

3rd UNWTO Global Conference on Wine Tourism

6-7 September 2016, Chisinau, Moldova

PRACTICAL INFORMATION



Dear participants,

To ensure that the Conference runs smoothly, as well as ensure the well-being of all participants, we would like to provide you with some practical and logistical information with regards to the 3rd UNWTO Global Conference on Wine Tourism, taking place in Chisinau, Republic of Moldova.

Venue

The Conference will be held at various venues and locations.

5 September

The Affiliate Members Meeting will be held at:

BRISTOL CENTRAL PARK HOTEL CHISINAU

32 Pushkin Street, Chisinau, Moldova

Tel: (+373) 22 90 22 22

http://bristol.md/en_US/

6 September

Castel Mimi

Strada Dacia, 1, Bulboaca 6512, Moldova

Tel.: +373 620 01 893

<http://www.castelmimi.md/>

Castel Mimi is listed among Top 14 most fascinating architectural masterpieces of the wine world, proudly representing the Motherland and its cultural-historical patrimony. Today it's a unique concept of wine resort that spreads over almost 200.000 square meters and welcomes wine lovers and tourist from all over the world

Asconi Winery

Puhoi, Moldova

Tel.: +373 799 88 633

<http://asconi.md/>

7 September

Ethnos Cultural Complex "Vatra"

Traseul R1, Chişinău-Ungheni, km 32, 2012 Bucovăț, Moldova

<https://www.vatrafest.com/ro/>

The authentic Bucovat village, Ethnos Cultural Complex "Vatra" is intended for guests who can define the royal ambience rendered by exceptional paintings, medieval chandeliers, with a picturesque view and relaxing atmosphere.

Cricova Winery

Strada Petru Ungureanu 1, Cricova 2084, Moldova

Tel.: +373 22 604 035

<https://cricova.md/>

“Cricova”, rightfully referred to as the ‘Pearl of Moldovan Winemaking’, is a unique underground complex that got renowned throughout the world for both its huge labyrinths and its excellent wines.

Official Hotels

Bristol Central Park Hotel Chisinau****

Address: 32, Pushkin Street, Chisinau, Moldova.

Tel: (+373) 22 90 22 22

Email: info@bristol.md

Website: http://bristol.md/en_US/

Room Type	Rates for Bed and
	Breakfast*
Standard Single room	120 EUR
Standard Double Room (queen size bed)	140 EUR
Delux	180 EUR
Ambassador Suite	220 EUR

NOBIL LUXURY BOUTIQUE HOTEL *****

2 minutes walk from the Bristol Central Park Hotel

Address: 49/1 Mihai Eminescu Str.

Tel: +373 22 400 400

Email: info@nobil.md

Website: www.nobil.md

Room Type	Rates for Bed and
	Breakfast*
Standard Single	130 EUR
Standard Double	150 EUR

Berd's Design Hotel *****



Address: 12, Dimitrie Cantemir Str.
Tel: (+373) 22 022 22 2
Email: reservations@berdshotel.com
Website: www.berdshotel.com

Room Type	Rates for Bed and
	Breakfast*
Standard Single	120 EUR
Standard Double	135 R

Jolly Alon Hotel****
10 minutes walk from the Bristol Central Park Hotel
Address: 37, Maria Cibotari Str.
Tel: (+373) 22 881 751
Email: reservation@jollyalon.com
Website: <http://jollyalon.com/>

Room Type	Rates for Bed and
	Breakfast*
Standard (and Superior) Single	100 EUR
Standard (and Superior) Double	110 EUR

Transfers

Time	From	To
5 September 2018		
15:30	Bristol Hotel Central Park Chisinau	Milestii Mici Winery
17:30	Official hotels and Milestii Mici Winery	National Museum of History of Moldova
21:00	National Museum of History of Moldova	Official hotels
6 September 2018		
08:00	Official hotels & Great National Assembly Square	Mimi Castle
17:00	Mimi Castle	Asconi Winery
21:00	Asconi Winery	Official hotels & Great National

		Assembly Square
7 September 2018		
08:00	Official hotels & Great National Assembly Square	Ethnos Cultural Complex "Vatra"
17:00	Ethnos Cultural Complex "Vatra"	Cricova Winery
22:00	Cricova Winery	Official hotels & Great National Assembly Square

Transport

Taxi service is the most convenient and inexpensive method of travel for the tourist. Within the city limits, it will cost you about 50-70 lei (\$3-\$5). A trip to the airport and outside city will be taxed according tariffs per km.

