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TOUR DE VINO Y CULTURA EN MOLDOVA

Duration: 8 days/7 nights Group size: 10+1 /14+1
MBest to travel: April – October

DAY 1: ARRIVAL IN CHISINAU

Upon arrival at Chisinau International Airport, meet a guide and driver, transfer to hotel for check-in and dinner at the hotel.
Overnight in Chisinau.

DAY 2: FIRST ACQUAINTANCE WITH CHISINAU& KINGDOM OF WINES

Buffet breakfast at hotel.
Meet the guide at the hotel and proceed for a 3h city tour of Chisinau.
During this tour you will get acquainted with the city history, will visit the historical part of our capital. You will make a stop at the monument of a great Moldova Ruler Stefan the Great and Saint, the Bell Tower, Lord Nativity Cathedral, the Triumph Arch, the Parliament, the Central Square "Stefan cel Mare", City Hall, visit the open-air food market and look into the city



Lunch at a traditional city café.
Afternoon visit to Arts Museum in Chisinau
Late afternoon tour the underground tunnels of the wine cellars and see a large collection of exclusive wine, get acquainted with the process of wine and wine sparkling production. The oldest wine to be stored there is a Jerusalem Wine (1902). Cricova is a unique place housing historic wines among which Goering's collection, the winery is proud for. Proceed for wine tasting and dinner in one of the tasting halls of Cricova wine cellars.
Overnight in Chisinau.



DAY 3: OLD ORHEI RESERVE, CURCHI MONASTERY AND CHATEAU VARTELY WINERY

Buffet breakfast at hotel.
This day explore an open-air museum complex Orhei Vechi (Old Orhei) that presents the remains of different civilizations established between Nistru and Prut rivers. The complex comprises caves, grottos, churches, Geto-Dacian fortress and hermitages. The open air museum represents a true natural fortress inhabited since ancient times. Walk into Orthodox Cave Monastery and feel the spirit of those times. Learn the way of living of the locals and visit a typical 19 th cent. Moldavian house-museum. Another interesting place to be visited on the route is the Moldavian village Butuceni where the style and traditions of the Moldavian architecture of the 19 th century are preserved and carefully maintained – ornamentally decorated houses, gates, fences, wells with potable water and old cellars.



Enjoy lunch at a local boarding house and sample traditional dishes and home-made wine.
Later, visit the monastic complex Curchi located in one of the most picturesque areas in the center of Moldova, in Codrii forests. In the afternoon, tour the winery Chateau Vartely and get impressed by a fascinating barique light projection followed by tastin fine wines. Shape up the day with a dinner at the winery restaurant.
Overnight in Chisinau.



DAY 4: DISCOVER GAGAUZIAN REGION – GAGAUZ IERY

Buffet breakfast at hotel.
Morning departure to the South of Moldova to learn the history, culture and traditions of the Gagausians – people of Turkic origin confessing the Orthodox religion.



During the city tour of the Gagausian capital Comrat, the tourists will visit the Central Orthodox Cathedral, pass by the History and Ethnography Museum, by the "Bashkanat" – the head office of the "Gagauz Head", the Turkish Library, the Central Food Market that boasts very fresh and high quality products and make a stop at the alley of famous people of the region. Learn about the unique university where the rare Gagausian language is taught.

Visit a valuable Museum of History featuring the unique Orthodox people of Turkic origin in a nearby village Beshalma and enjoy folk group of local Gagausian women dancing and singing national songs.

In the Europe's biggest village Congaz, visit the ethno yard "Gagauz Sofrasi" where the locals meet you with a great hospitality, with bread and salt and invite for a lunch in Gagausian style. You will surely taste traditional dishes like "kavurma" – lamb roast and "guzlemea" – salty pastry.

And finally find yourself in the winery "Comrat-Vin" located in the Gagausian capital and have a chance to taste nice

Gagausian wines which have special aroma of south region wines.

Upon arrival in Chisinau dinner at city restaurant.

Overnight in Chisinau.



DAY 5: ONE DAY IN PRIDNESTROVIE

Buffet breakfast at hotel.

This day you will have a full day trip to Pridnestrovie and will learn the history of this self-proclaimed independent and unrecognized Pridnestrovian Moldavian Republic that has its own currency, border guards and policy. You will explore the 16th century Tighina fortress and visit the on-site museum. The first documentary mention of "Tighina Fortress" was in 1408. Its walls have survived to the present and offer an example of classic Moldavian defensive construction.



While in Tiraspol, you'll find yourself in a distinguished divine factory KVINT, tour the factory and taste some of the local divines of KVINT brand.

"KVINT" produces excellent spirits like cognacs, whisky, liquors, vodka, wine and others. Divines tasting is followed by a lunch at Kvint tasting hall. During sightseeing Tiraspol you'll see the Drama and Comedy Theatre, the Lenin and Suvorov Monuments, the Parliament, the House of Soviets and make a stop at the "Grieving Mother". Tiraspol was founded by the Russian general Alexandr Suvorov in 1792, whose statue is rising on the central square in Tiraspol. 15:30

Dinner at city restaurant and overnight in Chisinau.



