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INTRODUCTION



**We are pleased that you have decided to study at
“Constantin Brâncuși” University of Târgu-Jiu
and we are looking forward to welcoming you in our city!**

In this booklet you can find some practical advices to help you with preparation for your arrival in Romania and for living and studying in Targu-Jiu. We hope this information will be useful for you and will make your stay in Targu-Jiu as simple and enjoyable as possible.

WELCOME TO ROMANIA



General information

Official Name: România

Capital: Bucharest (București - pronunciation: boo koo re sh tea)

Climate: Temperate, four distinct seasons

Area: 238 391 sq. km

Population: 19,659,267 (July 2022)

Currency: Leu (plural Lei - pronunciation „lay” - abbreviations: Lei or RON)

Official language: Romanian

Government type: Semi-presidential Democracy

State anthem: “Deșteaptă-te Române!” – “Awaken, Romanian!”

National day: December 1st

Religion: Eastern Orthodox 87%, Protestant (mostly Calvinist, Unitarian and Lutheran) 6.8%, Catholic 5.6%, other (mostly Muslim) 0.4%, unaffiliated 0.2%

Electricity 220-240V/50-60Hz (European plug)

Calling Code +40

Internet TLD .ro

Time Zone UTC +2

Romania is a member state of the European Union (EU) and North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)

Romania is located at the crossroads of Central and Southeastern Europe, north of the Balkan Peninsula, on the Lower Danube, within and outside the Carpathian arch, bordering on the Black Sea. Romania shares a border with Hungary and Serbia to the west, Ukraine and the Moldova to the northeast and Bulgaria to the south.

Here we are!!!



At **238,391 square kilometers**, Romania is the ninth largest country of the European Union by area and it has the seventh largest population of the European Union with 21.5 million people.

Its capital and largest city is **Bucharest**, the sixth largest city in the EU with about two million people.

Ethnic Composition:

- 89.5% Romanians
- 2.5% Roma
- 6.6% Hungarians
- 2% others



Climate

Spring is pleasant with cool mornings and nights and warm days.

Summers are generally very warm to hot, with summer (June to August) average maximum temperatures in Bucharest being around 28°C (82 °F), with temperatures over 35 °C (95 °F) fairly common in the lower-lying areas of the country.

Winters can be cold, with average maxima even in lower-lying areas being no more than 2 °C (36 °F) and below -15 °C (5.0 °F) in the highest mountains.

A BRIEF HISTORY

ROMANIA was one of the least visited countries in Europe, till 15 years ago. Closed for more than 40 years behind the “Iron Curtain” and almost isolated from the rest of the world by a tough communist regime until 1989, Romania is a land of many genuine treasures that are waiting to be discovered.

Traces of human life in Romania can be traced as far back as 2,000 years BC (the Lower Palaeolithic Era).

In the Ancient years the land was inhabited by Thracian tribes from Greece who established the state of Dacia. The Dacians suffered many conquests made by the Romans eventually becoming under their rule. The area and its people were then subject to a complete Romanization, enforcing the Latin language onto the people. This was the beginning of the formation of the Romanian culture.

Due to its location the country has had to encounter many invasions from its neighbouring nations migrating through the area. Through these battles and invasions many brave heroes arisen defending their lands. Notable is Vlad The Impeller's (The legendary **Dracula**) rein in Transylvania and Walachia against the Ottoman Turks and the Hungarians, and Stephen the Great in Northern Romania.

As the centuries past, the country had to deal with the communist rule of Nicolae Ceausescu. Under his rule the people



were forced to live a rather low standard of life. Despite this, a revolt arised in 1989 in Timisoara soon spreading all over the country. The dictatorship was overthrown and democracy political system was re-established. This victory by the people allowed Romania's economy to return the European market and rejuvenate their cultural status.

Today Romania is part of important international organizations like NATO (2004) and the European Union (2007).

Culture and traditions

The Romanian culture is very rich in tradition and folklore. The culture steams from the Dacians, who once occupied the area in the past, among other influences are the Romans. Festivals feature brightly ornamented costumes with traditional dancing. Wood carvings, skilfully woven carpets, and pottery are some of the elements of traditional Romanian culture. Special folk arts of Romania are the decorated Easter eggs and painted glass. These items can be found in many markets and vendors near tourist attractions throughout the country.



Here are a few examples of traditions:

- On ***the first of March***, Romanians celebrate the coming of Spring and this very dear celebration is called ***Mărțișor*** when small

amulets are given by men to women to be worn over the first spring days.



- The **Romanian Easter**. 85% of the Romanian population is orthodox, and Easter is a significant celebration. Romanians paint eggs to decorate the table or to offer.
- On **the first of May**, which is the **Labour Day** and a day off, people usually go to the seaside or to a picnic in the park with friends or family.
- **1st of December** is the **National Day**, which celebrates the union of the provinces in 1918. Commemoration ceremonies are followed by military marches. Then various events happen all day long, such as concerts, outdoor shows, etc.
- **Ignatul**. At the end of the year, around the 20th December, a pig is sacrificed in a traditional way for the coming winter celebrations. Everybody helps, from family to neighbors. This tradition remains in the villages and small towns.



During the Christmas period, Christmas carols, called Colinde are sung everywhere by young and old, both in the cities and in the country side. They sing from door to door and receive small gifts, such as nuts, dried fruits, cakes, cookies, hot wine etc.



PUBLIC HOLIDAYS IN ROMANIA

When you travel to Romania, be aware of the occurrence of holidays, during which shops and public institutions may be closed.

- **January 1 and 2 - New Year.** Romania celebrates the New Year over the course of two days. Fireworks and special concerts help ring in the New Year.