You can signal a taxi on the street or call ahead for one. There are multiple taxi companies. When you call for taxi service, you only need to say where you are and where you wish to go, and leave a phone number. They will call you back usually within about 2 minutes to let you know which car is coming for you and how long it will take for it to get there. A taxi usually arrives within 5-8 minutes. The cars for the most part are clean and decent.

Chisinau is a small city and most places are within a 10-20 minutes drive from the center of town if there is no traffic.

Tips: If you have luggage, or leaving the supermarket with grocery bags, be sure to ask about any additional charges. This is not common practice to be charged for such things, but you may run into a driver trying to make a quick buck.

When calling from outside of the city dial the prefix to Chisinau - **22**.

To call for a taxi you can use one of the following numbers:

1400	1472
1404	1475
1405	1479
1406	1480
1407	1490
1408	1499
1410	
1417	
1419	
1422	
1430	
1433	
1441	
1448	
1449	
1450	
1471	

***Or Ask your hotel to help you with taxi services.**

****taxi applications – itaxi, yandex taxi Chisinau.**

Trolleybuses

See also: Trolleybuses in Chisinau

There is wide trolleybus network operating as common public transportation within city. From 1994, Chisinau saw the establishment of new trolleybus lines, as well as an increase in capacity of existing lines, to improve connections between the urban districts. The network comprises 22 trolleybus lines being 246 km (153 mi) in length. Trolleybuses run between 05:00 and 03:00. There are 320 units daily operating in Chişinău. However the requirements are as minimum as 600 units. Trolleybus ticket costs at about 2 lei (ca. \$0.11). It is the cheapest method of transport within Chisinau municipality.

Buses

There are 29 lines of buses within Chisinau municipality. At each public transportation stops there is attached a schedule for buses and trolleybuses. There are approximately 330 public transportation stops within Chisinau municipality. There is a big lack of buses inside city limits, with only 115 buses operating within Chisinau.[40]

Minibuses.

In Chisinau and its suburbs, privately operated minibuses known as "rutieras" generally follow the major bus and trolleybus routes and appear more frequently. As of October 2017, there are 1100 units of minibuses operating within Chişinău. Minibuses services are priced the same as buses - 3 lei for a ticket (ca. \$0.18.)

Traffic

Traffic jam in Chisinau

The city traffic becomes more congested as each year passes. Nowadays there are about 300,000 cars in the city plus 100,000 transit transports coming to the city each day. The number of personal transports is expected to reach 550,000 (without transit) by 2025.

Registration and Badges

Badges will be available for collection prior to the conference at the registration desk from 5 September to 7 September 2018 at the Conference venues.

Registration will open at **10:00 on 3 September 2018** at the airport and will remain open until **23:00 on 6 September 2018 at the airport.**

Participants will be required to wear the identification badges in the area reserved for the Forum. They will also be required for entry to the dining areas. Please ensure that you are on time for the registration.

Please note that it is required to complete the [REGISTRATION CONFIRMATION](#) to ensure your place at the Conference.



Dinner Venues

There will be **three** dinners during the **3rd UNWTO Global Conference on Wine Tourism**. These dinners are offered to international participants and participants who have received an invitation. The venues for the dinners are the following:

5 September – Welcome Dinner, National Museum of History of Moldova

6 September – Traditional Banquet, Asconi Winery

7 September – Closing Dinner, Cricova Winery

Social Programme

There will be a post-conference social programme on 8 and 9 September 2018. The activities of the social programme will be available at an additional cost and if you are interested in participating in the social programme, please contact directly the Tourism Agency mentioned below for each activity (for any additional clarification please contact Mrs. Olesia Vulpe olesea.vulpe@invest.gov.md)

8 and 9 September

1. Chisinau City Tour, Milestii Mici, Capriana Monastery trip:

Solei Turism - <http://moldova.solei.md/global-conference-and-wine-tourism/>

2. Codru wine & history & culture trip:

TATRABIS - <http://www.incoming.tatrabis.md/tours/country-tours/codru-wine-history-culture-trip>

3. Gagauzia food & wine trip:

TATRABIS - <http://www.incoming.tatrabis.md/tours/country-tours/gagauzia-food-wine-trip>

