



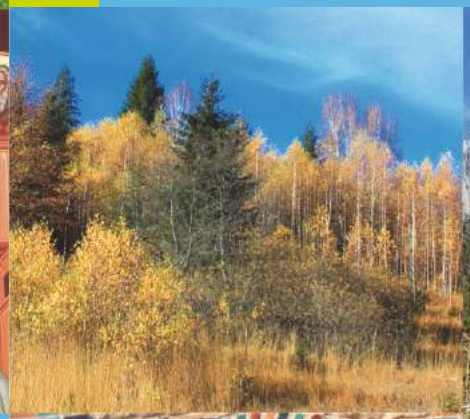



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Holidays in NEAMȚ

Wherever you come from, Traveler, you are invited to visit this blessed land of Neamț where you can have experiences you have never known before. You can rise to the heights of the Holy Mountain Ceahlău, or rule for a moment over the land stretching at your feet far to the horizon and recharge breathing in the force and magic contained by each and every rock. You can also listen to the murmur of the rapid streams carrying the legends of Bistrița River through mountains and hills, down to the plains. Furthermore, you can knock on the gates of Neamț Fortress for the descendants of Stephen the Great border guards to welcome you or you can choose to find out the secrets of history carved in the memory of the earth, of documents, and of the locals. In addition, you can rest your soul at the monasteries and churches immersed in the aura of faith and the ringing of bells and you can sit around the table with us and treat yourself with Moldavian dishes we have prepared for you, or drink a carafe of wine and spin stories by the fireside.

Whatever the number of places you have been to and people you have met, if you stay for a while in Neamț, you will certainly feel it was worth the effort.

Neamț County Council

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Discover a legendary land

Any traveler comming to Neamț County experiences the same dilemma: what should they see first from the rich and diversified touristic offer? What can be skipped by? How much can one absorb of what is displayed? Wherever you start from, you discover values carved in stone and in the chronicler's writings. Moreover, you can identify the possible trails that go beyond the physical space and lead to a history still reverberating with life. It seems that in Neamț area there is a tendency to transfer time and space into fantasy: every rock, every hill, every mountain, every creek has a story to tell. Should you stop and listen to all these stories, you will realize that the borderline between legend and reality is very thin.

Photo: Ceahlău Massif, Toaca Peak, 1904 m



Piatra Neamț - Bălțăteşti - Târgu Neamț

After visiting the town at the foothill of the solitary silhouette of Pietricica Mountain, Piatra Neamț, and seeing all those things, places and people that delight your eyes, Traveler, you set out to Târgu Neamț, on a winding road, through hills and valleys, from which you turn away, to the left and right, to enter monastic strongholds, discover pools well hidden in the woods, walk into Moldavian houses and folk art museums and admire their treasures. At the end of the road, the beautifully flowing Ozana River is waiting for you to murmur stories old and new.



Duration: 4 – 5 days

Length:
43 km; you can travel by car, motorcycle, or bicycle

How you get to Piatra Neamț:
from Bucharest on DN2 (E85) to Bacău, then take DN15; from the West of the country on DN17B, DN15, DN12C; from Suceava on DN 15C; from Iaşi on E85 to Roman, then take DN15D; by train; by plane to the airports in Iaşi, Bacău, Suceava and from the airport by car/coach.

Where is it?
Almaş Monastery – drive 4 km on DN15C, then turn left; Horaița Monastery – drive 14 km on DN15, then turn left; Văratic Nunnery – drive 4 km on DN15, then turn left; Agapia Nunnery – drive 7 km on DN15C, then turn left; Nicolae Popa Museum in Târpeşti – drive 10 km from the enterance in Târgu Neamț, turn right.

Sights:

- Cucuteni Eneolithic Art Museum in Piatra Neamț
- Nature Sciences Museum in Piatra Neamț
- History and Archaeology Museum in Piatra Neamț
- Calistrat Hogaş Memorial House in Piatra Neamț
- Almaş Monastery
- Horaița Monastery
- Cuejdel Lake
- Văratic Nunnery
- Agapia Nunnery
- "Nicolae Popa" Ethnography Museum in Târpeşti
- Ion Creangă Memorial House in Humuleşti
- History and Ethnography Museum in Târgu Neamț


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01 Cucuteni Eneolithic Art Museum in Piatra Neamț

On display, the widest and richest collection in Romania and in Europe of artefacts belonging to Precucuteni-Cucuteni Culture developed between 3600-2600 B.C. The collection includes some 800 items, most of them tanking in the hoard category. Here, you can admire priceless exhibits such as the Small Columns Vessel, Frumuşica Hora, Hora-type Vessel, statuettes in the group the Goddesses' Synaxis, The Thinker of Târpeşti. The smallest statuette in the museum measures only 1 cm by 2 mm high and belongs to the statuette group called the Holy Family. Info Phone: 0233 226 471

02 Nature Sciences Museum in Piatra Neamț

It is only here that you can see a collection of Oligocene fossil fish, which is unique in the world. It has over 600 items, of which 31 are new species. The scientific assets of the museum consist of 45,000 items and the basic collection represents various aspects all over the territory of Neamț County – geological, paleontological, floristic, faunistic, and ecological. Info Phone: 0233 224 211

03 History and Archaeology Museum in Piatra Neamț

Strolling through the 24 rooms of this building, you encounter testimonies of the development of human settlement in Neamț area from the upper Palaeolithic (Stone Age) down to date, the room dedicated to Constantin Matasă, as well as temporary exhibitions from the country and abroad. Info Phone: 0233 217 496, 0233 218 108

04 Calistrat Hogaş Memorial House in Piatra Neamț

Waits for you to enter the writer's familiar atmosphere in his last years and his study, which will urge you to head towards the Mountain Trails of Neamț County. Info Phone: 0233 225 997

05 Almaş Monastery

Commissioned by Vasile and Maria Almaş, in 1659, and then restored by Ecaterina Cantacuzino, the wife of Iordache, the sword bearer, housed a hermitage until 1821, when it was destroyed by Eteria members. The current church was commissioned in 1821 by the family of Chancellor Balş and houses Saint Ana's icon ever since the monastery was founded. The icon is reputedly miraculous. Info Phone: 0233 242 240, 0785 190 180

06 Horaița Monastery

Commissioned in 1822, the building of the monastery goes back to the 15th century. Within the walls of the monastery, a Byzantine church – painted in a Neo-Byzantine style – finds its shelter together with a collection of valuable objects, silvery, old icons and books. Every year, on the Life-giving Spring feast (i.e., on Bright Friday), pilgrims carry the Icon of the Virgin Mary in a procession believed to "protect from drought". Info Phone: 0233 246 210

07 Cuejdel Lake

The largest (30,15 acres) natural dam lake in the country developed following landslides between 1978 and 1991 offers a spectacular as well as unusual scenery as the mirror of the water is pierced by tree trunks in the flooded valley. You can get close to the lake by car through Crăcăoani commune, on a forestry road, either through Gârcina commune, 25 km from Piatra Neamț by car, and then 3 km on foot, on a wide path, crossing pastures and deciduous and coniferous forests.

