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### 1. Geographical location

Brasov is located almost in the center of Romania. It is surrounded by the Carpathian Mountains and offers a mix of wonderful mountain scenery in the nearby Poiana Braşov and medieval history with German influences in the old town. It is the 7th largest city in Romania and is situated at elevation 573 meters above sea level.



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### 2. Neighbouring cities/countries

Some Of The Cities And Towns Lying Closest To Brasov Are Ghimbav (10 Kms), Săcele (10.8 Kms), Codlea (15.6 Kms), Budila (18.4 Kms), Rasnov (20 Kms), Predeal (27 Kms), Azuga (35 Kms), Ploiesti (83 Kms) And Bucharest (139 Kms) To Name A Few.



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### 3. Significance

Brasov is one of the largest and most cherished cities of Romania. It is an excellent European city ideally located in the heart of the mountains. It exudes a distinct medieval ambiance and has been used as backdrop in many recent period films. The city is known for its medieval Saxon walls and bastions, towering Gothic-style Black Church, lively cafes and the most beautiful landscapes in the country. The people of Brasov love culture, whether it is ballet, theater, music or contemporary art. The city attracts visitors from all over the world, especially during summer when it is full of colorful festivities.

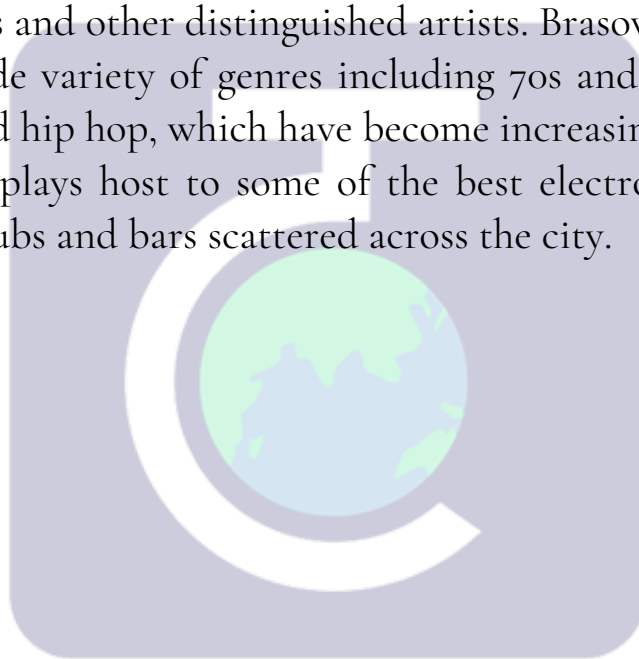


## 4. History

Archaeological discoveries mention traces of life on Braşov since as early as the Bronze Age i.e since approximately 60,000 years ago. At the beginning 13th century, the Saxons colonised the region of Braşov and played a decisive role in Braşov's development. They were primarily involved in trade and crafts. Braşov's favourable geographic location at the intersection of trade routes linking the Ottoman Empire and Western Europe, along with certain tax exemptions, allowed Saxon merchants to gather considerable wealth. The 14th century found the Turkish armies frequently attacking the region just South of the Danube River. This situation determined the citizens of Braşov to start building fortresses and towers. The building was continually expanded till the 18th century, with several towers maintained by different craftsmen's guilds, according to medieval custom. In the period following the 1st World War, Braşov became a strong economical center in Europe, but the town was partly destroyed during the 2nd World War. It was later rebuilt and the historical buildings were restored.

## 5. Cultural identity

Brasov provides a unique cultural environment, which appeals to all people regardless of origin and personal interests. It is home to some great cultural attractions, including the Memorial House of Stefan Baciú, Cultural Centre Reduta, Transylvania Art Gallery and Galeria Bistro de l'Arte to name a few. The city also boasts a number of memorial houses of national poets, painters, musicians, journalists and other distinguished artists. Brasov has a bustling music scene spanning a wide variety of genres including 70s and 80s Romanian rock, jazz, house, punk, and hip hop, which have become increasingly popular since the 1990s. The city also plays host to some of the best electronic music venues in Europe, with nightclubs and bars scattered across the city.



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### 6. Natural resources

The chief resources of Romania are agricultural, but the country also has significant mineral deposits, particularly petroleum, natural gas, salt, coal, lignite, iron ore, copper, bauxite, manganese, lead, and zinc.





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**7. Key site seeing places (paid and free)****7.1. Paid****7.1.1. Bran Castle**

Popularly known as "Dracula's Castle", Bran Castle is a national monument and landmark in Romania. It is situated on the border between Transylvania and Wallachia and is strategically perched on a rock, overlooking one of the most important medieval trading routes in this part of Europe. The castle is now a museum open to tourists, displaying art and furniture collected by Queen Marie and tourists have the option of either seeing the interior individually or by a guided tour.

Address : Strada General Traian Moşoiu 24, Bran 507025, Romania

Zipcode : 507025

Location : 45.51490219999999, 25.367163699999992

Contact : +40 268 237 700

Website : <http://bran-castle.com>

Entry Fee : Adults: 35 Lei Seniors (65+): 25 Lei Students: 20 Lei Pupils: 7 Lei School groups (>20 pax): 5 Lei Disabled: Free Seniors, students and pupils need to carry their ID card. The entry fees include the cost of amateur filming/ photography as well.

Open & Close Timing : October to March: Monday 12:00hrs-16:00hrs, Tuesday to Sunday 09:00hrs-16:00hrs April to September: Monday 12:00hrs-18:00hrs, Tuesday to Sunday 09:00hrs-18:00hrs 24th, 25th, 27th to 31st December, 3rd and 4th January: 09:00hrs-16:00hrs 26th December: 12:00hrs-16:00hrs 1st January: 11:00hrs-17:00hrs 2nd January: 10:00hrs-16:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

**7.1.2. History Museum**

The History Museum of Brasov (Muzeul Judetean de Istorie Brasov) beautifully showcases the different eras of the city's history. It is housed inside the splendid 15th century Council House (Piata Sfatului) known to the Saxon population as the Marktplatz. It served as a meeting place for the town councillors who were the decision-makers of that day and has hosted the Brasov History Museum since

the 1950s.

Address : Piaţa Sfântului 30, Braşov 500025, Romania

Zipcode : 500025

Location : 45.6423211, 25.58881180000003

Contact : +40 268472363

Website : <http://brasovistorie.ro>

Nearest Public Transport : Biserica Neagră Bus Station

Entry Fee : Adult: 7 lei Pensioners: 4 lei Children and students: 1.5 lei Disabled:

Free admission

Open & Close Timing : April to September: Tuesday to Sunday 10:00hrs-18:00hrs

October to March: Tuesday to Sunday 09:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 1.5

Expected Wait Time : 5 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.1.3. Biserica Neagră

Biserica Neagră (Black Church) stands as the main Gothic-style monument in the country, as well as the largest and one of the most important Lutheran places of worship in the region. This 15th-century Gothic church got its name after the great fire in 1689 blackened its outer walls. It has a six-ton bell, the biggest in Romania, and an impressive 4,000 pipe organ built in 1839 by Carl August Buchholz, which is played during weekly concerts.

