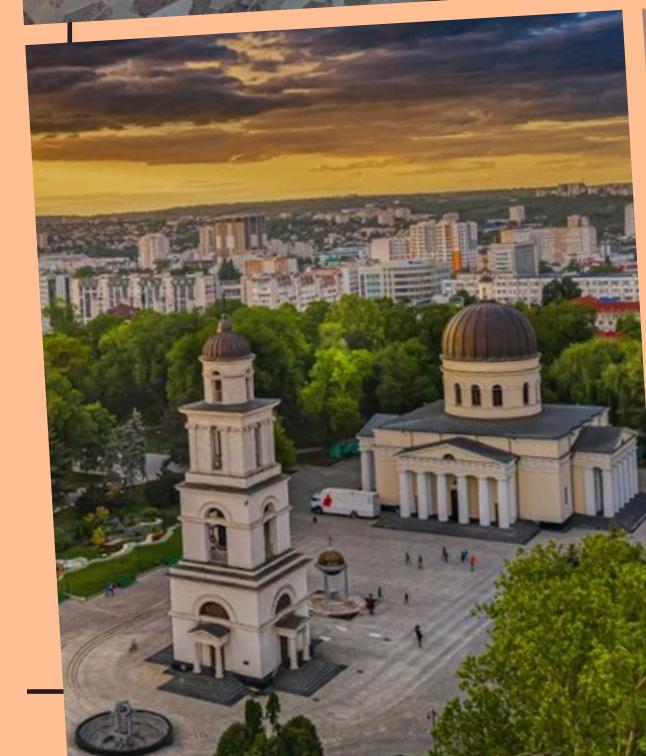


# SURVIVAL GUIDE

Chișinău, July 2026



This survival guide was created to rescue brave foreigners planning a trip to Moldova, especially Chișinău. Read it carefully and you'll survive the city without getting lost... and you'll even find your way to our Summer Course in Chișinău like a pro.



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# About the Republic of Moldova

Capital: Chișinău

Population: 3.600.000 (2024)

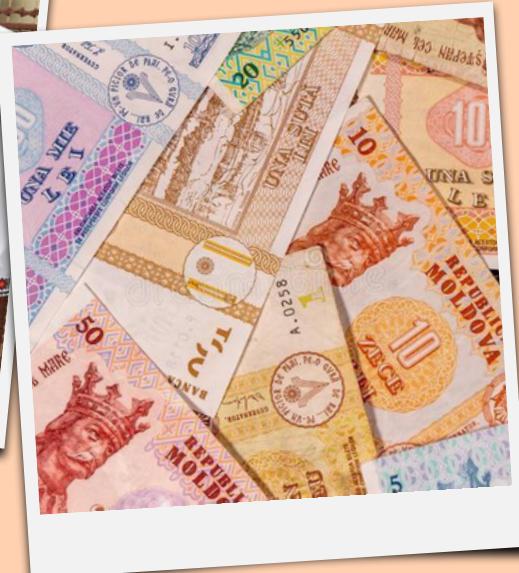
Area: 33.844 km<sup>2</sup>

Language: Romanian

Currency: Moldovan Leu

Time zone: GMT+2

Power plug types: C (Euro)  
and F 220V and 50Hz





# About Chișinău

Welcome to Chișinău, the heart of Moldova and the main stage of your upcoming adventure. With a population of about 720,130 people (2024), the city is big enough to feel alive, but small enough that you won't need a map every five minutes.

At the center of the action is the **Great National Assembly Square**, surrounded by some of Chișinău's most iconic landmarks: the **Triumphal Arch**, the peaceful **Nativity Cathedral**, the **Stephen the Great Monument**, and the **Government House**, perfect spots for photos, short walks, or just pretending you know exactly where you're going. When it comes to food and drinks, Chișinău does not disappoint. Expect generous portions, warm hospitality, and recipes passed down through generations. Local favorites include **mămăligă**, **sarmale**, **plăcinte**, and the comforting soup called **zeamă**. To drink, you'll find **homemade wine**, refreshing **compot**, and a variety of **herbal teas**.

