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### 1. Geographical location

Located in the Dobruja region on the Black Sea coast of Romania, Constanța (historically known as Tomis) is the administrative center of the county with the same name. It is the largest city in the EU Southeastern development region of Romania and boasts of a fantastic beach length of 13 kilometres. The Port of Constanța, running a length of about 30 kms, is the largest port on the Black Sea, and one of the largest ports in Europe.



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### 2. Neighbouring cities/countries

Some Of The Cities And Towns Lying Closest To Constanța Are Agigea (8 Kms), Cumpana (9.4 Kms), Techirghiol (13 Kms), Eforie (13 Kms), Basarabi (20 Kms), Topraisar (25.9 Kms), Corbu (43.1 Kms) And Ovidiu (20.4 Kms) To Name A Few.



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### 3. Significance

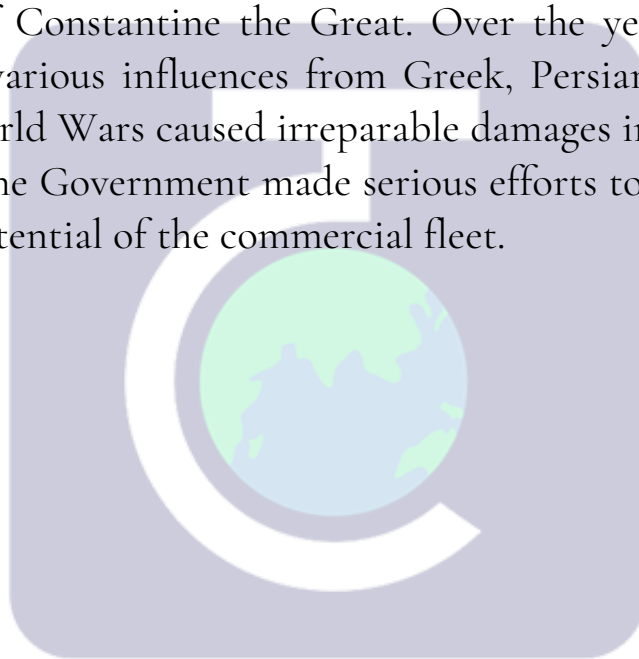
Situated at the crossroads of several commercial routes, Constanta is Romania's main Black Sea port and one of the major commercial hubs in the region. The city is worth exploring for its archaeological treasures, beach resorts, open-air restaurants, historical monuments, ancient ruins and the atmosphere of the old town centre. It is also known for traditional villages, vineyards and the Danube Delta.



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### 4. History

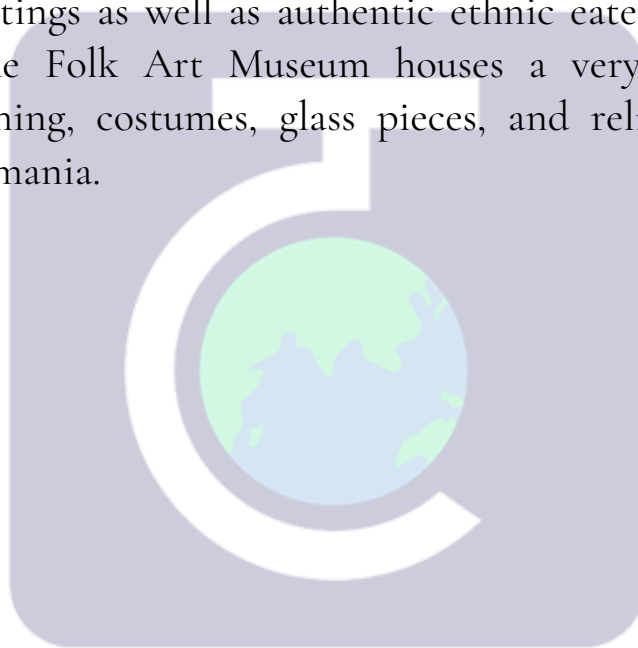
Constanta has a fascinating history which dates back to prehistoric times, when Greek colonists founded a port named 'Tomis' on the shore of the Black Sea. It was known as a trade center mainly for its geographical characteristics. With the split of the Roman Empire, Tomis fell under the influence of the Byzantium. It is then that the name Tomis was changed into 'Constanta', in honor of Princess Constantia, sister of Constantine the Great. Over the years, people from the surroundings faced various influences from Greek, Persians, and the Ottoman Empire. The two World Wars caused irreparable damages in the city. During the communist period, the Government made serious efforts to reconstruct the port and maximize the potential of the commercial fleet.



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### 5. Cultural identity

Constanța is an important cultural center, worth exploring for its rich historic and cultural treasures and the atmosphere of the old town center. Its ancient monuments, ruins, grand Casino, museums galleries and shops, and proximity to beach resorts make it the focal point of Black Sea coast tourism. The city is a colorful mix of different religions. It harbours a diverse folk culture, beautiful icon and fresco paintings as well as authentic ethnic eateries serving delicious Romanian food. The Folk Art Museum houses a very large collection of Romanian folk clothing, costumes, glass pieces, and religious artifacts from different parts of Romania.



