

Iași is not just a city, it's an experience. Awesome places, great people, lots of art, history and culture, delicious food and a vibrant nightlife.

Iași (IASS history, Iamii, Iasi) Iași is the county seat and principal urban centre in north-eastern Romania.



Iași was **the capital of Moldova** in the period **1564 - 1859**, **one of the two capitals of the united principalities** between **1859 and 1862** and **the capital of Romania** between **1916-1918**.

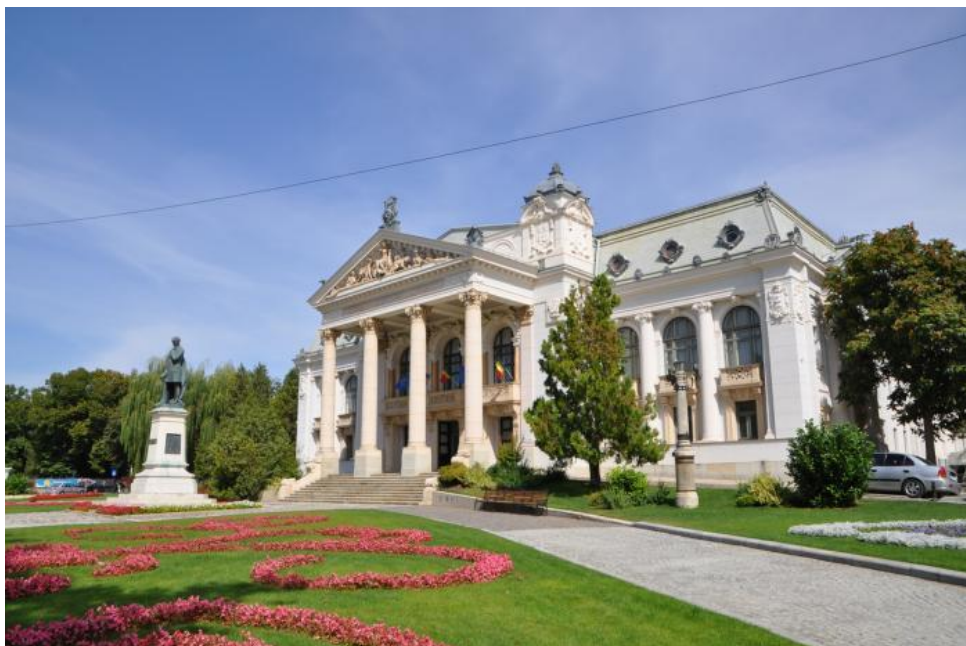
Iași was first mentioned in a commercial privilege issued in **1408** by Mr. Alexandru cel Bun Moldova. However, because there were older buildings that date (eg the alleged Armenian Church constructed in 1395), it is believed that the city is much older, at least a few decades, this time.



The city of Iași has **the oldest academic tradition in Romania**, with five top ranking state universities.



It's also one of the most beautiful Eastern European cities, built on seven hills, with beautiful architecture, amazing views and an abundance of cultural treats for the sensitive heart.



Music, theatre, underground culture, there's a bit of everything for you here.



Iași is the second most populous city in the country and it has almost 60,000 students from all over Romania and the world. It's a student city and foreigners have an easy time meeting people and making friends.



The city has a very rich and interesting history. Here you'll find 526 archaeological sites, 20 memorial houses of which 10 are museums and 580

historic monuments. It is also a very popular pilgrimage destination, with over 100,000 pilgrims visiting the city each year in October- Sf. Parascheva



With approximately 60 churches, one more beautiful than the next, it's actually the **religious capital of Romania**.



If you like nature, the biggest botanical garden can be found in the city. Here you can visit seasonal flower shows, take walks through the vast garden or just chill in the sun.



If it's fun you're after, you'll find lots of bars, cafés, discos, night clubs, you name it, on campus and also in the city centre, which is not far. You can even party by the lake.



