

**MOLDOVA, 27. SEPTEMBER – 3. OCTOBER 2015**

Thursday the 1<sup>st</sup> of October we went north west to the Călărăsi district.



Here we drive past one of the largest lakes in the country, [Lacul Ghidighici](#). It is a reservoir in the river [Bic](#) and was finished in 1963.



Then we reached at the first monastery, which we were visiting, [Răciula Monastery](#). This is the gate. [More pictures.](#)



This is in front of the gate.



This is outside the monastery.



She who is standing on the left is from Moldova, but is living in Norway. Here she was told that the ladies who want to enter the monastery, must wear skirts and kerchief over her hair.



It was possible to borrow them at the monastery. Anne Berit has got on the appropriate equipment.





All of them are ready to enter.



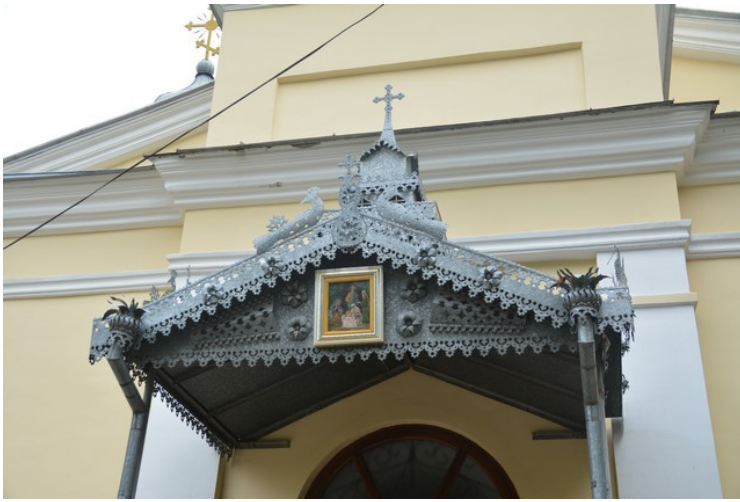
There are many crosses and icons outside the monastery.



Here is a well too.







This is above the entrance to the monastery.



This is on the roof.



Nice fence.



A couple who are about to repair another fence.



The monastery seen from the outside.



This is inside.



More pictures from inside the monastery.







This is our interpreter/guide this day.



Next item on the agenda was a visit to a beekeeping complex, Casa Mierii. These are some of the hives.

[Link](#)





Several types of honey and honey products.



We sit and listen while the owner explains.



I study what this is.



The owner in front of a transparent beehive.



Father and son.



The bees are working behind the glass window.





More hives.



There is so much flowers near the cubes that they do not need to be moved.



Guelder-rose.



Tastings of different types of honey.







I'm finding a cat.



In the garden of Casa Mierii.



In the fields outside Casa Mierii's the grape harvest in full swing.



We go down the hill where the bus is waiting for us.



Nice fence with hops.





Artificial decoration.



The pumpkins are laying outside.



This truck has seen its best days.



More crosses.



A dog with two puppies.



One of them is on a trip outside the fence.



The bus was waiting at this lake. All the whites on the shore are geese and ducks.



Next stop is at [Hirjauca monastery](#). This is the gate to the area. [Link](#) [Link](#)

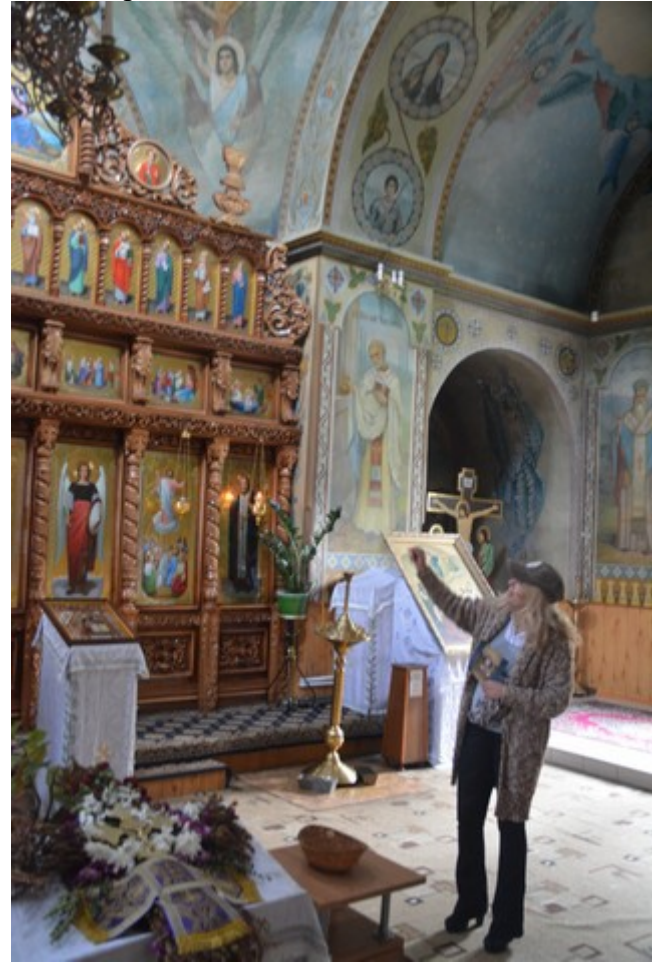




The monastery seen from outside.