Address : Curtea Johannes Honterus 2, Braşov 500025, Romania

Zipcode : 500025

Location : 45.6404177, 25.585597199999994

Contact : +40 268511824

Website : <http://www.honterusgemeinde.ro/>

Nearest Public Transport : Biserica Neagră Bus Station

Entry Fee : Adults: 9 lei Students: 6 lei Children: 3 lei Tickets for the organ concerts cost 10 lei

Open & Close Timing : April-September: Tuesday to Saturday 10:00hrs-19:00hrs

Sunday 12:00hrs-19:00hrs Monday closed October-March: Tuesday to Saturday 10:00hrs-15:00hrs Sunday 12:00hrs-15:00hrs Monday closed

Time Required : 1

Expected Wait Time : 5 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

#### 7.1.4. Tampa Mountain (Muntele Tampa) Cable Car

Tampa mountains overlook Brasov and are a natural habitat for brown bear, lynx, boar, butterflies and a wide variety of birds including the beautiful black woodpecker, Eurasian nuthatch and more. The cable car ride at Mount Tampa is very well-known and takes you to an altitude of 940 meters providing amazing views of the city especially in autumn when the trees look fabulous.

Address : Alea Tiberiu Brediceanu, Braşov 500123, Romania

Zipcode : 500123

Location : 45.6389364, 25.5931848000000017

Contact : +40 0268478657

Nearest Public Transport : Liceul Saguna Bus Station

Entry Fee : Adults: 16 Lei

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday to Sunday: 09:30hrs-16:00hrs

Time Required : 2.5

Expected Wait Time : 5-10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

#### 7.1.5. First Romanian School

Located on the grounds of the 16th-century church of St. Nicholas, the First Romanian School is an old school transformed into a museum. It is housed in a traditional building and was first mentioned in documents in 1495. Visitors have the opportunity to sit on the benches where the big names of the Romanian culture have sat and learned to write. The school is home to the first Romanian Bible as well as the oldest letter written in Romanian using the Latin alphabet.

Address : Piaţa Unirii 2-3, Braşov 500123, Romania

Zipcode : 500123

Location : 45.6358343, 25.581200999999965

Contact : +40 722435134

Website : <http://www.primascoalaromaneasca.ro/>

Nearest Public Transport : Piata Unirii Bus Station

Entry Fee : Adults: 10 Lei Children and students: 5 Lei

Open & Close Timing : April to September: Tuesday to Sunday 10:00hrs-18:00hrs  
 October to March: Tuesday to Sunday 09:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 1

Expected Wait Time : 5-10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.1.6. Brasov Zoo

Located on the outskirts of Brasov in Noa area, Parcul Zoologic (Brasov zoo) is a small but wonderful zoological garden with many interesting species like Siberian tigers, camels, bears and jaguars. Like all other attractions in Brasov, the zoo is immersed in the magnanimity of nature and has a very relaxing atmosphere. Besides the animal cages, it has a reptiles gallery, playground and coffee shop.

Address : Strada Brazilor 1, Braşov 500313, Romania

Zipcode : 500313

Location : 45.61392899999999, 25.633152999999993

Contact : +40 268337787

Website : <https://www.facebook.com/ZooBrasov?ref=hl>

Nearest Public Transport : Facultativa Bus Station

Entry Fee : Adults: 5 Lei Children and students: 3 Lei

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday to Sunday: 09:00hrs-18:00hrs

Time Required : 4

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.1.7. Muzeul de Artă

Housed in a beautiful Baroque style building, Muzeul de Artă (Art Museum of Brasov) exhibits a wide selection of foreign and domestic art and is among the best art museums in Romania. It offers a deep insight into Romanian paintings from the 19th and 20th centuries and also houses more than 4,300 cultural goods (easel paintings, graphics, sculpture, decorative art, icons, tapestry, Oriental and Transylvanian carpets etc.). The gallery has two permanent exhibitions: National Gallery (Romanian modern and contemporary art) and the exhibition of Decorative Arts (bringing together pieces representative for the Eastern, European and Romanian).

Address : Bulevardul Eroilor 21, Braşov 500030, Romania

Zipcode : 500030

Location : 45.64498769999999, 25.59376910000003

Contact : +40 268477286

Website : <http://muzeulartabv.ro/>

Nearest Public Transport : Primarie Bus Station

Entry Fee : Permanent and temporary exhibitions: Adults - 5 Lei Pensioners - 2.50 lei Children and students - 1 Lei Temporary exhibitions: Adults - 3 lei Retired - 1.50 lei Students - 1 lei

Open & Close Timing : April to September: Tuesday to Sunday 10:00-18:00hrs

October to March: Tuesday to Sunday 09:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 5-10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No



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### 7.2. Free

#### 7.2.1. Coresi Shopping Resort

Built on the site of the old Tractorul industrial estate, Coresi is the largest shopping center in Brasov. It has a wide variety of apparel stores including world-famous brands like H&M, Bershka and Stradivarius combined with lots of fast food chains like KFC, Subway and Pizza Hut to name a few. It is also home to a huge cinema, a hypermarket and other points of interest to keep everyone entertained.

Address : Strada Zaharia Stancu 1, Braşov 500167, Romania

Zipcode : 500167

Location : 45.6726185, 25.615557399999943

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

#### 7.2.2. Unirea Shopping Center

Unirea Shopping Center is a new addition to the shopping opportunities in Brasov. It has some of the leading brands and various dining options to cater to your taste-buds. Located close to the train station, it makes for a good venue for shopping and spending the day.

Address : Bulevardul Gării 3A, 500148 Braşov, Romania

Zipcode : 500148

Location : 45.6611339, 25.610592600000018

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

#### 7.2.3. St. Nicholas Church

Located in the old part of Brasov called Schei, Saint Nicholas Church is a beautiful Romanian Orthodox church with a history dating from medieval times. The architecture is Gothic at its base but over time, Baroque and Byzantine elements were added. The interior has frescoes painted by the renowned muralist Mişu Popp, whereas the enclosure shelters a small old cemetery where some famous people are buried.

Address : Piaţa Unirii 1, Braşov 500123, Romania

Zipcode : 500123

Location : 45.6356261, 25.5813763999999954

Contact : +40 757727793

Nearest Public Transport : Piata Unirii Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : 07:00hrs-19:00hrs

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.4. Catherine's Gate

Named after Saint Catherine, the Catherine's Gate (Poarta Ecaterinei) is the only gate structure from the old fortress that survived until these years. It was built in the middle of the 16th century for defensive purposes in the place of an older destroyed access to the fortress of Brasov. Tagged as a great landmark of the city, the tower bears the city's coat of arms, a crown on an oak tree trunk and presently has been turned into a museum.