4. Chisinau City Tour + EtCetera Winery + Cooking Master-class:

Wine Tours - <https://visitmoldova.travel/en/tour/unwto-social-programme-8-9-september-2018/>

5. How about traveling back to USSR trip?:

Amadeus Travel - <http://winetours.md/eng/blog/day-tours-for-participants-of-the-3rd-unwto-global-conference-on-wine-tourism-08-0>

6. "Old Orhei - Wine cellar Branesti":

Best Travel - <http://best-moldova.md/moldova.aspx?id=1106>

Contact Details of the Organizing Committee

UNWTO coordinators	Host country coordinators
Addaia Arizmendi World Tourism Organization (UNWTO) Madrid, Spain Email: aarizmendi@unwto.org Phone number: +34 91 567 81 00	Corina Zavtoni Investment Agency of Republic of Moldova, Chişinău Email: corina.zavtoni@invest.gov.md Phone number: +373 22 273 654

Official Languages at the Conference

The official language of the Conference will be English.

Official Time

Standard Time in the Republic of Moldova is 2 hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time.

Climate

The weather in September is cool with little rainfall. You can expect average temperatures between **25°C** and **30 °C**. There are usually 10 hours of sunshine each day, which represents 70% of the 13 hours of daylight.

Health Requirements

Make sure you have adequate travel health insurance and accessible funds to cover the cost of any medical treatment abroad and repatriation.

Drink only bottled water.

Some vaccines are recommended or required for Moldova. The CDC and WHO recommend the following vaccines for Moldova: typhoid, hepatitis A, hepatitis B, rabies, and influenza.

You should exercise normal precautions to avoid exposure to HIV/AIDS.

If you need emergency medical assistance during your trip, dial 912 and ask for an ambulance, but be aware that if you do not speak Russian or Romanian you may encounter difficulties. You should inform your insurance/medical assistance company promptly if you are referred to a medical facility for treatment.

For the Conference, the Organizer will provide a special ambulance and if you need some medical aid, please call the contact persons indicated above.

Pharmacies abound in Moldova. In Chisinau you can find them throughout the city. Most town and some villages also have at least one pharmacy.

Exchange Rate and Local Currency



The official currency of Moldova is the Moldovan Leu (MDL). One leu is measured in 100 bani. The official rate of exchange fluctuates daily depending on the foreign exchange market. Foreign Currency may be exchanged for Moldovan Leu at banks or licensed exchange bureaus in airports and hotels.

The exchange rate is (average exchange rate as of 15 August 2018)

1USD = 16.61 MDL

1 EUR = 18.84 MDL

Foreign exchange can be done in banks, currency exchange offices and hotels. Credit cards are accepted in most hotels and stores.

For the exchange rates please, visit <http://bnm.md/en/content/official-exchange-rates>

Emergency number

112

Electric current

In Moldova the standard voltage is 240 V and an electrical frequency of 50 Hz.

Clothing

Wear just according to the temperature described in Weather information, but in the underground wine cellars, the tunnels are deep underground, so make sure you wear plenty of layers, as it is a bit chilly all year down there.

Brief information about Chisinau

Chisinau is the capital and largest city of the Republic of Moldova. The city is Moldova's main industrial and commercial center, and is located in the middle of the country, on the river Bac. According to the results of the 2014 census, the city proper had a population of 532,513, while the number of population in the Municipality of Chisinau (which includes the city itself and other nearby communities) was 662,836. Chisinau is the most economically prosperous locality in Moldova and its largest transportation hub. Chisinau is the major industrial centre of Moldova and is especially important for light engineering and the manufacture of measuring equipment, machine tools, tractors, pumps, refrigerators, washing machines, and insulated wiring. Wine making, flour milling, and tobacco processing are notable among the city's agriculture-related industries. There are also clothing and footwear factories. The city is the cultural centre of Moldova, with an academy of sciences, a university (1945), other institutions of higher education, and several scientific research establishments. Most visitors confine their stay to the centre,

defined by two large, diagonally opposed parks: Parcul Catedralei, and Public Garden Stefan cel Mare si Sfint. The best museums, hotels, restaurants and cafes are no more than a leisurely 10- or 15-minute walk away. The impressive main artery, Stefan cel Mare Bd., cuts right through the axis of the two parks.