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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. Museum of National History and Archeology**

Located in the old center of Constanța, the Museum of National History and Archaeology Constanța (MNHAC) is home to a huge collection of artefacts from Romania's and Dobruja's history. Having been built in Romanian architectural style during early 20th-century, it served as a town hall until 1921. It presents Greek, Byzantine, Romanian and medieval objects (stone, bronze and iron tools and weapons), ceramics, antique architectural elements, telegrams, bronze and gold coins, maps and magazines.

Address : Ovid Aquare 12, Constanța 900178, Romania

Zipcode : 900178

Location : 44.1738435, 28.658163199999999

Contact : +40241618763

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

Nearest Public Transport : Radio Romania Bus Station

Entry Fee : Adult: 10 Ron Students and retired persons: 5 Ron

Open & Close Timing : 1st May to 30th September: Daily 09:00hrs-20:00hrs 1st October to 30th April: Wednesday to Sunday: 09:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

**7.1.2. Dolphinarium and the Natural Sciences Museum Complex**

If you love dolphins, you wouldn't want to miss the chance to visit the Romanian Dolphinarium in Constanta. The dolphinarium was opened in 1972 and is also known as Constanta Dolphinarium or Delfinariu Constanta. There are various shows that are organized in the amphitheater pool combining dolphins from the *Phocoena relictus* species and *Delphinus delphis ponticus* species with seals from the South Atlantic.

Address : Complexul Muzeal de Științe ale Naturii Constanța, Bulevardul Mamaia 255, Constanța 900001, Romania

Zipcode : 900001

Location : 44.2055629, 28.642804500000001

Contact : +40241481230

Website : <http://delfinariu.ro>

Nearest Public Transport : Delfinariu Bus Station

Entry Fee : Adults: 25 Lei Students: 12 Lei Children under 5: Free admission

Open & Close Timing : Daily 09:00hrs-16:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Expected Wait Time : 10-15 minutes

Buy Ticket : Yes

### 7.1.3. Folk Art Museum

Located in the most celebrated area of Constanta on the junction of Tomis Boulevard and Traian Street, the Folk Art Museum (Muzeul de Arta Populara) dignifies the attractiveness, peculiarity, and diversity of Romanian folk culture. The exhibits denote clothes, furnishings, art, and photographs from Romania's past. There is also a small gift shop inside that has a fantastic selection of traditional crafts at very reasonable prices.

Address : Bulevard Tomis 32, Constanta 900742, Romania

Zipcode : 900742

Location : 44.17892579999999, 28.6517642999999968

Contact : +40241616133

Website : <http://muzeuetnocta.ro>

Nearest Public Transport : Centru Bus Station

Entry Fee : Adults: 8 lei Groups of adults: 4 lei Students in organized groups: 2 lei

Open & Close Timing : Daily 09:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.1.4. Aquarium Constanta

Located in the Tomis Harbour of Constanta, the aquarium in Constanta is a section of the Natural Sciences Museum. Whilst this aquarium is small in size, it holds a decent selection of fish and marine creatures belonging to different geographical areas. It has around 60 species of fish from Black Sea and Danube Delta and species of fish from tropical and subtropical areas. It makes for a great outing with kids.

Address : Strada Elisabeta 1, Constanta 900733, Romania

Zipcode : 900733

Location : 44.17093060000001, 28.663180199999942

Contact : +40241611277

Website : <http://www.delfinariu.ro/acvariu>

Nearest Public Transport : Delfinariu Bus Station

Entry Fee : Adults: 8 lei Pupils/ Students: 2 lei Children under 7 years old: Free admission

Open & Close Timing : Daily 09:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.1.5. Planetarium

Constanta's Planetarium is a part of the Natural Sciences Museum Complex and a great place for those who wish to explore the mysteries of the sky. Having a huge dome with a diameter of 8 meters, this planetarium has a capacity of 80 seats. On the entrance, visitors can pay a visit to the observatory which displays the composition of the universe, from the structure metagalaxy to the Solar System's planets in pictures along with descriptions of their characteristics.

Address : Complexul Muzeal de Științe ale Naturii, Bulevardul Mamaia, Constanța 900001, Romania

Zipcode : 900001

Location : 44.2068944, 28.642926499999993

Contact : +40241481230

Website : <http://www.delfinariu.ro/planetariu>

Nearest Public Transport : Delfinariu Bus Station

Entry Fee : Adults: 12 lei Pupils/ Students: 3 lei Children under 7 years old: Free admission

Open & Close Timing : Daily 10:00hrs-15:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.1.6. Romanian Navy Museum

Romanian Navy Museum (Muzeul Marinei Române) is one of the most iconic

museums in the country. It houses a huge variety of navy antiques right from the beginning of sailing to modern day mechanization. The building, which comprises of a big part of the historical heritage of the Navy, is declared as a historical monument. Highlights of the museum include a diving suit from 1900, lighthouse lens from Tuzla and a Roman amphora with melted sheep fat among others.