Address : Catherine's Gate, Braşov 500025, Romania

Zipcode : 500025

Location : 45.6395176, 25.5860907

Nearest Public Transport : Biserica Neagră Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.5. Braşov Council Square

The Braşov Council Square (Piaţa Sfatului) has been the place for annual markets and fairs in Brasov since 1364. It also features medieval buildings in different architectural styles and is undoubtedly the most visited area of Brasov. Also famous for hosting various cultural, artistic and outdoor concerts, this place should definitely be on your list while traveling to Braşov.

Address : Bulevardul Eroilor 8, Braşov 500007, Romania

Zipcode : 500007

Location : 45.645857799999999, 25.5947710000000037

Contact : +40 268416550

Website : <http://brasovcity.ro>



Nearest Public Transport : Primarie Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.6. Sinagoga Beth Israel

Located on the Poarta Schei street, a little further down from the Poarta Schei Gate, Beit Israel (House of Israel) is a very impressive synagogue in Brasov. The Synagogue was built in 1901 in Spanish style and underwent renovation on its centenary. It has interesting architectural decorations and if you are a history lover, this building is sure to amuse you.

Address : Strada Poarta Schei 29, Braşov 500020, Romania

Zipcode : 500020

Location : 45.6392671, 25.5879359000000048

Contact : +40 268511867

Website : <http://brasovcity.ro>

Nearest Public Transport : Biserica Neagră Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Monday to Friday 09:00hrs-16:00hrs

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.7. The Graft Bastion

Being a major landmark of the city, the Graft Bastion (Bastionul Graft) holds great historical significance. It was built between 1515 and 1521 over the Graft canal and connected the White Tower with the city. From this path, one can climb to both the White Tower and the Black Tower. The bastion is now part of the History Museum of Braşov and hosts exhibitions. On the second floor of the bastion are armours, weapons and ammunition used to defend Brasov.

Address : Strada După Ziduri, Braşov 500025, Romania

Zipcode : 500025

Location : 45.6425518, 25.587344600000005

Contact : +40 268474662

Nearest Public Transport : Biserica Neagră Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday to Sunday: 10:00hrs-18:00hrs



Time Required : 1

Expected Wait Time : 5-10 minutes

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.8. The White Tower

The White Tower is a part of the outer fortifications of medieval Brasov and is located on a cliff top of the Warthe hill. The semi-circular tower was built in the 15th century and has 5 storeys whose height ranges between 18-20 meters. It offers fantastic views of the city as well as amazing photographic opportunities.

Address : Calea Poienii, 500026 Braşov, Romania

Zipcode : 500026

Location : 45.6429273, 25.586615400000028

Nearest Public Transport : Biserica Neagră Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Tuesday to Sunday: 10:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.9. Tampa Mountain (Muntele Tampa)

Part of the Postăvarul Massif, Tâmpa is a mountain located in the southern part of the Eastern Carpathians and makes for a great vantage point from where you can see the entire city of Brasov in all its greatness. Walking to the top is fun and takes about an hour. Visitors can also ascend Mount Tampa by a cable car which offers an amazing experience.

Address : Tampa, 500015 Brasov, Romania

Zipcode : 500015

Location : 45.6340695, 25.592847200000005

Nearest Public Transport : Liceul Saguna Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

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## 8. Key sites sports & adventure

Brasov is the place to be if you are an adrenaline junkie as it hosts numerous avenues for quenching your thirst of charting uncharted territories and pushing yourself to the limits.

- **Parc Aventura -**

Address : Strada Paltinului, Braşov 500312, Romania

Location : 45.612744,25.6359499999999

Contact No : +40 268337817

Website : <http://www.parc-aventura.ro/en/>

Nearest Public Transport : Rozmarinului Bus Station

Entry Fees : Adults (includes 3 hours of adventure): 40 lei; Extra hour: 17 lei Pupils/ students (includes 3 hours of adventure) 35 lei; Extra Hour: 15 lei Children (from 8 to 11 years old): 30 lei; Extra Hour: 13 lei Kids (from 4 to 7 years old): 30 lei; Extra Hour: 10 lei Group of 10 persons: 35 lei; Extra Hour: 15 lei

Open / Close Time : Daily 10:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 8

Wait Time : 15-20 minutes

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### 9. Adventure sports, Local sports, stadiums

Football is the most popular sport in Braşov. Nowadays, the infrastructure of the city also allows other sports to be practiced, such as rugby, volleyball, handball, tennis, target shooting, basketball etc. The city has various well-equipped multi-use stadiums.

- **Stadionul Carpaţi:**

Address : Strada Zizinului 119, Braşov 500407, Romania

Location : 45.33158940000001,25.560752099999945

- **Braşov Olympic Ice Rink:**

Address : Strada Turnului 5, Braşov 500152, Romania

Location : 45.6638528,25.612267999999972

Contact No : +40 368 442 241

Website : <http://www.asccorona.ro/>

Open/Close time : Monday to Friday: 10:00hrs-18:30hrs

- **Dumitru Popescu Sports Hall Colibaţi:**

Address : Bulevardul Gării 9, Braşov 500148, Romania

Location : 45.6601835,25.618009000000003

Contact No : +40 268 415 371

## 10. Spas and relaxation

After a hectic day of sightseeing and indulgence, all you would need in Brasov is a relaxing Romanian massage. You can easily find spa and wellness services in almost all mid-range and luxury hotels in the city.

- **Spa d'Or:**

Address : Strada George Bariţiu 18, Braşov 500025, Romania

Location : 45.6412018,25.587198899999976

Contact No : +40 740495927

Website : <http://www.spador.ro/>

- **Ana Hotels Sport:**

Address : Strada Valea Dragă, Braşov 500001, Romania

Location : 45.59287,25.557706999999937

Contact No : +40 268407330

Website : <http://www.anahotels.ro/sporthotel/spa/default-en.html>

- **Complex Aro Palace Brasov:**

Address : Bulevardul Eroilor 27, Braşov 500030, Romania

Location : 45.6451976,25.590899900000068

Contact No : +40 268476699

Website : <http://complexaropalace.ro/wellness-spa/>

## 11. Events calendar

### Month

### Events

#### Junii din Scheii Brasovului

**Junii is a colourful horseback parade held on the first Sunday after Easter. It dates back to the 18th century and is a hearty mix of both Pagan spring and Christian Easter rituals.**

#### Shepherds' Milk Fair

**It is an extremely popular traditional event that reunites shepherds in the Brasov county.**

#### Oktoberfest

**The city organizes an annual copy of the German Oktoberfest for a weekend in September. It is a popular festival where you can drink beer, eat traditional food and listen good music.**