- **Spring – Easter.** Easter in Romania is celebrated with folk customs, like the decoration of Easter eggs, and the preparation of special dishes. Church services are also attended.

- **May 1 - Labor Day.** May 1st is Labor Day in Romania and is recognized as a day of rest.

- **May/June: Rusalii** (Pentecost and White Monday): 50 and 51 days after Easter

- **August 15th:** Adormirea Maicii Domnului (Dormition of the Theotokos)

- **December 1 - National Day.** This day recognizes the union of Transylvania and Romania in 1918. National Day is marked with public ceremonies.

- **December 25 and 26 – Christmas.** Christmas in Romania is a family holiday celebrated with traditions, like the singing of Christmas carols, and the eating of customary foods, like pork.

ROMANIAN CUISINE

The rich and tasty food in Romania is an influence of foreign settlers that have occupied the land in the past. Pork is the favourite main dish among most Romanians but you will also find great beef, lamb and chicken dishes. Savouring fish dishes are typical of the Danube Delta. Most meals are complemented by soup

which is a national specialty in Romania. Also a variety of delicious cakes can be found on special events and holidays.

Here are a few of Romania's national dishes not to be missed:

CIORBA - A sour soup made from fermented bran, bacon, potatoes and beef or chicken.

MITITEI (Pronounced Meech) - Minced Meat Rolls with aromatic herbs.

TOCHITURA - A hearty meat stew seasoned with onions and/or spices.

MAMALIGA - Made from corn, a staple food that can be prepared in a variety of ways.

SALATA BOEF - Finely chopped cooked veggies and meat salad, usually topped with mayo and decorated with tomatoes and parsley.



ZACUSCA: A yummy, rich salsa-like dip produced in the fall.

Garlic is omnipresent, both raw, and in special sauces (*mujdei* is the traditional sauce, made of garlic, olive oil and spices), as are onions.

Traditional desserts include *pasca* (a chocolate or cheese pie produced only after Easter), *saratele* (salty sticks), *pandispan* (literally means spanish bread; a cake filled with sour cherries), and *cozonac* (a special cake bread baked for Christmas or Easter).

Generally, there is good street food, including *covrigi* (hot pretzels), *langoși* (hot dough filled with cheese), *gogoși* (donut-like dough, coated with fine sugar). Very popular are kebab and shawarma (*șaorma*), served in many small shops.

ATTRACTIONS IN ROMANIA

The list of World Heritage Sites includes Romanian sites such as:

- the Saxon villages with fortified Churches in Transylvania,
- the Painted churches of northern Moldavia with their fine exterior and interior frescoes,



- the Wooden Churches of Maramures unique examples that combine Gothic style with traditional timber construction,

- the Monastery of Horezu,
- the citadel of Sighișoara,
- the Dacian Fortresses of the Orăștie Mountains

- Danube Delta (1991). The waters of the Danube, which flow into the Black Sea, form the largest and best preserved of Europe's deltas. The Danube Delta hosts over 300 species of birds as well as 45 freshwater fish species in its numerous lakes and marshes.

Romania's contribution to the World Heritage List stands out because it consists of some groups of monuments scattered around the country, rather than one or two special landmarks. Also, in 2007, the city of Sibiu, famous for its Brukenthal National Museum, was the European Capital of Culture alongside the city of Luxembourg.



THE ROMANIAN HIGHER EDUCATION SYSTEM

The Romanian higher education system has been following the LMD system since 2004. It is structured on three levels for undergraduate/postgraduate studies, which the universities are free to organize as they wish because they are autonomous.



- 1st cycle (Licență) corresponding to bachelor degree
- 2nd cycle (Masterat) corresponding to master's degree and specialization for medical studies,
- 3rd cycle (Doctorat) corresponding to doctor's degree.

The Romanian higher education system is administered by the Ministry of Education, Research Youth and Sports (MECTS) functioning in keeping with the current national legislation. The Division of Cultural, Educational and Scientific Relations (DRCES) of the Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MAE) cooperates with MECTS in organizing educational exchanges and ensuring the foreign citizens the possibility to study in Romania. The ECTS credit system is now compulsory in Romanian Universities. For each year of studies, the student has to get 60 ECTS, which means in general 30 ECTS per semester.

- In Licență: from 180 to 240 ECTS
- In Masterat: from 90 to 120 ECTS
- In Doctorat: it usually lasts three years in Romania, after which students have to submit a thesis and to present it.

ERASMUS IN ROMANIA

Since 2007, Romania has integrated the European Programmes for Lifelong Learning in its high education system. Starting from 2014-2015 academic year, Romania has been part of Erasmus+ Programme. The Erasmus+ Programme provides the possibility to get study or placement experience in Romania, recognized in your home diploma. This programme works very simply: you stay registered in your home university, but you follow classes and pass your exams in your host university. At the end of each semester, you should get ECTS credits which validate this experience.



ABOUT GORJ AND THE CITY OF TARGU-JIU

The county Gorj has special tourist potential, not yet fully exploited at its real value. Here you will find old and very beautiful monasteries like Tismana, Lainici, Polovragi and very old wood churches and hermitages.

In Gorj County are situated Parang and Vulcan Mountains; here you can practice a lot of sports: rafting, canyoning, speleology, alpine climbing. Also you can visit two very interesting caves: The Women Cave and Polovragi Cave;

The Gorj county still keeps alive the tradition, the customs and the handicrafts; here you can visit The Ethnographic

Museum from Curtisoara, considered a real mirror of the Romanian Gorj – a real traditional village.

THE CITY OF TARGU-JIU

Location: Southwestern Romania

County: Gorj

Size: 7.2 sq. miles (19 sq. km)

Elevation: 675 - 759 ft. (205 - 230 meters)

Population: 96,562

First documented: 1406



The city of Targu-Jiu lies at the foothills of the Carpathian Mountains, on the banks of the river Jiu.