Address : Str. Traian 53, Constanta 900725, Romania

Zipcode : 900725

Location : 44.174729, 28.648523299999965

Contact : +40241619035

Nearest Public Transport : Fantasio Train Station

Entry Fee : Entrance fee: 8 Ron Reduced fee for pensioners, disabled: 4 Ron

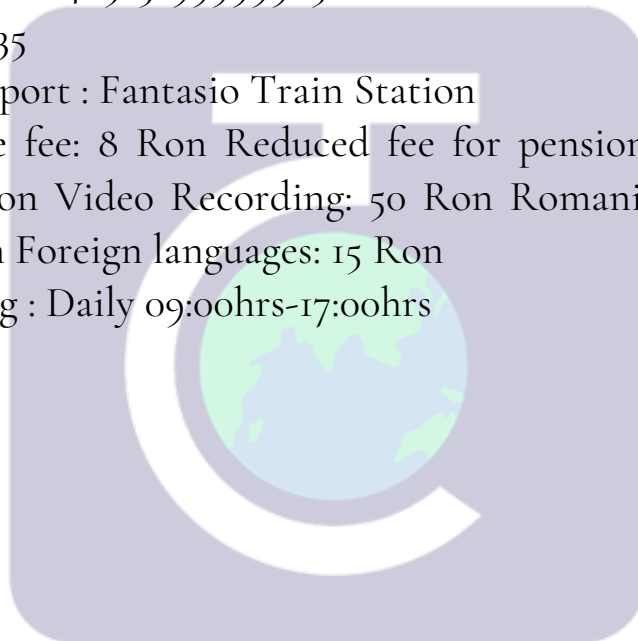
Photographing: 15 Ron Video Recording: 50 Ron Romanian Guided Tours: 15

Ron Guided Tours in Foreign languages: 15 Ron

Open & Close Timing : Daily 09:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No



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**7.2. Free****7.2.1. Marea Moschee din Constanța**

Located in Ovid Square area, the Mosque of Constanta (Carol I Mosque) is the major religious Muslim place of worship and an outstanding architectural marvel of the city. It is also listed as a historic monument by the Romanian National Institute of Historical Monuments and is known for its unique mixture of Egyptian, Byzantine and Romanian architecture.

Address : Strada Crângului 1, Constanța 900745, Romania

Zipcode : 900745

Location : 44.17332109999999, 28.659720200000038

Contact : +40241611390

Nearest Public Transport : Radio Romania Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Daily 09:00hrs-19:00hrs

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

**7.2.2. Casino Constanta**

Located at 2 Elisabeta Boulevard along the Black Sea, Casino Constanta is a historic monument built in Art Nouveau style between 1904 and 1910 according to the plans of Daniel Renard. It is a prime example of the faded city splendor and is listed as a historic monument by Romania's Ministry of Culture and Religious Affairs. This casino once hosted glamorous royal parties, but now sits completely abandoned. Though you cannot play, you must definitely visit it for its beguiling architectural details.

Address : Strada Crângului 1, Constanța 900745, Romania

Zipcode : 900745

Location : 45.09753860000001, 24.369303899999977

Contact : +2347031162422

Website : <http://cazino-constant.ro>

Nearest Public Transport : Poarta 1 Bus Station

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.3. Strada Ovidiu

Ovidiu Square (Strada Ovidiu) is a lovely pedestrian-only area with various bars, restaurants, and great views of the Black Sea. The market square bursts with fascinating buildings, various stalls as well as Greek and Roman archaeological finds. There is a large square with a statue of Ovidius in the middle. The locals believe that couples who stand at Ovidius's feet and recite his epitaph will celebrate a long life together.

Address : Piata Ovidiu, Constanta 900745, Romania

Zipcode : 900745

Location : 44.24321680000001, 28.269923800000015

Nearest Public Transport : Radio Romania Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.4. Orthodox Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul

Located at 25 Arhiepiscopiei Street between Ovid Square and the Black Sea, the Orthodox Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul (Catedrala Sfinții Apostoli Petru și Pavel) it is the largest and most important Orthodox church in Constanta. The cathedral was built in the 1880s in Greco-Roman style by the designs of the architect, Ion Mincu. It was severely damaged in World War II, but restored in 1951.

Address : Strada Arhiepiscopiei 25, Constanta 900732, Romania

Zipcode : 900732

Location : 44.1712876, 28.66098809999994

Contact : +4041611408

Website : <http://www.crestinortodox.ro/biserici-manastiri/catedrala-episcopala-constantina-67797.html>

Nearest Public Transport : Suceava Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Monday to Friday: 08:00hrs-16:00hrs

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.5. Sinagoga Mare

Built between 1911 and 1914 in Moorish style by architect Adolf Linz, the great Sinagoga Mare din Constanța is a former synagogue in the city. The door and windows on the exterior exhibit a Moorish impact whereas the interior is split into 3 naves with traditional Jewish decorations.

