

Internet Resources for MOLDOVA

General Information

Travel Information: www.info.moldova-travel.com

Ministry of Travel and Tourism: www.turism.md/eng

"Basa-Press" News Agency: www.basa.md

"Moldova Azi" On-line Newspaper: www.azi.md/en

Moldavian Research Server: www.ournet.md

All about Moldavian wines: www.vinmoldova.md

Moldavian / Romanian Translation Dictionary On-Line: www.dictionare.com

Photo Gallery of Moldova: www.photo.md/?lang=eng

Youth in Action Programme related links

EAC Executive Agency: http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/youth/index_en.php

SALTO Resource Centres Network: www.salto-youth.net

European Youth Portal: www.europa.eu/youth

Eurodesk: www.eurodesk.eu

EVS Volunteers Blogs: www.myevs.net

SALTO EECA Support Service (www.salto-eeca.eu)

- Contact List of Organizations,
- Forum (Partner Finding, Exchange of Experience, Reports and Photos from Events, Documents and Articles download and more),
- Blogs and Chat Room for EVS Volunteers.

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Regional Multipliers Network: www.salto-youth.net/eecamultipliers

Manual on EECA Countries: www.salto-youth.net/eecamanual



Moldova

The Republic of Moldova is a landlocked country in Eastern Europe, located between Romania to the west and Ukraine to the east. Historically part of the Principality of Moldavia, it was annexed by the Russian Empire in 1812 and reunited with other Romanian lands in Romania in 1918. After changing hands during the World War II and its final annexation by the Soviet Union it was known as the Moldavian SSR during 1945-1991. Moldova declared its independence on 27 August 1991.



The part of Moldova east of the Dniestr River, Transnistria - which is more heavily industrialized and is populated by a larger proportion of ethnic Russians and Ukrainians - claimed independence in 1991, fearing the rise of nationalism in Moldova and the country's expected unification with Romania. This caused a brief military conflict between Moldova and Transnistria. As no other nation recognizes Transnistria, it is de jure a part of Moldova, although in reality it is not controlled by the Moldovan government.



Flag

Coat of Arms

The country's main cities are the capital Chişinău, in the centre of the country, Tiraspol (in Transnistria), Bălţi and Bender.

The official language is Moldavian is essentially the same as Romanian. In the past Soviet official policy stated that Romanian and Moldavian were two different languages and Moldavian was written in

Cyrillic alphabet, as opposed to Romanian, which was written in Latin alphabet. The matter of whether or not Moldavian is a separate language is a contested political issue within and beyond the Republic of Moldova.

Moldavians are predominantly Eastern Orthodox Christians, but as in many other ex-Soviet Republics, the nation is very secularised.



Located geographically at the crossroads of Latin and Slavic cultures, Moldova has enriched its own culture adopting and maintaining some of the traditions of its neighbours.

(source: *Wikipedia*)

Visas and registration

Citizens of EECA and EU countries don't need visas to enter Moldova for period of 90 days. Passport must be valid for at least 6 months. Travelers should have 30 USD per each day of planned stay in Moldova, but no less than 150 USD.

Foreigners traveling to Transnistria must register in local registration office by 24 hours. Those traveling to other parts of Moldova shall register by 3 days upon arrival in the local police office. If staying in hotel, the registration should be organized automatically. Money and other goods (laptops, photo cameras etc.) shall be officially declared on the border.

Year-long visas require official invitation, which confirms institutional support and purpose of stay in Moldova, it costs: 200 USD. HIV test required for persons staying over 90 days. Visas can be prolonged and temporary or permanent residence permits are issued in the Department of Migration.

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Basic information

Full country name: Republic of Moldova

Government type: Republic

Capital: Chisinau

National holiday: Independence Day, 27 August (1991); note - 27 August 1991 is the date of independence from Soviet Union

Area: 33,843 sq km

Administrative divisions: 32 raions (raioane, singular - raionul), 3 municipalities (municipiul), 1 autonomous territorial unit (unitatea teritoriala autonoma), and 1 territorial unit (unitatea teritoriala)

Population: 4,320,748 (July 2009 est.)

Ethnic groups: Moldovan/Romanian 78.2%, Ukrainian 8.4%, Russian 5.8%, Gagauz 4.4%, Bulgarian 1.9%, other 1.3% (2004 census); note: internal disputes with ethnic Slavs in the Transnistrian region

Language: Moldavian (official, virtually the same as the Romanian language), Russian and Ukrainian as well as Moldavian are official languages in Transnistria, Gagauz (a Turkish dialect)

Religion: Eastern Orthodox 98%, Jewish 1.5%, Baptist and other 0.5% (2000)

(source: *The World Factbook*)

