

TRAVEL INFORMATION

As of January 1, 2003, the Transportation Security Administration began screening 100% of checked baggage. For this reason, locks on your luggage are not permitted. The following tips may help to reduce or eliminate any issues caused by the screening process.

Checked baggage: the airlines will permit up to two (2) pieces of checked baggage per passenger. Each individual bag may not exceed 50 pounds. (You will be subject to pay an additional fee if your luggage exceeds this weight limit. PIMI will not be responsible for this fee.) **When checking in at the airline counter, make sure your luggage is checked through to your FINAL DESTINATION.** Be sure each piece of luggage is identified with your name and address, both on the outside and inside of each bag. It is advisable to mark your luggage in some way for quick identification. It is also recommended to utilize large plastic zip lock bags when packing your personal items. Books and documents should be spread out within your baggage. Be aware that any wrapped gifts may need to be opened for inspection. This applies to both carry-on and checked baggage. Pack shoes, boots, sneakers, and other footwear on top of other contents in your luggage, as these are most likely to be inspected. **Do not put film in your checked baggage.** Some baggage screening equipment will damage undeveloped film. All film should be kept in your carry-on bag, preferably in a film-safe container. Be aware that items such as wooden matches, bleach, spray paint, and lighter fluid are banned even in checked baggage. For additional information on security procedures and a list of permitted and prohibited items, see the Transportation Security Administration website: www.tsa.gov (select Travel Tips).

- Carry-on baggage: the airlines will permit one carry-on piece of luggage, in addition to a purse or brief case, which must be small enough to store either in the overhead luggage compartment or beneath the seat in front of you. Occasionally, checked-baggage will not arrive at the final destination at the same time you do, so it is advisable to pack your necessary items in your carry-on baggage. Keep in mind, sharp objects such as nail clippers, nail file, pocket knives, etc. are not permitted in your carry-on baggage. These must be placed in the checked-baggage. You should carry at least one change of clothing, personal items, medication, toiletries, and any necessary items in your carry-on.

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS AND CALLING HOME

The following phone numbers and email addresses should be left with your family in case of an emergency:

The PIMI Romanian Project Coordinator, Elijah Morar, can usually be contacted at one of the following phone numbers: (the country code for Romania is 011)

011 40 722 27 27 87; 011 40 788 27 27 87; 011 40 259 41 94 15; 011 40 259 47 70 03

Email address: elijahm@rve.net

After hotel reservations for the team are confirmed, PIMI will forward the name of the hotel and phone number to each team member prior to departure. Messages can be left with the hotel receptionist, and team members will be able to retrieve messages upon returning to the hotel each evening.

PIMI will also have **Phone Cards** available for team members to purchase after arriving in Romania. The usual cost for these cards are \$10, and normally have about 40 minutes of talk time. Instructions for using these cards will be given to the team members at the time of purchase. They are only valid for certain phones in Romania. They can not be used from the hotel guest room phones. We have found that calling home from your hotel room is extremely expensive and is not recommended. Most Romanian hotels have a phone in the lobby in which the phone cards can be used.