ORHEIUL VECHI – NATURE AND HISTORY SELF-GUIDED TOUR

DAY 1

In the morning you will be picked up from your hotel and transferred with a private car to Orheiul Vechi to see a natural amphitheatre revealing a territory which was first inhabited 40 000 years ago. The **Cultural, Natural and Landscape Reserve Orheiul Vechi** includes a series of historical and cultural monuments as well as natural landscapes in the gorge of the Raut River. Ancient fortifications, cave monasteries, monks, and hermits – here you can follow the history of this region. The originality of Orheiul Vechi landscape is due to the gorge of the Raut River dug under the form of a canyon in the limestone layers of the former Sarmatian Sea, about 14 million years ago.

Highlights:
• Bosie monastery
• Cave monastery
• Villages Trebujeni and Butuceni
• Ruins of the Tatar Baths
• Ruins of the Tatar fortress
• Traditional house from the 18th century
• Connect with the locals.

In the same village Butuceni, you can visit a traditional guesthouse, where you will have the chance to attend a masterclass of **baking bread** in an old oven or **making a traditional pie "placinta"**. Also, here you can enjoy a traditional Moldovan lunch.

When you will be ready, a private transfer will take you back to your hotel.

Optionally you can visit **Cricova winery** on the way to Chisinau. Cricova underground galleries are formed by over seventy streets covering an area of nearly 120 km, and it is a must, when you come to Moldova.

Just inform us about your decision and we will make you a reservation.

HIGHLIGHTS: Orheiul Vechi - a 40 thousand years-old natural amphitheater, "Placinte" or bisquits with rose petal jam masterclass at Butuceni guesthouse ,