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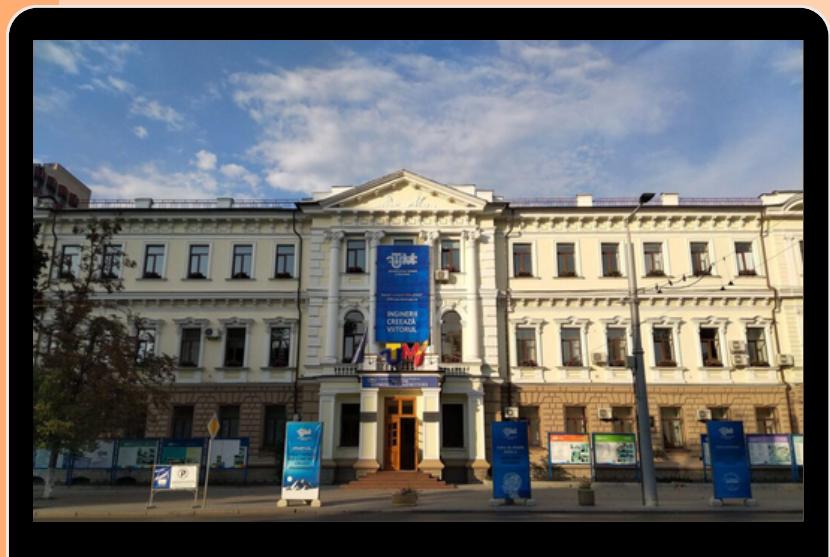
**Crew: 40 talented members**

**Board: 5 unstoppable people**

**Mascot: A fluffy penguin plush rocking a strawberry hat**

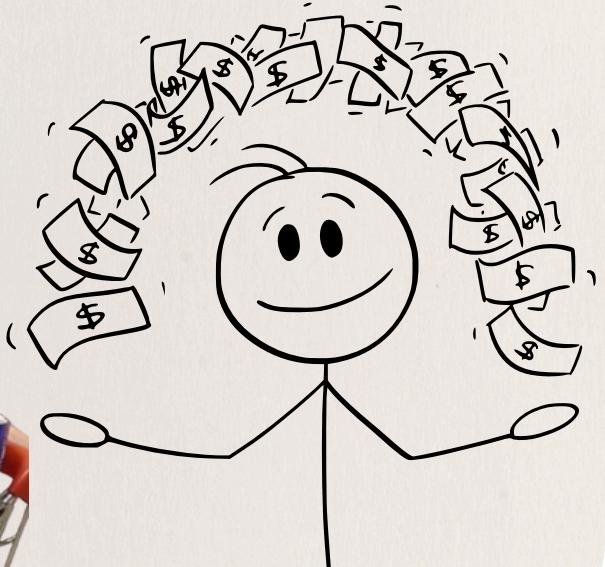
# About the university

Founded in 1964, the Technical University of Moldova (UTM) is the leading technical higher education institution in the Republic of Moldova. With over 10,000 students and 11 faculties (Energy and Electrical Engineering; Mechanical, Industrial and Transport Engineering; Computers, Informatics and Microelectronics; Electronics and Telecommunications; Food Technology; Design; Civil Engineering, Geodesy and Cadastre; Urban Planning and Architecture; Economic Engineering and Business; Veterinary Medicine; and Agricultural and Forestry Sciences), UTM offers bachelor's, master's, and doctoral programs in fields such as engineering, architecture, and technology.



# Money & prices

- 1 bottle of water (not sparkling, 0.5L): €0.50–1.00
  - 1 coffee: €1.20–2.00 (take away), up to €3.50 (bar)
  - 1 can of soda (330ml): around €1.00
  - 1 beer: €1.20 (supermarket/kiosk), €2.50–4.00 (bar)
  - 1 long drink: €4.00 up to €7.00
  - 1 meal: €4.00 (fast food) – €8.00–12.00 (restaurant)
  - A pack of cigarettes (20): €2.00–3.00
  - 1 single bus/trolleybus ticket: €0.30
- The official currency of Moldova is the Moldovan leu (MDL)  
€1 = 20MDL(lei)



# How to get here:

## By plane

Chișinău International Airport (RMO) is located about 13 km from the city center.