Targu-Jiu is the capital of Gorj County, a region of rolling meadows, grassy hills and mountain scenery with plenty of natural and cultural attractions to explore. Tiny towns and villages dot the county, and contain some marvelous traditional architecture. Several spa towns and monasteries high in the mountains make for popular excursions.



45° parallel north passing through the town shows that the city of Targu-Jiu is situated on Earth at equal distance from the

equator and the North Pole, in the middle temperate zone.

Annual averages of temperature are 10.2°C in depression, approximately 3°C on medium altitude mountains and 0°C or below 0°C on high mountains.



Constantin Brancusi, one of the most influential modern sculptors of the 20th century, was born near Targu-Jiu, in Hobita. Although he lived and worked for most of his life in Paris, his legacy is also preserved in Romania, in the city of Targu-Jiu.

The Jiu River valley was the scene of heavy fighting during World War I and World War II. Here, in a monumental



ensemble, Brancusi created three sculptures as a memorial to the 8,500 Romanian soldiers who died defending the Jiu Valley from the advancing German army. The three sculptures, the **Silence Table** (Masa Tacerii), the **Kiss Gate** (Poarta Sarutului) and the **Endless Column** (Coloana Infinitului) are placed on mile-long (1.5 km) east-west axis that runs through the heart of the city.



GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT “CONSTANTIN BRÂNCUȘI” UNIVERSITY OF TARGU-JIU

“Constantin Brâncuși” University of Targu-Jiu is a higher education institution of public interest, government ruled, accredited, with juridical personality and nonprofit character, founded in conformity with the legal provisions, based on the Romanian Governmental Decree No. 288/01.06.1992, and functioning by dint of autonomy university principles and academics liberty, in coordination of the Ministry of National Education and Scientific Research – central authority expert. In the context of the new regulations from the educational system, which imply the higher education segment, the Romanian universities place themselves on different coordinates, related to European standards, therefore “Constantin Brâncuși” University of Targu-Jiu assumes the mission of **educational university and scientific research**, with the object of producing and transferring knowledge to society by: creating and amassing cultural values; initial and continuous shaping at the university level, with the purpose of personal developing, professional insertion and comply with the demands of the socio-economic, administrative, cultural and educational background; scientific research, development, innovation and technological transfer by individual and collective creations in the science, engineer and arts domain, providing performance, capitalization and dissimulation of results.

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Duration of Studies:

Bachelor: 4 years

Master Degree: 3 semesters

Programs of Bachelor studies:

- Field of degree: **Industrial Engineering**

Technology of Machines Building

- Field of degree: **Energetical Engineering**

Management of Energy

Thermoenergetics

- Field of degree: **Systems Engineering**

Automatics and Applied Informatics

- Field of degree: **Applied Engineering Sciences**

Medical Engineering

- Field of degree: **Engineering and Management in Agriculture and**

Rural Development

*Engineering and Management in
Public Food and Agro-tourism*

Programs of Master studies:

- Field of degree: **Industrial Engineering**

Manufacturing Quality Management

- Field of degree: **Energetical Engineering**

Advanced Technologies of Producing Energy

- Field of degree: **Engineering of systems**

Advanced Conducting of Industrial Processes



FACULTY OF ECONOMICS

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<https://ec.utgjiu.ro/>

Duration of Studies:

Bachelor: 3 years

Master Degree: 2 years

Programs of Bachelor studies:

- **Field of degree: Finances**

Finances and Banks

- **Field of degree: Accountancy**

Accountancy and Management Informatics

- **Field of degree: Business Administration**

Economics of Trade, Tourism and Services

- **Field of degree: Management**

Management

- **Field of degree: Cybernetics**

Statistics and Economic Informatics
Economic Informatics

Programs of Master studies:

- **Field of degree: Finances**

Banks and Insurances

European Finance and Public Governance

- **Field of degree: Business Administration**

Entrepreneurship and Business Administration

Business Administration in Tourism and Services

- **Field of degree: Management**

Management of Business Development

- **Field of degree: Accountancy**

Control, Audit and Financial-Account Expertise



FACULTY OF EDUCATIONAL SCIENCES, LAW AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION

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Duration of Studies:

Bachelor: 3 years, 4 years
Master Degree: 4 semesters, 3 semesters

Programs of Bachelor studies:

- **Field of degree: Administrative Sciences**

Public Administration

- **Field of degree: International Relations and European Studies**

International Relations and European Studies

- **Field of degree: Language and Literature**

English Language and Literature - Romanian Language and Literature

- **Field of degree: Education Sciences**

Pedagogy of Primary and Preschool Education

- **Field of degree: Law**

Law

Programs of Master studies:

- **Field of degree: Administrative Sciences**

European Public Administration

Administration and Management of Education Units

Local Police Management

- **Field of degree: International Relations and European Studies**

Security and International Relations

- **Field of degree: Law**

Judiciary Career

Legal Protection of a Person and its Heritage



FACULTY OF MEDICAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

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<http://www.utgjiu.ro/fefs>

Duration of Studies:

Bachelor: 3 years, 4 years
Master Degree: 4 semesters, 3 semesters

Programs of bachelor studies:

- **Field of degree: Physical Training and Sports**
Physical and Sport Training

Field of degree: Kinetotherapy
Kinetotherapy and Special Motility

- **Field of degree: Health**
General Medical Assistance

Pharmacy Attendance

Programs of master studies:

- **1. Field of degree: Physical Training and Sports**
Science of Motricity in Teaching and Leisure Activities
Kinetotherapy in Orthopedic Disorders and in Sportive Traumatology



ERASMUS+ PROGRAMME



“Constantin Brâncuși” University of Targu- Jiu has been honored with the Erasmus University Charter since 2008. Starting from 2014-2015 academic year, “Constantin Brancusi” University of Targu-Jiu has been part of Erasmus+ Programme. Thus, through the Erasmus+ Programme, students and master students can learn in other European universities, in condition of reciprocal recognition of competences.

