

## Romania's National Day

DECEMBER 1<sup>st</sup>

The National Day, also called Great Union Day or Unification Day, on December 1<sup>st</sup> commemorates the unification of the delegates of ethnic Romanians.

It is celebrated with military parades, in Alba Iulia and Bucharest, and fireworks.

In communist Romania, the date of the national holiday was set to August 23 to mark the 1944 overthrow of the pro-fascists government of Marshal Ion Antonescu.

The Romanian flag is flown on National Day in Romania. The national flag is a tricolor blue, yellow and red. The three colors symbolize 3 Romanias - Wallachia (yellow), Moldavia (red), and Transylvania (blue).

The national anthem "Deșteaptă-te, române!" is also performed. The anthem is a symbol of unity, courage, and patriotism among Romanians.