08 Văratic Nunnery

The largest nunnery in Romania, built between 1808 and 1812, on the location of the former commission of Mother Superior Olimpiada in 1785, opens its gates to offer the visitor not only the sight of its unusual architecture but also valuable cultural, artistic, and historical assets. Nearby, in the former graveyard of the nunnery, the poetess Veronica Micle lies to rest. Info Phone: 0233 244 616, 0728 102 363


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09 Agapia Nunnery

The second largest nunnery in Romania and the only monastic settlement to bear the name "Christian love" (from the Greek agape), was commissioned by Gavril, the Minister of war, brother of Prince Vasile Lupu, in 1644. Here visitors can admire the paintings of Nicolae Grigorescu, painted between 1858 and 1860 in a neoclassical style, with many innovating elements. Info Phone: 0233 244 736

10 "Nicolae Popa" Ethnography Museum in Târpeşti

On a green slope, the gate opens onto a large yard, with many fruit trees. Among the trees, you will see many fairy-tale characters – carved in wood or stone by the famous artisan Nicolae Popa – which bring to life the entire atmosphere. The layout of the yard, between the old house and the more recent one is that of an open-air museum whose harmony between nature and naive art enchants the visitors. You will be charmed inside the house, too – it is filled like a beehive with rich collections of authentic art, gathered from among the villages around Târpeşti. Info Phone: 0758 640 653, 0747 134 040

11 Ion Creangă Memorial House in Humuleşti

An entire rural universe dating from mid-nineteenth century with its picturesque fragrance of the era surrounds the visitors from their very steps on the trodden path to the house. The exhibits of this memorial house – one of the most visited in the country – are filled with the aura of Creangă's recollections. He was one of the most renowned sons of this land soaked with history and spirituality. The whitewashed stove shelf, the famous tassels – the cats' would play with all day long, the entrance hall of the house and the yard where Nică's childhood adventures began from are all waiting for you. Info Phone: 0233 790 620

Museums open:

April-September: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; October - March: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

We recommend:

- swimming, tennis, basketball, volleyball, handball, roller-skating, skateboard, skating, playing grounds for children, terraces, restaurants, open-air barbecue facilities at the Municipal Open-air Swimming pool in Piatra Neamț; Info Phone: 0233 217 167, 0749 166 640
- treatment for a wide range of conditions such as rheumatism, post-trauma, peripheral neurological, gynaecological, and associated, accommodation and board, diet menus included, in Bălțăteşti Resort; Info Phone: 0233 244 018, fax: 0233 244 077, statiuneabaltatesti@mapn.ro
- tree climbing, paintball, archery, relaxation and time for a snack at Activ Parc in the Negreşti commune, 15 km from Piatra Neamț; Info Phone: 0754 542 644, activ.parc@gmail.com, www.activparc.ro

Events you are invited to join:

March: *The Annunciation* – Horaița Monastery Dedication Day, 25 March
April: Almaş Monastery Dedication Day, the first Sunday after Easter
May: *"The Hope Chest" Folk Art Festival*
June: *The Days of the Town* – event organised at the Princely Court in Piatra Neamț
July: *Hard as a Rock Festival* (skateboard, downhill and streetball) at the Municipal Open-air Swimming pool, Piatra Neamț and Cozla Hill; *Medieval Art Festival*, Târgu Neamț
August: "International Folklore Festival", a six-day event which gathers European folk dance groups; *The Assumption of Mary* – Văratic Nunnery Dedication Day, 15 August; *Metamorphosis* – Agapia Nunnery Dedication Day, 6 August
December: *Winter Festivities* – a series of performances and events organised in Piatra Neamț and Târgu Neamț

Accommodation:

Piatra Neamț: CENTRAL PLAZA Hotel ****, phone/fax 0233 216 230, office@centralplazahophone.ro; Guest houses: CASA MOLDOVEANĂ***, phone. 0233 233 666, 0749 538 874; BACHUS***, phone. 0233 226 402, 0724 517 489, danielmihaibachus@gmail.com; CORNELIUS***, phone. 0745 566 143, pensiuneacornelius@yahoo.com.

Bălțăteşti: Hotels: BĂLȚĂTEŞTI**, phone. 0233 244 017; NARCISA**, phone. 0233 244 218, fax 0233 244 077; OZANA**, phone. 0233 244 017, fax 0233 244 077; TOPOLIȚA, phone. 0233 244 017; statiuneabaltatesti@mapn.ro.

Agapia: Guest houses: VĂRATEC****, phone/fax. 0233 245 113, rezervari@pensiuneavaratec.ro; AGAPIA***, phone. 0746 790 742; CASA DINTRE PINI***, phone. 0740 245 985; CODRII DE ARAMĂ***, phone. 0233 244 900, fax 0233 244 999; cristinanecula1961@gmail.com; EDEN***, phone/fax 0233 247 217, office@edentur.ro; EULOR***, phone. 0744 648 907, pensiuneaagapia@yahoo.com; www.pensiuneagapia.ro; MARIA***, phone. 0233 245 004, 0744 790 466, contact@pensiuni-agapia.ro; CASA ANCA***, 0233 244 819, casaancaagapia@gmail.com.

Târgu Neamț: VICTORIA Hotel ***, phone. 0233 790 270, fax 0233 790 843; rezervari@hotelvictoria-targuneamt.ro; Guest houses: ARISTOCRATIS****, phone. 0233 791 986, contact@aristocratis.ro; BELLA***, tel/fax 0233 790 291, mona_atomei@yahoo.com; CASA ARCAŞULUI***, phone. 0233 790 699, casaarcasului@yahoo.com; LA CETATE***, phone/fax 0233 660 249; BELVEDERE***, 0233 790 730, 0747 295 151.



Târgu Neamț - Pipirig - Poiana Largului

First, you knock at the gates of Neamț Fortress and go back in time among boyars, princesses, and frontier guards. Next, you go downtown and head straight to old churches, as thriving in the past as they are now, and enjoy the fresh air and monastic silence. Then, you remember how a European bison looks like or you see it now for the first time, you drive through mountain villages with houses old and new, you make a detour to see where Father Iustin served at Petru Vodă Monastery, and then you head to Poiana Largului – the crossroads of Moldavia, Transylvania, and Bucovina, to find out the legend of Piatra Teiului Rock.

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Duration: 4-5 days

Length:

46 km; you can travel by car, motorcycle, or bicycle

How you get to Târgu Neamț:

from Bucharest on DN2 (E85) to Bacău, then take DN15 and DN15C; from the West of the country on DN17B and DN15B; from Suceava on DN 15C; from Iași on DN15B; by train; by plane to the airports in Iaşi, Bacău, Suceava and from the airport by car/coach.

Where is it?

Neamț Fortress is located in Târgu Neamț (from the town centre turn left in front of the Polyclinic); "Vasile Găman" Ethnography Museum – 1 km to the right from DN15B; Neamț Monastery - 4 km to the right from DN15B; you will find "Dragoş Vodă" European Bison Reserve and Mihail Sadoveanu Memorial House on the road to Neamț Monastery; Secu and Sihăstria Monasteries are at 4 and 7 km, respectively, on the left from DN15; some 5 km further still is the Sihla Hermitage.

