

# **ABOUT ROMANIA**

**EVERYTHING YOU  
SHOULD KNOW**

# NATIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

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Independence from the Ottoman Empire (1877–1878)

Romania broke away from centuries of Ottoman suzerainty.

The Great Union of 1918

On December 1st each year, Romanians celebrate the unification of Transylvania, Bessarabia, Bukovina, Banat, Crișana, and Maramureș

Integration into NATO and the European Union (2004 & 2007)

## DEEPSEEK

Accession to NATO (2004) and the European Union (2007)

Marked a transformative shift in its geopolitical and economic trajectory.

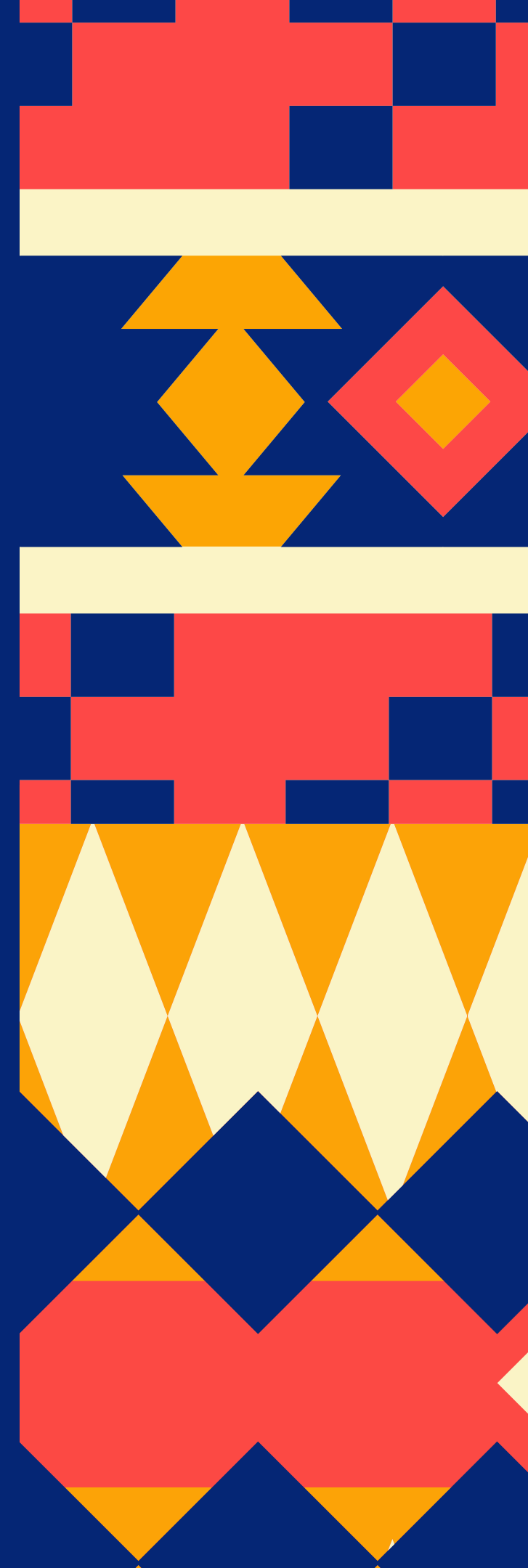
The 1989 Revolution

The fall of Nicolae Ceaușescu's communist regime in December 1989 was a crucial moment, ending decades of authoritarian rule.