#### Cerbul de Aur

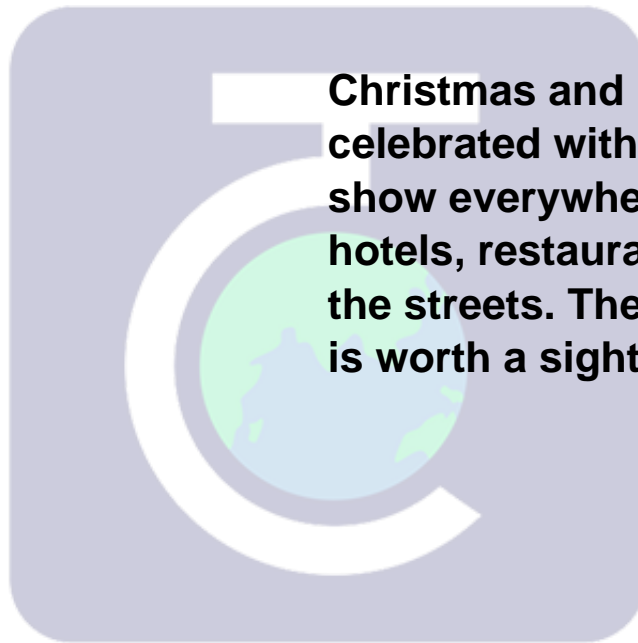
**It is an annual music festival that brings together hundreds of pop artists, musicians, contestants and popular modern and classic stars.**

#### The Beer Festival (Festivalul Berii)

**It is a popular beer festival, especially with the locals. This is when dozens of tents from several beer companies offer their products. Visitors also get to taste mici (Romanian grilled sausages) and other traditional Romanian foods.**

### **Christmas and New Year's Eve**

**Christmas and New Year's Eve is celebrated with great pomp and show everywhere in the city, in hotels, restaurants and even in the streets. The fireworks display is worth a sight.**



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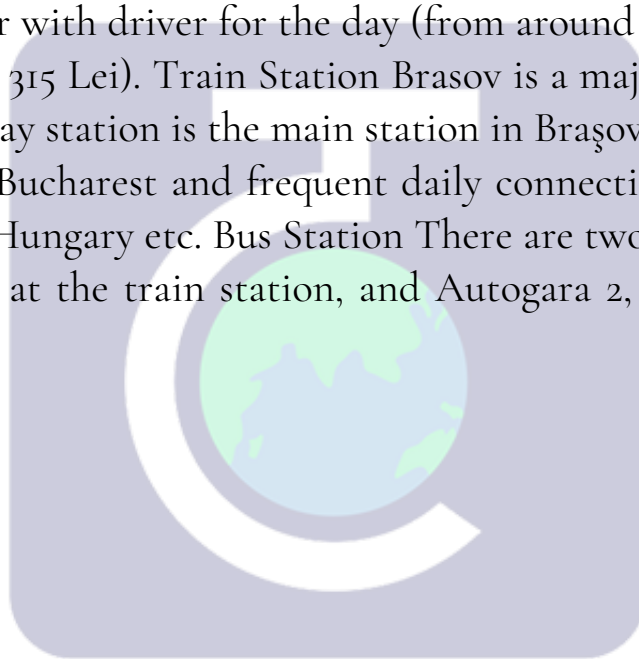
### 12. Key local guides and tours

Although Brasov is quite compact and can be easily explored on your own, having a local guide will help you gain a more immersive experience. Tours can also be customized to your personal liking. Popular City Tours: i) Historic City Tours The history of Brasov is fascinating and worth exploring. Historic city tours take you through more than 800 years of living history of the city. You can discover the major landmarks and events including the Black Church, the Town Square, the White Tower, the Black Tower, the fortification system, Sforii Street and many more centuries old sites. ii) Cultural Trips A cultural tour through Brasov and surrounding areas is an enriching experience. Visitors can learn about traditional Romanian cuisine, music and folklore. iii) Free Walkabout Walking Tours Free 2-hour walking tours are organized daily at 15.00hrs. Meeting point is Piata Sfatului (the Town Hall Square), next to the fountain and top highlights include the citadel, Dracula and hiking to the White Tower for a great view over the most romantic city in Romania. Popular Tour Guides: i) Cristina Ruian A teacher by training, Cristina has been working in the travel industry for more than 14 years. She is fluent in English. She specializes in historic and cultural tours in and around Brasov. ii) Diana Neculaescu Diana loves literature, poetry and photography and showing tourists around her city. Her primary language is Romanian but she is fluent in English and Spanish as well.

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### 13. Transportation hubs

**Airport** The nearest airport to Braşov is Otopeni near Bucharest, which is 166 km away and accessible directly by the E60 road. There is a minibus service operated by Direct Aeroport with 7 daily departures in each direction. Taxis are readily available but cost approximately 3.5 lei/km. Taxi scams, however, are one of the most common crimes in Brasov so be careful if you book one. You could also consider renting a car with driver for the day (from around 225 Lei) or booking a transfer by car (from 315 Lei). **Train Station** Brasov is a major Romanian railway hub and Braşov railway station is the main station in Braşov, Romania. There are 18 daily trains from Bucharest and frequent daily connections from other cities including Budapest, Hungary etc. **Bus Station** There are two main bus stations in the city: Autogara 1, at the train station, and Autogara 2, on the Avram Iancu Street.





## 14. Transportation cost

Public transportation in Braşov is very extensive and is run by RATBv (Regia Autonomă de Transport Braşov). It is comprised of buses (23 lines), minibuses (12 lines) and trolleybuses (6 lines). The most important tourist lines are Line 51, Line 50B, Line 31 and line 12. A one way ticket on the bus costs 1.5 lei and must be purchased prior to boarding at one of the small kiosks situated at the main bus stops. The most important ticket vending kiosk is in the Gara (Train Station) bus stop, which is open from 5.00-24.00. There is a fine of 50 lei if you are caught with no ticket, or a unstamped ticket. Visitors might also like getting a 1-day nominal pass which is available for 5 lei, 1 week nominal pass for 25 lei and 10 days nominal pass for 35 lei. Note: An open double-deck sightseeing bus tour was started in 2008. It leaves on Thursdays and Fridays from 12:00 and 14:00 and on Saturdays and Sundays from 10:00, 12:00, 14:00 and 16:00, from the Tiberiu Brediceanu St.