“Constantin Brâncuși” University from Targu-Jiu contracted bilateral agreements with important universities from European countries, such as: France, Portugal, Italy, Spain, Germany, Turkey, Czech Republic, Poland, Slovenia, Greece, Slovakia, Cyprus, Malta, Bulgaria.

Types of Erasmus mobility held: mobility for studies, mobility for traineeship, mobility for teaching and mobility for training.

Erasmus Experience

“For me, Erasmus experience is a lesson of life. It’s an amalgam of chance, diversity, friendship and will of knowledge (...)”. Ștefan Claudiu Marin – a former Erasmus student (Mendel University, Czech Republic, 2009-2010) (...).”

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS OFFICE AND EUROPEAN PROGRAMMES DEPARTMENT

You will always receive assistance and support from the staff of the International Relations and European Programmes Department. Within this department there is the Erasmus+ Office. The Department / Erasmus+ Office is situated in the building situated on Tineretului Street, no.4, 210185, Targu-Jiu and welcomes you every weekday as following:

Opening hours:

Monday to Thursday: 10.00 hrs. to 15.00 hrs.
Friday: 10.00 hrs. to 14.00 hrs.

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How to apply

If you would like to visit “Constantin Brancusi” University of Targu-Jiu in the framework of the Erasmus+ Programme, you should take into consideration the following issues:

1. Your University must contact our Erasmus+ Office and nominate you.
2. Send us the completely filled “Application Form” (a photo is needed here)
3. Send us the fully completed “Transcript of Records”
4. Send us a photocopy of the ID card and a photocopy of the Birth Certificate.

4. Let your Erasmus coordinator sign and stamped your fully completed “Learning Agreement” (3 copies).

5. Fill in the “Accommodation Form” with all information required (a photo is needed here). Please do not forget to include your e-mail address. All documents should be sent at our Erasmus+ Office scanned, via e-mail and afterwards – in original, by regular post.

Academic Calendar

The academic year is split into two semesters. You can apply to come for one or maximum two semesters:

Winter semester: Oct. - Feb.

Summer semester: Feb. - June

Application deadline:

Winter semester: until 15 June of each year

Spring semester: until 15 November of each year

(There is a flexibility on this, excepting Turkish students – because of the visa)



Campus accommodation

“Constantin Brâncuși” University of Tg-Jiu offers accommodation for Incoming students in Debarcader Dormitory. Places are available in rooms with 4 beds, fully furnished, including a refrigerator. Each room has a private bathroom. Access to Internet is possible without making a special request. The accommodation fee to be paid is \approx 80 euros/month (350 RON) for a place in a room. The fee is established for the academic year 2017/2018 and it can undergo changes each academic year.

Please be advised that this is an application for accommodation. All the applications will be processed using the following rule: first come, first served. If there will be too many applications and not enough places for accommodation in Debarcader Dormitory, the students will be accommodated in other students dormitories.

Please make sure also that you arrive from Monday to Friday between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. This is the time when new students normally register at the dormitory. In case you will not make it to arrive within this time, please let the Erasmus+ Office staff know about it.

Insurance

Medical insurance is obligatory for all foreign students. To be eligible for public medical services during your stay in Romania, please bring your European Health Insurance Card. Non-EU students should have a private medical insurance.

Residence Permit

Please be prepared that at the beginning of your stay in Romania you have to obtain a Residence Permit. The Residence Permit is issued for one year. Your student – nominee as your guide - will help you with the procedure.

With regard to the Residence Permit, please remember to take with you to Romania the following documents:

- a proof that you have sufficient funds to stay in Romania (ex. Erasmus financial agreement);
- a proof of insurance (European Health Insurance Card);
- a valid passport/ ID card.

Students Associations:

Student's League of 'Constantin Brancusi' University of Targu-Jiu (LSUCB)

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PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Information about Student Visa

Students from the EU (Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Ireland, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and the United Kingdom), students from Switzerland and students from European Economics Area (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway) **DO NOT NEED A VISA!**

This group of students may enter in the Romania without any special limitations, on the basis of valid travel document or national ID card. It is not necessary minimum period of validity of travel documents or ID cards.

Students from outside the EU **NEED VISA!** If you belong to this group, you will apply for a visa at the competent Consulate in your home country. You can apply for this if you received all necessary documents from us. Where in your home country Consulate is, you can find on the website of Ministry of Foreign Affairs Romania (<http://www.mae.ro>), this website is in English as well. Contact competent Consulate and its staffers will help you with execution.

Attractions in Targu-Jiu

The monumental ensemble of Constantin Brancusi which was completed in 1938:

The Table of Silence, made from limestone, features twelve chairs, originally placed much closer to the table and arranged in pairs.

The Kiss Gate, made out of marble, features a kiss motif on the gate pillars. The entire structure is supported on a steel axle, set in a concrete foundation of five square meters.

The Endless Column stacks 17 rhomboidal cast iron modules in a 30-meter high column.

Museums

Art Museum (Muzeul de Artă)

Address: Str. Stadion

Telephone: 0040 (253) 214.156

Open: Tue. – Sun. 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.; Closed Mon.

Admission charge

Here visitors can enjoy photographs of Brancusi's life along with artworks by other Romanian modern artists.

Gorj County Museum (Muzeul de Istorie Alexandru Stefulescu)

Address: Str. Geneva 8

Telephone: 0040 (253) 212.044

Open: Tue. – Sun. 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.; Closed Mon.

