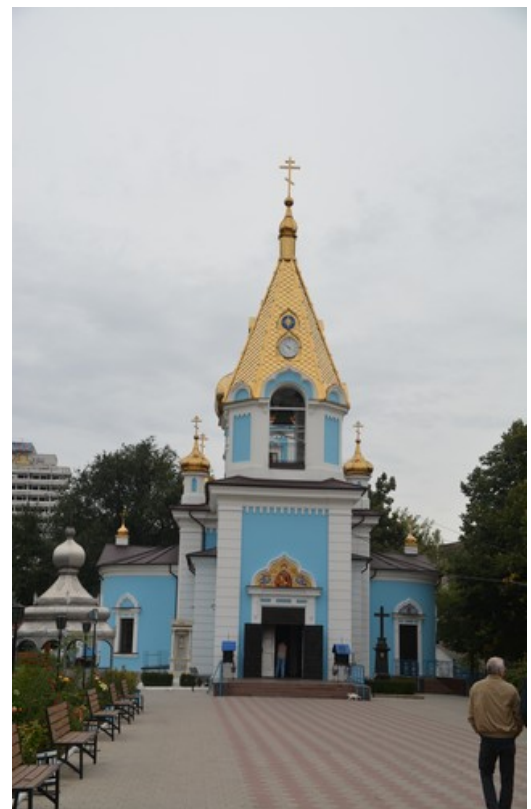




Tuesday the 29th of September, the first stop at [Teodor Tiron monastery](#) near the hotel. At the entrance.



Inside the gate, it looks like this.



The abbey church.

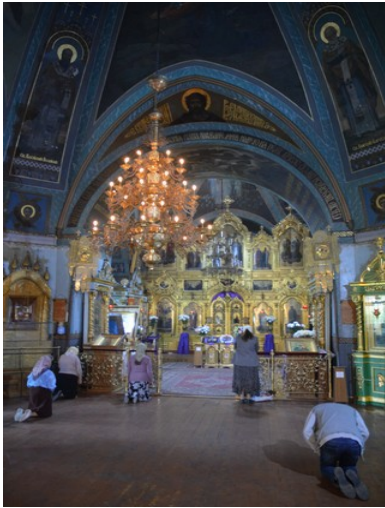


The abbey.





Well.



The first room. We are looking towards the altar.



The altar inside the monastery.





So we headed out again.



The next stop is [Cricova Winery](#). It is located on the outskirts of the city that is also called [Cricova](#).



Cricova Winery has the second largest wine cellars in the world. Only Mileștii Mici is greater. This is also in Moldova.

The wine cellars in Cricova has 120 km of tunnels. They were excavated in the 1500s to obtain limestone to build Chisinau. The temperature here is 12°C all year. The wine cellars were created in the 1950s. The winery has received many awards for its wines. The oldest wines are dating back to 1902.

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This is the wine and souvenir shop.



Here we look down to the river called Ichel.



Down into the mountain is the Winery's restaurant.



Stairway down to the restaurant.



The gang is waiting to come into the winery.



We will be running trains in the tunnels. Some are already in place on the train. Our guide sits on the left.



Here it is just before we are starting.



First stop. Cricova's guide is telling about the winery.



A lot of wine barrels.



Signs on the barrels.



A lot of tunnels with barrels.



Machinery for tapping and corking sparkling wine.



Bottles are stored.



All these bottles must be rotated on a regular basis to secure the precipitate on the cork.



Control of the bottles after filling.

I and the sparkling wine.



Old tools in the museum.



Old man.



Old wine.



Here we are in the central hall and look at pictures of famous people who have visited Cricova.



Here we are in the central hall.



This is a section where it is possible to get a place of his own wine warehouse. To the right is Vladimir Putin's warehouse.



There is ample space.



Wall decorations in the central hall.



Cricova's guide.



There are several halls for tasting the wine.



A small hall with a lot of decorations.



The largest hall.





Here we are going to be.



We may have bread with the wine.



The wine is ready.





Then we are outside again.



In the wine shop.



