

Moldova Dance and Music
8 days – 7 nights
Chisinau, Cricova, Orheiul Vechi, Clisova Noua, Bender, Tirnauca, Tiraspol
Dance, Music, Discovery, Culture, History

This program may be operated for individuals or for groups
This is a suggested itinerary

Would you like to visit Moldova and learn a Moldovan dance in the country? You now have the possibility to choose the Travel to Moldova to the rhythm of the Moldovan dance during which you will visit some of the tourist attractions of the country and learn a traditional Moldovan dance.

Day 1: Chisinau

On arrival at Chisinau International Airport you'll be met by our representative and transferred to your hotel. Rest of the day free. Dinner and overnight at the hotel. In the evening, you will have dinner in a traditional restaurant with traditional meals and dances. [D]

Day 2: Chisinau

Start the day with a traditional dance course. After the course, you will have a break for lunch and then enjoy a guided tour of the city of Chisinau which is the main administrative, scientific and cultural center of Moldova. During the visit, you will discover pieces of history and culture of the city such as the Cathedral of the Nativity of Christ, the Bell Tower, the Triumph Arch, the Monument of Stephen the Great, etc. We'll make a stop at the theater square "Mihai Eminescu", near the souvenir market with many handicrafts and handmade souvenirs. Dinner and overnight at the hotel. [B/D]

Day 3 Chisinau (Cricova)

The day will begin with the second traditional dance class at the dance studio, followed by a lunch break. Then a short drive to Cricova and visit the wine cellar considered a national cultural heritage. During the excursion to the tourist train, at a depth of 265 feet, you will discover the wonders of Cricova's underground galleries formed by more than seventy streets covering an area of almost 75 miles, each of them bearing a vine name: Sauvignon, Cabernet, Cahors, etc. The jewel of the underground treasure is the National Collection, comprising more than 600 types of wine totaling around 1 million bottles. Here you can admire the oldest bottle of wine - "Hebrew Wine of Easter", dating from 1902 and discover the flavors of Cricova wines. Lunch at the winery before returning to Chisinau for dinner and overnight at the hotel. [B/L/T/D]

Day 4: Chisinau (Orheiul Vechi)

Start the day with a dance class led by a member of a folk-dance ensemble at the dance studio. After a lunch a 1-hour drive to Orheiul Vechi (Old Orhei) - a natural amphitheater revealing a territory that was first inhabited 40,000 years ago. The Orheiul Vechi Reserve includes a series of historical and cultural monuments as well as natural landscapes in the gorge of the Raut river. Ancient fortifications, rock monasteries, monks and hermits allow us to follow the history of this region. The originality of the Orheiul Vechi landscape is due to the gorge of the Raut river, dug in the form of a canyon in the limestone layers of the ancient Sarmatian Sea, about 14 million years ago. Lunch at a local restaurant before returning to Chisinau. Rest of the afternoon free. Dinner and overnight at the hotel. [B/L/D]

Day 5: Chisinau

During the morning have your traditional dance class with a member of a folk-dance ensemble. The afternoon is free for you to explore Chisinau on your own, shop or just relax. Dinner and overnight at the hotel. [B/D]

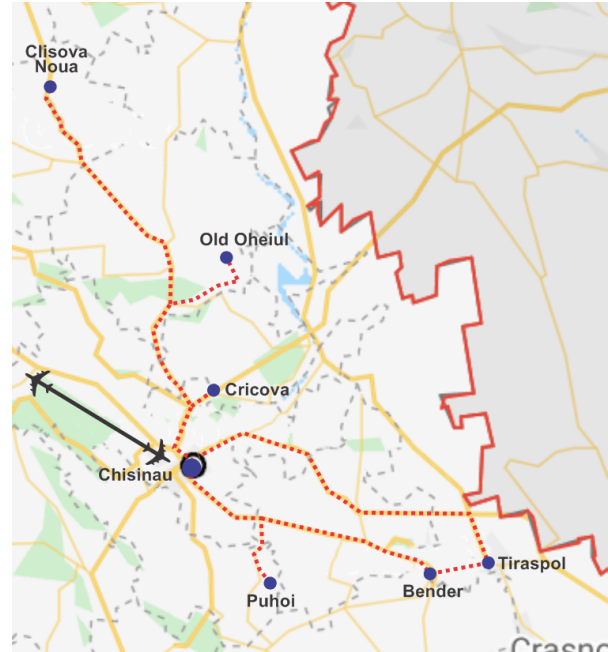
Day 6: Chisinau (Clisova Noua)