Sights:

- Neamț Fortress, Târgu Neamț
- Veronica Micle Memorial House in Târgu Neamț
- "Vasile Găman" Ethnography Museum
- "Dragoş Vodă" European Bison Nature Reserve
- Mihail Sadoveanu Memorial House
- Neamț Monastery
- Secu Monastery
- Sihăstria Monastery
- Sihla Hermitage
- Petru Vodă Monastery
- Piatra Teiului Rock


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01 Neamț Fortress, Târgu Neamț

How Neamț Fortress looks and how it survived the centuries are strongly connected to the history of the area dating back to more than seven centuries. The Fortress was commissioned by Petru I Muşat and then extended and consolidated under the rule of Stephen the Great. It falls under the category of extraordinarily valuable medieval monuments in Romania. Important pages of heroism were written here such as the eight-day opposition to the furious Ottoman siege led by none other than the fearsome Sultan Mohammed II following the battle of Războieni (1476) or the glorious episode written in their own blood by the 19 frontier guards facing the Polish army led by Jan Sobieski, in 1691. Info Phone: 0733 981 798, 0733 981 814

02 Veronica Micle Memorial House in Târgu Neamț

In the old centre of Târgu Neamț town, Veronica Micle Memorial House stands as a precious relic of the nineteenth century weaving the images of the old settlement with the living memory of the poetess who carved her name for eternity – through love and sorrow – next to Mihai Eminescu's name. Info Phone: 0233 790 594, 0733 981 814

03 "Vasile Găman" Ethnography Museum

Wherever you set your eyes in the household of artisan Vasile Găman you may find proof of his talent and craftsmanship. Beginning with the high gate onto which, as he puts it, *"I wrote the history of my people with the chisel, for all passers-by to find out"*. His love for the traditions of the people on the Ozana Valley got materialised in his collecting tools and household objects, pottery and coffee tables, old folk dress, fur vests and long woollen coats, all kind and sizes of pots, musical instruments, and old coins, icons, books and maps and many other valuables. Hospitable people are waiting for you to visit their home. Info Phone: 0736 324 173

04 "Dragoş Vodă" European Bison Nature Reserve

After having disappeared from this habitat since 1800, the European bison – the largest dry land mammal in Europe – lives again in this nature reserve. Now there are 31 animals of this species here – both bulls and cows – of which 25 are integrated in a species conservation programme to help them live in semi-wilderness. The nature reserve includes all species specific to the Carpathian fauna as well as equally representative plant life. Info Phone: 0233 206 002, 0233 206 001, 0233 251 060, www.vanatoripark.ro

05 Mihail Sadoveanu Memorial House

The hunting and angling objects, which illustrate both the life and the work of the writer, are of a special interest. A closer look will notice the Venetian furniture in the sitting room or an over a hundred-year-old chest of drawers as well as an impressive Viennese grand piano whose keys preserve the touch of George Enescu, Dinu Lipatti, or Maria Tănase. Besides the 1,823 objects that belonged to the writer, 21 manuscripts are also on display. Info Phone: 0233 251 889

06 Neamț Monastery

First certified in documents in 1210, it is acknowledged as one of the oldest and most significant monastic settlements in Moldavia, and was successively under the auspices of benefactors such as Petru Muşat, Alexander the Blessed and Stephen the Great. You will find here the largest and the oldest monastic library, an invaluable religious art museum and a museum of print. The scholarly and spiritual traditions of this monastery go back to the fourteenth century. They are also connected to the brilliant activity of a renowned school for calligraphers and miniaturists, trained under the guidance of Gavriil Uric and a printing press organised soon after the 1500, which enhanced the fame of orthodoxy. In the great church, the most beautiful of the churches commissioned by Stephen the Great, there is also a miraculous icon of Our Lady, painted in Israel in 665. Info Phone: 0233 251 580, 0745 212 708

07 Secu Monastery

The beginnings of this old monastic settlement are related to a hermitage founded here in 1530, by hermit Zosima. The small church of the hermitage was commissioned by Prince Petru Rareş (1527-1546). Later on, the Great Minister of internal affairs, Nestor Ureche, father of the chronicler Grigore Ureche, commissioned here, in 1602, a new church and part of the outbuildings necessary to the monastic life. The entire complex, with visible Wallachian influences, was then renovated through the effort of the monks. Its stronghold-like aspect impresses the visitor as well as the beauty of some religious regalia and art works, of which the gilded iconostasis, in lime-tree wood, carved in the Baroque style. Info Phone: 0233 251 862


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08 Sihăstria Monastery

You will discover here one of the most blessed hermitages of the place where secluded hermits from afar humbled in prayer, over the years. Here, in Atanase's Clearing, bishop Ghedeon of Huşi commissioned a hermitage in 1655, which was rebuilt between 1824-1826, of river stone and brick, with the endeavour of Metropolitan Bishop Veniamin Costache. The new church was built in the Classical Moldavian style, and the iconostasis, carved in lime-tree wood, is gilded. Info Phone: 0233 251 896, 0233 251 897

09 Sihla Hermitage

On the forestry road between Agapia village and Sihăstria and Secu Monasteries, Sihla Monastery is an important religious pilgrimage site, mainly due to the Saint Pious Teodora's Cave, which you can reach on the northern side of Sihla Mountain, on a hidden path. This is the place where, through rivers of tars, fast, and prayer, the Pious humbled for many years. The story goes that Sihla hermitage was erected in homage of her life in 1725. Info Phone: 0744 513 879, 0743 961 818

10 Petru Vodă Monastery

Located in a clearing, 5 km from DN 15B which connects Poiana Largului extensive crossroads to Târgu Neamț. Although recently built (1991), the monastery displays many elements of the medieval style and is the only one to have exterior painting in Neamț County. It has become soon a much sought after pilgrimage site. Info Phone: 0737 121 100, 0233 893 531, email: manastirea@ petru-voda.ro

11 Piatra Teiului Rock

"Forty-feet tall, set on a round foundation, cut to size, many travelers like me upon their first journey will take it, from afar, for a daring building that has been here for ages. But when you look at its location in the flat area, 500 steps far for any height, with its cracks filled with yellowish moss by the elements, you find yourself speechless and small in front of the majestic giant; it seems that your eyes set on one of the rocks the titans dropped. Thirty feet form the ground, a protuberant edge of the rock makes something like a porch and above it rises the crest, slightly crooked and adorned with lime-tree shoots, which gave its name to the rock in order to forget another terrible name that the shepherds merely whisper and cross themselves as any good Christian would do." Alecu Russo

Museums open:

April-September: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; October-March: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

We recommend:

- Horse-riding courses, dressage and training, equestrian performances and competitions, equestrian entertainment and tourism at Dumbrava Stallion Stables, some 10 km from Târgu Neamț; Info. Phone: 0732 010 513
- In the parking area at the foot of Neamț Fortress you can watch Ionela Lungu, an artisan, modelling folklore characters in clay under your very eyes; Info Phone: 0233 790 093, 0742 999 506, palmaart@yahoo.com
- Hiking on marked trails in Vânători Neamț Natural Park, subscriptions to programmes offered by Vânători Neamț Natural Park Management Direction; Info Phone: 0233 251061, www.vanatoripark.ro
- You can learn how to weave under the guidance of artisan Rodica Ciocârtău, at the workshop open in Pipirig; Info Phone: 0740 671 831

Events you are invited to:

May: Our Lord's Ascension – Neamț Monastery Dedication Day
June: The Nativity of St John the Baptist – Sihla Hermitage Dedication Day, 24 June
July: Days of Neamț Fortress, Târgu Neamț
August: Beheading of St John the Baptist – Secu Monastery Dedication Day, 29 August; Metamorphosis – Sihla Hermitage Dedication Day, 6 August
September: The Nativity of Virgin Mary – Sihăstria Monastery Dedication Day, 8 September
December: Winter Celebrations – a series of performances and events organized in Târgu Neamț and in the communes Vânători Neamț and Pipirig

Accommodation:

Târgu Neamț: OZANA Hotel***, phone. 0755 026 666, rezervari@hotelozana.com; Guest Houses: EDERA****, phone. 0742 543 498, eurocompanytoursrl@yahoo.com; STEAUA NORDULUI***, phone. 0744 704 271; LA CETATE Bungalow***, phone/fax 0233 660 249.

