



### US State Department Travel Advisory

The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens exercise increased caution while traveling to Moldova due to unresolved conflict between the breakaway region of Transnistria and the central government. Consult its website via the link below for updates to travel advisories and statements on safety, security, local laws, and special circumstances in this country.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html>

### Passport/Visa Requirements

US citizens should make sure their passport will not expire for at least 6 months after they enter the country even if they do not intend to stay that long. They should also make sure they have at least 1 blank page in their passport for any entry stamp that will be required. A visa is not required as long as the stay is less than 90 days, within a six-month period.

### US Embassy/Consulate

+(373)(22) 40-83-00; US Embassy Chisinau, 103 Mateevici Street, Chisinau MD-2009, Republic of Moldova; ChisinauACS@state.gov; <https://md.usembassy.gov/>

### LGBTQ+ Travelers

When venturing abroad, LGBTQ+ travelers can face unique challenges since laws, attitudes, and legal protections vary from country to country. Consult the website via the link below to learn what precautions to take before and during your trip.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/travelers-with-special-considerations/lgbtqi.html>

### Telephone Code

373

### Local Emergency Phone

Ambulance: 903; Fire: 901; Police: 902

### Vaccinations

See WHO recommendations. <http://www.who.int/>

### Climate

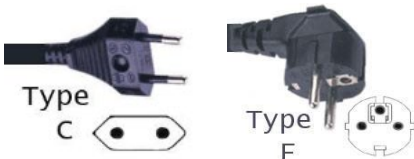
Moderate winters, warm summers

### Currency (Code)

Moldovan lei (MDL)

### Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

230 V / 50 Hz / plug types(s): C, F



### Major Languages

Moldovan/Romanian, Russian, Gagauz, Ukrainian, Bulgarian

### Major Religions

Orthodox 90.1%, other Christian 2.6%

### Time Difference

UTC+2 (7 hours ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time); daylight saving time: +1hr, begins last Sunday in March; ends last Sunday in October

### Potable Water

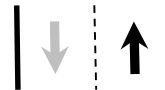
Opt for bottled water

### International Driving Permit

Suggested

### Road Driving Side

Right



### Tourist Destinations

Orheiul Vechi complex; Saharna Monastery; Milestii Mici Wine Cellar; Chisinau; Republic of Transnistria & Tiraspol

### Major Sports

Soccer, rugby, basketball, cycling

### Cultural Practices

Moldovans are for the most part polite and friendly, and tend to go out of their way to accommodate foreigners. In the more rural areas, there is a social stigma attached to women smokers.

### Tipping Guidelines

A service charge is often included in restaurant bills, but a further 5-10% is expected. Tips are not customary for taxis, but are appreciated.

### Souvenirs

Woodworking crafts, straw- and wool-knitted items, ceramics, traditional costumes, handmade carpets, wine/brandy

### Traditional Cuisine

Mămăligă cu brânză și smântână – Polenta with Cheese and Sour Cream.

