

Constanta City

An ancient metropolis, Romania's oldest continuously inhabited and the country's largest sea port, Constanta traces its history some 2.500 years. Historically known as Tomis, legend has it that Constanta was visited by Jason and the Argonauts after finding the Golden Fleece.

The city is located in the South-East extremity of Romania, Dobruja region, at 137km north of Istanbul and Bosphorus Strait (Turkey) and 160Km north of Varna (Bulgaria).

Mamaia resort is located at the limit of north of the city, the beach stretching on a length of 6km and it is oriented towards East, which confers sunshine all along the day.

The third largest city in Romania, Constanta is now an important cultural and economic centre, worth exploring for its archaeological treasures and the Old Town's architecture. Its historical monuments, ancient ruins, grand Casino, museums and shops, and proximity to beach resorts make it the focal point of Black Sea coast tourism. Open-air restaurants, nightclubs and cabarets offer a wide variety of entertainment.

Constanta is the fourth largest port in Europe, after Rotterdam, Antwerp and Marseille. While in the area, one can relax on the sandy beaches of the Black Sea or visit old villages, wineries, ancient monuments and the Danube Delta, a bird-lover's paradise.

The Danube Delta is a 3540-square-mile wildlife reserve designated by UNESCO as a 'Reservation of the Biosphere'. Its tree-fringed lakes, reed islands, marshes and oak forests are home to more than 3.400 animal species, along with over a thousand varieties of plant life. The Delta's waters teem with some 160 species of fresh- and salt-water fish. Bird-watchers will be especially enthralled here, with opportunities to spot more than 300 species of migratory and permanent birds including eagles, egrets, vultures, geese, cranes, ibises, cormorants, swans and pelicans.

Tourism has been an increasingly important economic activity in recent years. Although Constanta has been promoted as a seaside resort since the time of Carol I, the development of naval industry had a detrimental effect on the city's beaches. Nevertheless, due to its proximity to other major tourist destinations, Constanta receives a significant number of visitors every year, who discover and visit the city's monuments and attractions. Also, Constanta is a centre of commerce and education, both of which significantly contribute to the local economy.



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