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Current DFAT Travel Advice

This advice is current for Mon, 5th November 2018.

Exercise normal safety precautions in Romania. Use common sense and look out for suspicious behaviour, as you would in Australia. Drink spiking occurs, particularly in Centrul Vechi (the old town in Bucharest). Never leave food or drink unattended. Don't accept food, beverages, gum or cigarettes from strangers or new acquaintances. See [Safety and security](#). Terrorism is a threat throughout Europe. Terrorist attacks have occurred in a number of European cities. See [Safety and security](#).

Check with your travel insurer to ensure activities, such as car hire, quad bikes, motorcycles, jet skis or "adventure sports" are covered by your policy. Seek advice on any restrictions that may apply (such as if you are not licensed for those vehicles in Australia). See [Safety and security](#).

The above information is an edited excerpt of the Travel Advice Summary from The Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. Travellers are encouraged to read the travel advice in full, subscribe to updates to this advice and to register their presence in Romania at www.smartraveller.gov.au.

Vaccinations and Health Precautions

The following information is intended as a guide only and in no way should it be used as a substitute for professional medical advice relative to a traveller's individual needs and vaccination history. No guarantee is made as to its accuracy or thoroughness. For further information, please contact The Travel Doctor on 1300 658 844.

Vaccination against Hepatitis A is recommended for travellers to Romania. Frequent or long stay travellers should consider vaccination against Hepatitis B, Rabies (particularly if working with animals) and Typhoid (particularly when travelling to areas with poor sanitation and hygiene). Tick-borne encephalitis is present throughout many areas in Europe, predominately in forested regions. Whilst no vaccine is available in Australia, travellers visiting risk areas and planning outdoor activities during summer might consider vaccination once in Europe. Regardless of destination, all travellers should be up-to-date with their routine "background" vaccinations, including a recent annual Influenza vaccination.

Please consult a medical practitioner or contact The Travel Doctor for your specific risk to these preventable diseases and the appropriate avoidance measures. Australians travelling to Romania should ensure that they have adequate travel insurance to cover the length of their stay. Medications that are legal in Australia may be illegal in other countries. For further information on insurance, taking medication overseas and other issues please visit www.smartraveller.gov.au/tips.

Romanian Representation in Australia

Embassy of Romania, Canberra

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O'MALLEY ACT 2606

Tel: (02) 6290 2442
Fax: (02) 6286 2433

Web: <http://canberra.mae.ro>

Consulate General of Romania, Sydney

4/83 York Street
SYDNEY, NSW 2000

Tel: (02) 9299 3764
Fax: (02) 9279 3415

Web: <http://sydney.mae.ro/>

Honorary Consulate of Romania, Melbourne

35 Swift Way
DANDENONG SOUTH, VIC 3175

Tel: (03) 9768 2447
Fax: (03) 9768 2448



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Time Differences between Romania and Australia

Romania is Greenwich Mean Time +2 hours (+3 during daylight saving). The applicable time zone is Eastern European Time (EET) or Eastern European Summer Time (EEST). Daylight saving is observed from the last Sunday in March to the last Sunday in October.

Romania, 12 noon, Winter (Dec) = Perth 6pm; Darwin 7:30pm; Brisbane 8pm; Adelaide 8:30pm; Hobart, Melbourne, Sydney 9pm.
Romania, 12 noon, Summer (Jun) = Perth 5pm; Darwin, Adelaide 6:30pm; Brisbane, Hobart, Melbourne, Sydney 7pm.

Important Contact Numbers

Country Code for Romania: +40

To Dial Australia Call:
00 61 <City> <Number>

Travelex Card Services:
Call the US on +1 954 838 8294

Visa Global Assist:
Call the US on +1 303 967 1090

MasterCard:
Call the US on +1 636 722 7111

(Travellers can call Visa and MasterCard reverse charges by contacting the International Operator)

International Operator: 971

American Express Travellers Cheques:
08008 9 4407

Emergency Services: 112

In addition to Romanian, calls to the Emergency services can also be answered in English.

Important Information to be Recorded

Travellers are encouraged to carry photocopies of all important documents separately to their originals, and to leave a set of these photocopies with someone in Australia. This includes those documents listed below.