Address : Strada C.A. Rosetti 2, Constanța 900178, Romania

Zipcode : 900178

Location : 44.174493, 28.656707999999998

Nearest Public Transport : Radio Romania Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Daily 09:00hrs-17:00hrs

Time Required : 1

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.6. Modern Beach

Situated next to the marina, the Modern Beach is a sun-kissed shore favored by the locals and tourists alike. It makes for a great attraction for kids, adults as well as pets. It is also full of fancy hotels, cafés, clubs and bars.

Address : Modern Beach, Constanța 900178, Romania

Zipcode : 900178

Location : 44.1809304, 28.656382900000004

Nearest Public Transport : Centru Bus Station

Open & Close Timing : Open 24 hours

Time Required : 2

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.7. VIVO! Constanta

Opened in 2011, Maritimo is a modern shopping center that brings together the leading brands of Romania such as Zara, Sephora, Bershka, Pull & Bear, C&A, New Yorker, Deichmann and many more. It also has lush green spaces, recreation areas, playgrounds for children, 3D cinema, gym with sauna, area restaurants, and a hypermarket.

Address : Bulevardul Aurel Vlaicu 220, Constanța 900498, Romania

Zipcode : 900498

Location : 44.199065999999999, 28.6093849999999975

Time Required : 0



Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.8. City Park Mall of Constanta

Spread over a floor area of 59,000 square meters, City Park Mall is a large shopping mall in the city. It includes approximately 100 stores and a multiplex with 8 screens. It is located in the north of Constanta and incorporates a variety of major brands in fashion, jewelry, accessories and lifestyle.

Address : Bulevardul Alexandru Lăpușneanu 116C, Constanța 900419, Romania

Zipcode : 900419

Location : 44.203728, 28.632484999999974

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.9. Centrul Comercial Tom

Centrul Comercial Tom or Carrefour Tom is a great shopping mall with all major fashion and lifestyle brands as well as big supermarkets. It also has a number of good electronics shops and a food court.

Address : Bulevardul Tomis 391, 900002 Constanța, Romania

Zipcode : 900002

Location : 44.2133222, 28.604853700000035

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No

### 7.2.10. Tomis Mall

Located in one of the oldest areas of the town in the main commercial walking area, between two main boulevards, Tomis Mall is a vivacious shopping mall in the city. The building is spread over 4 floors and includes around 50 stores and a multiplex with 8 screens.

Address : Strada Ștefan cel Mare 36-40, Constanța 900676, Romania

Zipcode : 900676

Location : 44.178515999999999, 28.646894999999972

Time Required : 0

Buy Ticket : No





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### 8. Key sites sports & adventure

Constanta offers a few adventurous activities for adrenaline junkies. Set on the Black Sea coast with a 13 kms long beach, the city has various water sports to offer.

- **Scuba Diving -**

Address : Tomis Marina, 4 Lebedei Street, 900178 Constanta, Romania

Location : 44.176178,28.660563

Contact No : +40745170972

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

Nearest Public Transport : Radio Romania Bus Station

Entry Fees : 1 boat dive: 136 lei 2 boat dives (same trip): 226 lei Night dive (from the boat): 181 lei PADI Discover Scuba: 158 lei PADI Open Water: 1358 lei

Time Required : 3

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## 9. Adventure sports, Local sports, stadiums

Football is the most popular sport in Constanta. The city is home to several football clubs, with FC Viitorul playing in the Romanian first division. There are also 2 rugby teams in Constanța: RC Farul Constanța, and Constructul Cleopatra Constanța. One of the top Romanian handball clubs, HCM Constanța, is also based in the city.

- **Stadionul Farul Constanta:**

Address : Str.Primaverii nr. 2; 900635 Constanta, Romania

Location : 44.19750519999999,28.638918099999995

Contact No : +40727106501



## 10. Spas and relaxation

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

- **Hotel Malibu:**

Address : Bulevardul Mamaia 316, Constanța 900001, Romania

Location : 44.217416,28.639092000000005

Contact No : +40241831404

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

- **Hotel Vega:**

Address : Hotel Vega, 900001 Mamaia, Constanta

Location : 44.256987,28.620875000000007

Contact No : +40241607607

Website : <http://www.hotelvega.ro/en/tulip>

- **Hotel Iaki:**

Address : Bulevardul Mamaia, Constanța 900001, Romania

Location : 44.2436169,28.622064700000001

Contact No : +40241831025

Website : <http://www.iakispa.ro/spa/>

## 11. Events calendar

### Month

### Events

#### Sand Marathon

**Sand Marathon is a special kind of competition in Europe. The international sport event is organized by the SanaSport Sports Association and Radio Constance in partnership with the County Department of Sport and Youth Constanta. It sees amazing participation both from amateur runners as well as professional players.**

#### Mamaia Carnival

**Mamaia Carnival is a colorful carnival in the Romanian seaside resort Mamaia located in the Constanta county. During the festivity, 10 tableaux vivants, accompanied by explosive music, cover Mamaia resort from one end to another.**

