



The Anti-Communist Revolution Trail

OR

The Story of Spiritual Warfare over Power cuts, Hunger and Cold

So, coming back to more recent local history, let's you and I and international media brainstorm: late December 1989, Timișoara, Ceausescu, a draconian austerity programme, dreams of freedom and oranges and olives (not only at Christmas time), no God; bankruptcy of communism; uprising, "youth revolution", bloodbath, missing persons case and yes, victory! And then, two executions carried out on

Christmas day. "Outrageous". And more than 20 years later, the bullet marks still line the buildings in Freedom Square, but residents have moved on. There's a fountain, fast food restaurants, and people walk and worship without fear ("God exists!"). What remains is a tragic memory, 12 monuments pinpointing the hotspots on the revolution map of Timișoara and, hopefully, the gratitude of the people now set out on a quest throughout the world trying to make up for more than 50 years of communism-stifled desires.

For a more personal touch, one of the men who lived to tell the story of his wounds inflicted on the raging streets of Timișoara, back in 1989, can share it

with you while strolling down the corridors of the Revolution Memorial. The museum is a gathering of memorabilia of painful, yet never to be forgotten times in Timișoara's history. The Museum also plays a short documentary of the happenings originated here and concluded with the death of the communist leader and spouse.

For a more lively touch and a taste of day to day communist life in Romania, I suggest a later visit to the Museum of the Communist Consumer, followed by the typical communist snacks and sweets.

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