

3rd UNWTO Global Conference on Wine Tourism

6-7 September 2016, Chisinau, Moldova

GENERAL INFORMATION NOTE



1. DATES AND VENUE

The 3rd UNWTO Global Conference on Wine Tourism will be held on **6-7 September 2018** at the:

6 September 2018

MIMI Chateau Winery (morning)

ASCONI Winery (afternoon)

7 September 2018

Cricova Winery

2. REGISTRATION, BADGES AND ACCES TO THE VENUE

We kindly ask all delegates to confirm the participation in the Conference [here](#).

Badges will be available for collection prior to the conference at the registration desk on 6 September. Participants will be required to wear the identification badges in the area reserved for the Conference. Conference packets will include individual badges, conference programme and other important information.

Registration deadline: 20 August 2018

3. ORGANIZING COMMITTEE CONTACT DETAILS

UNWTO COORDINATOR	HOST COUNTRY COORDINATOR
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4. ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Participants may consult if they need an entry visa for the Republic of Moldova at: <http://www.mfa.gov.md/entry-visas-moldova/list-foreigners-possess-visa-en/#link> and may contact the nearest Embassy/Consulate of the Republic of Moldova for this purpose.

Applicants for a visa will be required to present a confirmation from UNWTO that they are registered as participants in the upcoming meeting of the UNWTO Global Conference on Wine Tourism

5. TRANSPORTATION

The host country will facilitate the transfer of delegates between Chisinau International Airport and the hotels in Chisinau (only to the official hotels listed below), both on arrival and again on departure.

Chisinau Airport is the international airport of Chisinau, the capital of the Republic of Moldova. It is located 13 km southeast of the center of Chisinau. (airport code: **KIV**). Further information regarding the airport is available on the airport's website: <http://www.airport.md>

6. ACCOMMODATION

The official hotels listed below offer specially discounted rates for the participants. Payment by credit card and bank transfer is acceptable. It is **highly recommended** that participants reserve



accommodation as early as possible as the special room rates have been obtained for delegates until **20 August 2018**. After this deadline, the hotels will not be able to guarantee these special rates and regular rates will be offered. **All rates are all inclusive and cover room, meals, beverages and taxes.**

Shuttle buses will be provided from Bristol Hotel (main hotel) to the Conference venues. In order to make bookings, please follow the links or e-mail instructions provided for the respective hotels below:

HOTELS, PRICES AND PROCEDURE FOR RESERVATION

Preferential room rates being offered by the following hotels:

<p>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/</p>	
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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

Reservation procedure:

- Kindly note that the special rates are for the period from **4 to 8 September 2017**. There are a limited number of rooms with the special rate for this period. The rates above are quoted per room per night, including VAT and other applicable taxes. Also included are: breakfast; high speed internet in guest rooms and all other areas of the hotel; free of charge use of the Fitness Club and aqua zone.
- Hotel check-in time is 15:00 hrs and check-out time is 12:00 hrs.
- Accommodation is booked on a "First come first served" basis and delegates are encouraged to book early.
- Hotel accommodation has to be guaranteed via credit card/AMEX, Visa, Master Card, American Express.
- The reservation should be done by sending the Reservation Form.
- Cancellation: any modification or cancellation without any fee must be done in writing before 20 of August 2018 (17:00). After the date of 20 of August 2018 (17:00) for any modification or cancellation made, 100% of the fee of the total nights cancelled will be charged. For the

guaranteed reservations, if the guest does not stay in the Hotel, a No Show Fee of 100% for all the booked nights will be charged.

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: marketing@nobil.md
 Website: www.nobil.md

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

Reservation procedure:

- Kindly note that the special rates are for the period from 4 to 8 September 2017. There is a limited number of rooms with the special rate for this period. The rates above are quoted per room per night, including VAT and other applicable taxes. Also included are: breakfast; free of use wireless high speed internet in guest rooms and all other areas of the hotel; free of charge use of the Fitness Club and aqua zone.
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Berd's Design Hotel *****
 Address: 72, Vlaicu Parcalab 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

Reservation procedure:

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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: www.jollyalon.com

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

Reservation procedure:

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7. LANGUAGES AT THE CONFERENCE

The working languages of the Conference are English and Romanian.

