



The Danube Delta & Black Sea Coast

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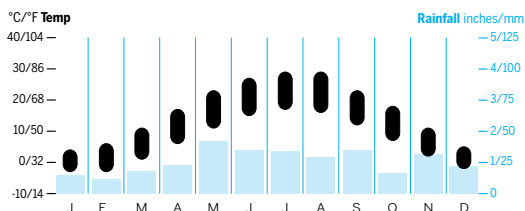
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Why Go?

Romania's 194km Black Sea coastline (*litoral*) is remarkably diverse, both from an environmental and a cultural standpoint. In the north, the mighty Danube River (Râu Dunărea) empties into the sea after completing its 2800km-long journey across the continent. The river's mouth, the Danube Delta, is a largely unspoiled wetland that draws bird lovers and seekers of solitude alike. It's a fantastic, tangled network of ever-eroding canals, riverbeds and marshlands with remote fishing villages and stretches of deserted coast. Further south, around Constanța and below, a string of lively beach resorts draws a different kind of wildlife altogether. Everywhere you go you'll find evidence of Romania's long historical connections to ancient Greece and Rome, as well as surviving pockets of more recent Turkish, Tatar and Lippovani/Old Believer cultures.

When to Go

Tulcea



May & Jun The start of the season in the Danube Delta. Mornings are best for boating the wetlands.

Jul & Aug High season for Mamaia and Vama Veche. Book far in advance and get ready to party.

Sep & Oct Beach towns close and culture and clubbing action shifts back to Constanța.



The Danube Delta & Black Sea Coast Highlights

1 Hearing the sound of thousands of pelicans in the canals and lakes of the **Danube Delta** (p211)

2 Testing the limits of sun, carousing and your beach modesty around **Mamaia** (p223)

3 Disregarding prudence and wallowing in stinky black mud in **Eforie Nord** (p226)

4 Reliving ancient Greece in **Histria** (p219)

5 Hitting a midsummer music fest and soaking up

some counter-culture vibes at **Vama Veche** (p225)

6 Strolling **Constanța's** (p217) lovely old port and marveling at the city's Greek and Roman roots