



Country Profile: Moldova

Moldova is a republic with a freely elected government. It has been an independent nation since 1991. Its capital, Chisinau, offers adequate hotels and restaurants, but tourist facilities in other parts of the country are not highly developed, and many of the goods and services taken for granted in other countries are not yet available. Read the Department of State [Background Notes](#) on Moldova for additional information.

COUNTRY OVERVIEW



Country Name:	Moldova
Continent:	Europe
Capital City:	Chisinau
Boundary Countries:	Romania, Ukraine
Recommended Hospitals in Capital:	Chisinau: Municipal Clinical Emergency Hospital
Main Cities:	Chisinau, Briceni, Balti, Ribnita, Bender, Tiraspol, Cahul, Dubasan
Country Size:	33,842 sq km
Population:	4,320,490

COUNTRY GENERAL INFORMATION

Language:	Moldovan (official, virtually the same as the Romanian language), Russian, Gagauz (a Turkish dialect)
Currency:	Moldovan Leu (MDL)
Predominant Religions:	Eastern Orthodox 98%, Jewish 1.5%, Baptist and other 0.5%
National Holidays:	Independence Day, 27 August (1991)
Economic Status:	Moldova remains one of the poorest countries in Europe despite recent progress from its small economic base.
Security:	National Army: Ground Forces, Rapid Reaction Forces, Air and Air Defense Forces
US Presence:	U.S. Embassy in Chisinau 103 Mateevici street Chisinau MD-2009 Republic of Moldova Phone: (+373 22) 408 300
Major Airports:	Airports: 12, Airports w/paved runways: 6 Chisinau International Airport (KIV/LUKK) Chisinau Airport, Moldova, Bul Dacia 80/3, Chisinau, MD 2026, REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA Tel: +373 (0)2 52-60-60, (Flight information) +373 (0)2 52-54-12/3 Fax: +373 (0)2 52-60-87 Website: www.airport.md Customs, hours: 24 hours Tel: +373 (0)2 52-67-42 Fax: +373 (0)2 52-49-57

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