#### Romanian National Folklore Song and Dance Festival

**This festival is more of a cultural phenomenon happening in Constanta for 40+ years. Over the last 15 years, besides the**

**easy music contest, other competitions have been included like folklore music contest and children's music contest.**

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

**Christmas and New Year's Eve is celebrated with great pomp and show at various places 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 Constanta 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) History and heritage tours The old town of Constanta has an interesting history and is worth exploring. Historic city tours take you through landmarks and stories from yesteryears. Visitors can also see historical influences in the architectural landscape of the city and how the Romans, the Ottoman Empire, and the Genoese merchants influenced Constanta and transformed it into a cosmopolitan center. ii) Cultural Trips A cultural tour through Constanta 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 from Monday to Friday at 18.00hrs. Meeting point is Fantasio Theatre Parc, mosaic wall. Popular Tour Guides: i) Cristina Ruien 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 Constanta. 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

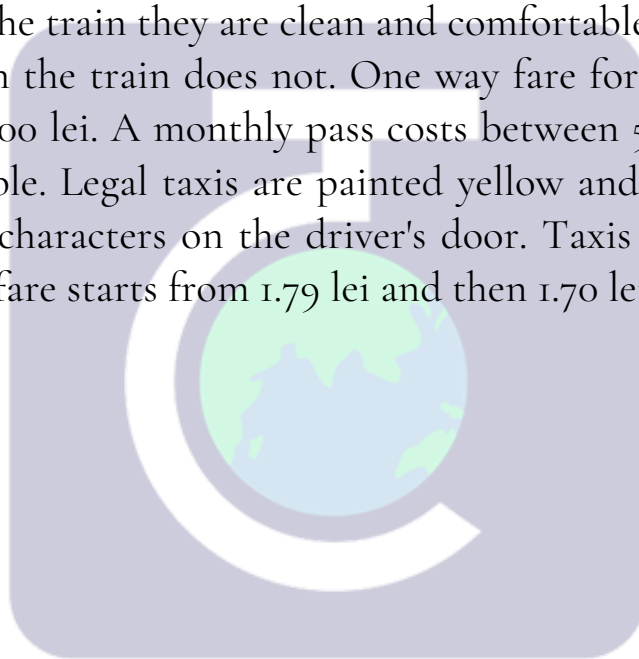
Airport Mihail Kogălniceanu International Airport is located about 15 miles north of Constanta city centre in the town of Mihail Kogalniceanu. The airport is connected to the city by a special bus which operates 2 times per day. The bus stops near the Central Station (Gara CFR). Taxis are also readily available outside the arrivals area. They charge approximately 100 Ron for the journey. Railway Station Constanța's train station is the largest station on the Romanian Black Sea and has good connections with the rest of the country. There is daily INTERCITY (Express) service between Bucharest and Constanta. The journey takes around 2 hours and 20 minutes and costs around 60 Ron. In the summertime, there are several daily trains with service every half-hour between Constanta and Mangalia, stopping at all the Black Sea resorts along the way. Bus Station Autogara constanța sud is the main bus station in the city. It is located strada theodor burada in Constanța. Throughout the day Bucharest bound buses leave Constanta every 45 minutes from the Railway Station. Tickets costs RON 30 and are bought from the driver. Port Constanta is one of the largest commercial ports at the Black Sea and the 18th largest in Europe. The port is the terminus for cruise ships and private boats via the Bosphorus Strait or the Danube River.



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### 14. Transportation cost

It is possible to cross the entire city of Constanta in only a few hours on foot, but beware that the sidewalks are in dangerously poor condition. Public transport system in Constanta is comprised of buses (autobus), trams (tramvai) and trolley buses (troilebuz). They operate as one system, running from 05:00hrs to 23:30hrs. Tickets are interchangeable for all three forms of transport. Though buses are slightly slower than the train they are clean and comfortable and the newest ones have free WiFi which the train does not. One way fare for local transport costs between 1.50 lei to 2.00 lei. A monthly pass costs between 50 lei to 110 lei. Taxis are also easily available. Legal taxis are painted yellow and have the fee written with green or black characters on the driver's door. Taxis do not accept credit card payments. Taxi fare starts from 1.79 lei and then 1.70 lei per kilometer.



**Index****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 Constanta, 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 Constanta 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 -

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- **Restaurant Queen Elizabeth:**

Address : Bd. Regina Elisabeta nr. 7, Constanța 900178, Romania

Location : 44.170978,28.662566999999967

Contact No : +40725131214

Website : <https://www.facebook.com/RestaurantQueenElizabeth/>

Open / Close Time : Monday to Thursday 09:00hrs-00:00hrs Friday and Saturday 09:00hrs-02:00hrs Sunday 09:00hrs-01:00hrs

- **Restaurant Chevalet:**

Address : Enigma Resort, Black Sea Coast, Constanța 900001, Romania

Location : 44.264259899,28.620458999  
Contact No : +40721421501  
Website : <http://restaurantchevalet.com/>  
Open / Close Time : Daily 08:00hrs-00:00hrs

