

ARAD (Arad County)



The Municipality of Arad is placed in the western part of Romania, in the alluvial field of Arad, at the intersection of some important national and international traffic highways. The Mureş River crosses it from east to the west. The Municipality of Arad has a rich cultural and historical patrimony. It offers to the visitors a real out-door museum of the architectural styles specific to the XVIII, XIX and XX centuries, art and historical monuments, theatre performances, philharmonic orchestra concerts, plastic art exhibitions, history museum exhibitions, art and sciences of the nature, festivals and feasts.

The architecture lovers can admire buildings erected in baroque, renaissance, eclectic, classic, neo-gothic and secession style.

Total population (2002): 172.824 inhabitants out of which 82.6 % are Romanians, 12.9 % Hungarians, 1.7 % Gypsies, 1.3 % Germans, 0.3 % Serbians, 0.2 % Slovaks, 0.15% Bulgarians and 0.85% other.

Average altitude: 110 m;

Climate: continental-moderate, with slight Mediterranean influences;

You can see images and find out more about the city, visiting the town's official web site at: <http://www.primariaarad.ro>

Arad town has a multi-ethnic and multi confessional character. We have Orthodox churches here, belonging to two communities: Romanian and Serbian. There are also Catholic churches, Reformat churches, Lutheran churches and of Mosaic religion. We have also neo Protestants churches like: Baptist, Adventist and Pentecostal churches.

Arad is an academic town; here we have two well-known universities, “Vasile Goldiș” Western University and Aurel Vlaicu University, with over 7 000 students.

As far as the high schools from Arad are concerned, they have around 10 000 teenagers.

Arad offers great leisure opportunities to its inhabitants but also to its visitors.

In the summer time the best place to be in Arad is what we call “Ștrandul Neptun”, a swimming complex, which has apart from swimming pools, a lot of other places, such as: bars, restaurants, recreational areas – all of them situated in the very heart of the city, near the fortress of Arad.

This swimming complex is the second from Europe from the point of view of its size (surface) and it is situated on the Mureș river, near the center of the city, on 28 hectares of land. It is annually visited by 3 000000 people. Here you can see paved paths and green spaces with more than 30 species of trees.

On daytime the opportunities for entertainment are given by special spaces prepared for sun-bating, and at night you can visit a lot of bars, restaurants, clubs, terraces and disco clubs.

Inside the “Neptun” Swimming Complex, which is like a tourist resort, there are: 5 swimming pools, some of them with thermal water, 2 tennis play ground, places for roller skating, a football field, 2 volleyball fields, more than 300 small lodges, 1500 cabins for people. You can feel Arad’s young spirit during the night from this place, the “Neptun” Swimming Complex.