DAY 6: NORTH OF MOLDOVA: SOROCA FORTRESS&BESSARABIAN CARPETS. MOLDOVAN BREWERY.

Buffet breakfast at hotel.

This day we'll explore the North of Moldova. On the way to Soroca town, we make a stop in the village Clisova Noua where we learn about the history and origin of the Bessarabian carpet at a Handicrafts' Museum & Studio „Arta Rustica” with a rich variety of national articles which reflect Moldavian way of life, customs and traditions. Among them traditional carpets, pottery, garment, old weaving looms, modern machinery and many other things ornamented in traditional style and carefully preserved.



Continue to the north of Moldova, to Ghindesti village and learn about a young family-run craft brewery "Rockscor".

You are invited to discover the beer making process and the history of the place. The owners developed a pub concept emphasizing enthusiasm, new flavors, and varied brewing techniques, alongside with local, ecological raw materials.

Here you are invited to feel the balance between the craft and commercial brewing and to taste a signature product.

Excursion&beer tasting. And what about a good burger for lunch in the brewery restaurant? In the afternoon explore Soroca town and Soroca fortress incl. a drive through the Gypsy Quarter. The first recorded mention of Soroca fortress dates back to 1499. The fortress had captured many dramatic events including the invasions of the Tatars, Cossacks, Polish King Jan Sobesky troops, military actions of Bogdan Hmelniyskiy, anti-Ottoman campaign of the Russian Monarch Peter the Great.

Further, we continue to the Gypsy Quarter and see glorious Roma mansions, sometimes like real castles. You'll surely find among these mansions a copy of "Bolshoi Theatre". Dinner at city restaurant in Chisinau upon arrival. Overnight in Chisinau.



DAY 7: CHATEAU PURCARI AND MEDIEVAL CHURCH

After breakfast meet the guide and depart to the south-east of Moldova.

It's a good chance to see the oldest worldwide known winery in Moldova "Chateau Purcari" boasting high-quality wines, and sample legendary wines from selected grapes. Feel the refined taste of gorgeous vintage wines like Rosu de Purcari, Alb de Purcari and Negru de Purcari, which was considered to be Queen Elisabeth's II one of the favorite wines. The production of the Purcari wine was recreated, the ancient cellars, dating from 1827, were renovated. Nowadays, these cellars are considered to be the oldest and the most well-known in Moldova.

You're welcome to enjoy lunch in the winery restaurant, the specialties of the region.



On the way back to Chisinau, we'll make a stop in the town Causeni and visit a Medieval Church "The Assumption of the Virgin". The church is a unique architecture monument in its kind in this part of Europe, a symbol of the persisting of the Orthodox faith and the spirituality of our nation. An interesting fact is that the Assumption of the Virgin Church is semi-buried - a fact explained by a legend which has remained since the Tartar administration in the region. The Tartars allowed the construction of a Christian church, provided that it is not taller than a soldier on a horse. The frescoes from inside represent the last stage in the development of the medieval fresco in Moldova.

Farewell dinner at a traditional city restaurant to exchange the impressions of the tour.

Overnight in Chisinau.

DAY 8: FAREWELL TO MOLDOVA

After breakfast you'll have some free time for doing shopping and buying souvenirs and Moldovan sweets. Transfer to airport for the flight back home.

TOUR PACKAGE PRICE (PER PERSON):

CULTURE & WINE TOUR MOLDOVA

ACCOMMODATION IN HOTEL 3*

10+1 pax

1.229€

ACCOMMODATION IN HOTEL 4*

1.290€

14+1 pax

1.105€

1.172 €

SSUP

203€

277 €

INCLUSIONS:

- ✓ Shared accommodation in TWIN rooms at a hotel on BB basis, 7 nights; SSUP-supplement for SGL room
- ✓ Professional Guide services as per program incl. airport transfers;
- ✓ Local guides in the wineries and museums;
- ✓ Transport services for the entire tour in Moldova - comfortable 20 seater minibus
- ✓ Entrance fees to all mentioned sites (museums, fortresses)
- ✓ Activities: Folk show in Gagausia;
- ✓ Meals: FB (3 course menu+water)
- ✓ Wine tours& tastings: Cricova winery (4 wines), Chateau Vartely winery (4 wines), Kvint factory (5 divines), Comrat-Vin winery (4 wines), Rockscor Brewery (4 types of beer), Chateau Purcari (4 wines);
- ✓ 1 FOC in SGL room
- ✓ Meals & accommodation for driver and guide
- ✓ Water: 0.5l per 1 pax daily

NOT INCLUDED:

- ✓ Air tickets
- ✓ Tips driver & guide