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### 15. Baggage allowance

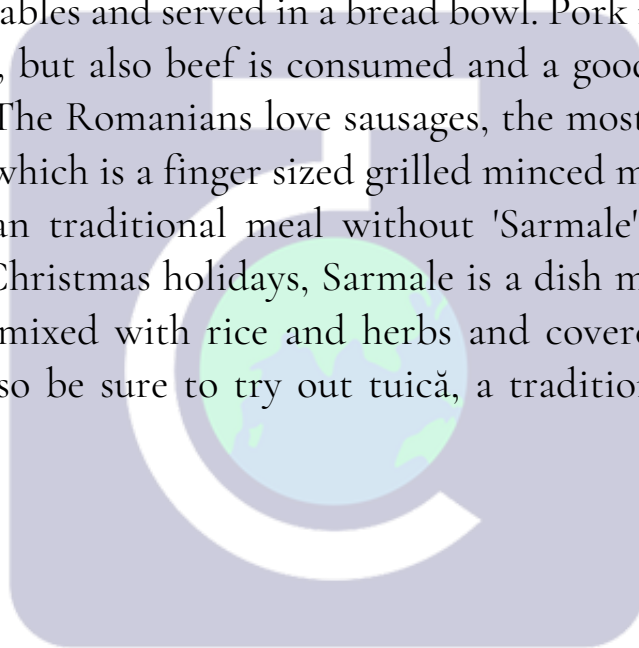
In most buses and trains, passengers are allowed to bring one item of hand baggage with the maximum of two items of free baggage items which are placed into the baggage compartment. Wheeled cases may be comfortable to carry but the streets in Romania are cobbled and narrow so they don't make a good choice. Backpacks are comfortable to carry around in the city.



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### 16. Must try food and local savouries

Romanian cuisine is a diverse blend of different dishes from several traditions and is highly influenced by Ottoman, German and Hungarian cuisine. The main ingredients used by Romanian chefs are meats such as pork, beef and lamb, fish, vegetables, dairy products and fruit. Bean soup (pictured left) is a staple in Romania. It is prepared differently in various regions. In Brasov, it is prepared with bacon and vegetables and served in a bread bowl. Pork is the main meat used in Romanian cuisine, but also beef is consumed and a good lamb or fish dish is never to be refused. The Romanians love sausages, the most common being mici (pronounced michi) which is a finger sized grilled minced meat sausage. They say there is no Romanian traditional meal without 'Sarmale'. Generally prepared during winters and Christmas holidays, Sarmale is a dish made of rolled minced meat (pork usually) mixed with rice and herbs and covered in cabbage leaves. When in the city, also be sure to try out tuică, a traditional spirit made from plums.



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### 17. Restaurant & Nightlife

A trip to Romania is incomplete without delicious and healthy meals. Many of the city's restaurants and cafes have a preference towards local produce, but you can relish both traditional Romanian delicacies and modern meals in the city. Romanians are always ready for a party and the nightlife scene of Brasov is quite happening. Parties at most clubs last until after sunrise, not just on weekends but almost every day. There are a lot of clubs in the Old Town that are especially active during the peak summer season.

#### Food -

A trip to Romania is incomplete without delicious and healthy meals. Many of the city's restaurants and cafes have a preference towards local produce, but you can relish both traditional Romanian delicacies and modern meals in the city. Romanians are always ready for a party and the nightlife scene of Brasov is quite happening. Parties at most clubs last until after sunrise, not just on weekends but almost every day. There are a lot of clubs in the Old Town that are especially active during the peak summer season.

- **Casa Româneasc?:**

Address : Piaţa Unirii 15, Braşov 500123, Romania

Location : 45.6361447,25.5797178000000

Contact No : +40 268513877

Website : <http://www.restaurant-casaromaneasca.ro/>

Open / Close Time : Daily 11:00hrs-00:00hrs

- **Festival 39:**

Address : Strada Republicii 62, Braşov 500030, Romania

Location : 45.6439507,25.594192300

Contact No : +40 743339909  
Website : <https://www.festival39.com/>  
Open / Close Time : Daily 07:00hrs-00:00hrs

- **Sergiana:**

Address : Strada Mureşenilor 28, Braşov 500030, Romania  
Location : 45.6452304,25.5898259000000  
Contact No : +40 268419775  
Website : <http://sergianagrup.ro/restaurante/restaurant-sergiana/>  
Open / Close Time : Daily 11:00hrs-01:00hrs

- **Keller Steak House:**

Address : Strada Apollonia Hirscher 2, Braşov 500025, Romania  
Location : 45.6413646,25.5892788999999  
Contact No : +40 268472278  
Website : <http://www.kellersteakhouse.ro/>  
Open / Close Time : Daily 09:00hrs-00:00hrs

- **Bistro de l'Arte:**

Address : Piaţa George Enescu 11Bis, Braşov 500031, Romania  
Location : 45.6432268,25.5907952999999  
Contact No : +40 720535566  
Website : <http://bistrodelarte.ro/>  
Open / Close Time : Monday to Saturday: 09:00hrs-01:00hrs Sunday:  
12:00hrs-01:00hrs

- **Belvedere Restaurant:**

Address : Strada Stejerişului 11, Braşov 500122, Romania

Location : 45.6449745,25.578591200

Contact No : +40 268415575

Website : <http://hotelbelvederebv.ro/>

Open / Close Time : Daily 12:00hrs-00:00hrs

- **Rockstadt:**

Address : Strada Nicolae Titulescu 2, Braşov 500010, Romania

Location : 45.6480259999999,25.6076496000000

Contact No : +40 753559390

Website : <http://www.rockstadt.ro/>

Open / Close Time : Daily 17:00hrs-00:00hrs

- **Social Pub:**

Address : Strada Mihail Kogălniceanu 23, Braşov 500090, Romania

Location : 45.6525083000000,25.6090020999999

Contact No : +40 748332211

Open / Close Time : Monday to Friday: 07:30hrs-01:00hrs Saturday and Sunday: 09:00hrs-01:00hrs

- **Deane's Irish Pub & Grill:**

Address : Strada Republicii 19, Braşov 500030, Romania

Location : 45.6431259,25.5919675000000

Contact No : +40 734010203

Open / Close Time : Monday to Friday: 10:00hrs-00:00hrs Saturday and Sunday: 10:00hrs-03:00hrs

- **Tipografia:**

Address : Strada Postăvarului 1, Braşov 500024, Romania

Location : 45.6418045,25.59078320000000

Contact No : +40 722373090

Open / Close Time : Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday:  
08:00hrs-01:00hrs Thursday and Friday: 08:00hrs-03:00hrs Saturday and  
Sunday: 09:00hrs-01:00hrs



**Index****18. Average meal cost**

- 3-course meal at an inexpensive restaurant: 25-30 Lei
- 3-course meal at a mid-range restaurant (for minimum 2 people): 60-100 Lei
- Combo meal at McDonalds or equivalent: 15-20 Lei
- 0.5 liter draught beer: 5 Lei





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### 19. Shopping

Brasov is not a shoppers paradise per se but the city has plenty of shopping centers, supermarkets, open-air markets, fashion boutiques, antique and souvenir stores, malls and bookstores which cater to a diverse range of shopping tastes and needs. The city's main shopping areas can be found around Piata Sfatului, and on Republicii and Muresenilor.