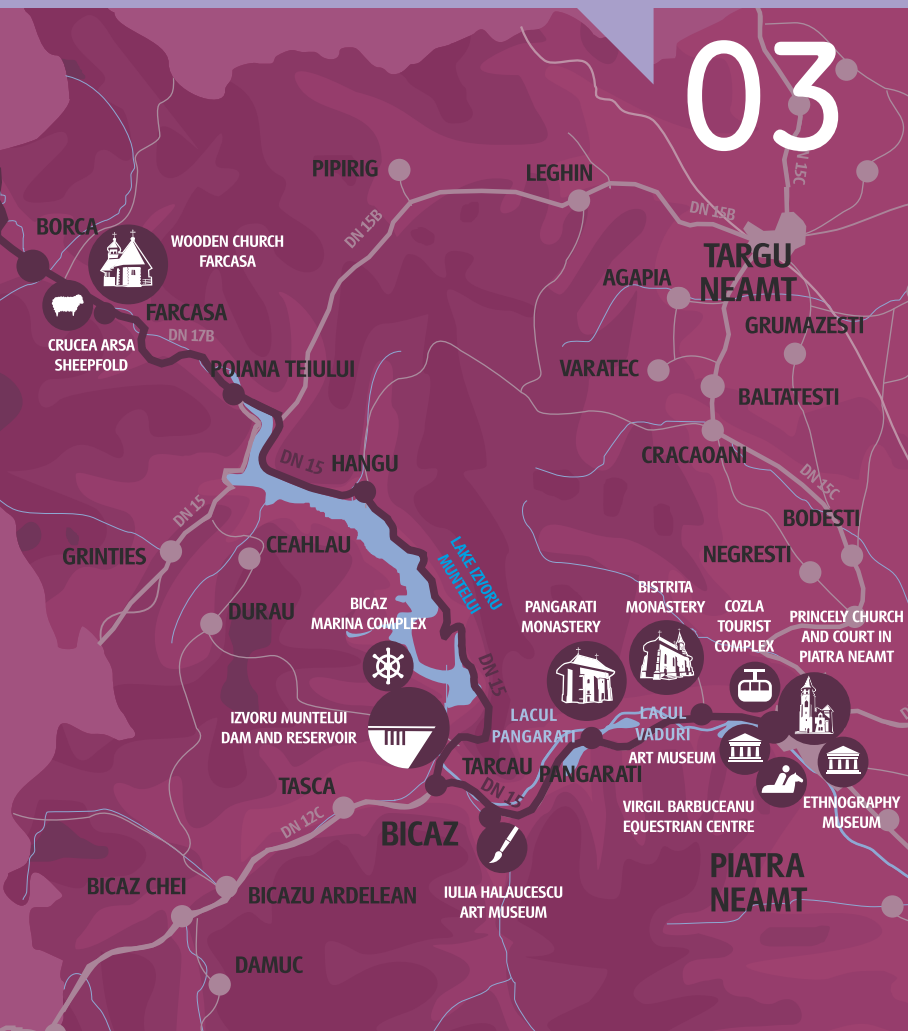
Pipirig: Guest Houses: CASA AFETELOR***, phone. 0233 252 066, casaafetelor@casaafetelor.ro.

Poiana Teiului: Guest Houses: DOCHIA***, phone. 0745 885 078; TEIUL***, phone. 0746 709 494; ELVI**, phone. 0744 706 039; contact@elvi.ro.



Piatra Neamț – Bicaz – Borca

When you think you saw, heard, and felt all that the sweet town of Piatra Neamț has to offer, you start going upstream Bistrița River, towards the mountains, through settlements commissioned by princes and high priests, artists, or local people. You see households, pastures and scattered sheep, hills with thick forests, you reach the great dam hiding "the sea between the mountains", and you rest on its shores, in a breathtaking scenery, and then cross the long bridge at Poiana Largului and quicken your steps to see log work, icons and altars, blackened by time and the elements. Do not forget to climb up to the sheepfold, to appease your hunger after such a long hike.



Duration: 4-5 days

Length:

90 km; you can travel by car, motorcycle, or bicycle

How you get to Piatra Neamț:

from Bucharest on DN2 (E85) to Bacău, then take DN15; from the West of the country on DN17B, DN15, DN12C; from Suceava on DN 15C; from Iaşi on E85 to Roman, then take DN15D; by train; by plane to the airports in Iaşi, Bacău, Suceava and from the airport by car/coach.

Where is it?

Bistrița Monastery is 2 km on the right from DN15; Pângărați Monastery – 3 km on the right from DN15; the Wooden Church in Fărcaşa - 1 km on the right from DN15.

Sights:

- Princely Church and Court in Piatra Neamț
- Ethnography Museum in Piatra Neamț
- Art Gallery in Piatra Neamț
- Bistrița Monastery
- Vaduri Reservoir
- Pângărați Reservoir
- Pângărați Monastery
- "Iulia Hălăucescu" Art Gallery in Tarcău
- Izvoru Muntelui Dam and Reservoir
- Cuvioasa Parascheva Wooden Church in Farcaşa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01 Princely Church and Court in Piatra Neamț

Inherited from Prince Stephen the Great, built between 1468 and 1475, it represents a genuine effigy of nobility. Throught the harmony of shapes and exterior decorations and the inconspicuous monumentality, the complex fully illustrates the beauty of the Moldavian architecture during the rule of Stephen the Great. The 19 m-high belfry was erected in 1499 and has become iconic for the town. From up there, visitors can enjoy almost a bird's-eye view of Piatra Neamț and Bistrița Valley. Info Phone: 0233 216 808

02 Ethnography Museum in Piatra Neamț

With its picturesque architecture, the museum displays since 1960 aspects of a peasant's house on Bistrița Valley, the folk dress, the main occupations and crafts in the sub-Carpathian region of Moldavia, and details related to farming. Info Phone: 0733 939 453

03 Art Gallery in Piatra Neamț

Pursuing the national specificity and its interference with European values, the gallery displays the work of artists who developed their roots in or who entertained emotional ties with Neamț County, such as C.D. Stahi, Aurel Băieşu, Lascăr Vorel, N. Milord, Clement Pompiliu, Iulia Hălăucescu, and shelters important selections of their work. Info Phone: 0233 216 808

04 Bistrița Monastery

Commissioned successively by four great princes of Muşat dinasty, Alexander the Blessed, Stephen the Great, Petru Rareş and Alexandru Lăpuşneanu, the monastery's most valuable regalia is Saint Ana's miraculous icon, presented as a gift by the Byzantine Emperor Manuel II Palaiologos and his wife Ana in 1407. At the beginning of the 15th century, monk Chiril carried out here a genuine work of art by copying and decorating with miniatures the Tetraevanghel (the Four Gospels). Between the 16th and the 19th centuries, a renowned school of copyists, chancellery clerks and secretaries activated here as well. Info Phone: 0233 241 695

05 Vaduri and Pângărați Reservoirs

Located on either side of DN 15, these are two of the nine reservoirs on Bistrița River, areas under special avifaunistic protection. The area offers favourable food and shelter conditions for many migrating bird species, mainly swans and wild ducks, to winter.