Scientific and Cultural Contributions

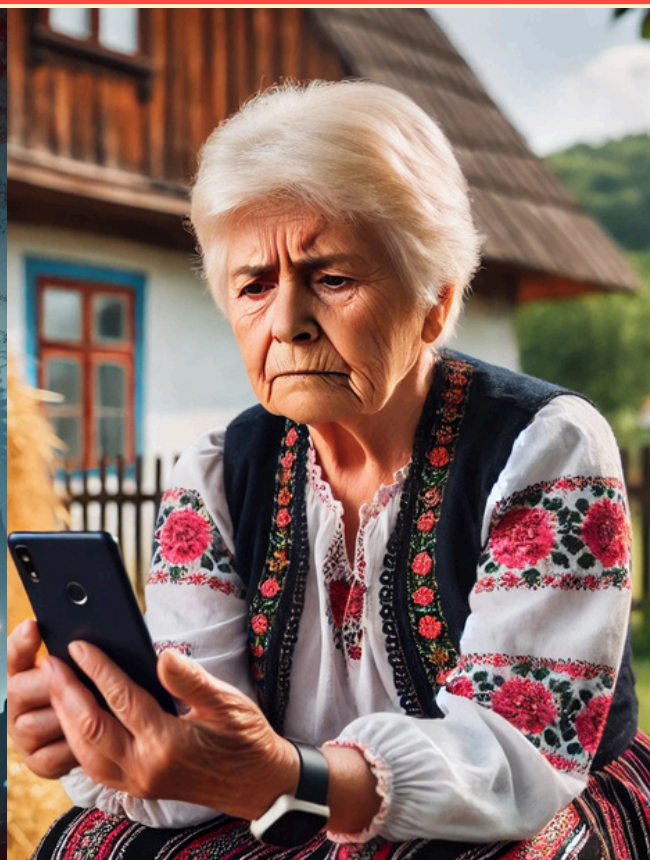
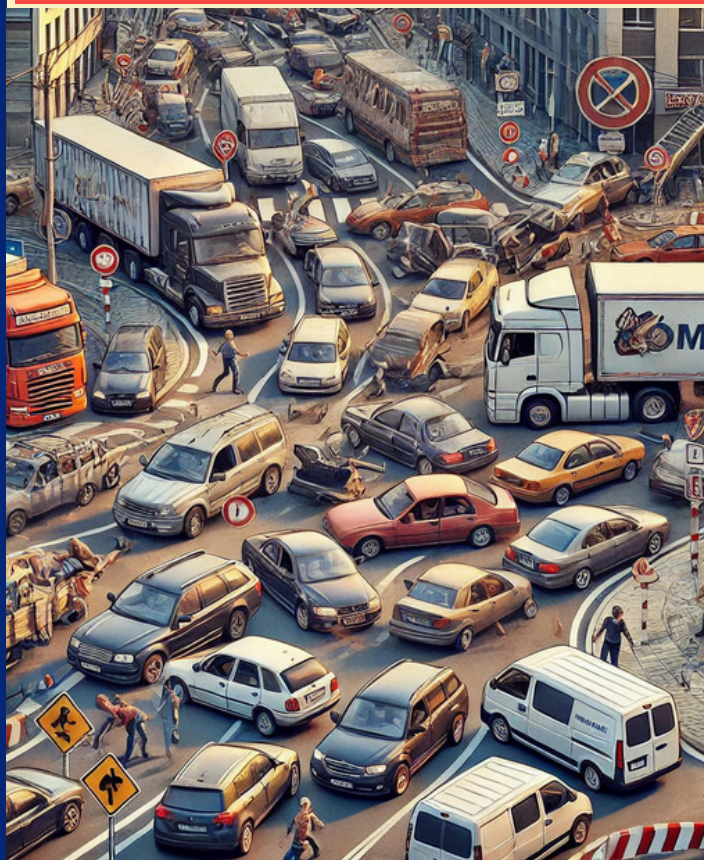
Henri Coandă: Pioneered aerodynamics

Nicolae Paulescu: Contributed to early insulin research, though his work was overshadowed by Canadian scientists.



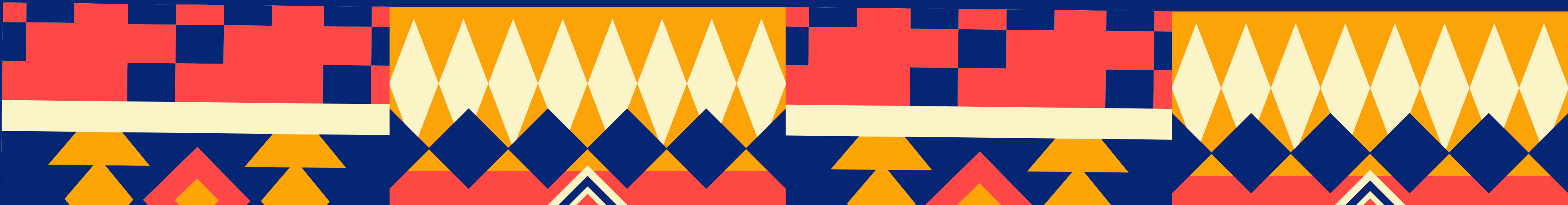
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# INTERESTING FACTS

## GPT

### Rich in Gold Resources

Romania is one of Europe's richest countries in terms of gold resources, particularly in regions like Transylvania, which have been mined for centuries.