## 20. Tourist benefits

The standard V.A.T. rate in Romania is 24%. There are reduced V.A.T. rates of 9% and 5% that usually apply to hotel services, books, newspapers and medicines. International travelers can reclaim the Value Added Tax paid over goods provided they spend a minimum of 250 Lei (in one shop) on goods that they export within 90 days of their purchase. To avail this benefit, all you are required to do is look for stores with tax free shopping signboard, get the VAT reimbursement receipt from the store at the time of your purchase, fill it out carefully and get it stamped from the customs authorities on your final departure. Global Refund is the most common in the country. Kindly note, there is no refund without completed forms, receipts attached and customs validation.



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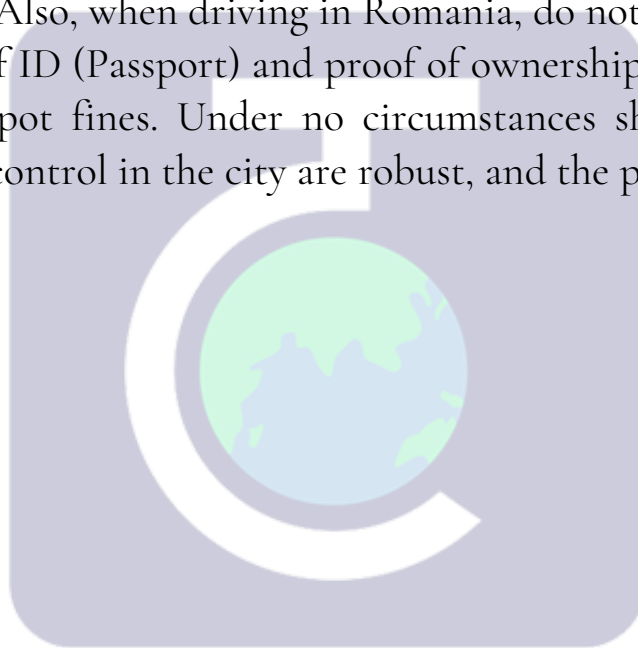
### 21. Essential local apps

DB Navigator is a useful app to check timetables of more than 200,000 stops and stations all over the city. The app provides with latest information on your train connections and many helpful services. It is available for iPhone, Android, Blackberry and Windows. JiWire Inc. is another handy app to instantly find free Wi-Fi Internet hotspots (online and offline).



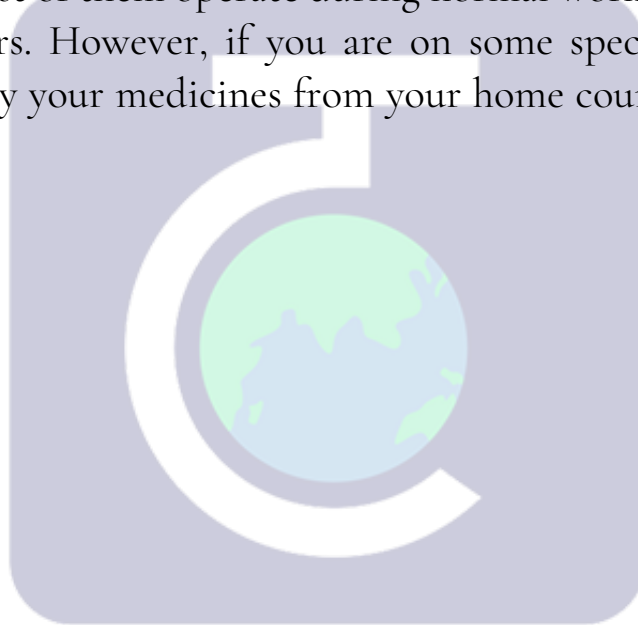
## 22. Driving

Driving in Brasov is a daunting task as local drivers and cabbies in Romania are known to bend the traffic rules as per their convenience. The city is also notorious for heavy traffic jams and parking problems. If you wish to drive around the city, you need a full, valid driving license of the European Communities model. International driving permits (1949 or 1968) are recognised but not compulsory. Also, when driving in Romania, do not forget to carry proof of insurance, proof of ID (Passport) and proof of ownership (V5C Certificate) to avoid hefty on-the-spot fines. Under no circumstances should you drink and drive. Traffic police control in the city are robust, and the penalties are severe.



**Index****23. Travel essentials**

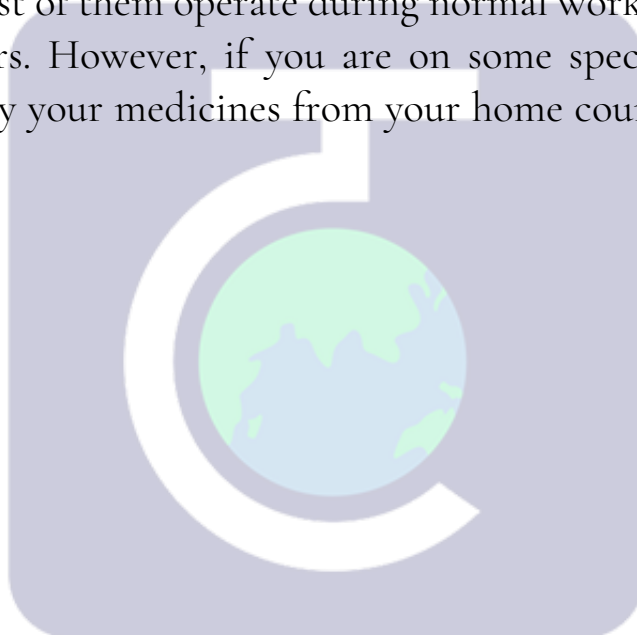
The standard electricity supply in Brasov is 220-240 volt - 50 Hz AC. The standard electrical socket (outlet) in the country is of Type F (also works with plug C and E). Your need for a power (voltage) converter depends on the country you come from. Most battery chargers have a built-in voltage converter, but you might need one if coming from a non-European country. Pharmacies can be easily found in the city. Most of them operate during normal working hours while some are open for 24 hours. However, if you are on some specific medication, it is advised that you carry your medicines from your home country as OTCs are not allowed.



