THE NATIONAL SYMBOLS OF ROMANIA

National flag

It has got 3 vertical stripes, beginning from the flagpole: blue, yellow and red.





The colours have also a meaning attributed to them:

Blue-freedom as related to the limitless sky
Yellow- wealth as related to wheat fields
Red-the blood of heroes who sacrificed themselves for the independence of our country

National currency



Even if Romania is part of the European Union, the national currency is the **New Romanian Leu** with the common abbreviation RON. 1 euro equals 5 RONs.

On each banknote there is illustrated an important person, such as our national poet, Mihai Eminescu- the face of 500 RON bill.

National Day

The National Day or Great Union Day is a national holiday in Romania, celebrated on 1st of December, marking the unification of Transylvania, Bessarabia and Bukovina with the Romanian Kingdom in 1918.



Traditional food

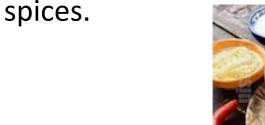
The most peculiar thing about Romanian food is that it has a very familiar taste, but at the same time it tastes like something you've never tried before. This is because the traditional cuisine is actually a mix of dishes and cooking techniques borrowed from neighboring cultures, such as Hungarian, German, Turkish and Slavic, but transformed and romanised with local herbs and



Polenta (Mămăligă)



Grilled minced meat rolls (Mici)



Beef Tripe Soup (Ciorbă de burtă)

National clothing



The Romanian costume refers to the traditional clothing worn by Romanians. Each historical region has its own specific variety of costume.