06 Pângărați Monastery

Beyond the gates of the monastery, you will find a church built in stone with a unique architecture, commissioned by Alexandru Lăpuşneanu. Father Superior Macarius turns the recess in the basement into a small church. This makes Pângărați Monastery unique as it has two churches, one on top of the other, with different entrances and patron saints. The two churches communicate, inside, through a very narrow and steep spiral staircase made in stone. Quite remarkable is the imposing silhouette of the new church on the hill nearby, which increases the value of the monastic complex – an important Christian Orthodox spiritual and cultural abode. Info Phone: 0233 240 337

07 Iulia Hălăucescu Art Gallery and Museum in Tarcău

The exhibits in the gallery please both your eyes and your mind. An exhibition resembling a fairy-tale realm, with landscapes and portraits designed to reveal the charming atmosphere of Tarcău in in days past. Founded in November 2003, the gallery houses 120 watercolour and oil paintings of the "Lady of Romanian watercolour"– Iulia Hălăucescu, 25 pieces of furniture from the artist's studio, and 178 exhibits of ceramics and craft tools in Tarcău commune. Info Phone: 0233 240 951


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08 Izvoru Muntelui Dam and Reservoir

Also known as the "sea between the mountains", it is the largest reservoir on inland rivers in Romania and the only "lake" to celebrate "Romanian Navy's Day". The reservoir stretches its mirror on 35 km long, at the foot of Ceahlău Massif, and the volume of water contained behind the impressive dam, built between 1950 and 1960, can reach up to 1,250 million cubic metres. The dam was built according to the design conducted by Eng. Dimitrie Leonida as a "weight" dam, the largest of its kind on interior rivers in Romania and with its 127-m height it ranks third in the country. It also ranks ninth as gravity dam in terms of height in Europe. When put to service, in 1961, the dam was the fourth weight dam in Europe in terms of height.

09 Cuvioasa Parascheva Wooden Church in Farcaşa

Commissioned in 1774, it is considered the most "adorned" wooden church in the country. To its architectural and artistic value a rich collection of icons is added, of which some on glass. Here you can also find a manuscript of David Creangă, the most famous maternal grandfather of the great storywriter, on a Psalm book. Info Phone: 0747 376 482

Museums open:

April-September: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; October-March: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

We recommend:

- Horse-riding courses, horse-riding for fun, carriage rides at the "Virgil Bărbuceanu" Equestrian Centre in Piatra Neamț; Info Phone: 0746 912 427
- A ride in the gondola lift in Piatra Neamț; Info Gondola lift: 0724 538 928
- Kayaks, pedal boats and other recreational activities at "La Caiace" Recreational Complex, on the shores of Bâtca Doamnei Lake, Info Phone: 0728 101 028, 0728 146 343
- Boating, cruises, dinner on board, pedal boats, rides in motorboats, kayak at the Bicaz Naval Port Recreational Complex; Info Phone: 0233 253 848, 0748 110 400, 0744 588 824, 0748 110 401, office@bicazlac.ro
- A halt at "Crucea Arsă" Sheepfold in Farcaşa commune; Info Phone: 0233 256 502, 0745 009 603 (VÂNĂTORUL Guest House***)

Events you are invited to:

June: *The Nativity of St John the Baptist (Sânzienele)* – Dedication Day of the Church in the Princely Court in Piatra Neamț, 24 June
August: *Romanian Navy Day*, event organised in Bicaz Naval Port and on Izvoru Muntelui Reservoir, 15 August; *The Assumption of the Virgin* – Bistrița Monastery Dedication Day, 15 August
October: *St Demetrius* – Pângărați Monastery Dedication Day, 26 October
November: *The Synaxis of Archangels Michael and Gabriel* – Pângărați Monastery Dedication Day, 8 November
December: *Winter Festivities* – a series of performances and events organised in Piatra Neamț and Bicaz

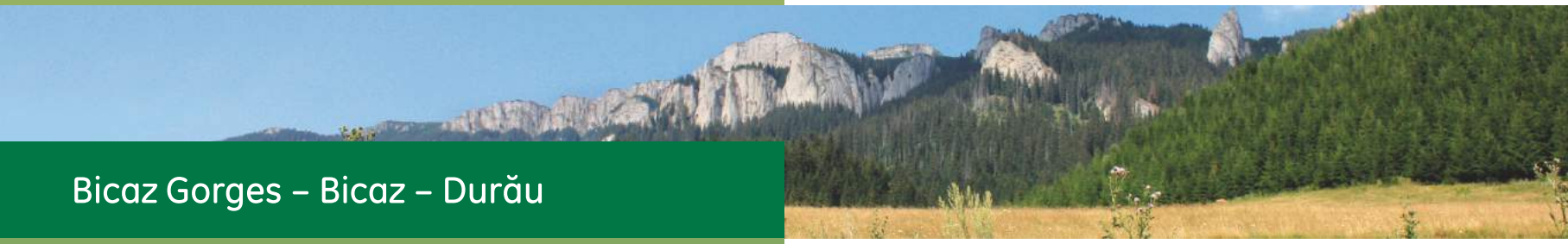
Accommodation:

Piatra Neamț: CEAHLĂU Hotel ***, phone. 0233 219 990, fax 0233 215 540, office@hotelceahlau.ro; Guest Houses: DOMNIȚA***, phone. 0233 228 267, www.pensiuneadomnita.ro; LIDO***, phone. 0723 258 094, 0744 521 773, contact@pensiune-lido.com; office@pensiunealido.ro; TORENT Hostel***, phone. 0742 219 229, pensiuneatorent@gmail.com.

Alexandru Cel Bun: BELVEDERE Hotel ***, phone. 0233 261 470; Guest Houses: BASIL****, phone. 0233 241 689, 0728 585 832, office@basil.ro; ALEXIA***, phone. 0749 815 934; AMBIANCE***, phone. 0745 483 793, cazare@ambiance.ro; BOEMA***, phone. 0743 063 655, boemapension@yahoo.com; BRADU***, phone. 0755 535 260; FLORA***, phone. 0742 247 530; MIHAELA***, phone. 0722 403 550; MOLDOVA***, phone. 0748 825 294; OANA II***, phone. 0233 241 362; ROUA***, phone. 0333 404 068, 0753 053 260, SMĂRĂNDIȚA***, phone/fax 0233 241 730, pensiuneasmarandita@yahoo.com; ŞTEFAN***, phone. 0744 871 429, 0741 100 244; TROIAN***, phone/fax 0233 241 444, office@troian.aix.ro; URSULET***, phone. 0233 261 441, pensiuneaursulet_nt@yahoo.com.

Pângărați: BALAD`OR Guest House ****, phone. 0727 736 685, office@balador.ro.

Bicaz: ADORA Hotel ***, phone. 0233 253 059, 0741 793 079, www.hoteladora.ro; ANCORA Complex***, phone. 0757 578 558; Guest Houses: CEAHLĂU***, phone. 0233 254 555, 0743 785 390, 0787 614 860, 0745 460 327; BIA PĂPĂDIA***, phone 0745 653 849.