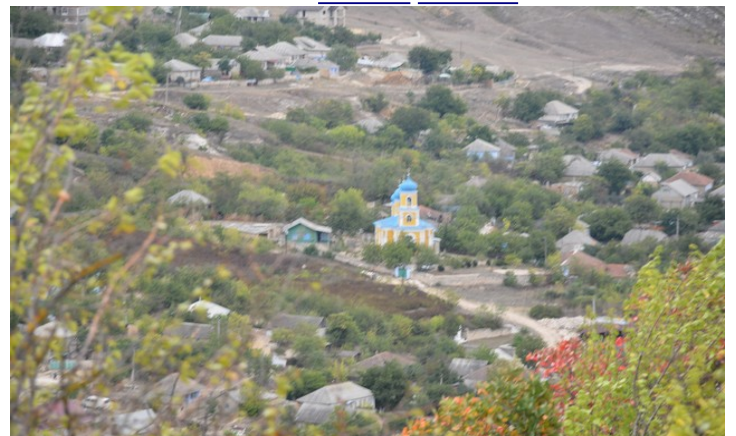
After having been in Cricova, we went on to [Old Orhei](#), which is the area shown on the map.



Looking down to Trebujeni.
[Link 1](#) [Link 2](#) [Link 3](#) [Link 4](#)
[Link to Video 1](#) [Video 2](#)



The bell tower is on the top of a cliff monastery.



Church.



Looking down to Butuceni.
[Pictures](#) from the area.

The whole area is a large open-air museum. There have been many archaeological excavations, and there is found a fortress from 500-100 BC. Moldova has applied to get the area on UNESCO's world heritage list.



Anne Berit and the guide.



After the driver has let us off outside Trebujeni, he is moving the bus to a parking lot.



There are goats in the area. They are bound, so they will probably be moved periodically, so they get a new pasture.



On the way up towards the cliff monastery and church. The river is called [Răut](#). It was navigable until 1700-1800.



On our way up the hill, we pass a churchyard.



Graves with flowers.



A goat was stuck to a tree. We got it loose, so it got somewhat larger grazing area.



Some of the houses.



A guy is working with the harvest.



We are approaching the bell tower.





Inside the monastery.



The monastery seen from a distance. [Video 1](#) [Video 2](#)



The monk has lived here since 1996.



Here we stand on a ledge outside the monastery.





These are rooms for monks. 13 monks have lived here at the most.

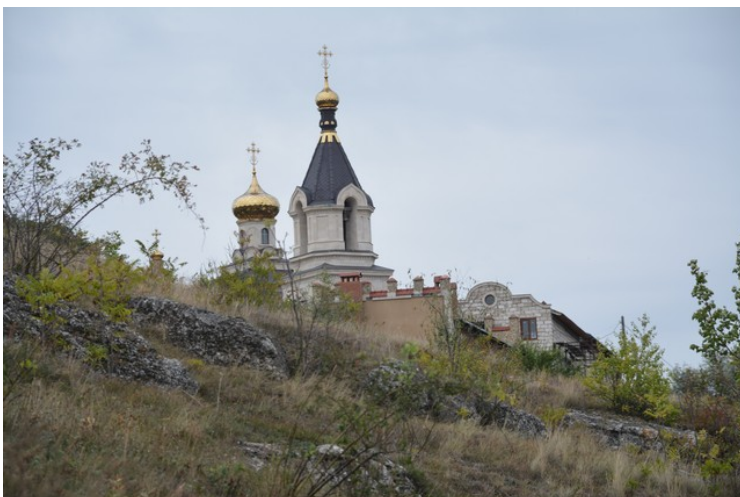
This is the entrance that was used before the new entrance was made.



The monk cells.



Road sign.



We did not go over to the church. Here's a picture from a distance.



Ready to go down to the village.



This is a traditional house that is now a museum.



The outhouse.



We gather in the courtyard.



The entrance to a room in the outhouse.



It looks like this inside.



Columns on the outside of the main house.



Inside the main house. Where it was a tiny hall in the middle and a room at each end of the house.



Roofing with reeds.



Then we are ready to move on.



Out through the gate.



A horse is ready for action. The air has gone out of one tire.



Here we are going to have lunch.



Corn hung out to dry.



Lush courtyard.



Inside tables are set for us.



Banknotes from many countries.



We sit around the tables.



The tableware.



The corn bread is cut with a string.





The driver. Skilled and gentle guy.



The local shop.



It looks as if the cow has carved wood.



No, it had not. It was fenced.



A well.



We saw many two-wheeled tractors in Moldova.



Ducks on tour.



Another well.



On the way back to the hotel, we made a stop at [Magnetic Hill](#). There is a short road stub where it looks like the car is rolling uphill.