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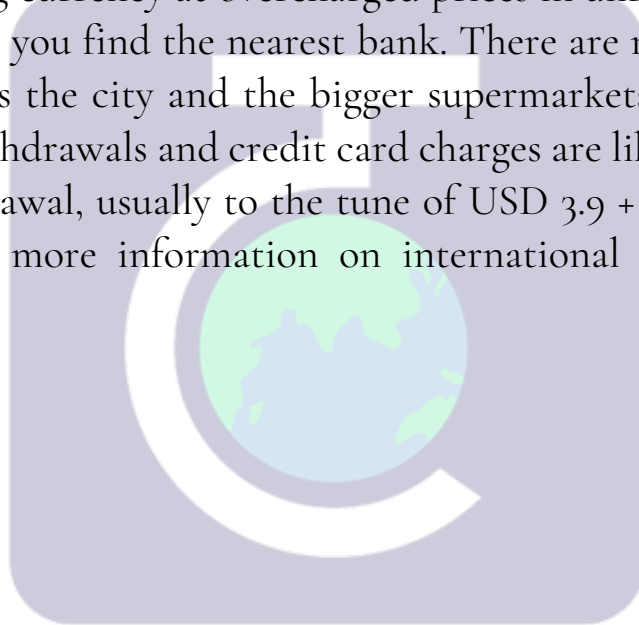
**Index****25. Local currency**

The national currency of Romania is the leu (plural, lei), with subunits called ban (plural, bani) (1 leu consisting of 100 bani). 1 USD= 4.11 Romanian Leu.



**Index****26. Change vendor's commission, ATM charges**

Although major credit cards (including VISA, MasterCard, American Express etc) are accepted pretty much everywhere in the city, some places in Romania are notorious for credit card frauds. It is advised that you pre-inform your bank of your card usage in the city (especially if it is your first visit) or you could also use reputable ATMs (inside of banks or in a public area) to pull out money. Also, instead of exchanging currency at overcharged prices in unrecognized bureaus, it is recommended that you find the nearest bank. There are many ATM terminals as well as POS across the city and the bigger supermarkets, petrol stations and stores. ATM cash withdrawals and credit card charges are likely to incur a typical surcharge per withdrawal, usually to the tune of USD 3.9 + 1-2%. Kindly connect with your bank for more information on international withdrawal fees and vendor's commission.





## 27. Staying connected

There are 4 major mobile network providers in Romania: • Vodafone • Orange (France Télécom) • Telekom or Cosmote and, • Zapp There is a standard mobile network (GSM 900/ 1800/ GPRS/ HSPDA) in the country and you should check beforehand if your phone is compatible, especially if you are coming from the United States. If you plan to stay in the city for a longer period of time, you might as well consider buying a new SIM card. Orange and Vodafone cover 95% of the population, with 3G and 4G/LTE available on pre-paid packages. Both offer a number of packages suitable for short-term visitors to the country. SIM cards are available from most convenience stores and newsstands. For less than \$10 you'll have plenty of calls, texts and data that last up to a month. A standard Vodafone SIM costs 25-28 Lei which usually includes 20 Lei of credit. There is a good Wi-Fi connectivity throughout the city, and almost all hotels and restaurants offer free Wi-Fi services if you are using it for dining or staying. Even shopping malls and the City Centre have a password free WiFi service. You can ask the hotel staff for it.

## 28. Time Zone

Brasov lies in the EET (Eastern European Time Zone) i.e UTC/ GMT +2 hours.



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### 29. Languages

The official language of Romania is Romanian that is spoken by approximately 90% of the population. The younger generation can speak English reasonably well, and in addition they are often fluent in a second language - either Spanish, Portuguese, French, Italian or Catalan. Hungarian is spoken by 7% and German speakers make up around 1.5%.



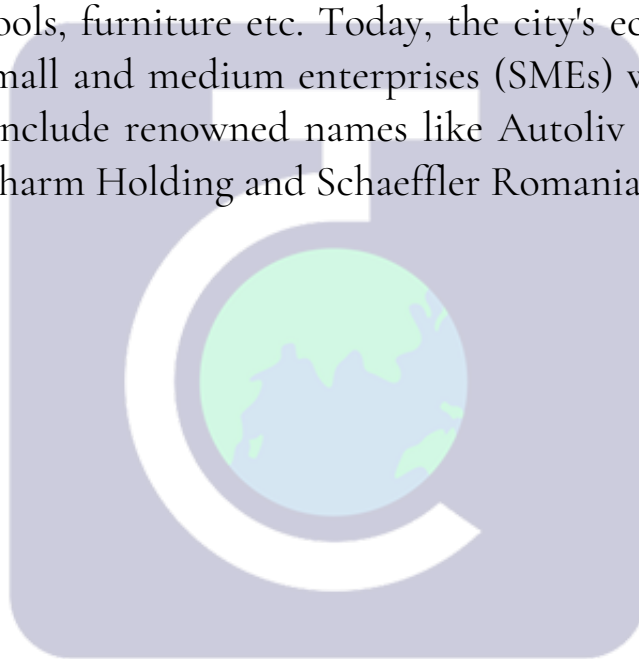
**Index****30. Political Scenario**

The Braşov County Council is made up of 35 counselors. Braşov County has 4 municipalities, 6 towns and 48 communes.



**Index****31. Economic Scenario**

Brasov is one of the most industrialized cities in Romania. Industrial development in Braşov started in the interwar period and was accelerated in the Communist era, with special emphasis being placed on heavy industry. Although the industrial base has been in decline in recent years, Braşov is still a site for manufacturing hydraulic transmissions, auto parts, ball-bearings, helicopters, building materials, tools, furniture etc. Today, the city's economy also relies on tourism, as well as small and medium enterprises (SMEs) which are involved in different fields and include renowned names like Autoliv Romania, SELGROS Cash & Carry, Europharm Holding and Schaeffler Romania, etc.



## 32. Religious belief

81% of the total population of Braşov is identified as Christian Orthodox, 4.3% as Roman Catholic, 3% as Reformed, 0.7% as Greek-Catholic and 0.3% as Unitarian. There are also significant Jewish And Muslim Communities in the region.



### 33. Visa requirements

Romania is a member of the European Union. It is also a part of the Schengen Area so if you're travelling from the Schengen Area, you do not have to go through border controls. Citizens of the United States of America, Canada, Australia, Japan, Israel, Korea, Hong Kong, and some other countries do not need a visa to visit (but not work) Romania. They may stay for up to three months within any six-month period. If you are not a citizen of the EU or your country of residence does not have visa-free access to Schengen nations, you are required to have a valid passport along with a valid Schengen visa or a EU residency permit. For detailed information and the list of documents, you might want to check online at: <https://www.mae.ro/en/node/2035> It is advisable to keep 2 pages free in your passport for arrival and departure stamps. In certain cases, it has been observed that applying and receiving a visa can be a process of 20-30 days. Hence, it is essential that you check the timeline with the relevant authority in the country where you intend to make the visa application.

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### 34. Essential vaccination

Before your visit to the city, make sure you are up-to-date on routine vaccines like measles-mumps-rubella (MMR), varicella (chickenpox, polio and seasonal flu. Depending on the duration of your stay and the country you are traveling from, you might need vaccines for Hepatitis A and B. The World Health Organization recommends that you visit a physician at least six weeks before your departure.