Bicaz Gorges – Bicaz – Durău

When you reach Bicaz Gorges, you wonder whether you are dreaming or awake and you can barely grasp the big rocks thrown on the road, which, should you climb up, you would reach the skies. Then, immediately after descending along the creek, towards Neamț area, you find other gorges, other stone giants, with their caves and their own stories. If you think there is nothing else that could enchant you after all you have seen, you should know that the excitement is just beginning: now, when the path to Ceahlău, the Olympus of the Carpathian or the Holy Mountain of the Dacians, whatever you may call it, looms in front of your eyes. Whatever the trail you may chose to climb and set your eyes on, tens of hundreds of rocks varying in size and shape pop up in your way. Each of them is shrouded in legend, and up there on the horizon of Ceahlău, under the warm embrace of the sun, you feel both the majesty of heaven and earth, and feel you are a proud descendant of the ancient gods.



Duration: 4-5 days

Length:
80 km; you can travel by car, motorcycle, or bicycle

How you get to Bicaz:

from Bucharest on DN2 (E85) to Bacău, then take DN15; from the West of the country on DN 12C, DN 15 and DN 17B; from Suceava on DN 15C, and then take DN15; from Iaşi on E85, then take DN 15D and DN15; by train; by plane to the airports in Iaşi, Bacău, Suceava and from the airport by car/coach.

Where is it?

Bicaz Gorges – on DN12C, when entering Neamț County; the Wooden Church in Bicazu Ardelean, 2 km on the right on DN12C; Village Museum in Ceahlău, Ruins of the Princes' Palace, and Durău Monastery – on DJ 155F (12 km from DN15, turn left in Bistricioara).

Sights:

- Bicaz Gorges
- Şugău Gorges
- Wooden Church in Bicazu Ardelean
- Ceahlău Nature Reserve
- History and Ethnography Museum in Bicaz
- Ruins of the Princes' Palace
- Village Museum in Ceahlău
- Durău Monastery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01 Bicaz Gorges

Coming to Neamț County from Gheorghieni, you'll enjoy crossing the rocky kingdom of Bicaz Gorges, Romania's most famous ones. Particularly picturesque and amazing due to the majestic scenery they offer, they are part of Bicaz Gorges – Hăşmaş Nature Reserve. You enter through the *Rocky Gate*, guarded by the Clearing's Rock – the most impressive massif of the Gorges, then you go down gradually on the *Small Serpentines*–a short tunnel–and then the Large Serpentines until you reach the site called the *Hell's Gate*, where the Clearing's Rock and the Bardos Mountain are only a few metres apart. At this spot, you will set your eyes on the most impressive, almost apocalyptic view. Now you reach the Hell's Throat, and after catching your breath for a while, you'll see on your right, the confluence of Bicaz River with Bicăjel, a creek which has been carving three sets of wild gorges of its own, with small but noisy waterfalls.

02 Şugău Gorges

You catch sight of them even at speed after you pass Bicaz Gorges, on the left of the road. They form a wild rocky area, which is actually one of the most valuable protected areas in the Carpathians and in Europe due to the uniqueness of the scenery, geology, karst, flora and fauna. If you are a true lover of nature, if you have reached the area to admire these beautiful treasures in their natural environment and not just sprinkled on the sides of the road, all you have to do is think of a halt for a few hours in the midst of these so little known and deciphered wonders of endless series of geological evolution.

03 Wooden Church in Bicazu Ardelean

Built between 1823 and 1829 on the site of a former church certified in document as back as 1692, the small wooden church enchants not only with its architecture but also with its splendid painting directly on the interior wooden beams. It is the second fully painted wooden church in Neamț region to be preserved after the one in Răpciuni – Ceahlău that was relocated to Village Museum in Bucharest. Info Phone: 0722 295 574, 0233 255 392.

04 Ceahlău Nature Reserve

None of the mountains in Romanian has ever charmed the eyes or ignited the imagination of hikers as Ceahlău has... This majestic dome of the Eastern Carpathians and the entire Moldavian area, haloed by the ancestral geological turmoil which has majestically and proudly lifted it from the bottom of the seas, has been blessed throughout millennia with people's hunting, sheepherding and praying in its clearings, caves and pastures. Ever since the beginning of time, from the surroundings or from the mountain peaks, the beholders' eyes, caressed by the sun, sought to rejoice and find the ever vivid and overwhelming miracle of nature ... When walking the paths of Ceahlău, you can enjoy the harmonious blend between the open skyline - at times reaching the seashore - and the magnificent, overwhelming lace of the corners, towers, shelves, and stone walls. Ceahlău is much like a huge and impressive open-air museum displaying exhibits unique in their diverse shapes, each having a legend of its own: Dochia, Panagia, Toaca, Dorobanțul, the Monks, the Rock in Tears, Butu's Tower, the Shelves with lilies, Detunatele - and many, many others ... they are truly impressive formations, exquisitely crafted by the elements, displayed boldly and generously as a sign of the force that one can still feel rising from the depths of the earth as well as descending from the sky, on crystal clear days...

05 History and Ethnography Museum in Bicaz

The former Royal Theatre in Bicaz opens its doors for you to see testimonies of the history of Bistrița Valley, documents regarding the construction works of Bicaz Dam, ethnographic elements of the area, and last but not least, fine art works showing the area as it once used to be. Info Phone: 0233 254 201

Museums open:

April-September: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; October-March: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.


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06 Ruins of the Princes' Palace

To testify of the past and of prosperous times are only the ruins of what was the imposing Palaces of the Princes, dating back to 1639. In the entire complex, you can set your eyes and find peace resting near the small church built in stone and brick in the 17th century style. The more recent iconostasis was made of gilded lime-tree wood in the Baroque style. Info Phone: 0233 258 594, 0233 258 059

07 Village Museum in Ceahlău

Close to the Princes' Palace, in the building of the first public school in Ceahlău village, in the tranquillity to be found only at the foot of the mountain, you will discover a small village museum housing a collection of ethnographic objects specific to the area, but mostly an impressive collection of faunistic elements specific to Ceahlău Massif such as bear, wolf, capercaillie, deer, fox, trout, Danube salmon, many species of mountain birds, all in a pristine shape. Info Phone: 0233 258 594, 0233 258 059

08 Durău Monastery

Built on the site of a former 1600 hermitage, first documented in 1779, the holy settlement hides behind the walls of the church a special iconostasis made of lime-tree wood, gilded and painted in Constantinople in 1835. A work of large size encompassing characters and elements inspired from the local landscape, the local folk dress and human diversity, though seemingly no longer observing the old iconographic canons, Nicolae Tonitza and his apprentices left their mark here to be admired by visitors. Here still, you will find a coffer with relics of St Pantelimon and St Simeon bought from Mount Athos. Info Phone: 0233 256 674, 0744 820 884

We recommend:

- hiking on marked trails in Bicaz Gorges – Hăşmaş Nature Reserve; for info refer to the Park Management Direction: Phone/Fax 0266 336 540, pnbicaz@mciuc.rosilva.ro, pncbh@yahoo.com
- hiking on marked trails in Ceahlău Nature Reserve (access on trails starts from Bicazu Ardelean, Neagra, then Izvorul Muntelui and Durău); refer for info to the Nature Reserve Management Direction: Phone / Fax 0233 256 600, e-mail: pnc@ceahlaupark.ro
- stop at "Bistra Montană" Trout Fishery in Bicazu Ardelean; Info Phone: 0744 702 953, 0745 498 681, www.pastravariabistramontana.ro
- by car, motorcycle, or by bicycle you can divert from DN 15 some 8 km to the left before reaching Bicaz Dam, to admire a breathtaking scenery – Ceahlău Massif in its majestic splendour – and stop at Izvoru Muntelui Chalet; Phone: 0233 247 039, 0746 906 522, cabanaizvorulmuntelui@aisa.ro

Events you are invited to:

January: Snow Festivities – event organised in Durău Resort, at the foot of Ceahlău Massif
March: The Annunciation – Durău Monastery Dedication Day, 25 March
May: "Armindeni" – herding sheep to the mountains – event organised in Bicaz Chei commune;
August: Festivities of Ceahlău Mountain – an event organised in Durău Resort, at the foot of Ceahlău Massif
December: Winter Festivities – a series of performances and events organised in most of the communes in the mountains on your route.