Admission charge

Set up in 1894, it is considered to be the first county museum in Romania. On display are colorful examples of Oltenian folk art.

Ecaterina Teodoroiu Memorial House (Casa memorială E. Teodoroiu)

Address: Blvd. Ecaterina Teodoroiu 270

Built in 1884 by the Teodoroiu family, the house is dedicated to the memory of the young Ecaterina Teodoroiu, the Romanian World War I heroine who disguised herself as a man so she could fight alongside her fellow soldiers.

Nearby Attractions

Gorj Folk Art Museum in Curtisoara (Muzeul Arhitecturii Populare din Gorj)

Location: Curtisoara - 6 miles (10 km) north of Targu Jiu

Access: car

Open: Tue. – Sun. 8 a.m – 5 p.m.; Closed Mon.

Admission charge

Curtisoara is home to an interesting open-air museum, featuring a collection of barns, wine stores, mills and houses enclosing an 18th Century cula - a traditional manor house with a one-story design popular in this area, and a church dating from 1820.

Hobita

Location: 16 miles (25 km) north of Targu Jiu

Access: car,

Open: Mon. – Sun. 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Admission Charge

A visit to Hobita, the birthplace of world famous sculptor Constantin Brancusi, will reveal the creative influence the aesthetics of Oltenia's peasant life had on his artistic work. The house in which the sculptor was born in 1876 and spent his childhood is open for visitors and features a small museum dedicated to the master. The house preserves the original architecture and accessories (the bed, the cellar, and the well).

Tismana Monastery

Location: 22 miles (37 km) west of Targu Jiu

Access: car

Open: Mon. – Sun. 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Admission charge

Dating from 1375, Tismana is one of the oldest monasteries in Romania. Today the monks are continuing the Oltenian carpet weaving and glass icon painting traditions.

Sohodolului Gorges (Cheile Sohodolului)

Location: 14 miles (22 miles) north of Targu Jiu

Access: car

Nature enthusiasts will enjoy the area's gorges, caves, springs and spectacular columns carved in the steep walls of the mountain.

Curtea de Arges

Location: 68 miles (108 km) east of Targu Jiu

Access: car

In Curtea de Arges, visit the 14th-century Princely Court and the Princely Church, with its lovely interior frescoes. According to tradition, Curtea de Arges was founded in the early 14th century by Prince Radu Negru. The town succeeded Campulung as the capital of Walachia, hence its name Curtea (The Court). Another stunning architectural gem is the 16th century Curtea de Arges Monastery (Manastirea Curtea de Arges), topped with two towers spiraling in opposite directions. Behold the sad legend of Manole as you take in its beauty. Romania's first two kings and queens are buried here.

Corvinesti Castle

Location: 70 miles (119 km) northwest of Targu Jiu

Access: car

www.RomaniaTourism.com/Castles-Fortresses.html#Corvinesti

Domogled - Cerna National Park

Location: 45 miles (76 km) west of Targu Jiu

Access: car, train

www.domogled-cerna.ro

Retezat Mountains National Park

Location: 57 miles (92 km) northwest of Targu Jiu

Access: car, train www.retezat.ro

How to reach us

1. Plane

Targu-Jiu does not have a local airport. The closest airports are located in:

* Craiova – <http://www.aeroportcraiova.ro/> 114 km away

* Sibiu (SBZ) – www.sibiuairport.ro / 200 km away

* Bucharest Otopeni - Henri Coanda (OTP) - www.otp-airport.ro / 296 km

away

* Bucharest Baneasa – Aurel Vlaicu (BBU) - www.baneasa-airport.ro / 294 km away

* Timisoara – Traian Vuia <http://www.aerotim.ro/index.php?lang=en> / 272 km away

* Cluj-Napoca - <http://www.airportcluj.ro/> 287 km away

2. Train

Targu-Jiu Train Station

Address: Blvd. Nicolae Titulescu

Telephone: 0040 (253) 812.967

There are daily trains connecting Targu-Jiu with:

Bucharest (journey time: 4 3/4 hours)

Arad (journey time: 4 3/4 hours)

Cluj Napoca (journey time: 6 hours)

Craiova (journey time: 2 1/2 hours)

Deva (journey time: 3 1/4 hours)

Subcetate (journey time: 2 1/2 hours)

To check the complete schedule for domestic routes please visit the website of the Romanian Railways: http://www.infofer.ro/default_engleza.asp?lng=2 The site has complete information about domestic train schedules and fares.

Note: For Targu-Jiu please enter Târgu - Jiu.

For departures from/to Bucharest please enter București Nord.

Trains from/to European cities run via Bucharest.

For a list of international trains with service to/from Romania please visit: www.RomaniaTourism.com/Transportation.html#ByTrain

3. Bus

Targu-Jiu Bus Stations (Autogari)

Address: Nicolae Titulescu Str., No.5

www.autogari.ro/TarguJiu/?sbd=TarguJiu&lang=UK

Daily domestic bus service from/to:

Alba Iulia, Arad, Baile Herculane, Bucharest, Cluj Napoca, Deva, Hateg, Horezu,

Orastie, Sibiu, Timisoara, Turda

For a complete list please visit: [www.autogari.ro/TarguJiu/](http://www.autogari.ro/TarguJiu/?sbd=TarguJiu&lang=UK)
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USEFUL THINGS

Public transportation

The public transport system of Targu-Jiu consists of 2 trolley tramlines and 8 bus lines. A ticket for one travel is around 0.50 eurocents.

Pharmacies & Hospitals

There are several pharmacies (farmacie) open 24 hours a day in the city.