8. CREDIT CARD

Credit and debit cards are not accepted everywhere. Generally, Visa and MasterCard are accepted in places like malls, large stores, restaurants, some bars in Moldova. **However, they may not be accepted by small enterprises, markets, taxis, public transportation services, and other establishments.**

9. 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.

10. ELECTRICITY USAGE

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



11. BANKING

Banking hours are 9:00 to 18:00, Monday to Friday.

12. 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.

13. MEDICAL FACILITIES

There are several hospitals and clinics in Chisinau and medical posts will be operated at the conference venue and selected hotels.

14. SHOPPING

Moldova is known for its wine and artisanal products such as traditional pottery, traditional instruments and carpets.

15. PRACTICAL INFORMATION

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

Official currency The official currency is Lei (MDL). The exchange rate changes daily. For the exchange rates please, visit <http://bnm.md/en/content/official-exchange-rates> Foreign currency can be exchanged at the airport, banks, hotels, postal and exchange offices. International Credit Cards are widely accepted.

Language The official language is Romanian. People also speak Russian.

Security Chisinau is an extremely safe city to visit and tour. You can walk through every part of the city without any problem.

Banks

Generally, Banks business hours are from Monday to Friday, 09:00-17:00. Banks are closed on Saturday and Sunday and Public Holidays. All banks have similar exchange rates.

Electricity General Household electric power is 220 Volts/50 Hertz



ANNEX I. HOTEL RESERVATION FORM

To be sent to the selected hotel via the indicated hotel email address

1. PARTICIPANT'S DETAILS

- Family name (in block letters)
- First name (Mr/Mrs/Ms/Prof/Dr)
- Telephone number
- E-mail address

2. ACCOMODATION DETAILS	
Name of the selected hotel	
Check-in (date / time)	
Check-out (date / time)	
The selected room (Number of people in a room if necessary)	
Credit Card Information	
Name, Surname (as it appears on the card)
Credit Card No
Expiry Day
Type	Visa:Master Card: American Express: Other:

ANNEX II. SOCIAL PROGRAMME

The social programme will take place on 8 and 9 September 2018, after the Conference ends. As a participant, you will have the possibility to extend your stay with a unique tour package (at an additional cost). If you are interested in participating in the social programme, please contact Mrs. Olesia Vulpe from the Tourism Agency of the Republic of Moldova (contact details below).

8 September

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- Codru wine & history & culture trip
- Gagauzia food & wine trip
- Chisinau City Tour + EtCetera Winery + Cooking Master-class:
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Website: <http://www.turism.gov.md>

1. Chisinau City Tour, Milestii Mici, Capriana Monastery

Date: 8 and 9 September

Duration: 8 hours

Start time: 08.30

Meeting point: Chisinau Central Cathedral: The Nativity of Lord

Language - English



Km – 119

Min. pers. for the tour – 14

Guided City tour of Chisinau.

The sites on the route: National Assembly Square, Nativity of Lord Central Cathedral, the Bell Tower, the Triumph Arch, Central Park Stephen the Great with the Monument to Stephen the Great, the Alley of Classics; the Parliament; the Presidency; The Opera and Ballet Theatre, the City Hall, the Souvenir's shop and market.

Milestii Mici Winery for a wine tour and wine tasting.

The biggest Wine Collection in the world belongs to Moldova and was recorded in The Guinness Records Book in 2005. The "Golden Collection" of Milestii Mici is stored at over 80 meters depth and contains over two million bottles of wine dating from the period of Moldavian wine making prosperity "Pinot", "Traminer", "Muscat", "Riesling", "Feteasca", "Codru", "Negru de Purcari", "Trandafirul Moldovei", "Auriu" and others. With its underground limestone galleries stretching over a total length of 200 km, Milestii Mici will not leave anyone indifferent. One may travel through the galleries by car on the streets bearing wine names and following traffic rules.

Capriana Monastery

Capriana Monastery is one of the oldest in Moldova, located 35 km northwest of Chisinau, in the Isnavat locality, on a bank of the river having the same name. The first official document to contain information about Capriana Monastery is Alexandru cel Bun's royal charter dated April 25, 1420. A royal legacy charter dated February 10, 1429 is the second document to mention the monastery. One of the churches from the monastic complex contains the tomb of the first metropolitan of Bessarabia under the Russian rule, Gavril Banulescu-Bodoni.