- **Nikos Greek Taverna:**

Address : Bulevard Tomis 44, Constanta 900657, Romania  
Location : 44.2352228,28.625806300  
Contact No : +40731289846  
Website : <http://www.nikosgreektaverna.ro/>

- **Marco Polo:**

Address : Strada Sarmisegetuza 2, Constanța 900670, Romania  
Location : 44.182499,28.64918899999998  
Contact No : +40241617357  
Open / Close Time : Daily 10:00hrs-00:00hrs

- **Manarola Restaurant & Cocktail bar:**

Address : Portul Turistic, Constanța 900178, Romania  
Location : 44.1752669,28.659647700000005  
Contact No : +40722100193  
Website : <https://www.facebook.com/ManarolaRestaurantCocktailBar/>  
Open / Close Time : Monday to Saturday 10:00hrs-02:00hrs Sunday 10:00hrs-12:00hrs

- **Restaurant Reyna:**

Address : Strada Pescarilor 33B, Constanta 900545, Romania

Location : 44.17420199999999,28.66058380000004

Contact No : +40768174146

Website : <https://www.reyna.ro/>

Open / Close Time : Daily 08:00hrs-01:00hrs

- **Bellagio Club:**

Address : Bulevardul Mamaia, Constanța 900697, Romania

Location : 44.233879799,28.624832299

Contact No : +40723552446

Website : <http://www.bellagio-club.ro/>

Open / Close Time : Daily 23:00hrs-09:00hrs

- **Fratelli Lounge & Club:**

Address : Strada Răscdalei 1907 4, Constanța 900178, Romania

Location : 44.1785753,28.650756300000012

Contact No : +40725510000

Website : <http://www.fratelli-constantia.ro/>

Open / Close Time : Friday and Saturday 23:00hrs-04:00hrs

- **Doors Club:**

Address : Strada Traian 68A, Constanța 900716, Romania

Location : 44.16834679999999,28.638811000000032

Contact No : +40241559966

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

Open / Close Time : Monday to Thursday 08:00hrs-01:00hrs Friday and Saturday 08:30hrs-04:00hrs Sunday 11:00hrs-00:00hrs

- **Old Fashion Pub:**

Address : Strada Revoluției din 22 Decembrie 1989 8, Constanța 900178, Romania

Location : 44.1727435,28.661204099999964

Contact No : +40721 944 782

Website : <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Old-Fashioned-Cocktail-Bar/1453974261557465?sk=info&tab=overview>

Open / Close Time : Monday to Friday 09:00hrs-00:00hrs Saturday 10:00hrs-01:00hrs

- **Ego Club:**

Address : Constanța 900001, Romania

Location : 44.26958989999999,28.620459699999997

Contact No : +40726202272

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



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**18. Average meal cost**

● 3-course meal at an inexpensive restaurant: 15-30 Lei ● 3-course meal at a mid-range restaurant (for minimum 2 people): 80-120 Lei ● Combo meal at McDonalds or equivalent: 15-25 Lei ● 0.5 liter draught beer: 4 Lei





**Index****19. Shopping**

Constanta is not a shopper's 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. Visitors can shop downtown, on the Ștefan cel Mare street where most big shopping centers are situated.



**Index****20. Tourist benefits**

The standard VAT rate in Romania is 24%. There are reduced VAT 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.



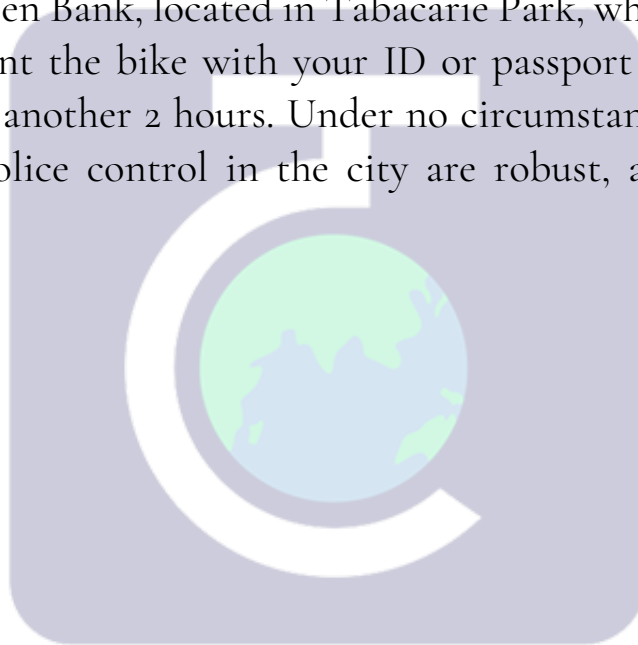
## 21. Essential local apps

DB Navigator is a useful app to check timetables 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.