Today is the last dance lesson with a member of a folk-dance ensemble and you'll wear traditional clothes, a wonderful occasion to get plenty of photos. In the afternoon, you will have free time for

lunch. Then you will visit by the Arta Rustica Artisanal Complex in the village of Clisova Noua. The handmade rugs in Clisova Noua are of surprising interest and beauty. Traditional Moldovan carpets are part of UNESCO's Intangible Cultural Heritage. It takes several months to create a single canvas. Each carpet is a work of art. The craftsmen of Clisova Noua put all their soul and free time into their works. They restore unique carpets from old photographs. The artisans use only natural materials and authentic techniques during the weaving process. In the evening return to Chisinau for dinner and overnight at the hotel. [B/D]

Day 7: Chisinau (Bender, Tirnauca, Tiraspol)

After breakfast, we'll leave for Bender to discover the fortress built in the 15th century by the Prince of Moldova, Stephen the Great. Originally built as a small wooden fort, it was later fortified in stone. Occupied by the Ottomans in 1538 (in a campaign led by Sultan Suleiman the Magnificent), the fort was reinforced in 1541 and became the center of an Ottoman "raya" (in which the surrounding Moldavian villages were included) and was reinforced by Moldovan craftsmen in the 18th century. The Bender fortress is an architectural ensemble of irregular quadrilateral buildings, surrounded by wide walls in limestone and brick 6.5 to 10 feet thick. After the visit, you'll have lunch at the Casa Karaman guest house. After lunch, you will take a tour of the city of Tiraspol and discover the monument to Vladimir Lenin and the WWII tank. The city seems to be a vestige of the Soviet past. Nevertheless, you will be surprised by contrasts like the "Sheriff" football complex - a pearl of contemporary architecture. After lunch return to Chisinau with free time for last shopping or relaxation. This evening you'll have a farewell dinner at a typical restaurant so you can fully appreciate the specialties of the local cuisine. Overnight in Chisinau. [B/L/D]



Day 8: Chisinau, USA

After breakfast you may have some time to relax. At the appointed time you'll be met and transferred to Chisinau airport to board your connecting flight back home. [B]

[B] = Breakfast | [D] = Dinner | [B/L] = Breakfast and Lunch | [B/L/D] = Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner | [B/L/T/D] = Breakfast, Lunch, Tasting and Dinner

Your Tour includes:

- Round-trip airfare USA-Chisinau
- Arrival and departure transfers
- 7 nights' accommodation in Chisinau
- Meals:
 - Breakfast daily
 - 3 lunches
 - 7 dinners
 - 1 farewell dinner
- Wine tasting at Cricova wine cellar
- Curchi Monastery
- Orheiul Vechi
- Arta Rustica Artisanal Complex
- Bender Fortress
- Casa Karaman in Tirnauca

- Tiraspol WWII monuments
- Chisinau monuments
- 5 traditional dance lessons
- English-speaking driver/guide
- Transportation by A/C vehicle
- Entrance fees according to the itinerary

Tour does not include:

- Any taxes related to airfares or airports
- Meals not mentioned under inclusions
- Travel Insurance
- Visas
- Tips to guides or drivers
- Expenses of a personal nature
- Any item not mentioned as "Included"

Hotels in your Tour:

City	Hotel Name	Tripadvisor
First Class		
Chisinau	Jumbo Hotel	4
	Bristol Central Park Hotel	4.5
	Zentrum ApartHotel	5

Hotels will be confirmed at time of booking

Tour Prices:

From: \$1,579 including airfare

Add-ons available from all US gateways.

Prices are per person and may change without notice

These programs can be customized for individuals and for groups

Changes to this program may be requested by phone (1855-55-TOURS) or using the web FIT Quote Request

- **Airfare**

We also be glad to add the necessary airfare from your gateway so you take advantage of our special discounted leisure fares

- **Program**

You may add or remove;

- Trip days
- Cities and sites
- Meals

- **Other options**

- The program was designed with private services, however, we may substitute shared sightseeing where available
- If you prefer deluxe services we may operate this program including private driver, private guide and concierge service.

- **Quotation**

Once we have designed the program the way you want we'll give you a quote within 2 business days.

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Options:

- Lunches and dinners can be arranged for individuals, families and groups at top restaurants or any restaurant requested by you.
- We can revise the itinerary to spend more time and provide more depth in those areas that you are interested on.
- Any other changes to the itinerary will be accommodated depending on the facilities available in the area.

Group Quotations

- If you wish to use these programs for your group or as the basis for a customized journey please either call us (1-855-55-TOURS or use the web Group Quote Request.
- In either case our specialists will work with to refine all the details and they will get you a quote with 2 business days. Quotes may be obtained for the air and land portions of just for the land journey.
- Booking both air and land with us will represent savings for you because of our buying power and longtime relationship with the airlines.

We will also may have the choice between regular fares and special leisure fares not available to the public.