



ENJOY
MOLDOVA

BY SOLEI TOURISM

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Duration: 7 days/6 nights Group size: from 5 to 15 pax Board: HB

DAY 1: WELCOME TO CHISINAU. (D)

Upon arrival at Chisinau International Airport, meet your guide and transfer to hotel for check-in. Welcome dinner at traditional city restaurant. Overnight in Chisinau.

DAY 2: FIRST ACQUAINTANCE WITH CHISINAU AND WINE CASTLE MIMI (B/L)

Buffet breakfast at hotel.

After breakfast, meet the guide at the hotel and proceed for a 3h sightseeing 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 lake park "Valley of Mills". Visit to the Archeology &History Museum in Chisinau.

Lunch is foreseen at a traditional city café.



MIMI Castle is a winery with a history that takes us centuries back when the first chateau was founded in Bessarabia by an outstanding personality Constantin Mimi. The real beauty of the castle has been hidden for many years under a layer of concrete and it is finally open for public since September 2016. Constantin Mimi has contributed to modernization of Bessarabian viticulture- he has planted new European varietal which is more productive and more resistant to diseases such as Aligote. All guests of this unique castle can savor delicious meals from local eco products served in a winery restaurant offering nice atmosphere and refined dishes.

Evening at leisure in Chisinau. Free dinner and overnight in Chisinau.



After lunch departure to Bulboaca village. Afternoon visit to the wine castle &winery MIMI in the village Bulboaca. We invite you to a gorgeous Wine Castle "Mimi", to stroll through the castle, wine cellars during the guided tour and, surely, taste their outstanding wines in a very nice and relaxing atmosphere.

DAY 3: CURCHI MONASTERY, ORHEIUL VECHI CULTURAL-NATURAL RESERVE AND CRICOVA WINE CELLARS (B/L)

Buffet breakfast at hotel.

Today, we're going to take you to Orhei district - central part of Moldova.

Make a stop at the monastic complex Curchi located in one of the most picturesque areas in the center of Moldova, in Codrii forests, founded in 1773 by lordache Curchi, a Moldovan nobleman. Over the centuries, the monastery played an important role in the spiritual and cultural life of Moldova. Like many religious institutions in Eastern Europe, it suffered under the Soviet regime: it was closed in 1958 and transformed into a psychiatric hospital. Only in 2002, after the fall of the Soviet Union, did it begin to be restored to its original purpose.



Continue to a visiting card of Moldova – **Orhei Vechi (Old Orhei)** reserve and explore the open-air museum complex 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 19th cent. Moldavian house-museum. Another interesting place to be visited on the route is the Moldovan village Butuceni where the style and traditions of the Moldavian architecture of the 19th century are preserved and carefully maintained – ornamentally decorated houses, gates, fences, wells with potable water and old cellars.



Finally, enjoy lunch at a local family guesthouse and sample traditional dishes and home-made wine, in the village Trebujeni. It's a nice opportunity to savor authentic lunch with most popular traditional dishes.

ON REQUEST: We invite you to enjoy folk program during the lunch where you can get a piece of Moldovan culture through songs and dances.

It's time to further learn the Moldovan culture, now through its wine heritage, so depart to Cricova wine cellars.

Late afternoon, tour the underground tunnels of the wine cellars Cricova 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 in one of the tasting halls of Cricova wine cellars.

Return to Chisinau (30 min drive) for evening at leisure and overnight in Chisinau.



DAY 4: DISCOVER GAGAUZ AUTONOMOUS REGION - SOUTH OF MOLDOVA (B/L)

Buffet breakfast at hotel.

Departure to the South of Moldova, to Gagauz Yeri, to learn the history, culture and traditions of Gagauzian people – people of Turkish origin confessing the Orthodox religion.

Embark on a walking tour in the capital Comrat and visit the local food market that boasts very fresh and high quality products.

Comrat is the capital of the Autonomous Territorial Unit of Gagauzia, geographically lying in the southern zone of Moldova.

It's the heart of the Gagauz Autonomous Region, and a fascinating destination where Moldovan, Gagauz, and Turkish influences intertwine. Though small, the city offers visitors a unique glimpse into Gagauz culture, history, and hospitality.



During the city tour the tourists will have en route the Central Cathedral (Cathedral of Saint John the Baptist), the Gagauz History and Ethnography Museum, Comrat State University, the Turkish Library, Victory Square and the Central Market.

Continue to the village Congaz that is considered the biggest village in Europe.