Emergency Hospital (Spitalul Județean de Urgență Târgu - Jiu)

Address: Progresului Street 18

Telephone: (253) 243.315 or 210.432

www.spitalgorj.ro

Useful Telephone Numbers

Police: 112

Romania Area Code (Prefix): 0040

Târgu-Jiu Area Code (Prefix): (253) or (353)

County Archives (Arhivele județene)

Address: Str. I.C. Popilian 32: 0040(253) 212.315 or 0040 (253) 207.845

City Hall (Primaria)

Address: Blvd. Constantin Brancusi 19 0040 (253) 213.317

Some current prices

The estimated prices for certain articles are as follow:

- One lt milk –between 0.60 and 0.70 euro
- One bottle of water (1,5 l)-between 0.50 and 0.75 euro
- One cup of coffee-between 1.00 and 1.12 euro
- One beer-between 0.60 and 1 euro at shops; between 1.12 and 2 euro

in a cafe

Postal services & Telephone

Main Post Office

Address: Str. Eroilor, Bl.17

Telephone: 0040(253) 219.476

Open: Mon. – Fri. 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.; Sat. 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.; Closed Sun.

Post offices display a postal horn symbol and the word Posta.

Telephoning Targu-Jiu from Abroad

International Access Code (011 for US and Canada) + 40 (country code) + 253 or 353 (area code) + telephone number (six digit number)

Currency exchange

Romania's currency is Leu (plural "Lei") (pronunciation: lay).

Banknote denominations: 1, 5, 10, 50, 100 and 500 lei

Coins: 1, 5, 10 and 50 bani pieces. (pronunciation: bahnee)

1 leu = 100 bani

Foreign currencies may be exchanged at banks or authorized exchange offices (called: "casa de schimb" or "birou de schimb valutar"). International airports and larger hotels also offer currency exchange services.

Exchange rates** for foreign currencies, valid on August 31, 2022:

one Euro = 4.86 Lei (4 lei and 86 bani)

one US dollar = 4.84 Lei (4 lei and 84 bani)

one British Pound = 5.68 Lei (5 lei and 68 bani)

one Turkish Lira = 0,26 Lei (0 lei and 26 bani)

** Official exchange rates announced by the National Bank of Romania.

ATM (Bancomat)

ATM machines are available at main banks and at airports and shopping centres. There are very, very few ATMs in remote areas or villages. ATMs that have symbols for international networks such as STAR and PLUS will accept US/ Canadian banking cards.

Credit cards

Major credit cards including American Express, Mastercard and Visa are accepted in large hotels, car rental companies and stores in the main cities.

Vocabulary

Romanian Letters	Pronunciation
ă	as in father
î, â	No English equivalent
e	as in tell
i	[e] as in pick
j	as in leisure
ș	as in shoe
ț	[ts] as in fits
ce	as in check
gi	[dsi] as in gin
ge	[dse] as in gender
chi	[ki] as in skill
che	[ke] as in chemistry
ghi	[gi] as in give
ghe	[ge] as in guess

USEFUL WORDS / PHRASES

ENGLISH	ROMÂNĂ	PRONUNCIATION
Salutations	<i>Formule de salut</i>	
Good morning.	Bună dimineața.	Boo-nuh di-mi-na-tsa
Hello/Good day.	Bună ziua.	Boo-nuh zee-wa.
Good evening.	Bună seara.	Boo-nuh sea-ra.
Good-bye.	La revedere.	La rev-eh-de-ray
Good night.	Noapte bună.	Nwap-te boo-nuh
My name is ...	Numele meu este ...	Noo-me-le meu yes-te ...

What is your name?	Cum vă numiți?	Koom vuh noo-mits?
How are you?	Ce mai faceți?	Che may fa-chets
I'm fine, thanks.	Bine, mulțumesc.	Bee-nay, mool-tsoo-mesk
Do you speak English? ... Romanian?	Vorbiți englezește? ... românește?	Vor-bits en-gle-zesh-te ... ro-mi-nesh-te
Yes, a little.	Da, puțin.	Da, poo-tsin.
No.	Nu.	Noo.
Please speak slowly.	Vă rog, vorbiți mai rar.	Vuh rog, vor-bits may rar
How do you say ... ?	Cum se spune ... ?	Koom se spoo-ne ... ?
Do you understand?	Înțelegeți?	In-tse-le-jets
I don't understand.	Nu înțeleg.	Noo in-tse-leg
Please repeat it.	Vă rog, repetați.	Vuh rog, re-pe-tats
I'm sorry.	Îmi pare rău.	Im pa-re rau
Where are you staying?	Unde stați?	Oon-de stats?
I'm at the ... hotel.	Stau la Hotelul ...	Stau la ho-te-lool ...
Good / Very good.	Bine / Foarte bine.	Boon / Fwar-tay boo-na
Maybe.	Poate.	Pwa-te
Certainly.	Sigur.	Si-goor
May I ?	Se poate?	Se pwa-te?
Thank you.	Mulțumesc.	Mool-tsoo-mesk
You're welcome	Cu plăcere	Koo pluh-che-re
I don't know.	Nu știu.	Noo shtee-u
I would like...	Aș vrea...	Osh vray-a
...and / or.....	și / sau...	shee / sow
I have / We have	Am / Avem...	Ahm / Ah-vum
What are you doing?	Ce faceți?	Che fa-chets
I beg your pardon?	Poftiți?	Pof-tits
Excuse me...	Scuzați-mă. . .	Skoo-za-tsi ma
Here...	Aici...	Ah-eech...
There...	Acolo...	Ah-ko-lo
Toward...	Spre...	Spreh...
DAYS OF THE WEEK	ZILELE SĂPTĂMÂNII	
Monday	luni	loon'