**Index****35. Theft and Safety**

Romania is safer than most Western European countries and though Brasov is not very high on the crime scenario, it is advised that the tourists take care of their valuables and not be very friendly with strangers. It is also advisable not to carry large amounts of cash since you may be taken advantage of and you landing up pickpocketed. Also consult your hotel staff on the areas that you should keep off in order to avoid getting into unnecessary mess with the gypsies.



**Index****36. Embassy/Consulate**

For any emergencies, foreign tourists can get assistance at their home embassies in Brasov. You can find the complete list of foreign representations in the city at: <http://embassy.goabroad.com/embassies-in/romania>



**Index****37. Accessibility**

Brasov certainly is not a very bad city when it comes to wheelchair accessibility. Public transport is partly adjusted to wheelchair users and blind people. Also public buildings are getting adjusted more and more to accommodate wheelchair users. However, there still is a lot to do. Accessibility of Historical monuments varies.



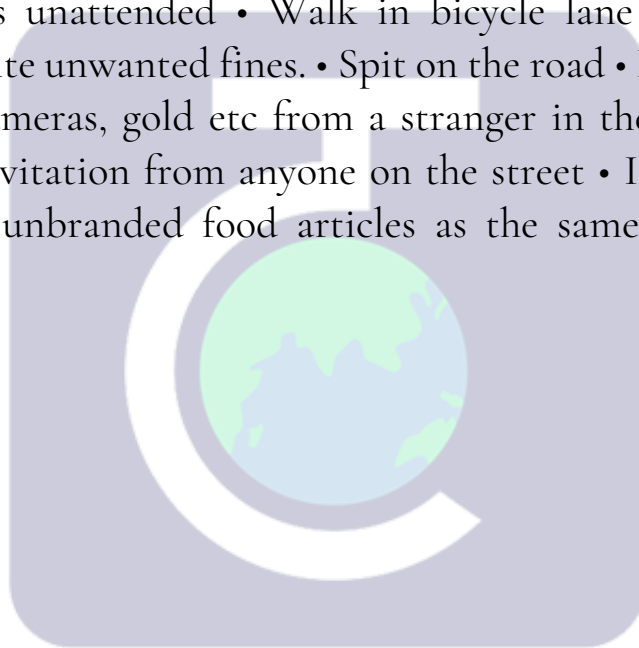
## 38. Emergencies

Having a valid European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) will provide you access to the city's public health care system at greatly reduced cost. Since the EHIC will not cover medical repatriation, ongoing medical treatment or non-urgent treatment, it is advised that you sign up for an adequate travel insurance and accessible funds to cover the cost of any medical treatment and repatriation. Visitors who come from a country outside of the EU are advised to take out a valid, private medical insurance to cover medical expenses in Brasov. The state run Medical services are nice and can be reached in case of emergency. The hotels provide shuttles and ambulances in such cases. The hospitals in the city are well equipped. Spitalul Clinic de Urgenta is the main emergency hospital in Brasov and is a short way outside the city centre. It offers excellent healthcare, emergency service and private rooms. Emergency numbers: Police - 110 Medical emergency/ accident services; fire brigade - 112

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### 39. Do's and Don'ts

Do's • Carry your passport and ID card at all times • Lock your bike properly • Carry some Romanian Lei (RON). Euros are not accepted everywhere. • Be wary of your surroundings at night, especially in the dark alleys. • It is advisable to carry a certified doctor's prescription along with the medicines to ensure hassle free import clearance. Do not's • Count/ exchange your money on the street. • Leave your valuables unattended • Walk in bicycle lane • Smoke inside any restaurant. It can invite unwanted fines. • Spit on the road • Leave tip on the table • Buy cell phones, cameras, gold etc from a stranger in the street • Accept any unwanted service/ invitation from anyone on the street • It is advisable that do not carry unsealed/ unbranded food articles as the same may be banned for import.



**Index****40.Tipping basics**

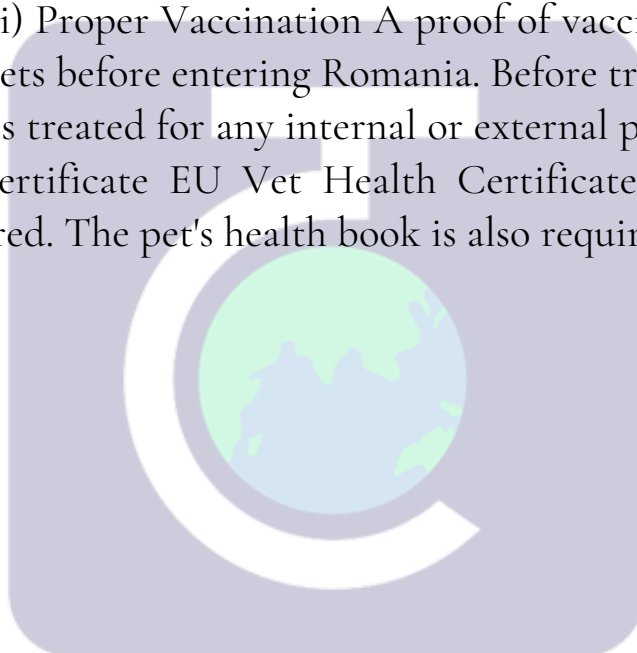
Unless already included in the bill, a tip of 10% is considered normal in Romania, depending on the service you got or you could also just round up the bills too. Rounding up of taxi charges and salon bills is also very common in the city.



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### 41.Pet info

Romania is a pet friendly country and does not explicitly ban or restrict any breed of animals. On your visit to the country, you can easily take your pets to almost all public places (parks, restaurants, hotels etc). The following information should be kept in mind while taking your pets to the city: i) Pet Microchip Your pet must have a microchip in compliance with ISO Standard 11784 or Annex A to ISO standard 11785. ii) Proper Vaccination A proof of vaccination against rabies is required for your pets before entering Romania. Before traveling, please ensure that your dog or cat is treated for any internal or external parasite infections. iii) Health Book and Certificate EU Vet Health Certificate from an accredited Veterinarian is required. The pet's health book is also required for inspection.



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### Conclusion – Why to select this destination

*Brasov is a beautiful medieval chapter of charming Transylvania. It is a harmonious mash-up of traditional charm and modern city life and is regarded as one of the best preserved cities in all of Europe. It is famous for its medieval Saxon walls and bastions, towering Gothic-style Black Church, lively cafes and the most beautiful landscapes in the country. Brasov also makes a fabulous base for exploring the surrounding countryside where the air is clean and the people friendly. The city is the best choice for mountain enthusiasts, party hunters, culture aficionados and everything in between.*





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