

Wine Festival Tour 2022

Period: 30.09-03.10.2022

Group: 2/8/10 pax

TOUR DESCRIPTION

Day 1/30.09.2022 CHISINAU - WINE BAR "WINE.MD"



Meet and Greet an English speaking guide at the Chisinau International Airport

Transfer to hotel in Chisinau. Check-in. Time at leisure.

Evening visit to the Wine Bar "**WINE.MD**" for the first acquaintance with Moldovan wines.

Here you will savor perfect wines from mainly small private or family-run wineries from different corners of Moldova. Dinner at wine bar&restaurant WINE.MD served during the wine tasting.

Overnight in Chisinau.

Day 2/01.10.2022 WINE FESTIVAL IN CHISINAU - ASCONI WINERY

Breakfast at Hotel

Morning visit to the National Great Assembly Square "Stefan cel Mare" and participation at the **Wine Festival in Chisinau**. *(Guide will be offered as an assistant).*



This year, a record number of 60 wine producers will come to the Great National Assembly Square to present the product of national pride and the national traditions in winemaking. The visitors of the event will be encouraged to get to know the Wine of Moldova and to enjoy it moderately and responsibly.

A record number of 60 wine producers will get united by the national wine brand “Wine of Moldova” and will let participants taste hundreds of types of quality wine from Protected

Two authentic peasant yards will replicate the process of wine-making, with traditional benches, barrels, winepress, grapes, osier baskets and, of course, with traditional house hosts. Their presence will reflect the millenary wine-making traditions of our people.

Wine School – the best sommeliers will guide the participants through the mystery of conscious consumption of Moldovan Wine and will organize master classes.

Local gastronomic flavors – every visitor will be able to taste the best types of local food prepared during the event, assorted with Moldovan Wine and seasoned with artistic shows with all types of music.

Concerts – well-known folk music orchestras, dancing clubs from Chisinau and Moldovan regions and local music bands will entertain the public with their performance.

Afternoon departure to the winery Asconi to take part at their local festivities. (www.asconi.md)



The winery is offering special festival program for all visitors.

There will be offered a promenade with 5 zones where the guests will witness the whole process of wine-making and finally taste 10 wines from Asconi winery. All day round traditional delicacies like “placinte” - traditional home-made pastry with different stuffing, salty or fruity one, will be offered to the visitors at additional price.

Authentic folk music, concerts and entertaining program will guarantee perfect mood and memorable moments about the Wine Festival in Moldova.

You can savor traditional food that is served at the winery restaurant by preliminary reservation.

Asconi Winery

Asconi has planted 506 hectares (1250 acres) of vineyards of various varieties. Among them varieties such as Cabernet-Sauvignon, Merlot, Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc, and Muscat Ottonel can be found near Geamana village, in the Codru Region. The picturesque vines are situated about 40 km to the south of Chisinau and 10 km from the winery. Recently, they have also added more variety to their types of grapes which include Malbec, Saperavi, Muscat Rose, Glera and others. These grapes will be used to make wines in small batches or for big blends to add complexity. The harvest season usually starts in mid August with white grapes of Sauvignon, Chardonnay and Muscat. Later on we move to Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon. The grapes harvested in two ways: handpicking and machine harvesting. The handpicked grapes are used primarily for top tier dry wines.

Evening at leisure in Chisinau.

Overnight in Chisinau.

Day 3/02.10.2022 ORHEIUL VECHI ARCHEOLOGICAL COMPLEX - CRICOVA WINE-CELLARS

Breakfast at Hotel

It's difficult to imagine a trip to Moldova without getting to its visiting card "Orheiul Vechi" - a museum complex that presents the remains of different civilizations established between Nistru and Prut rivers. This is a cave complex comprising caves, grottos, churches, and hermitages. The open-air museum represents a true natural fortress, inhabited since ancient times.



You'll witness the unique 13th cent. Cave monastery with one monk created by Orthodox monks and will see the ruins of the Old Turkish baths as well as the ruins of the Tatar-Mongolian fort "Shehr-al-Djedid". Also visit the Moldavian ***village Butuceni*** with a typical 19thcent. Moldavian house-museum.

You'll enjoy **traditional Moldovan lunch** at a guest house in Orheiul Vechi area, in one of the adjacent villages like Trebujeni or Butuceni.

Afternoon we'll take you to second biggest wine-cellar in the world, Cricova, to experience this breathtaking underground tour with wine streets and galleries. Excursion and wine tasting at **Cricova Winery**. (www.cricova.md) The Integrated Factory "Cricova" is a true pearl of Moldavian wine-making. The excellent Moldavian wines are aged and preserved in the famous Cricova limestone mines (they have almost 60 km in length), under careful custody of wine-makers. Today Cricova is an underground town. You will convince yourself while driving along the streets and boulevards with wine names Cabernet, Feteasca, Pinot, Aligote... The Integrated Factory Cricova is the only factory in Republic that produces sparkling wine through the classical French fermentation method – aging in bottles for up to 3 years. All Cricova wines can be tasted in luxurious tasting halls, which are a veritable masterpiece of exquisite architecture.



Evening at leisure in Chisinau.

Overnight in Chisinau.

Day 4/03.10.2022 FAREWELL TO MOLDOVA

Breakfast at Hotel
Departure to the Airport.

Wine Tour Package Price 2022/pp

Wine Festival Tour 2022	2 pax	8 pax	10 pax	SSUP
Jolly Alon Hotel 4*, Chisinau	482 €	319 €	298 €	83 €
Bristol Central Park 4*, Chisinau	497 €	334 €	313 €	104 €
Gregory Hotel 4*, Chisinau	535 €	371 €	351 €	120 €

Services included in package price:

- Accommodation in one of the hotels in Chisinau, 3 nights sharing DBL/TWIN room on BB basis;
- Transport services: sedan car for group 2 pax, comfortable Mercedes Sprinter 17-20 seater for groups 8-10 pax
- English speaking guide as per itinerary; Italian guide upon availability
- Wine tasting as per program: Wine bar&tasting hall "Wine.md" (5 wines), Cricova winery (4 wines), Asconi winery (10 wines)
- Meals as per program (1 European dinner+1 traditional lunch)
- Entry fee Orheiul Vechi