Tuesday	marți	marts'
Wednesday	miercuri	myer-koor'
Thursday	joi	zho'
Friday	vineri	vi-ner'
Saturday	sâmbătă	sîm-buh-tuh
Sunday	duminică	doo-mi-ni-kuh
NUMBERALS	NUMERALE	
zero	zero	ze-ro
one	unu	oo-noo
two	doi	doy
three	trei	trey
four	patru	pa-troo
five	cinci	chinch'
six	șase	sha-se
seven	șapte	shap-te
eight	opt	opt
nine	nouă	no-wuh
ten	zece	ze-che
eleven	unsprezece	oon-spre-ze-che
twelve	doisprezece	doy -spre-ze-che
thirteen	treisprezece	trey -spre-ze-che
fourteen	paisprezece	pay-spre-ze-che
fifteen	cincisprezece	chinch '-spre-ze-che
sixteen	șaisprezece	shay-spre-ze-che
seventeen	șaptesprezece	shap-te-spre-ze-che
eighteen	optsprezece	opt-spre-ze-che
nineteen	nouăsprezece	no-wuh-spre-ze-che
twenty	douăzeci	do-wuh zech'
twenty-one	douăzeci și unu	do-wuh-zech' shi oo-noo
twenty-two	douăzeci și doi	do-wuh-zech' shi doy
thirty	treizeci	trey-zech'
forty	patruzeci	pa-troo- zech'
fifty	cincizeci	chinch'- zech'
sixty	șaizeci	shay- zech'
seventy	șaptezeci	shap-te- zech'

eighty	optzeci	oot-zech'
ninety	nouăzeci	no-whu-zech
one hundred	o sută	o soo-tuh
two hundred	două sute	do-wuh soo-te

MONTHS OF THE YEAR	LUNILE ANULUI	
January	ianuarie	ya-nwa-rye
February	februarie	fe-brwa-rye
March	martie	mar-tye
April	aprilie	a-pri-lye
May	mai	may
June	iunie	yu-ny
July	iulie	yu-lye
August	august	augoost
September	septembrie	sep-tem-brye
October	octombrie	ok-tom-brye

AT THE HOTEL	LA HOTEL	
I have a reservation.	Am o rezervare.	Am o re-zer-va-re.
Do you have a double room? ... single	Aveți o cameră dublă? ... single	A-vets o ka-me-ruh pen-troo do-wuh per-swa-me? ... o per-swa-nuh
Do you have a room with a bath? ... a shower ... air conditioning ... twin beds	Aveți o cameră cu baie? ... duș ... aer condiționat ... două paturi	A-vets o ka-me-ruh cu ba-ye? ... doosh ... a-er kon-di-tsyo-nat ... do-wuh pa-toor'
What is the rate per day?	Cât costă pe zi?	Kit kos-tuh pe zi?
Is breakfast included?	Micul dejun e inclus?	Mic de-jun ye in-kloo-suh?
Your name, please? ... address	Numele dumneavoastră, vă rog? Adresa ...	Noo-me-le doom-ne-a-vwas-truh, vuh-rog? A-dre-sa ...
Please wake me up at 6 am.	Vă rog, treziți-mă la șase dimineața.	Vuh rog , tre-zi-tsi-muh la sha-se di-mi-ne-a-tsa.
On what floor is my room?	La ce etaj e camera mea?	La che e-tazh ye ka-me-ra mea?

I need ice, please ... another blanket ... an electric fan ... a heater ... an iron ... a light bulb ... a pillow ... shampoo ... soap ... toilet paper ... a towel	Am nevoie de gheață, vă rog. ... încă o pătură ... un ventilator ... un reșou ... un fier de călcat ... un bec ... o pernă ... șampon ... săpun ... hârtie igienică ... un prosop	Am ne-vo-ye de gea-tsu, h, vuh rog. ... in-kuh o puh-too-ruh ... oon ven-ti-la-tor ... oon re-shoh ... oon fyer de kuhl-kat ... oon bek ... o per-nuh ... sham-pon ... suh-pon ... hir-tee-ye i-ji-e-ni-kuh ... oon pro-sop
At what time is breakfast served?	La ce oră se servește micul dejun?	La che o-ruh se ser-vesh-te mi-kool de-zhoon?
I'm leaving today.	Plec astăzi.	Plek as-tuhz'.
Please call a taxi	Vă rog, chemați un taxi.	Vuh rog, ke-ma-tsim'oon ta-xi.
MONEY	BANI	
Do you accept traveler's checks? ... credit card?	Acceptați cecuri de călătorie? ... Carte de credit?	Ak-chep-tats' che-koor' de kuh-luh-to-ri-ye? ... kar-tea as-ta de kre-dit
Where is a foreign currency exchange? ... a bank	Unde e un birou de schimb valutar? ... o bancă	Oon-de ye oon bi-row de skimb va-loo-tar? ... o ban-ka
What is today's exchange rate?	Care e cursul de schimb astăzi?	Ka-re ye koor-sool de skimb as-tuhz'
Please change this to lei.	Schimbați-mi în lei, vă rog.	Skim-bats 'm in lay, vuh-rog
TRANSPORTATION	TRANSPORT	
Where is the ... metro station? ... train station ... bus stop ... ticket office ... information desk ... exit to the street	Unde e ... ? stația de metrou ... gara ... stația de autobuz ... casa de bilete ... biroul de informații ... ieșirea spre stradă	Oon-de ye ... ? ... sta-tsy-a de me-troh ... ga-ra ... sta-tsy-a de a-oo-to-booz ... ka-sa de bi-le-te? ... bi-ro-ool de in-for-ma-tsiy ... ye-shi-rea spre stra-duh
How much is a ticket ? ... one-way ... round-trip ... first-class ... second-class	Cât costă un bilet ? ... dus ... dus - întors ... la clasa întâi ... la clasa a doua	Kit kos-tuh oon bi-let ? ... doos ... doos shi în-tors ... la kla-sa yn-tyi ... la kla-sa a do-wa
Is there a special ... rate?	Există tarif redus pentru .	E-xis-tuh ta-rif re-doos

