



ROMANIA

The land of stories

Romania - location



It borders Bulgaria to the South, Ukraine to the North, Hungary to the West, Serbia to the Southwest, Moldova to the East and the Black Sea to the Southeast.

Romania is located in the South-East Europe and borders the Black Sea.





The Romanian Flag

Blue-

Truth
and
Loyalty

Yellow-

Generosity

Red-

Bravery
and
Strength

Coat of Arms



Romania's coat of arms was adopted in the Romanian Parliament on 10th September 1992.

As a central element, it shows a golden eagle holding a cross in its beak, and a mace and a sword in its claws. It also consists of the three colours (red, yellow, and blue) which represent the colours of the national flag.

Capital City - Bucharest

Bucharest is the capital and largest city of Romania, as well as its cultural, industrial, and financial centre. It is located in the South of the country, on the banks of the Dâmbovița River.

The city's population, according to the 2002 census, was 1,926,334 inhabitants - 8.9% of the total population of Romania.



Topoloveni - location



Located on a small river, in a fairyland-like open space, with hills guarding its ancient traditions and modern development, Topoloveni is the place where people feel like home.

Topoloveni is a town in Arges County with a population of 10,626 inhabitants. It was declared a city in 1968.

Topoloveni - location



- The city is located in the Southeast of the county on the banks of the Cârcinov River at the bottom of spectacular hills.
- It is situated at 100 km from the capital-city Bucharest.

The coat of arms of the city of Topoloveni



The coat of arms of Topoloveni consists of a blue triangular shield with rounded edges, cut into a black gear.

At the top, in the blue field, on the right, there is a silver "ie" (the traditional Romanian blouse), and on the left there is a basket with plums and golden grapes.

At the top of the shield, in the golden field, is a poplar branch.

The shield is stamped with a silver wall crown, with 3 towers.

Significance

The meanings of the elements:



- The poplar branch gives the name of the town, which comes from the Slavic word "topola".
- The gear indicates the presence of the machine building industry.
- The fruit basket represents the natural products bearing the trademark Topoloveni.
- The blouse symbolizes the popular and artisanal craft.
- The wall crown with 3 towers means that the Topoloveni has the status of a town.

600 years of Topoloveni

2021 marked 600 years since the first written documents mentioning Topoloveni (1421, 19th June)

We all participated to the ceremonies and festivities dedicated to our Town.







LICEUL TEHNOLOGIC TOPOLOVENI – School Presentation





Topoloveni Technological Highschool is situated in the centre of our town and is like the second home for more than **1200** students, from 4 to 19 years old.

The main building as you can see now, was “born” in 1968, when it had only 8 classrooms.

Starting with 2013 our school became an educational institution that offers educational services for all levels of education, from kindergarten to secondary school.



The 25 classrooms, all the learning spaces, the school library with over 16,000 volumes, the teachers' room, the offices for administrative staff, the medical and psychological offices are great – the most of them are newly renovated and fully refurnished.



Currently, our school is a dream come true for the inhabitants of this small community and the dedication of teachers, family support and local community fulfil a positive social mission, influencing the destiny of many generations of students.

Our 85 teachers are great. They are dedicated, loving professionals, who are always trying to get the best out of each and every student.



ROMANIAN FOOD

SARMALE – Cabbage Rolls

A cabbage roll is a dish consisting of cooked cabbage leaves wrapped around a variety of fillings. Meat fillings are traditional in Romania, and include beef, lamb, or pork seasoned with garlic, onion, and spices. Grains such as rice and barley, mushrooms, and vegetables are often included as well.



Cozonac

Cozonac - is a special sweet bread, traditional to Romania.

Rich in eggs, milk and butter, it is usually prepared for Easter and mostly for every major holiday (Christmas, Easter, New Year's Day) in Romania and Moldova.



Magiun

Magiun of Topoloveni is a traditional Romanian food based on plum which has received since 2011 a Protected Geographical Status from the European Union.

Magiun of Topoloveni is a kind of jam made from very ripe fruit from various plum varieties without added sugar.



The recipe of magiun of Topoloveni is attested since 1914.

The **magiun** of Topoloveni is produced exclusively in the area Topoloveni.

The **magiun** became the first Romanian certified natural product and protected by European Union by order No. 338/2011 dated April 7, 2011 the European Commission has recognized a protected designation of origin and protected geographical indication in Magiun of Topoloveni.



Traditions

Sumedru's Fire

If you happen to drive through Topoloveni on **October 25th** and see a huge fire on the hills, don't panic because what you see is probably one of the oldest rituals in the country – ***Sumedru's Fire***.

This pre-Christian ritual has survived for over 2000 years and is still practiced today in many parts in Arges county.

Villagers in this region light up Sumedru's fire every year on the night before Saint Dumitru (October 25 to 26). They do this up the hill so that the fires are seen from far away, which makes this ritual so spectacular.



□ Every year we light up the fire.





THE END???



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**Just the moment when you must
learn the steps of Romanian Dances...**