

Romania

What could you say if someone asked – you, a Polish teenager, about Romania? Probably that it is in Europe and the capital city is Bucharest. Let's find out more.

Romania is a big country on the Balkan Peninsula in the south-east of Europe. We can look at the map to see that Romania borders 5 countries: Bulgaria, Serbia, Hungary, Ukraine, Moldavia and the Black Sea in the east. You can see that it is not far from Poland. The country has a population of about 19,5 million. Bucharest has 1,800 000 inhabitants so it is as many people as in Warsaw, our capital.

The geographical features include mountains, hills, rivers and lakes. The Carpathian Mountains are in the north, east and the centre. The Transylvanian Alps have the highest peak Moldoveanu – 2,544 m asl. The second largest river in Europe, the Danube flows in the south and runs into the Black Sea forming the Delta. Between the Danube and the Carpathians in the south is the Walachian Plain. Romania has some lakes, including the coastal lagoons and coastal lakes. There are spectacular glacial lakes in the Carpathian Mountains and also one volcanic Lake St Ana. The climate in Romania is like ours – temperate warm, with cold winters and sunny summers.

The country has rich culture – the legend about Count Dracula and the historic Transylvania are well-known in the world. There are a lot of castles here. The famous Romanians are the poet Mihai Eminescu, the writer Mircea Cartarescu, the composers Paul Constantinescu and Vladimir Cosma.

What are the examples of Romanian dishes? One example is soup called ciorba. Among other dishes are caltabos, piftie, sarmale, and a desert called salam de biscuiti.

The people in this country of stunning nature are friendly and hospitable. There are several thousand Polish people who now live in Romania too. The Polish people have something we share with the Romanians – a lot of us go to other countries to find work.

This in short is what you can say about Romania. Its natural environment, the beauty of the mountains and landscapes are unique and worth seeing. That is what we are going to do soon! We are looking forward to it.

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