova · Tel. +40 775 342 099 · Hours: Mo 9–24 · Tu 9–24 · We 9–24 · Th 9–24 · Fr 9–1 · Sa 10–1 · Su 10–24

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4 Padella1895

STEAKHOUSE AND FRESH PASTA · CENTRU, PE STRADA ALEXANDRU MACEDONSKI

It scores 4.5 on Google from almost 900 reviews, with good ratings in autumn 2026 too, and it brings fresh pasta to the list.

A restaurant with steaks and pasta made in-house every day, plus wine and cocktails.

Strada Alexandru Macedonski 1, Craiova · Tel. +40 771 720 694 · Hours: Mo 10–24 · Tu 10–24 · We 10–24 · Th 10–24 · Fr 10–1 · Sa 10–1 · Su 10–24

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5 Bad Habits Specialty Coffee Shop

SPECIALTY COFFEE SHOP · CENTRU, ÎN CASA ALBĂ, LÂNGĂ ENGLISH PARK

It scores 4.8 on Google from more than 300 reviews and sits right next to the Christmas market area and Strada Lipscani.

A specialty coffee shop on the ground floor of the White House (Casa Albă), Craiova's first block of flats, built in 1926 next to English Park.

Strada Theodor Aman 1, Craiova · Hours: Mo 9–18 · Tu 9–18 · We 9–18 · Th 9–18 · Fr 9–18 · Sa 10–18 · Su 10–18

Where to stay in Craiova

1 Ramada Plaza by Wyndham Craiova

FOUR-STAR HOTEL WITH SPA · CENTRU, LA CIRCA 400 M DE PIAȚA MIHAI VITEAZUL

It is the most reviewed hotel in Craiova: 9.2 on Booking from more than 2,000 reviews and 4.6 on Google from more than 2,600.

A large Wyndham chain hotel on Calea București in the centre, with a spa, an indoor pool and the Ellipse restaurant.

Calea București 1, Craiova · Tel. +40 351 100 200

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2 Hotel 5 Continents

BOUTIQUE HOTEL · CENTRUL VECHI, LA CIRCA 200 M DE STRADA LIPSCANI

It scores 9.5 on Booking from about 940 reviews and 4.7 on Google from more than 500.

A four-star boutique hotel on Strada Mitropolit Firmilian, at the edge of the old centre, with a restaurant, a bar and a garden.

Strada Mitropolit Firmilian 1, Craiova · Tel. +40 771 118 547

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3 Hotel Splendid 1900

HOTEL IN AN 1900 BUILDING · CENTRU, LA CIRCA 300 M DE PIAȚA MIHAI VITEAZUL

You stay in a restored old building right next to the Christmas market area; it scores 8.9 on Booking from more than 500 reviews, with 9.6 for location.

A four-star hotel with 24 rooms in a restored 1900 building on Strada Alexandru Ioan Cuza, in the centre.

Strada Alexandru Ioan Cuza 4C, Craiova · Tel. +40 351 419 419

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4 The Arlington Boutique Hotel

BOUTIQUE HOTEL · NORDUL CENTRULUI, PE STRADA BRAZDA LUI NOVAC, LA CIRCA 1 KM DE PIAȚA MIHAI VITEAZUL

It scores 4.8 on Google from almost 400 reviews and 9.3 on Booking from more than 530.

A four-star hotel with 16 rooms and suites, about a 10–15-minute walk from the centre.

Strada Brazda lui Novac 79E, Craiova · Tel. +40 733 466 806

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5 Hotel Golden House

HOTEL WITH RESTAURANT · VESTUL CENTRULUI, LA CIRCA 350 M DE GRĂDINA BOTANICĂ

It scores 9.2 on Booking from more than 900 reviews and 4.6 on Google from more than 750.

A four-star hotel on Strada Brestei with an à la carte restaurant, a bar and a terrace.

Strada Brestei 18, Craiova · Tel. +40 728 616 131

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