A picture in the wall around the area.







New stones were put in place.



This tree is not much worth any more.



Then we have come to the last post in the program. This old [church](#) is outside Casa Parinteasca.



Here we are welcomed. The place is called Casa Parinteasca. Some info in this [link](#).



Everyone gets an apple of the lady who is in charge of the place.





She is explaining of the history of this place.



I found a cat here too.



A few pictures from inside the house, which is also a museum.



She has clothes advertisements in a fashion magazine.







In the brides room.



They demonstrate how the bride is prepared while singing and playing. [Video](#)



Then we will be served lunch. That is alerted by blowing this horn.



We walk on the back of the house.



Here was a horse.



The horse also get an apple.





Before we get food we shall look at some dance.



Then the horse is coming back.



Here it is taken away.



More dance.







Camping caravan??



Then we get food.



At first we get chicken soup.



Then pie in many variations.



More dance.





The kitchen garden.

The cat comes back before we leave.



Finally all the dancers stand in a row. Anne Berit joins in.

I drank of this mug.



Then we are finishing.

Now washing up can start. It is done by hand.





Alternative use of shoes.



Nice flowers.



Here the horse is going to work.

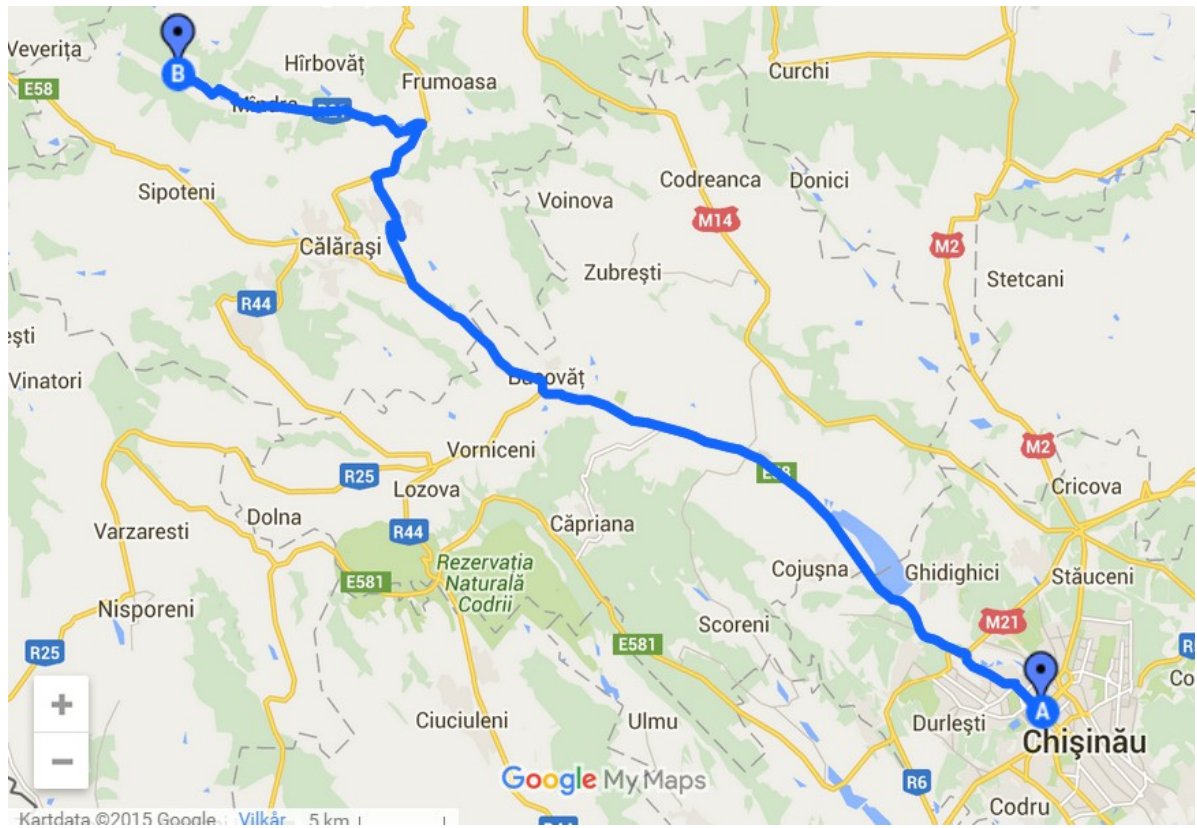




This was the apple I got at Casa Parinteasca.



The last day was the farewell to those who had organized our sightseeing tours in Moldova. Everyone was very satisfied with the arrangement.



This was our driving route this day.