Accommodation:

Bicazu Ardelean: PALEU Guest House*** phone. 0733 692 467.

Bicaz: PESCĂRUŞ Guest House ***, phone. 0744 588 824; LEBĂDA River Vessle***, phone. 0748 110 401; BARAJ Chalet***, phone. 0748 110 400.

Izvoru Muntelui: IZVORUL MUNTELUI Chalet***, phone. 0233 247 039, cabanaizvorulmuntelui@aisa.ro; IZVORUL MUNTELUI Bungalows***, phone. 0746 906 522; IZVORUL MUNTELUI Camping***, phone. 0746 906 522.

Ceahlău: ECOTUR Resort****, phone. 0233 258 571, www.ecotur.ro, reservations@ecotur.ro; Guest Houses: Şoimul****, phone. 0722 214 258, www.soimulsicorbul.ro, office.savinesti@kober.ro; ARTED***, phone. 0720 550 767, www.arted.ro, office@arted.ro; CORBUL***, phone. 0722 214 258, office.savinesti@kober.ro; LAVINIA***, phone. 0742 890 816, laviniaboacas@yahoo.com; PERLA***, phone. 0723 589 715, cazare@perladurau.ro.

Durău: Hotels: BISTRIŢA****, phone. 0233 256 570, fax 0233 256 590, office@bistrita-romania.ro; CASA PELERINUL***, phone. 0233 256 583; BRADUL***, phone. 0233 256 634, fax 0233 256 501, hr_bradulbrandusa@yahoo.com; CASCADA Hostel ***, tel/fax 0233 256 668, 0745 430 047, office@hotelcascada.ro; CRISTINA 2 Villa***, phone. 0725 892 111; Guest Houses: GOLD***, phone. 0752 243 924, office@pensiuneagold.ro; MARIA***, phone. 0744 702 434; RAPSODIA***, phone. 0745 570 757.

Chalets in Ceahlău Massif: Fântânele Chalet, phone. 0730 603 803; Dochia Chalet, phone. 0730 603 801, 0730 603 802, fax 0233 256 577, cabanadochia@yahoo.com, rezervari@cabana-dochia.ro.



Roznov – Războieni – Roman

Coming from Bacău, along Bistrița River, when you reach Roznov, we advise you to turn left towards the century-old forests in Tazlău Valley. You will find here a village with houses with carved porches and pillars. In the centre of the village, Tazlău Monastery – commissioned by Stephen the Great – stands white. Then, head for Războieni Monastery also commissioned by the Prince, erected on the site of the bloody battle in the White Valley. Then drive among the gently sloping hills, down to the plain, to the crossroads, at Ancuța's Inn. The hosts will welcome you as happy as the former famous innkeeper, Ancuța, in Sadoveanu's equally famous stories, and will provide accommodation and entertainment at they have always done. Once you tasted traditional dishes and got refreshed, try a visit to the museums and churches in Roman, a place where culture had its fair share of troubled history.

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Duration: 4-5 days

Length:
53 km; you can travel by car, motorcycle, or bicycle

How you get to Roznov:
coming from Bucharest on DN2(E85) to Bacău, then take DN15 to Roznov; from the West of the country on DN15 and DN12C; from Suceava on DN15C then take DN15; from Iași on E85 to Roman; by train; by train; by plane to the airports in Iași, Bacău, Suceava and from the airport by car/coach.

Where is it?
Tazlău Monastery - 36 km south of Piatra Neamț, when coming from Bacău on DN 15, in Roznov, turn left, then drive/ride on DJ 156A and DJ 156C; St Nicholas' Church Roznov and the Arboretum Park in Roznov are immediately near the roundabout in Roznov; Războieni Monastery – 31 km from Piatra Neamț on DN 15D, as you head to Roman, in Girov village turn left on DJ 208G to Războieni.

Sights:
- Tazlău Monastery
- St Nicholas' Church in Roznov
- Arboretum Park in Roznov
- Războieni Monastery
- Ancuța's Inn
- History Museum in Roman
- Art Museum in Roman
- Nature Sciences Museum in Roman
- Municipal Park in Roman
- Archbishopric Cathedral in Roman
- White Church in Roman
- "Virgin Mary" Great Church in Roman


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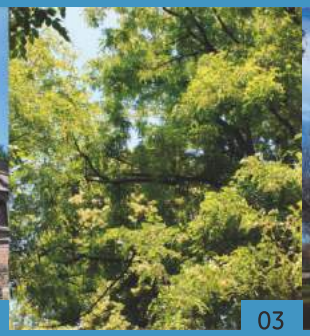
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01 Tazlău Monastery

Having its roots at the beginning of the fifteenth century, the monastic settlement became significant between 1496 and 1497, when Stephen the Great commissioned here a church in brick, "The Nativity of Virgin Mary" - one of the most imposing churches commissioned by the great Prince. For nearly three centuries, the monastery flourished from the spiritual and economical point of view. A school for deacons and copyists – who transcribed manuscript of the time – was opened here. The decline began when monasteries in Moldovia were surrendered under the patronage of the Patriarchate of Constantinople and Jerusalem. The fire in 1879 marked the end of this stage of monastic life here. The monastery was then converted into a parish church and remained that way till 1990, when it resumed its monastic destination at the foot of Măgura Tazlău. Info Phone: 0740 769 752

02 St Nicholas' Church in Roznov

A famous politician of his time, Colonel George Ruset Roznovanu, commissioned this building at the end of the nineteenth century in memory of his son, Alexander, passed away at the age of 20. Surrounded by the Arboretum Park Roznov, the church impresses by its unusual architecture in the area. Having special ties with Russia and Russian nobility, the Roznovanus commissioned this church similar to the Russian ones – with stone walls, the layout as a cross with equal arms on top of which there is the onion-shaped dome. Inside the church, the gilded bronze iconostasis, made in Moscow between 1890 and 1892, impresses with its size and rich decorations. The harmonious painting was done by Costin Petrescu who also painted the Romanian Athenaeum. Info Phone: 0233 667126

03 Arboretum Park in Roznov

The Arboretum Park in Roznov located on your way on DN 15 occupies an aprox. 7.4 acres area where you can relax in the shadow of century-old trees. Oaks, beeches, chestnuts, and rare species of silver fir, white pine, Japanese acacia, yellow acacia, Japanese maple, elm, and pine welcome you to enjoy the colourful foliage and the fresh air.

