## **GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT ROMANIA**

Romania is located at the intersection of Central and Southeastern Europe and it has a temperate-continental four seasons climate. We are part of the European Union since 2007, the capital is Bucharest (population of 2 millions) situated in the south area of the country, while the most famous region – Transylvania - is situated in the northwest.

### Travel & Transportation

Bucharest is about three hours flight time from London and one hour and a half from Berlin, considering direct flights. All the other major cities around the country have international airports, so even if you pick a location in Transylvania or in the west side of the country your client could land close to the set.

The country has several highways and a well developed network of asphalt roads which access even the most hidden places in the mountains.

#### Accomodation & Dinning

All major cities around the country have a complement of good hotels, guesthouses and apartments for short-term accommodation. Major international hotel chains – Hilton, Marriott, Radisson, Intercontinental, Accor, Ramada – are found in Romania. Bucharest has a wide range of accomodation facilities, summarizing more than 150 hotels. International cuisine restaurants as well as good local ones are a common thing, as Romanians like to eat out... so why not end your day of work into a culinary discovery.

As per your requests we can arrange everything while filming with us, from tours to Dracula's castle in Transylvania to a Royal Palace in Prahova Valley.

#### Communication

The mobile telephone system is provided by three major operators and covers 95% of the Romanian territory. Similar to the rest of Europe, we use the 900 Mhz GSM bandwith, so your handset works in Romania. As a courtesy, we offer local cellphones to your international crew.

You will be able to connect your laptop to the world even in the most remote areas of Romania thanks to the Internet services available throughout the 3G networks and recently 4G. Also, the well-developed fiber network allows you to upload dailies at reasonable rates and at prices comparative with shipping.

#### A few facts at-a-glance:

- local time is GMT +2
- local currency is RON (Romanian New Leu)
- if your country of citizenship is any of the European countries or USA you don't need a visa to enter Romania
- bank offices & ATM's are well spread all over the country
- banking hours are 9 to 5, some banks are open on Saturday
- major credit/debit cards (Mastercard, Visa, Amex) are accepted nationwide, from regular stores to gas stations, hotels and restaurants
- tap water is drinkable and bottled water is easy to find/buy
- most of the emergency medical services are covered by the European Health Insurance Card
- taxi fare in Bucharest runs for aproximately 30 eurocents per kilometer
- a regular lunch in a restaurant costs around 9 euros
- most of the Romanians speak English

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