LUXURY TOUR IN MOLDOVA

DAY 1

Day 1: Arrival day

On arrival at **Chisinau International Airport,** you will be transferred to your accommodation in Chisinau. After settling in, you will have a **Walking city tour of Chisinau,** where you will explore its leafy boulevards, architectural landmarks, and hidden corners, accompanied by insights into the city's past and present. Carefully selected stops allow you to experience Chi?in?u beyond the obvious, from cultural highlights to stylish urban spaces. The tour unfolds at a relaxed pace, designed for comfort, exclusivity, and a deeper connection with the city.

The excursion continues with a private visit to **Casa Cristea**, an elegant atelier dedicated to the art of the traditional Moldovan blouse named "IA", a symbol inscribed on UNESCO's Intangible Cultural Heritage list.

Also during the city tour, you will step into an **artisanal coffee and chocolate studio**. Here, you will savor a perfectly brewed specialty coffee, paired with a refined selection of handcrafted chocolates, offering a moment of true sensory pleasure in an intimate, elegant setting.

In the evening, you will enjoy a **Luxury Welcome dinner at Fuior Restaurant** - Autentic Gourmet Cuisine.

HIGHLIGHTS: Chisinau city, Casa Cristea Craft Workshop, Fuior Restaurant,

DAY 2

Day 2: Excursion at Orheiul Vechi - a 40 thousand year-old natural amphitheater and Wine Experience at Cricova Underground Wine Galleries

The first stop of this day will be at **Orheiul Vechi (Old Orhei)** - one of Moldova's most remarkable landscapes, a spectacular natural amphitheater shaped over tens of thousands of years. Carved by the ancient Sarmatian Sea, the dramatic limestone canyon embraces the R?ut River and shelters a unique rock-hewn monastery, still quietly inhabited today. As you explore this extraordinary site, history, spirituality, and nature blend into a timeless atmosphere. The experience culminates with a refined moment at a panoramic belvedere, where you will enjoy a glass of fine wine while taking in sweeping views over the canyon below.

In the afternoon, you will enjoy a **Moldovan traditional lunch** at Butuceni Eco Resort (Moldavian cuisine) with folk music and dance ensemble. Here you will experience local specialties, as "zeama", "mamaliga", and "scrob", along with traditional pastry and homemade wine. Also, you will have the chance to see how traditional bread is placed in the oven and to taste it fresh, just as it comes out—warm, crusty, and full of flavor. It's a simple yet special experience that connects you to the heart of local baking traditions.

In the evening, you will discover the **world's most impressive underground wine cities - Cricova Cellars.** You will take part into an exclusive journey, where over 120 km of galleries unfold across nearly 53 hectares, each street bearing the name of a noble grape variety. During this private tour, you will discover the legendary wine collection, including one of Moldova's oldest bottles, dating back to 1902, while gaining

privileged access to areas usually reserved for specialists. A highlight of the experience is a behind-the-scenes encounter with the production of sparkling wines, crafted according to the authentic French Méthode Champenoise. Guests will observe the meticulous remuage processes — the traditional manual rotation of bottles to concentrate the sediments — and will even have the rare opportunity to try this delicate technique themselves, guided by experts.
Following the underground exploration, you will be welcomed into a **private, intimate tasting room with a fireplace**, where a refined gourmet dinner awaits. Carefully selected fine wines will accompany each course, creating a harmonious culinary and oenological experience. The visit reaches its grand finale with a **private lesson in the art of Sabrage** — the elegant and dramatic technique of opening a sparkling wine bottle with a saber, offering a truly unforgettable moment.

HIGHLIGHTS: Orheiul Vechi - a 40 thousand years-old natural amphitheater, Butuceni guesthouse, Cricova Underground Wine Galleries,

DAY 3

Day 3: Tasting of dried fruits, walnuts, refined fruit spirits at Nimorinka factory and sleep experience at Et Cetera Winery

In the morning, you will visit **Nimorinka Factory** that offers an authentic insight into Moldova's artisanal food and spirits production. Renowned for its high-quality dried fruits and aromatic spirits, Nimorinka showcases how local harvests are transformed using time-honored techniques. The experience ends with a guided **tasting of dried fruits, walnuts, and refined fruit spirits,** allowing you to fully appreciate the flavors of Moldovan terroir.

