

Travel Facts



US State Department Travel Advisory

The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens exercise normal precautions in Romania. 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.

US Embassy/Consulate

+(40) (21) 200-3300 and/or +(40) (21) 270-6000; US Embassy Bucharest, 4-6, Dr. Liviu Librescu Blvd., District 1, Bucharest, 015118 Romania; ACSBucharest@state.gov; <https://ro.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

40

Local Emergency Phone

112

Vaccinations

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

Climate

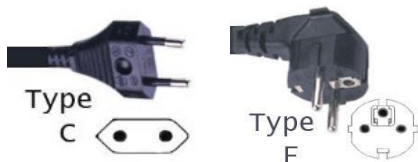
Temperate; cold, cloudy winters with frequent snow and fog; sunny summers with frequent showers and thunderstorms

Currency (Code)

Lei (RON)

Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

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



Major Languages

Romanian, Hungarian, Romani

Major Religions

Eastern Orthodox 81.9%, Protestant 6.4%, Roman Catholic 4.3%, other (includes Muslim) 0.9%

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

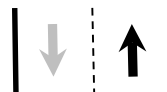
Yes, but many opt for bottled water

International Driving Permit

Suggested

Road Driving Side

Right



Tourist Destinations

Bran Castle; Sighisoara Historic Center; Palace of Parliament; Peles Castle; Merry Cemetery; Sibiu; Biertan Fortified Church; Dacian Fortresses; National Museum of Romanian History; Iron Gates in the Danube River

Major Sports

Soccer, gymnastics, handball, basketball, rugby

Cultural Practices

Wait for the host or hostess to say "pofta buna" (good appetite) before you begin eating.

Tipping Guidelines

Tipping 5-10% of the total bill for restaurant staff is appropriate. Hotel housekeeping should be tipped a bit per day or at the end of a longer stay. A porter expects \$1 (USD) per bag to carry luggage to a room.

Souvenirs

Embroidered items, hand-painted icons and eggs, carved wooden spoons, woven carpets

Traditional Cuisine

Sarmale (cabbage rolls) — minced pork and/or poultry mixed with spices, rice, and onions, then rolled up in cabbage leaves and boiled in a sauce made of sauerkraut juice, tomato juice, and other ingredients; typically served with mamaliga (a corn flour mush) and sour cream