Price per person: 48 euro (seats are limited)

Price includes:

- Transport services
- English speaking guide services
- Tour, wine tasting and traditional snacks Milestii Mici Winery

2. Curchi Monastery, Vatra Stramoseasca Guesthouse, Château Vartely Winery

Min. pers. for the tour: 15

Full day experience:

10:00 Departure from the hotel in Chisinau city center

The first stop of the day will be at Curchi Monastery in Curchi village with an excursion and homemade wine tasting. The monastery is surrounded by a high wall of stone, set with towers at each corner, creating the impression of a fortress. It includes 5 churches, among which the Nativity of Virgin Mary Church built in 1775 by lordache Curchi, one of the most remarkable monuments of Moldovan architecture and an example of neo-byzantine style, and St. Nicholas Church which has monumental forms built in classicism

style with baroque elements. The experience will continue at Vatra Stramoseasca Guesthouse in Vatici village with craft activities and a Moldovan traditional lunch. The last stop of the day will be at Château Vartely winery in Orhei town with a winery tour and tasting of 6 types of wine, including wines made from indigenous grape varieties. Château Vartely is a modern complex, which comprises 4 hotel-type houses, 2 restaurants, 3 tasting rooms, and a huge inner yard. In the cellars and then in tasting rooms the guests will be acquainted with the particularities of Château Vartely wines, and will learn how they are made, kept and served.

Price per person: EUR 59

3. Gagauzia food & wine trip: 408 km

Full day experience:

**09:00 Departure from the hotel in Chisinau city center
Karagani Winery – Vinuri de Comrat Winery**

The day will begin with a visit in Gagauzia. The experience will start in Vulcanesti village where an excursion from the Trajan's Wall to the monument to the Battle of Cahul will be offered, followed by a warm welcoming of the guests by the Gagauz ensemble "ILDIZLAR". The experience will continue with an excursion at Karagani winery and visit of the Ethnographic Gagauz Museum and tasting of 5 types of wine and grappa. At Karagani winery the visitors will enjoy a Gagauz traditional lunch including dishes such as shorpa (a highly seasoned mutton soup), gözleme (flat breads) and bulgur. Karagani winery is a family winery located in the southern part of Moldova, engaged in grape cultivation and wine production. Karagani wines are produced by original technology from selected grapes of European and indigenous varieties, grown on its own vineyards. The tour will continue at Vinuri de Comrat winery in Comrat city which is the oldest winery of southern Moldova. Here, the guests will enjoy an excursion and tasting of 5 types of wine, including 2 white wines, 2 red wines and 1 rosé wine. Vinuri de Comrat is a modern complex processing wine and spirits using closed-loop cycle. Its portfolio lists more than 50 collections of wine, however, it is very famous for the Cahors wine.

Price per person: EUR 63 (minimum 15 people)

4. CHISINAU CITY TOUR + EtCetera Winery + Cooking Master-class

Full Day Experience

10:00 Departure from Hotel in Chisinau

18:00 Arrival at Hotel in Chisinau.

Walking city tour of Chisinau: the main street of the capital - Stefan cel Mare, the Central Cathedral, the Parliament building, the alley of the literature classics in the park of Stefan cel Mare. Chisinau city is also named "Small Rome", because it is situated on 7 hills. The wide parks and avenues with very interesting architecture, a specific atmosphere that predominates here is very characteristic to this city.

Excursion, wine tasting and Lunch at Et Cetera Winery (5 types of wine)

The boutique Et Cetera Winery was started by the Luchianov family in 2003. After years of travelling the world, mathematician Alexandru Luchianov decided to settle down in his native Moldova and pursue his



passion of wine-making. Alexandru uses a unique combination of modern techniques and traditional methods learned during his travels. Wine made from Et Cetera's very first harvest won the gold medal at a local competition and the winery's success took off from there. During the tour, visitors can learn about the wine-making process and taste wine straight out of the barrels. Have a lunch with traditional Southern Moldovan dishes prepared from local ingredients, enjoyed in the vineyard or winemakers cottage.

Participate at the Cooking Master-class together with the Luchianov family, preparing the traditional south pie, according to the hereditary recipe.

Price per person: EUR 55 (minimum 12 people, maximum 35 people)

Price includes:

- transport,
- English guide,
- Wine tasting 5 wines,
- Cooking Master-class
- Lunch in the winery.