There are connections with several major European cities, including low-cost flights.

## To get to the city, you can take:

Bus no. 30 (Airport – City Center), which runs every 15–30 minutes

The ride takes approximately 30 minutes

A single ticket costs around 6 MDL (about €0.30)

The Technical University of Moldova (UTM) is located close to the city center, so public transport (trolleybus no. 10) is enough to reach it.

A taxi from the airport to the city center or UTM costs around 150–250 lei (€7–12).

We recommend using official taxi apps(Yandex Go: taxi), as prices are fixed and reliable.

## All possible direct flights are listed here:

<https://www.airmoldova.md/>. You can use Wizz Air to buy plane tickets: <https://www.airmoldova.md/>



# How to get here:

## By bus / personal car

Moldova is well connected by an extensive bus network, making travel to Chișinău fairly straightforward from neighboring and European cities. Keep in mind that border crossings may take time, so long-distance journeys can last up to 10 hours or more, depending on the route and traffic.

**From Romania**, there are around 5–6 daily bus connections from Bucharest, along with frequent routes from Iași, Galați, Brașov, Constanța, and Suceava. When planning your trip, it's recommended to choose a border crossing that offers non-stop visa services, as this can save valuable time. Besides Romania, Chișinău is linked to several European cities through international bus routes, making it accessible even without air travel. Tickets are usually purchased directly from local bus companies or at the station, so checking schedules in advance is strongly advised.

International buses typically arrive at one of Chișinău's three main terminals: the **North, South, or Central Bus Station**.

From the stations, you can easily reach UTM by bus, trolleybus, or taxi.

**From the northern bus station:** walk along the Calea Moșilor Street, cross the road, and get on the microbus no. 186. The ticket costs 6 lei, and it is paid directly to the driver.

**From the southern bus station:** get on microbus No. 190 or 124 (which goes into the city), ride until Miorita Street, then get on trolleybus No. 10 and ride to the last station.

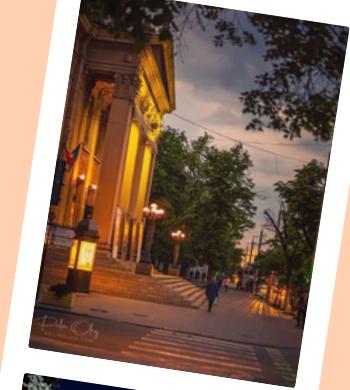
**From central bus station:** walk along the Tighina street and just in front of Unic Mall you'll see a trolleybus station, get on any of these trolleybus: no. 4, 34, 22, 8, 1, 5, get off when you reach McDonald's, walk down on Alexander Pushkin street, stop at the station and wait for trolleybus no.10 (this one will take you straight to UTM).

Public transportation is affordable and well-connected. Check the **EasyWay** app for public transport.



## Bring with you:

- Passport/VISA/ID Card (for EU citizens)
- Student Card
- Health Insurance
- International Evening Goodies (traditional food or drinks from your country)
- Cash
- Leisure wear
- Towels & Toiletries
- Comfy shoes & Slippers



# Useful vocabulary

To start with, Romanian is pronounced exactly the way it's written. There aren't tricky pronunciation rules like in English, you simply read each letter as it appears on the page.

## Here are some useful everyday expressions:

Hello / Hi → Bună / Salut

Goodbye → La revedere

Good morning → Bună dimineața

Good afternoon → Bună ziua

Good evening → Bună seara

Yes / No → Da / Nu

Thank you → Mulțumesc

Sorry → Scuze

Please → Te rog

Help! → Ajutor!

I don't understand → Nu înțeleg

I don't know → Nu știu

Do you speak English? → Vorbești engleză?

A beer, please → O bere, vă rog!

You're beautiful → Ești frumoasă / frumos

Let's try  
to talk



## useful contacts

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