04 Războieni Monastery

Located in the middle of the village with the same name, the monastery was commissioned by Stephen the Great, in 1496, to pay homage to soldiers fallen in the White Valley battle against the Turks (1476). The foundation plaque placed on the south wall of the "Holy Archangels Michael and Gabriel" Church describes the defeat of Moldavia in the war for defending the country's borders and faith, and the reason behind the commission was to cherish the memory of the soldiers who followed the Prince in battle. Hence, the monastery is unique in the series of churches founded by Stephen the Great as it is also a mausoleum – the remains of soldiers killed in battle, rest under the altar and the narthex slabs. Info Phone: 0233 292 912

05 Ancuța's Inn

Once a halt for travelers or "carriers in the Highland", located at the crossroads, built like a stronghold in an isolated area and enlivened by people whose stories were "either terrible or intriguing", it preserves even today the atmosphere of the past offering traditional dishes and chef's specialities developed in Anița's larder. Info Phone: 0233 781 400

06 History Museum in Roman

Here you will discover an impressive collection of over 170,000 items, with rare and valuable pieces such as the Neolithic – Cucuteni A hoard, the inventory of Văleni Dacian necropolis, the Cucuteni A-B Culture adornments hoard which contains metal and bone jewellery, the over 220-piece deer fang necklace, the largest of its kind in southeastern Europe, artefacts dating back to the free Dacians' era, the medieval Roman Fortress as well as the Roman coin hoard discovered in Roman area. In Negruzzi Mansion which houses the museum, you will be enchanted in particular by the mural painting and decoration of the ceiling which Ludwig Brenner made in 1884 and by the architecture specific to the late nineteenth-century Baroque. Info Phone: 0233 727 726, 0233 744 673


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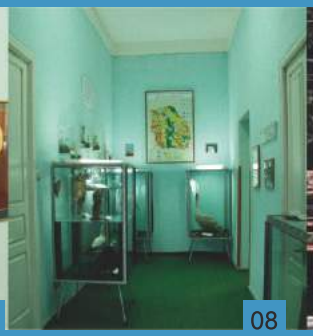
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07 Art Museum in Roman

Contains collections pf painting, sculpture, drawing, and decorations of the artists in Roman or of other national artists that stopped by in Roman in the path of their artistic career ascension. Temporary exhibitions are often added to the basic one. They focus on various styles and techniques of contemporary art. Info Phone: 0233 744 011

08 Nature Sciences Museum in Roman

Located in the Municipal Park, in a modern building that harmoniously integrates in the surroundings, the museum stands for an important and pleasant possibility to be acquainted with nature due both to its permanent exhibition and to the temporary ones. The basic exhibition contains species of plants and animals specific to the ecosystems in the forests, pastures, and meadows in Roman area. The exhibits were collected during research conducted in the confluence area of Moldova and Siret Rivers. Info Phone: 0233 742 528

09 Municipal Park Roman

Unique in Europe for the diversity of the dendrological species which developed around the lake area, the park awaits for you to offer rest and contemplation; along the quiet lanes you will discover the "Writers' Rotunda" which displays the busts of Creangă, Eminescu, Sadoveanu, Alecsandri, Caragiale, Vlahuță, Kogălniceanu, Miron Costin, Enescu, and the monument of Ion Ionescu de la Brad.

10 "Saint Parascheva" Archbishopric Church in Roman

Commissioned by Petru Rareş and his son Ilaş, the Cathedral complex is enlisted as a monument of religious architecture. In its five-century-old history is has been established as an important cultural centre of the area. The unique icon of Moldavia's patron saint, Parascheva the Pious, and the extremely beautiful interior mural painting are among its main attractions. The belfry is also monumental and expressive – its five storeys house an equally impressive library. Info Phone: 0233 731 683

11 The White Church in Roman

Commissioned in 1615 by Prince Ştefan Tomşa II, and then rebuilt in 1695 by the sword bearer Vasile Cantacuzino, the White Church will interest you with its foundation plaque of 1695 which contains the Cantacuzinos' coat of arms and monogram, the expressive painting in vivid colours, and the iconostasis which, despite lacking a historical value as it was built in 1922, presents rich and varied sculptural elements. Info Phone: 0726 335 696, 0722 347 507

12 "Virgin Mary" Great Church in Roman

Commissioned in 1569 by Lady Ruxandra Lăpuşneanu, the church stood the test of troubled times and of the elements. It still preserves the belfry, the Holy Table, the foundation plaque, and many religious regalia. Located near the Archbishopric Complex in Roman, you can easily notice the elegance and the sobriety of the exterior as well as the accurate sculpture of the iconostasis and the interior mural painting worked in the Neo-Byzantine fresco technique. Info Phone: 0722 915 623

Museums open:

April-September: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; October-March: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m

We recommend:

- Lake angling: Budeşti, Făurei commune; "Dănăilă" Complex, Roman; Caritas Farm, Săbăoani commune; "La Moldovean", Dragomireşti commune; Simioneşti, Cordun commune; Trifeşti, Trifeşti commune, and "Unghi" Pool, Dragomireşti commune, Info Phone: 0233 211 696
- Spa – Velvet & Beauty at Hotel Roman, Info Phone: 0233 742 600

Events you are invited to:

June: Midsummer Celebrations (Sânziene), 24 June – Days of the Tupilați commune; the annual Fair and folklore events are organised;
July: Roznov Town Celebration – the third Sunday in July; Războieni Celebration – last Sunday in July – a folklore event gathering amateur bands and dance groups in the area; the event celebrates the great battle of Valea Albă (1476) when the army of Stephen the Great defeated the Turks; exhibitions, sports competitions;
August: Metamorphosis - Nechit Monastery Dedication Day – 6 August;
September: "The Nativity of Virgin Mary" – Tazlău Monastery Dedication Day – 8 September; The Inns' Festival – Tupilați;
October: "Parascheva the Pious" – Dedication Day of the Archbishopric Cathedral in Roman – 14 October;
November: "Saint Archangels Michael and Gabriel"- Dedication Day of Războieni Monastery and the White Church in Roman – 8 November; "Sadoveniana" Literary Soiree at Ancuța's Inn;
December: "St Nicholas" – Dedication Day of the Church in Roznov, 6 December; "Festival of Traditions" in Tazlău.

Accommodation:

Tazlău: CASA BUNICII Guest House ***, phone. 0745 244 770;
Roznov: AKIRA Guest House **, phone. 0233 665 727;
Săvineşti: CASA DRUMEȚULUI Guest House***, phone. 0233 281 147, 0745 234 036;
Dumbrava Roşie: BALCOST Motel ***, phone. 0233 282 240, www.motelbalcost.ro; Guest Houses: OCTOGON ***, phone. 0745 532262, rezervari@pensiuneaoctogon.ro; BYBLOS ***, phone. 0478 300 710, www.pensiuneabyblos.ro, rezervare@pensiuneabyblos.ro; CASA EDELWEISS ***, phone. 0722 512 876; ANDRA ***, phone. 0233 282 559; CLASIC ***, phone. 0233 282 290, dumbravatour@yahoo.com: RUSTIC ***, phone. 0233 280 939, 0745 646 148, www.pensiunea-rustic.ro;
Girov: ANA Guest House ***, phone. 0233 290 221; ELENA Guest House ***, phone. 0744 518 456;
Dulceşti: CONDOR Motel ***, phone. 0233 761 001; office@condorresort.ro;
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