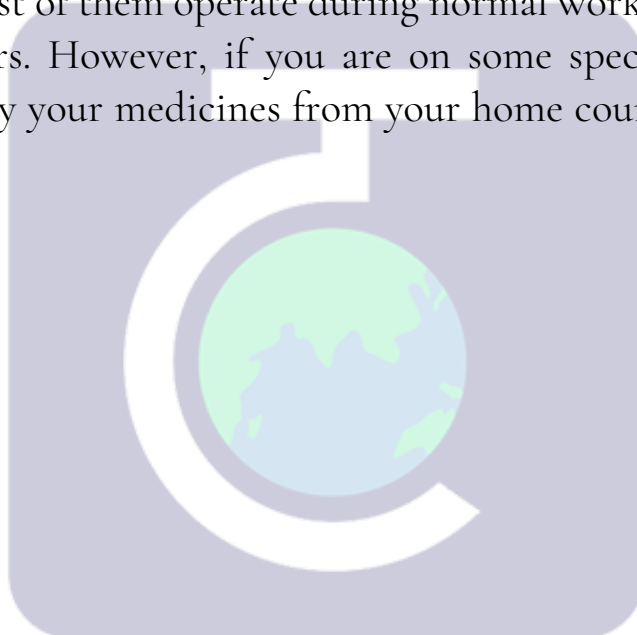
## 22. Driving

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. There is a free rental service sponsored by Raiffeisen Bank, located in Tabacarie Park, which runs from June to October. You can rent the bike with your ID or passport for 2 hours with the option to extend for another 2 hours. Under no circumstances should you drink and drive. Traffic police control in the city are robust, and the penalties are severe.



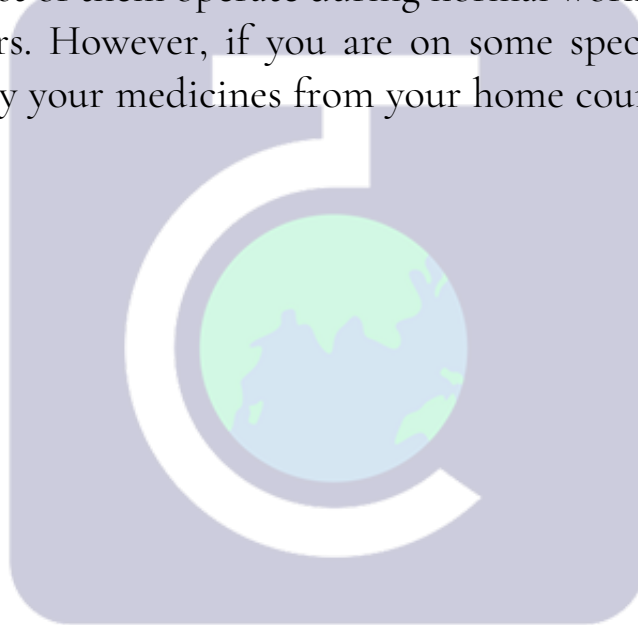
**Index****23. Travel essentials**

The standard electricity supply in Constanta 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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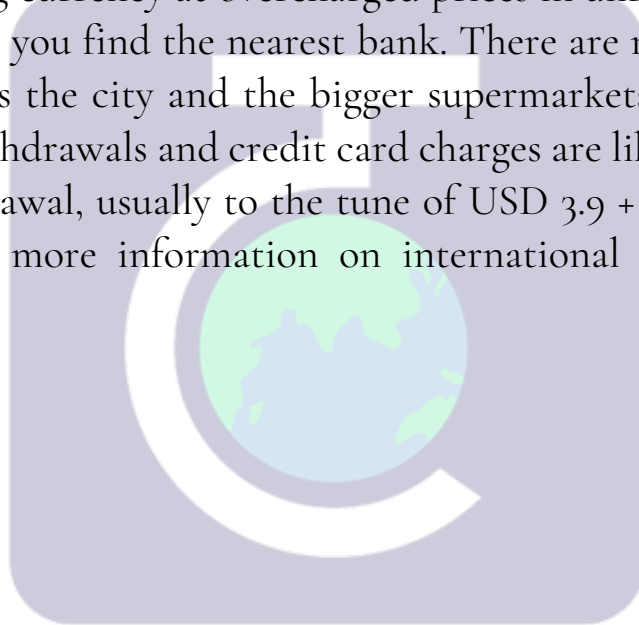
**Index****25. Local currency**

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're 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

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



**Index****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%.



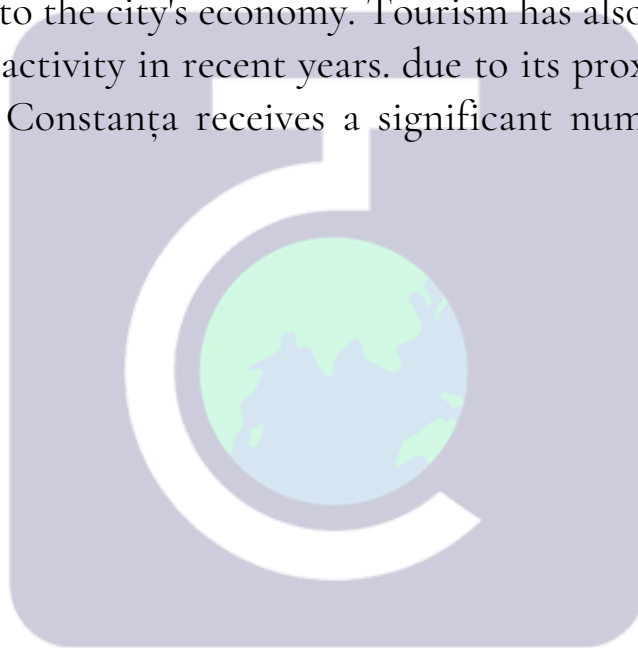
## 30. Political Scenario

Constanta is made up of 27 councilors headed by a mayor.