### Home to the World's Heaviest Building

The Palace of the Parliament in Bucharest holds the title of the heaviest building globally. This colossal structure is also the second-largest administrative building in the world, after the Pentagon.

### Birthplace of Insulin

Romanian scientist Nicolae Paulescu discovered insulin, a hormone crucial in the treatment of diabetes, in 1921.

## SEEK

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### Vampire Lore Origins

Romania is the birthplace of the Dracula legend, inspired by Vlad the Impaler (Vlad III), a 15th-century ruler known for his brutal tactics.

### Fast Internet Speeds

Romania has some of the fastest and cheapest internet in the world, ranking consistently in the top 10 globally for broadband speed. Gamers and streamers rejoice!



## 2021 Political Crisis

In September 2021, Romania faced a significant political crisis when the coalition government collapsed. Disagreements between the National Liberal Party (PNL) and the Save Romania Union (USR) led to the USR withdrawing its support, resulting in a vote of no confidence against Prime Minister Florin Cîțu. This political instability occurred amid a severe COVID-19 wave, complicating the country's response to the pandemic.

## 2024 Presidential Election Annulment

In late 2024, Romania's Constitutional Court annulled the presidential election results due to evidence of Russian interference. The leading candidate, Călin Georgescu, known for his far-right views and anti-EU stance, was barred from the rerun scheduled for May 2025.





# DEEPSEEK

## Colectiv Fire Corruption Fallout

**What Happened:** The 2015 Colectiv nightclub fire (64 deaths) exposed corruption in safety and healthcare systems. Investigations into bribes and negligence continued post-2020.

**Key Figures:** Former Interior Minister Gabriel Oprea and others faced corruption charges.  
**Impact:** Public outrage led to protests and demands for anti-corruption reforms.

## COVID-19 Vaccine Scandal (2021)

**What Happened:** Politicians, including PM Florin Cîțu, allegedly jumped the vaccine queue, bypassing priority lists for healthcare workers and the elderly.

**Public Reaction:** Widespread anger over inequality and privilege during the pandemic.

**Impact:** Damaged trust in the government and calls for transparency in vaccine distribution.



# HUMOROUS SAYINGS DEEP

## GPT

**"La Paștele cailor"**

**Literal Translation:** "At the horses' Easter."

**Meaning:** Equivalent to "When pigs fly," indicating something that will never happen.

**"A freca menta"**

**Literal Translation:** "To rub the mint."

**Meaning:** To waste time or do nothing productive.

**"Are un morcov în fund"**

**Literal Translation:** "He has a carrot in his butt."

**Meaning:** Describes someone who is very nervous or anxious.

**"A făcut din țânțar armăsar."**

**Literal Translation:** "He turned a mosquito into a stallion."

**Meaning:** Someone is making a big deal out of nothing or exaggerating a small issue. Similar to "making a mountain out of a molehill."

