

# Tour program Moldova - Transnistria – Odessa – Ukraine

## Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2019

### Choice of Moldova for 8 days or 11 day Odessa addition

#### **1 day (11.07.19) – Moldova, Chisinau**

Arrive Chisinau the capital of Moldova. Transfer to hotel. Time at leisure. Dinner at city restaurant in Chisinau. Overnight in Chisinau.

#### **2 day (12.07.19) – Orhei – Chateau Vartely winery**

Jewish Heritage Orhei town (former Jewish quarter, former Jewish hospital and cemetery) – excursion at Chateau Vartely winery in Orhei with light tasting (2 wines or 6 wines) and lunch in the winery restaurant. Afternoon at leisure in Chisinau. Walk to the synagogue in Chisinau and kosher meal. (dinner arranged on the spot at the synagogue).

#### **3 day (13.07.19) – day at leisure in Chisinau. Walk to the synagogue.**

#### **4 day (14.07.19) – Chisinau-Cricova**

Sightseeing Chisinau: Jewish sites in combination with general sightseeing (4 h). Lunch in Chisinau. Afternoon wine tour at Cricova wine cellars with wine tasting (4 wines). Dinner at city restaurant in Chisinau.

#### **5 day (15.07.19) – Transnistria: Dubosary, Rybnitsa, Rascov**

Jewish tour Dubosary-Rybnitsa-Rascov (Transnistria region). Lunch to be arranged in Rybnitsa. Dinner is served in CHISINAU.

#### **6 day (16.07.19) – Transnistria: Bendery, Tiraspol**

Tour Bendery-Tiraspol (Transnistria). Visit to Tighina fortress, Jewish cemetery and Holocaust memorial in Bendery. City tour Tiraspol –capital of Transnistria. On request visit to synagogue in Tiraspol. (synagogue is very small, looks like a private house). Lunch in Tiraspol. Dinner in Chisinau.

#### **7 day (17.07.19) – North of Moldova: Balti (Beltsi)**

Jewish tour in the North of Moldova: city Balti-Jewish cemetery, Holocaust Memorial, Beneficiary Jewish Center “Hesed Iaakov”. Lunch in Balti. Dinner in Chisinau.

#### **8 day (18.07.19) – Chisinau-Purcari-Odessa**

Transfer to Purcari winery. Wine tour & tasting at Purcari. Lunch in the winery restaurant. Transfer to Odessa, Ukraine. Evening at leisure. Dinner at city restaurant. Overnight in Odessa.

#### **9 day (19.07.19) – Jewish Heritage tour in Odessa (4 h).**

You can always feel the Jewish spirit in Odessa and it gives to the city its special colour. Odessa is a multinational city. But the Jewish nation is a special case; they always added to the city its own unique colour. During the excursion you will learn the history of the Jews of Odessa, the history of the origin of their surnames, traditions, be surprised by the number of famous names. During the excursion "Jewish Odessa" you will visit Moldavanka - the most densely populated area of the Jews at the end of the 19th century, visit Prokhorovsky Square, where two memorials "Alley of the Righteous" and "The Road of Death" are located, visit the synagogue, and places associated with the famous Jewish names of Odessa. And there are many names of these: Babel and Zhabotinsky, Oistrakh and Gilels, Bardakh and Khavkin, Sholom-Aleikhem and Bialik, Dizengoff and Stolyarsky, Zhvanetsky and Kartsev.

A lot of what the Odessa Jews did, was for the first time: the first Zionist organization, the first Jewish gymnasium, the first vaccine against plague and cholera, the first ambulance station and much more. The first Jewish pogrom, unfortunately, was also in Odessa.

The history of the Odessa Jews, like the world history of this people, was both tragic and optimistic.

Lunch at city restaurant. Afternoon walk to the main synagogue. Kosher meal at synagogue or kosher restaurant “Rozmarin” in Odessa. (arranged by the clients on the spot). The restaurant Rozmarin is located close to the synagogue.

### 10 day (20.07.19) – Odessa

Morning visit to synagogue in Odessa or time at leisure.

#### Afternoon walking city tour Odessa, central area. (2-2.5h)

This excursion is walking down the streets of Odessa downtown and seaside parkway. You will see magnificent architectural sights: The Opera Theatre, the Philharmonic society, the Italian court yard, the Passage, the pale-grand piano, the Theatrical and Cathedral areas, the City garden, seaport, the Palace, will hear set of the histories about outstanding historic figures and well-known Odessites: A.Pushkin, Duke d'Richelieu, count Vorontsov, founder of first jazz band in USSR Leonid Utesov and many other famous people.

Dinner at city restaurant. Overnight in Odessa.

### 11 day (21.07.19) – Return home from Odessa.

Breakfast at hotel restaurant.

Free time.

12:00 Check – out.

Transfer to the airport with English-speaking guide.

TOUR OF MOLDOVA	Group 8 people plus		Single Supplement
Accommodation			
Radisson Blu Hotel 5* <a href="http://www.radissonbluchisinau.com">www.radissonbluchisinau.com</a> (0.7 km from Synagogue)	£1,195.00		£495

#### Services included:

- Accommodation: 7 nights at hotel in Chisinau sharing TWIN room on BB basis. Single supplement is given as SSUP.
- Transport services: comfortable 20 seater Mercedes Sprinter
- English guide services (guide specialized in Jewish tours) + local guides
- Meals: 7 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 4 dinners
- Entry fee: Tighina fortress
- Wine tours & tastings: Chateau Vartely winery (6 wines), Purcari winery (4 wines)
- Water for bus: 1 bottle 0.5 litre daily

TOUR IN ODESSA	Group 8 pax		Single Supplement
Hotel Bristol 5* <a href="http://bristol-hotel.com.ua/en/">http://bristol-hotel.com.ua/en/</a> (0.4 km from the Main Synagogue)	£395.00		£175

#### Services included:

- Accommodation: 3 nights at hotel in Odessa sharing TWIN room on BB basis. Single supplement is given as SSUP.
- Transport services: Mercedes Sprinter 17 seats (for 8 pax group), Bus 30 seats (for group 16 pax)
- English speaking guide as per program
- Entries in Odessa
- Meals: 1 lunch, 2 dinners
- Water for bus: 1 bottle 0.5 litre daily

**TOTAL COST for both trips combined sharing a room is £1,490 per person sharing a twin / double room  
Single Supplement £595**

**This trip will be confirmed with 8 bookings when we will advise which flights to book**

**The sum of £200 deposit required with completion of booking form**

**Excludes flights and personal insurance**