



Travelling in Romania

General Info

Population: 21.7m

Area: 238,391 sq. km

Currency: Leu (100 bani) - RON

Top 10 popular attractions: Voronet Monastery
The Merry Cemetery Sapanta
Brasov
Transfagarasan
Sibiu
Peles Castle
Bran Castle
Timisoara
Sighisoara
The Danube Delta

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Essentials

Driving license:

Visitors riding or driving in Romania must have reached the minimum ages laid down for residents of Romania even if they are qualified to drive at a lower age in their country of residence.

A full, valid driving license of the European Communities model is accepted.

International driving permits (1949 or 1968) are recognised but not compulsory.

Important documents:

When driving in Romania the following documents should be carried:

- Full, valid driving license* (with paper counterpart)
- Proof of insurance/green card (third party or above)
- Proof of ID (Passport)
- Proof of ownership (V5C Certificate)

While driving in Romania you are required by law to carry the following items. Hefty on-the-spot fines can be issued for failing to carry specific items:

- Warning triangle: Compulsory for all vehicles with more than two wheels.
- Headlamp beam deflectors: Depending on your car, you will either need deflector stickers or have to adjust the beam manually.
- Fire extinguisher/First aid kit: Compulsory on board private vehicles.
- Lights: Passing lights must be used outside built-up areas, day and night.
- Reflective jacket: Any person who gets out of the car to walk on the road must wear a jacket, day or night
- Motorcyclists: It is compulsory for drivers and passengers of motorcycles over 50 cc to wear a safety helmet

Rules of the road & regulations

Rules of the road:

- **Overtaking & passing**

Drive on the right, over take on the left.

Trams are overtaken on the right. Moving trams may be overtaken on the left in a one way street or if there is not enough room to overtake on the right.

- **Priority**

In general, regulations concerning priority at intersections conform to the provisions of the 1949 Traffic Convention.

In built-up areas and at roundabouts, priority must be given to vehicles coming from the right. Roundabouts are an exception to the rule. Vehicles already in the roundabout have priority over vehicles entering the roundabout, unless otherwise indicated.

Priority must always be given to ambulances, fire engines, trams and marching columns.

- **Warning of approach**

The use of the horn is prohibited in towns between 22:00 and 06:00. At night, warning must be given by the use of lights.

In Bucharest and other towns, the use of the horn is prohibited and signs to this effect ("Claxonarea interzisa") warn motorists of this regulation.

Towing:

Caravans, camper vans and trailers may be temporarily imported without special formalities for up to 90 days.

Maximum dimensions:

Height: 4m

Width: 2.55m

Length:

Vehicle without trailer: 12m

Trailer: 12m

Car & trailer: 8.75m

Seat belts:

The wearing of seat belts is compulsory in the front and back seats.

Travelling with children:

Children under 12yrs of age are not allowed to travel on the front seats of cars.

Speed limits:

	In built-up areas	Outside built-up areas	Dual carriageway	Motorway
motorcycle, car, minibus with up to 9 seats (incl. driver seat)	50 km/h	90 km/h	100 km/h	130 km/h
lorry, coach, bus with more than 9 seats	50 km/h	80 km/h	90 km/h	110 km/h

The speed limit outside built-up areas for a vehicle towing a trailer is 10km/h below the speed limit allowed for the vehicles not towing.

The speed limit for vehicles transporting dangerous goods is 40km/h inside built-up areas and 70km/h outside built-up areas.

Penalties

- **On-the-spot fines**

The police have the right to impose fines on the spot for violations of traffic regulations. They can also collect fines.

Foreign motorists may have the driving licenses suspended by the Romanian police. Confiscated driving licenses can be returned before he/she leaves the country (proof of departure, must be provided).

- **Confiscation of vehicle**

The Romanian Traffic Code refers to "immobilisation" of the vehicle following a serious offence.

Parking

- **Parking regulations**

Drivers must stop or park their vehicles on the right hand side of the road or street in the direction of traffic and as near as possible to the pavement or to the edge of the road.

"Stopping" means that a vehicle remains stationary for less than five minutes; remaining stationary for more than five minutes is considered as parking.

- **Enforcement of parking regulations**

A vehicle which is parked illegally may be clamped and removed. A fine is imposed in all cases.

- **Disabled parking access**

Parking spaces reserved for disabled motorists are indicated by the international sign of the wheelchair.

Traffic lights:

- **Traffic lights**

The international 3-colour traffic light system is used.

At intersections where both traffic lights and a policeman control the traffic, drivers should obey the signals given by the policeman, even if they are contrary to those shown by the lights.

Drink/drug driving

- **Legal limit**

It is an offence to drive on the public highway with any alcohol in the blood. If a motorist is caught driving with excess alcohol in the blood, his driving license is suspended for a maximum period of 90 days. This period can be reduced to 30 days if the driver takes driving lessons for at least 7 days, passes a test and obtains an authorisation.

- **Alcohol**

The police can stop a motorist at random to carry out an alcohol test.

Availability of fuel

Petrol stations are usually open from 06:00 to 21:00. On tourist routes, main distributors remain open 24 hours a day.

- **Price of fuel
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Unleaded petrol (95 octane)	6.21 RON per litre
Unleaded petrol (98 octane)	6.68 RON per litre
Diesel	6.25 RON per litre
LPG	3.08 RON per litre

- **Means of payment**

It is recommended to pay cash as a precaution against the risk of fraud when using credit cards.

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