**"A pus mîța-n căruță."**

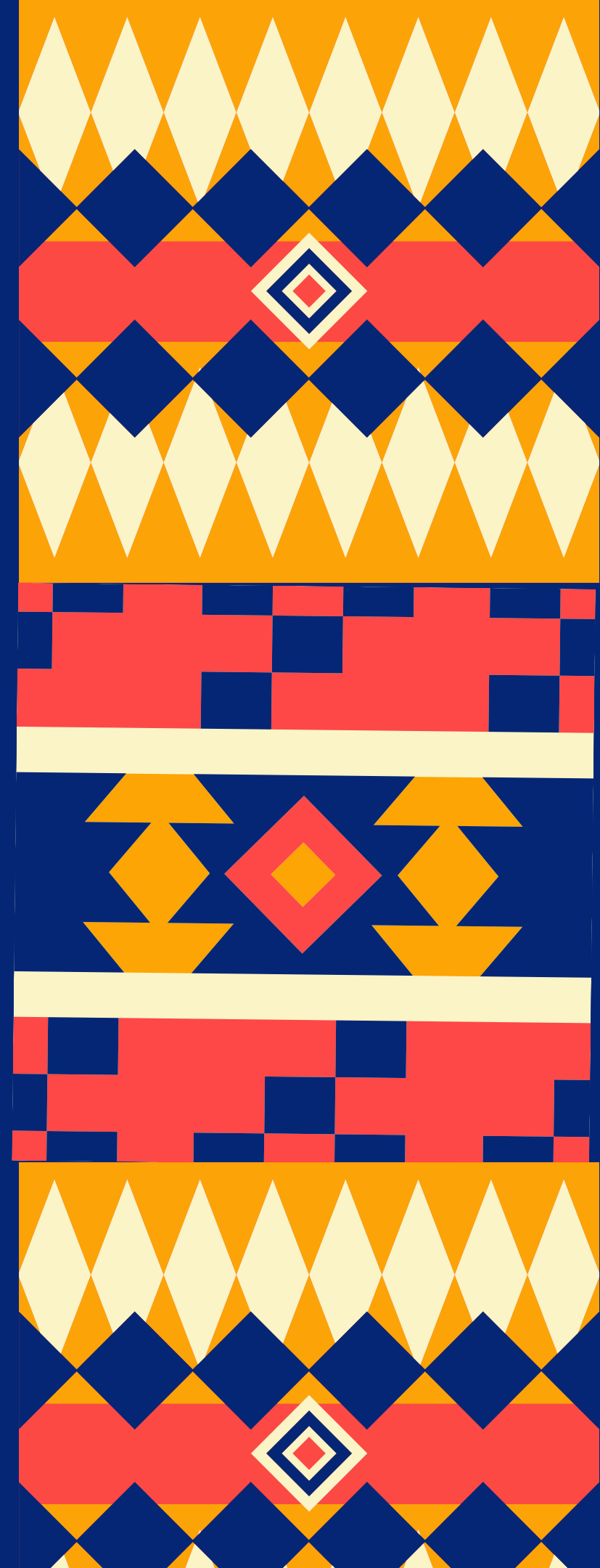
**Literal Translation:** "He put the cat in the cart."

**Meaning:** Used when someone is trying to make something fancier or more complicated than it needs to be. It's like saying, "He's overcomplicating things."

**"A dat cu mucii în fasole."**

**Literal Translation:** "He threw snot in the beans."

**Meaning:** Someone messed up or made a big mistake. It's a funny way to say, "He really screwed up."



# 5 ESSENTIAL THINGS TOURISTS SHOULD KNOW

-Romania's official currency is the Romanian Leu (RON)

-Romanian is the official language, but English is widely spoken in urban areas

Romania offers various transportation options, including trains, buses, and taxis.

Romania is generally safe for tourists, but it's wise to remain vigilant against petty crimes like pickpocketing

Romanians value politeness and formal greetings. When meeting someone for the first time, a handshake is customary.

## Currency and Payments

Currency: Romania uses the Romanian Leu (RON), not the Euro.

## Transportation Tips

Taxis: Always use licensed taxis or ride-sharing apps like Bolt or Uber to avoid overcharging.

Driving: Romania has stunning scenic roads (e.g., Transfăgărășan), but be cautious of aggressive drivers and rural road conditions.

## Language Basics

Language: Romanian is the official language. While many younger people speak English, learning a few basic phrases

## Safety and Scams

General Safety: Romania is a safe country with low violent crime, but petty theft (e.g., pickpocketing) can occur in crowded areas.

Scams: Be cautious of overcharging in taxis, fake tour guides

## Cultural Etiquette and Tipping

Tipping: Tipping is expected in restaurants (5-10%), for taxi drivers (round up the fare), and hotel staff (1-2 euros for porters or maids).

Greetings: Romanians are friendly but formal. A handshake and direct eye contact are common when meeting someone new.

Respect Traditions: In rural areas, respect local customs and dress modestly when visiting churches or monasteries.





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