The journey will continue with excursion to the **"Assumption of the Virgin Mary" Church.** It is a unique church in Moldova with wall frescos and candidate to UNESCO heritage. Its actual shape dates from the reconstruction made between 1763 and 1767. Its interior is rich in wall painted frescos of the specific style of the late Romanian Hurez school. An interesting fact is that the church is half buried in the ground. The explanation is found in a legend from the Tartar period, which says, that the Tatars allowed the building of Christian churches, which did not exceed the height of a soldier on horseback.

In the afternoon, you will have lunch at **Et Cetera Winery** - one of Moldova's finest family run-wineries.

After lunch, you will visit the **apple orchard near Et Cetera Winery** that is designed as an elegant countryside experience with an authentic touch. You will be transported through the estate by a charming farm truck,
offering a unique and memorable ride through the landscape. In the orchard, you will hand-pick fresh, sun-ripened apples directly from the trees while enjoying a relaxed conversation with the farmer, who will share insights into his craft and the rhythm of rural life.

In the evening, you will enjoy the **wine tasting and dinner** with meeting an expert/local entrepreneur among the **Vineyards at Et Cetera Winery**.

You will overnight at Et Cetera Winery. Here visitors can enjoy a leisurely walk-through nearby vineyards, orchards and lavender aromatic field (depending on the season).

HIGHLIGHTS: "Assumption of the Virgin Mary" Church from Causeni, Et Cetera winery, Nimorinka Factory,

DAY 4

Day 4: Vintage Volga city tour of Tiraspol, caviar tasting at Aquatir Sturgeon Farm and dinner with wine blending experience at Castel Mimi Winery

You will start the day by travelling to **Tiraspol** - the capital of Transnistria region, in ultimate style **aboard classic Volga cars,** adding a touch of vintage and soviet style to your city tour. This exclusive excursion offers a great journey through the city's main landmarks, including the iconic Suvorov Monument, the grand Transnistrian Parliament, Lenin monument, "Dom Sovetov", Cathedral of the Birth of Christ, scenic embankment and the impressive Dniester Bridge over the river.

You will continue your journey with an excursion to **Aquatir Sturgeon Farm** - one of the largest fish hatcheries in Europe. After the farm visit, you will have an exclusive **tasting of** 4 distinct types of high-quality black caviar: **Sterlet Caviar, Bester Caviar, Russian Sturgeon Caviar and Beluga Caviar.** This unique experience will be followed by a savory lunch at the local restaurant.

In the evening, you will visit **Castel Mimi Winery** - a **top architectural masterpiece in the world of wine**. The
history, cultural values, drive for creativity and excellence in wine and tourism has placed Castel Mimi in the top 15 most beautiful wineries in the world. The history of the winery began to be written in 1893 by Constantin Mimi, politician, winemaker and the last governor of Bessarabia.

After excursion at Castel Mimi Winery, you will have **wine blending experience** where you will blend three Castel Mimi wines to craft your own cuvée. After blending, you will bottle yours wine and design a personalized label—an unforgettable experience and a special souvenir.

The evening will end with a **delightful dinner and wine tasting at Castel Mimi Winery.** You will have the opportunity to taste five carefully selected wines from Castel Mimi's collection, each offering a rich and diverse tasting experience to complement the meal perfectly.

You will spend the night in one of Castel Mimi's beautiful chalets.

HIGHLIGHTS: Tiraspol city, Aquatir Sturgeon Farm, Castel Mimi winery,

DAY 5

Day 5: Free time at SPA center of Castel Mimi Wine Resort and Departure from Chisinau

In the morning, you will have free time for **relaxing at SPA center of Castel Mimi Wine Resort.** It is the **first Wine Spa in the Republic of Moldova**, inspired by the philosophy of winemaking, the antioxidant power of grape seeds. Natural ingredients, vinotherapy rituals, and modern wellness technologies come together to create a truly unique premium experience.

In the afternoon, you will be transferred from Castel Mimi winery to **Chisinau International Airport**.