### 31. Economic Scenario

Constanța is one of the prime industrial, commercial and tourist centers of Romania. The Port of Constanța is the largest on the Black Sea and the fourth largest in Europe. It serves as an important transport node and provides connection between Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia. Some 100 companies were established in the city and its neighbouring localities in the first half of 2008 which added a boost to the city's economy. Tourism has also been an increasingly important economic activity in recent years, due to its proximity to other major tourist destinations, Constanța receives a significant number of visitors every year.



**Index****32. Religious belief**

81% of the total population of Constanta 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. 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. For detailed information and the list of documents, you might want to check online at: <https://www.mae.ro/en/node/2035>

**Index****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 Constanta isn't 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.



## 36. Embassy/Consulate

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



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

Constanta 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.



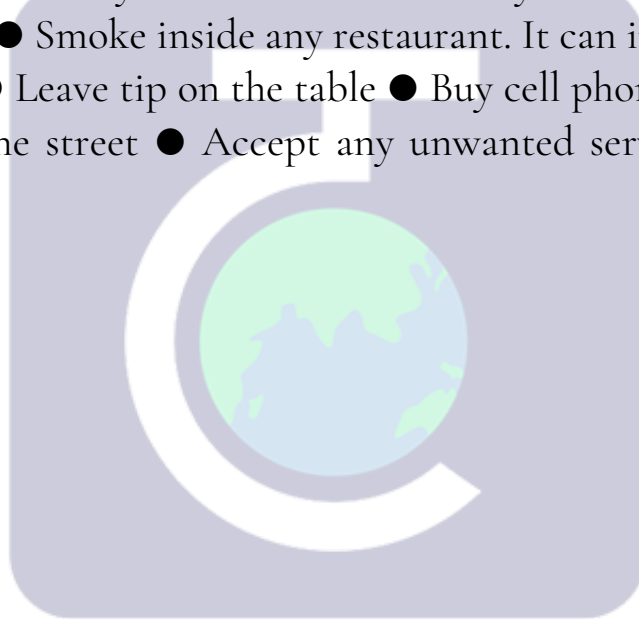
## 38. Emergencies

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 Constanta. 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. Constanta County Emergency Hospital is a hospital in Constanța and is nearby to Zoom Beach and Plaja Modern. 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 ● 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. ● It is advisable that do not carry unsealed/ unbranded food articles as the same may be banned for import. Do not ● 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



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

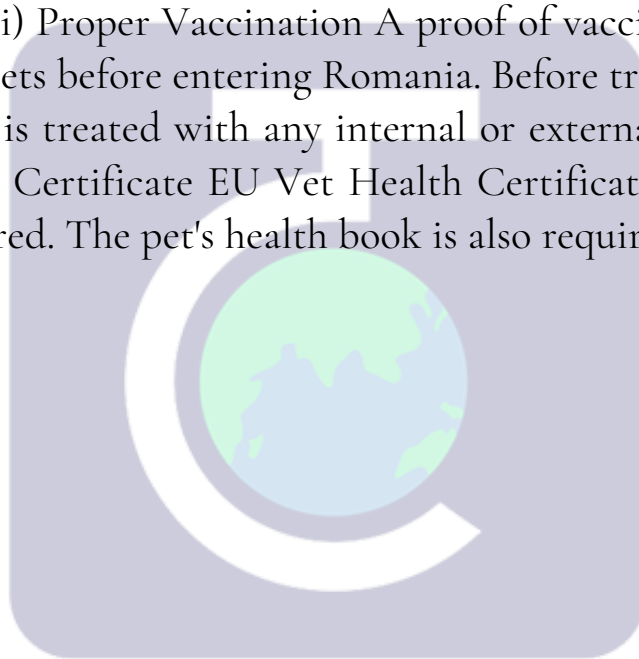
Unless already included in the bill, a tip of 10% is considered normal in Romania, depending on the service you got or you could also just round up the bills. Rounding up of taxi charges and salon bills is also common in the city.



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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 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 with 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

*Constanta is more than just an entry point to the Black Sea coast. It is a beautiful city with a long and interesting past, attested by its various Roman vestiges, historic buildings, ancient ruins and mosques that grace the Old City Centre. The city is also extremely popular for its traditional villages, vineyards and the Danube Delta. It is a wonderful place to visit especially in the summer with its beautiful beach resorts.*





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