You'll visit the ethno yard called "Gagauz Sofrasi" where the locals will meet you with great hospitality, with bread and salt. Local Gagauzian wine will surely not be missing.

The property "Gagauz Sofrasi" is reflecting the way of life of the Gagauzians and here you'll enjoy a traditional Gagauzian lunch.

Finally, drive to a nearby village Besalma to visit a valuable **Museum of History and Ethnography** featuring the unique Orthodox people of Turkic origin. In 1966 the writer D. Cara-Ciobanu founded a museum in Besalma of the culture of the Gagauzian population revealing their origin. Hundreds of artifacts were collected from all over Gagauzia are now exposed in the museum for the visitors.

Enjoy **folk group performance** of local Gagauzian women dancing and singing national Gagauz songs – a unique possibility to hear rare Gagauzian language.

Return to Chisinau, to hotel for evening at leisure and overnight in Chisinau.

DAY 5: NORTH OF MOLDOVA: THE WORLD OF TRADITIONAL CARPETS & MEDIEVAL FORTRESS. (B/L)

Buffet breakfast at hotel.

Meet the guide and hurry up to 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 explore Soroca town and Soroca fortress incl. a drive through the Gypsy Quarter.

Upon arrival in Soroca, we suggest you first to savor your lunch in Soroca town and further, full of energy, explore the landmarks of the enigmatic town Soroca.



Finally, get to learn the history of the area and about **Soroca fortress**. The first recorded mention of Soroca fort dates back to 1499. The fortress had captured many dramatic events including the invasions of the Tatars, Cossacks, Polish King Ian Sobesky troops, military actions of Bogdan Hmelnitskyi, 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".

Return to Chisinau, to hotel. (2.5h drive back)
Free dinner and evening at leisure in Chisinau.
Overnight in Chisinau.

DAY 6: ONE DAY IN A BREAKAWAY TRANSNISTRIAN REGION (B/L)

Buffet breakfast at hotel.

This day you will have a full day trip to Transnistria /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.

Meet the guide and journey to the breakaway territory within the Moldovan borders.

Upon arrival in Transnistrian Region, take a sightseeing tour of the so called capital –Tiraspol. Tiraspol was founded by the Russian general Alexandre Suvorov in 1792, whose statue is rising on the central square in Tiraspol.

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 sculpture of "Grieving Mother".



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 accompanied by savory snacks. "KVINT" produces excellent spirits like cognacs, whisky, liquors, vodka, wine and others, known and distinguished world-wide.

Lunch in soviet style in Tiraspol restaurant "**Again in the USSR**" featuring a combination of old soviet and Moldovan cuisine where lots of soviet relics are present.

After lunch, we offer some free time in the city Tiraspol to purchase the souvenirs, to take pictures of the soviet relics and, of course, to visit local famous open-air food market "Green market" boasting the freshest products grown by the local farmers.



In the early afternoon, continue to a nearby town Bender and in 20 min 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.

Return to Chisinau full of emotions and memorable experience.
Overnight in Chisinau.

DAY 7: FAREWELL TO MOLDOVA. (B)

Buffet breakfast at hotel.

In the morning, meet your guide and driver, we say good bye to the Moldovan capital - Chisinau and to the country itself. Check out and transfer to the airport for the flight back home or to the next destination.

Short: B-breakfast, L-lunch, D-dinner

TOUR PACKAGE PRICE PER PERSON (EUR):

TASTE OF MOLDOVA
2026

3* HOTEL

4* HOTEL

5 pax

976 €

1.057 €

10 pax

744 €

825 €

15 pax

653 €

734 €

SSUP

165 €

246 €

SERVICES INCLUDED:

- ✓ Accommodation sharing TWIN/DBL room on BB, 6 nights; SSUP-supplement for SGL room
- ✓ English speaking guide services for the entire itinerary;
- ✓ Comfortable transportation for the entire itinerary (minibus 20 seater);
- ✓ Wine tours and tastings: Wine Castle MIMI (3 wines); Cricova tour (4 wines), KVINT distillery (5 divines);
- ✓ Entry fees: Archeology and History Museum in Chisinau, Orheiul Vechi (Old Orhei) natural reserve, carpets studio "Arta Rustica", Soroca fortress, Gagauzian Museum and folk program, Tighina fortress;
- ✓ Meals: 6 x breakfasts, 5 x lunches, 1 x dinner as per program;
- ✓ meals for driver and guide

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