



Did you know that...

## Did you know that Romania is...

- The largest country in South-Eastern Europe?
- Home to 34 UNESCO World Heritage Sites, both cultural and natural?
- Home to 60% of European brown bear population?
- Home to 52% of the pink pelican population in the world?
- Home to the world's largest salt mine museum in Turda Salt Mines, in Transylvania?
- Mother of the youngest continental land in Europe, the so-called Danube Delta?
- Home to the second largest underground glacier in Europe, Scărișoara glacier, in the Bihor Mountains, near Cluj Napoca?
- Home to the tallest rock sculpture in Europe, the statue of Dacian king Decebal?
- The most famous novels, inspired by Romania, are "The Castle in the Carpathians" by Jules Verne, and "Dracula" by Bram Stoker.



## Did you know that Romania is the motherland of...

- The earliest homo sapiens fossils, up to now, were discovered in 2002 in Southwestern Romania in the Cave of Bones. Estimated age: 37 800 – 42 000 years old.
- Constantin Brâncuși – the famous sculptor, central figure of the modern movement and a pioneer of abstraction?
- Henri Coandă – the inventor of the jet plane?
- Scientist Nicolae Paulescu discovered insulin, which was originally called pancreine.
- Ștefan Odobleja – the inventor of modern cybernetics?
- Mircea Eliade – writer of the first complete history of religions?
- Eugene Ionesco – the foremost figure of the French Avant-garde theatre?
- Soprano Alma Gluck – the first lyrical artist to sell one million records – was born in Bucharest, Romania on May 11, 1884.
- Nadia Comăneci, the first female gymnast to be awarded a perfect score of 10 in an Olympic gymnastic event at the '76 Summer Olympics in Montreal?