Passports

Name: _____ Passport #: _ _ _ _ _

Name: _____ Passport #: _ _ _ _ _

Credit Cards

Name: _____ Institution: _____

Card Number: _ _ _ _ _

Name: _____ Institution: _____

Card Number: _ _ _ _ _

Travel Insurance

Name: _____ Institution: _____

Policy #: _____ Emergency #: _____

Name: _____ Institution: _____

Policy #: _____ Emergency #: _____

Australian Representation in Romania

Australian Embassy, Greece
Level 6, Thon Building
Cnr Kifisias and Alexandras Ave
Ambelokipi
ATHENS 115 23

Tel: (+30 210) 870 4000
Fax: (+30 210) 870 4055

Web: www.greece.embassy.gov.au

Australian Honorary Consulate,
Romania
The Group, 3 Praga St, District 1
BUCHAREST 011801

Tel: +4 037 406 0845
Fax: +4 031 107 1378

The Honorary Consulate in Bucharest provides limited services. The Australian Embassy in Athens, Greece is accredited to this country and can provide full consular assistance to Australians in Romania.

Alternatively, Australians may obtain assistance by contacting the 24 hour Consular Emergency Centre in Australia on (+61) 2 6261 3305. Australians in Romania are encouraged to register their presence and contact details with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade at www.orao.dfat.gov.au.



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Duty Free Allowances

Duty Free limits when entering Romania from a non EU state:

Alcohol: 1 L spirits (>22% alc vol) or 2 L other beverages; as well as 4 L of still wine and 16 L of beer.

Tobacco: 40 cigarettes or 10 cigars or 50 g of tobacco.

Other Goods: Up to a value of €430 for air and sea travellers, €300 for others and €150 for those under 15 years.

Duty Free limits when entering Australia:

Alcohol: 2.25 L.

Tobacco: 25 cigarettes plus one open packet of cigarettes.

Other Goods: Up to a value of \$900 (\$450 if under 18 years).

Minors may not claim alcohol or tobacco products. Further restrictions apply when entering Romania and Australia. Travellers are encouraged to familiarise themselves with these restrictions before entering either country. For information on European Customs regulations please visit www.ec.europa.eu/taxation_customs/individuals, or for information regarding Australian customs regulations please visit www.homeaffairs.gov.au.

Electrical and Telephone Adaptors

Electrical Socket type: European

Voltage: 220-240 volts (same as Australia)

Modem Type: USA (same as Australia)

Special Tip: Romania also uses the Russian/Polish telephone adaptor system.



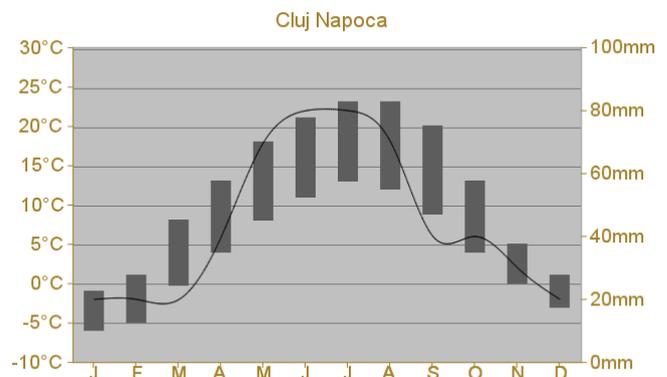
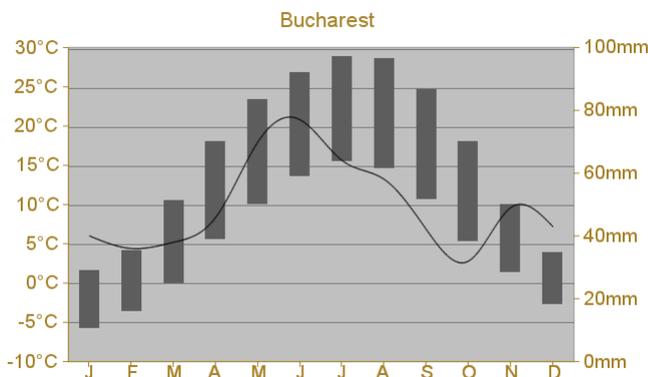
Source: Korjo Travel Products.

To purchase electrical/modem adaptors, or for further information on this matter, please view the Korjo adaptor guide at www.korjo.com.au.