5. How about traveling back to USSR?

Dates: 8 and 9 September

Language – English

Departure and return point: Chisinau.

Min. pers. for the tour: 5

Are you adventurous enough to travel back in time, to a country that doesn't exist? You will visit Tiraspol, the capital of the so-called Pridnestrovian Moldovan Republic, not recognized as country but no other nation. Mostly known by foreign travelers as the museum in the open-air of Communism and Soviet Union, with many Soviet relics on the main streets of its industrial towns and also for being a state that does not exist. You will feel that you are back in the USSR.

Instead of going to a supermarket to buy a bottle of brandy divin (local product name for cognacs), we strongly advise you to visit one of the oldest (1879), largest and most popular distillery in Eastern Europe - KVINT. Here you will not only learn the art of creation of wines and divins (cognacs), taste the best samples, but also will see a bottle of divin that was brought aboard of the spaceship MIR-26 in 1998, being the first and still the only bottle of cognac (divin) to reach space.

Mouthwatering Ukrainian cuisine in a local restaurant is also on the list. After the lunch break, you will reveal the truth about important personalities as Lenin, Suvorov and Gagarin in the city tour.

Another important spot of undeniable pride and fame in Europe is Aquatir Sturgeon Complex situated in Tiraspol. Indulge your expensive taste, by attending to an exclusive tour and learn about the taste of high quality black caviar, different varieties and best pairing.

Itinerary:

09.00 boarding and departure to Transnistria



10.00-11.30 Winery tour and divin (cognac) tasting at KVINT
12.00-14.00 Lunch in a traditional Ukrainian Restaurant
14.00-15.00 Tiraspol city tour
15.00-17.00 Visit Aquatir Sturgeon Complex
Return to Chisinau

Price per person: 100 EUR per person.

Price includes: Visits to cultural sites, winery tour, divin (cognac) tasting, lunch, visit the Sturgeon Complex, transport and professional English speaking guide as per itinerary.

6. "Chisinau - Old Orhei - wine cellar Branesti-Chisinau"

Duration: 6-7 hours

In Old Orhei you will discover a part of authentic Moldova. Domestic wine from Branesti and a dinner with traditional dishes will familiar you with Moldova' gastronomy.

In the morning, after the breakfast at 09:00 o'clock, the excursion will start with visiting one of the most remarkable monuments of the dim and distant past - [Old Orhei](#). On the eastern outskirts of the fully stocked wood, in a valley formed by cliffed rocky banks of the river Reut, at the Cape Pestere ("cave"), it was the city - Old Orhei.

About the history of this place speak not only the legends. During 20 years more than 200 old structures were found: handicraft workshops, storage rooms, cellars, houses, tools, coins and many others. But as it turned out, Old Orhei is not the most ancient settlement that existed in that area.

Old Orhei also is famous for the cave monasteries located here.

The tourists, who come to enjoy the beauties of this wonderful place, must visit the cave monastery, called „Pestere”. It is located 60 m above the river and offers unseen views of the entire historical complex.

After visiting Old Orhei, the tourists are heading to the **Branesti Cellars** - a true underground factory of quality wines. "Branesti Cellars" Winery was founded in 1996 in Branesti village, Orhei district and is located 48 km far from Chisinau. The factory covers a distance of 75 km at a depth of 60 m below ground.

An excursion here gives you the opportunity to taste homemade red and white wines, sparkling wines and delicious traditional dishes.

Not so far from the cellars is the tourist complex "Stone Age" - a complex network of underground galleries where the complex's restaurant is located. In the near future there will be organized a new underground hotel. The first of its kind in the Republic of Moldova.

The restaurant offers the most delicious traditional Moldovan dishes combined with national music and dances.

The tourist complex „Stone Age and Branesti cellars” are waiting for all those who would like to try a fine wine and learn the true history of it.

Technical information: The distance of the round-trip route - 120 km, duration: 6-7 hours. Footwear: running shoes. For men: trousers, shorts length below the knee. For women: skirt length below the knee, blouses without decollete, necessary – headscarf for church only. Warm clothes for the excursion in the cellars. Take water.

Snack includes: cheese, olives, nuts, salted biscuits.

Lunch includes: pies, polenta with roast meet, cheese, cream, pickles, water.

Price per person: 56 EU

The price includes: transport for round trip, mentioned excursions with guide, 3 types of wine tasting, snack, traditional lunch.