

TRANSNISTRIA AND MOLDOVA

Duration: **7 days / 6 nights**

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You don’t need to bother Dr Emmett Brown, Doc from the *Back to the Future* films, to travel back in time and visit the USSR in the latter half of the last century. This journey to Transnistria is more than a geographical trip—it’s a journey through time.

Welcome to Transnistria, an unrecognised state entity nestled between Moldova and Ukraine. This photo tour will take you through a region steeped in history and unique charm. You’ll explore urban landscapes marked by well-preserved Soviet architecture, historical monuments, and imposing statues that tell the turbulent story of this land. Local markets will offer a glimpse into daily life, with stalls brimming with local produce and traditional crafts. You’ll also capture the essence of rural life through serene landscapes, tranquil rivers, and picturesque villages. Finally, immerse yourself in the vibrant nightlife of the main cities, witnessing the youthful energy and contemporary culture of Transnistria.

But our journey won’t be limited to Transnistria—we’ll also visit northern and southern Moldova, a lesser-known country with much to offer, both culturally and gastronomically.

The route



Itinerary

Day 1 – Arrival in Moldova

Direct flight from Milano, arriving in the late afternoon in Moldova's capital. Depending on the flight schedule, you'll either have a short city visit and dinner or a direct transfer to your hotel.

Overnight: Hotel in Chișinău

Day 2 – Bender

Departure from the hotel towards Transnistria. During the day, visit Bender, the city on the border with the Fortress of Tighina (the one conquered – in the tale – by Baron Munchausen while riding a cannonball), and the Noul Neamt Monastery in Chițcani. Lunch in a typical Soviet canteen and dinner at a Georgian restaurant.

Overnight: Hotel in Tiraspol · Meal included: breakfast

Day 3 – Tiraspol

In-depth exploration of Tiraspol, starting with an abandoned old school (which puts Chernobyl's to shame) and moving through the many Soviet monuments and... a Harry Potter statue. Lunch at an ethnic spot and dinner at a Soviet restaurant.

Overnight: Hotel in Tiraspol · Meal included: breakfast

Day 4 – Northern Transnistria

Departure from Tiraspol to explore the entire northern Transnistria: Dubăsari, Rîbnița, Rașcov, and Camenca. Return to Chișinău in the late evening.

Overnight: Hotel in Chișinău · Meal included: breakfast

Day 5 – The Northern Pearl

Transfer to northern Moldova. Brief visit to the ethnographic museum. Visit to the rock monasteries of Pestere and Bosie. Followed by a visit to an old traditional countryside house. Transfer to the village of Trebujeni, with visits to the ruins of the ancient thermal baths, a climb to the tuff caves with a panoramic view of the Orheiul Vechi valley and the Raut River, featuring caves, grottoes, hills, sites, necropolises, and ancient hermits. Visit to the open-air museum complex of Orheiul Vechi, where around 40,000 years ago the first inhabitants settled. Lunch at a traditional local restaurant. In the afternoon, transfer and visit to the city of Soroca, its fortress, and the so-called Gypsy Hill, the *capital* of Moldova's Romani people. Return to Chișinău in the evening.

Overnight: Hotel in Chișinău · Meal included: breakfast

Day 6 – Autonomous Region of Gagauzia

Transfer to Comrat, the capital of Gagauzia, with a stop at the symbolic border, visiting the city: the Basilica of St. John, the local Parliament (Gagauz People's Assembly) and the statue of Lenin. Visit to the traditional village of Beșalma with its old windmill. Continuation to the nearby village of Congaz for lunch in a beautiful typical restaurant.

In the afternoon, proceed to the town of Ceadîr-Lunga, famous for its most important stud farm and the golden statue of Lenin.

Return towards the Moldovan capital with a stop in the village of Tvardița, one of the Moldovan settlements inhabited by the Bulgarians of Bessarabia.

Overnight: Hotel in Chișinău · Meal included: breakfast

Day 7 – Return home

Free morning to explore the Moldovan capital and departure in the afternoon.

Meal included: breakfast













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