Romanian Public Holidays 2018

01-02 Jan: New Year	28 May: Whit Monday
24 Jan: Unification Day	01 Jun: Children's Day
08 Apr: Easter (Orth)	15 Aug: Assumption
09 Apr: Easter Monday	30 Nov: St Andrew's Day
01 May: Labour Day	01 Dec: National Day
27 May: Rusaliile (Pentecost)	25-26 Dec: Christmas

Average Temperature (Bar) and Precipitation (Line) in Romania



Source: National Institute of Meteorology and Hydrology, Romania. For 5 day local forecasts please go to www.bbc.co.uk/weather.

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Interbank Rate

1 Australian Dollar (AUD) = 2.94 Romanian Lei
 1 Romanian Leu (RON) = 0.34 Australian Dollars

With 4% Margin

1 Australian Dollar (AUD) will buy 2.82 Romanian Lei
 1 Romanian Leu (RON) will cost 0.35 Australian Dollars

All rates were correct at a point in time on Monday, 05 Nov 2018. The "Interbank Rate" does not take into account any exchange fees, while the "With 4% Margin" adds 4% to the exchange rate to simulate a typical margin that would be paid when exchanging currencies. These rates have been rounded and should not be used when calculating transactions of large value.

Currency Cheat Sheet

5 lei = \$1.77 AUD		This cheat sheet uses the "With 4% Margin" rate of exchange listed above.		1,000 lei = \$354.10 AUD	
10 lei = \$3.54 AUD	100 lei = \$35.41 AUD	2,000 lei = \$708.20 AUD	3,000 lei = \$1,062.30 AUD	4,000 lei = \$1,416.41 AUD	5,000 lei = \$1,770.51 AUD
20 lei = \$7.08 AUD	200 lei = \$70.82 AUD	6,000 lei = \$2,124.61 AUD	7,000 lei = \$2,478.71 AUD	8,000 lei = \$2,832.81 AUD	9,000 lei = \$3,186.91 AUD
30 lei = \$10.62 AUD	300 lei = \$106.23 AUD	10,000 lei = \$3,541.01 AUD			
40 lei = \$14.16 AUD	400 lei = \$141.64 AUD				
50 lei = \$17.71 AUD	500 lei = \$177.05 AUD				
60 lei = \$21.25 AUD	600 lei = \$212.46 AUD				
70 lei = \$24.79 AUD	700 lei = \$247.87 AUD				
80 lei = \$28.33 AUD	800 lei = \$283.28 AUD				
90 lei = \$31.87 AUD	900 lei = \$318.69 AUD				

Banknotes of Romania

The legal currency of Romania is the Leu (plural Lei, meaning Lion), which has the currency code "RON". The subunit of the leu is called the ban (plural bani). The following units of currency are the most common in Romania however other versions and denominations are also in circulation. Pictures are not to scale. As it is illegal in many countries to print copies of bank notes, travellers are advised to remove the below images prior to travelling. Romania is aiming to join the euro area in approximately 2020.





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About Romania

Independence:	9 May 1877 (from the Turkish Ottoman Empire).	Significant Dates:	
Size:	238,391sq km (similar to the size of Victoria).	700BC	- Greeks settle in the area of present day Romania.
Population:	22 million (95% the size of Australia). Bucharest (capital) 1.9 million; Cluj-Napoca 309,000; Timisoara 303,000; Iasi 263,000.	106-274AD	- Dacia (Romania) is a Roman province.
Ethnicity:	Romanian 90%, Hungarian 7%, Roma 2.5%.	300's	- Christianity spreads throughout Dacia.
Language:	Romanian 91%, Hungarian 7%, Romany (Gypsy) 1.1%.	376-1877	- Various groups including Ottoman Turks, Austrians, Hungarians & Russians invade and rule Romania.
Religion	Eastern Orthodox 87%, Protestant 7.5%, Roman Catholic 5%.	1200's	- The principalities of Wallachia, Moldavia, and Transylvania are established.
GDP Per Capita:	US\$12,800 (Australia US\$40,800).	1456-62	- Rule of terror by Prince Vlad III Dracul of Wallachia.
		1877	- Independence from the Ottoman Empire declared.
		1941	- Romania joins Germany to attack the USSR.
		1945	- Communist government installed by the USSR.
		1965-1989	- Ceausescu rules Romania, he is later executed.
		1990	- First free Parliamentary elections are held.