... college students ... senior-citizens	.? ... studenți ... pensionari	pen-tru ... ? ... stoo-dents' ... pen-syo-nar'
Smoking or non-smoking?	Fumători sau nefumători?	Foo-muh- tor' sau ne-foo-muh-tor' ?
TRAIN TRAVEL	CALATORIA CU TRENUL	
At what time does the train leave for... ?	La ce oră pleacă trenul spre ...?	La che o-ruh plea-kuh tre-nool / spre ...?
At what time does the train get to ...?	La ce oră ajunge trenul la ...?	La che o-ruh a-zhoon-je tre-nool la ...?
Is there a ... ? ... dining car ... sleeping car	Există ... ? ... va-gon-restaurant ... va-gon de dormit	E-xis-tuh ... ? ... va-gon res-ta-oo-rant ... va-gon de dor-mit
BY CAR	CU MAȘINA	
Where can I rent a car?	Unde pot închiria o mașină?	Oon-de pot in-ki-rya o ma-shi-nuh?
Do you know the road to?	Știți drumul spre ...?	Shtiu droo-mool spre... ?
Is the road good? ... bad	Drumul e bun? ... prost	Droo-mool ye boon? ... prost
Which town does this road lead to?	Spre ce oraș duce drumul ăsta?	Spre che o-rash doo-che droo-mool uhs-ta
How many kilometers to?	Câți kilometri sunt până la... ?	Kits' ki-lo-me-tri sint pi-nuh la ...?
Could you direct me ... ? ... to the next town ... to the highway ... to the parking lot	Cum se ajunge ... ? ... în următorul oraș ... pe autostradă ... la parcare	Koom se a-zhoon-je ... ? ... in oor-muh-to-rool o-rash ... pe a-oo-to-stra-duh ... la par-ka-re
Is it far?	E departe?	Ye de-par-te?
Could you direct me to...? ... a garage ... a gas station	Cum se ajunge la ... ? ... un garaj ... o benzinărie	Koom se a-zhoon-je la ? ... oon ga-rash ... o ben-zi-nuh-ree-ye
I need gasoline.	Am nevoie de benzină.	Am ne-vo-ye de ben-zi-nuh.
Please fill the tank up.	Vă rog, faceți plinul.	Vuh rog, fa-chets' pli-nool.
Where can I find a mechanic?	Unde pot găsi un mecanic?	Oon-de pot guh-si oon me-ka-nik?
Please repair the tire ... the headlight	Vă rog, reparați cauciucul ... farul	Vuh rog, re-pa-rats' ka-oo-chyu-kool ... fa-rool

How much will it cost?	Cât costă?	Kit kos-tuh?
When will it be ready?	Când e gata?	Kind ye ga-ta?
IMPORTANT SIGNS	SEMNE IMPORTANTE	
Men	Bărbați	Buhr-bats'
Women	Femei	Feh-mey
Toilet	W.C.	Ve-che
Entrance	Intrare	In-tra-re
Exit	Ieșire	Ye-shi-re
Emergency Exit	Ieșire de incendiu	Ye-shi-re de in-chen-dyu
Open	Deschis	Dehs-kis
Closed	Închis	Yn-kis
Subway	Metrou	Me-troh
Caution	Atenție	A-ten-tsyé
Danger	Pericol	Pe-ri-kol
Speed Limit	Limită de viteză	Li-mi-tuh de vi-te-zuh
Reduce Speed	Reduceți viteza	Re-doo-eh-ts' vi-te-za
Parking	Parcare	Par-ka-re
No Parking	Parcare interzisă	Par-ka-re in-ter-zi-suh
No Standing	Staționarea interzisă	Sta-tyo-na-rea in-ter-zi-suh
One Way Street	Stradă cu sens unic	Stra-duh koo sens oo-nik
Right Turn	Curbă la dreapta	Koor-buh la dreap-ta
Left Turn	Curbă la stânga	Koor-buh la stîn-ga
Dangerous Curve	Curbă periculoasă	Koor-buh pe-ri-koo-lwa-suh
Sharp Turn	Viraj brusc	Vi-razh broosk
Keep Right	Stați pe dreapta	Stats' pe dreap-ta
Keep Left	Stați pe stânga	Stats' pe stîn-ga
Automobiles Prohibited	Interzis pentru automobile	In-ter-zis pen-troo a-oo-to-mo-bi-le
Vehicles Prohibited	Interzis pentru vehicule	In-ter-zis pen-troo ve-hi-ko-le
No Entry	Intrarea interzisă	In-tra-rea in-ter-zi-suh
No Admittance	Intrarea oprită	In-tra-rea o-pri-tuh
Detour	Ocol	O-kol
Tunnel	Tunel	Too-nel

Bridge	Pod	Pod
Overpass	Pasaj superior	Pa-sazh soo-pe-ri-or de ni-vel
Underpass	Pasaj subteran	Pa-sazh in-fē-ri-or de ni-vel
This Way	Pe aici	Peh a-ich'
Railroad	Cale ferată	Ka-le fe-ra-tuh
Railroad Crossing	Trecere peste calea ferată	Tre-che-re pes-te ka-lea fe-ra-tuh
First Aid Station	Post de prim ajutor	Post de prim a-zhoo-tor
No Smoking	Fumatul interzis	Foo-ma-tool in-ter-zis

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