

Romania



Location

A sovereign state located in Southeastern Europe. It borders the Black Sea, Bulgaria, Ukraine, Hungary, Serbia, and Moldova. It has an area of 238,397 square kilometres (92,046 sq mi) and a temperate-continental climate. With almost 20 million inhabitants, the country is the seventh most populous member state of the European Union. Its capital and largest city, Bucharest, is the sixth-largest city in the EU, with 1,883,425 inhabitants as of 2011.

Modern Invention

A 19-year-old Romanian student named Ionut Budisteanu has just designed an AI system to drive your car while you sit there, chill in traffic. He won first place at Intel's International Science and Engineering Fair for his efforts. His system would only cost around \$4,000, and rivals the self-driving car that tech juggernaut Google is developing—with their billions of dollars and nearly infinite resources.

Budisteanu's version uses webcams, and his invention managed to complete 47 out of 50 trials without incident. Upgrading it to perfection would simply involve increasing the cameras' resolution, as the three failed trials were due to the inability to identify smaller objects.



Self driving car

World Wars

Romania's entry into World War I initially panicked Kaiser Wilhelm: The Central Powers were already being beaten into submission by the British and Russians on two fronts. When Romanian troops entered the fray, they opened up a new line of offense along the Transylvania border. Sadly, the Romanians were outmatched and would soon start to incur greater and greater losses. To make matters worse, the Russians were facing internal turmoil—with the Bolshevik Revolution flaring up domestically, the support disappeared, and Romania was forced to surrender after incurring a loss of over 300,000 soldiers. The country also surrendered its land along the coast, which was now under the control of Austria-Hungary until the end of the war. Once the war was over and the Central Powers were left smoldering, the allies recompensed Romania with several former Hungarian territories, including the notorious, vampire-infested region of Transylvania.



World War 1

Castle Dracula

Could you think of a better place to spend Halloween than Dracula's Castle? Probably not, because nothing is better than a world-famous, historically-creepy castle tucked away in a Transylvanian forest. Visitors receive a hearty serving of bread and brandy, as traditional practice dictates. You're also treated to a show, can participate in knighthood games, and you get to witness the crowning of a new Miss Transylvania. But the true history of the castle, is a little less glamorous: It's bun likely that the actual person we associate with Dracula, Vlad Tepes, was ever present at the site. He might have dropped by once or twice, but his palaces were located elsewhere. The association was made later on, after Bram Stoker set a Transylvanian castle as the count's residence. The Romanians realized the Vlad and Dracula were two different, distinct personages, yet looked to capitalize on their landmark's new infamy.



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Football Team

The **Romania national football team** is the national football team of Romania and is controlled by the Romanian Football Federation. Romania is one of only four national teams from Europe, the other three being Yugoslavia, France, and Belgium, that took part in the first FIFA World Cup in 1930. Since that performance, Romania have qualified for the 1934, 1938, 1970, 1990, 1994 and 1998 editions. The team's finest hour came at the 1994 World Cup where Romania, led by playmaker Gheorghe Hagi, reached the quarter-finals by defeating South American powerhouse Argentina before losing to Sweden on a penalty shootout. At the European Championships, Romania's best performance was in 2000 when they advanced to the quarter-finals from a group with Germany, Portugal and England before falling to eventual runners-up Italy.



Football badge

By Cameron