

"Back to basics"



#Heart of Moldova's only UNESCO Biosphere Reserve "Lower Prut"

The Village of the Moldovan Golden Hills / Grandma on Drums (Eurovision)

2023 BEST TOURISM VILLAGES by World Tourism Org. (UNWTO) / Entry to Danube's Delta



We believe in brave people and beautiful projects, in strong communities, well anchored both in their historical heritage, yet thoroughly in pace with the modern world. We are crazy about the enigmatic charm and awe of rural Moldova.

Tasting the sublime cuisine and the ruby wine of Southern Moldova in our bijou family winery; immersing in adventure tourism (boat trip, kayaking, bicycling to / from Lake Beleu / The Golden Hills of Văleni), fishing sports in our pond; or simply admiring a campfire under the starry Valeni night sky and spending the evening in one of our 4 rustic cottages (decorated as outdoor museums - ``living culture``),

Eco-Village Văleni brings the Lower Prut summer nights' magic for the entire family.

Escape the turmoil of the city and discover the gaze and spectacle of such unsophisticated, yet complex world.

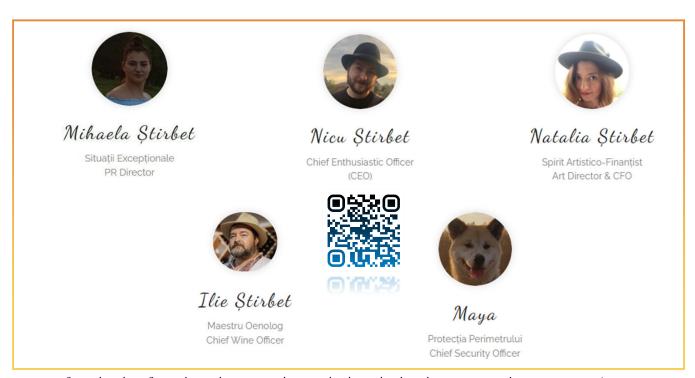
We have already done so.



The S(oul) in Busines(S):

Established at the beginning of 2014 in the newly created Lower Prut UNESCO Biosphere Reserve Lunca Prutului, Eco-Village Văleni is a local social business, focused on the development of rural, cultural, wine tourism and ecotourism in the area.

We set out with a burning desire to create an objective of national and international interest — becoming by our own example and the good practices we implement, a catalyst for rural development in the region.



Starting from the idea of a traditional museum, the complex later developed eco accommodation capacities (agropension & rustic cottages), a rustic restaurant (D'or Restaurant) and a small family winery (Corbu Winery) in order to offer our guests the best Moldova has to offer. We also organize fairs of the local craftsmen, becoming one of the few places in the southern region where they can sell their products for a fair price to the foreign tourists we bring from the Danube Cruise Ships; as well as we are actively involved in various local development projects through A.O. Ecoscut (the affiliated NGO).

Our efforts in developing the local eco-touristic capacities were recognised both by national authorities and international institutions being named the "2020 Green and Socially Responsible SME of the Year" (UNDP Moldova & ODIMM), as well as by renowned magazines "Forbes 30 under 30" (Forbes Magazine Romania); however, our proudest achievement is to observe how Văleni turns into one of the most promising touristic hubs in Moldova, recently also recognised by the World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO) as "BEST TOURISM VILLAGES", the most prestigious global award for eco-tourism.











Facilities

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Accommodation in rustic cottages (living culture) with porch, terrace and sunset lake view



Spa, Jacuzzi & Pool facilities (including playground & minipool for kids)



Corbu Winery — wine tasting trips and culinary immersion



Rustic restaurant/ Event hall for conferences & teambuildings

& Experiences



Traditional Moldovan weddings



Nature Trips with the Kayac in the Lower Prut UNESCO Bioshper Reserve (Beleu Lake/ Lilies' Lake)



Treatment with medicinal herbs & hydromassage in wooded barrels



Velo-tours on Valeni Golden Hills, geological monument protected by the Moldovan Academy of Sciences





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Prices for individual services:

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Night stay in museum cottages (living culture)2/3		
single room, en suite (with breakfast and dinner)		50 EUR /room
double room, en suite (with breakfast and dinner)	1400 MDL / room	70 EUR / room
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Guided kayaking tour on Beleu Lake/Prut (4h)4:		
Monday- Friday	350 MDL / pers.	17, 5 EUR /pers
Weekend	400 MDL / pers.	20 EUR /pers
Guided boat trip adventure (provided by the Bioshere administration) ⁵		
"Lower Prut" UNESCO Biosphere Reserve (30 min)	Prices upon request	Prices upon request
Master Class ⁶		
"Weaving the traditional carpet of Lower Prut"	70 MDL / pers.	3, 5 EUR / pers.
"Weaving wicker baskets"	<u>'</u>	
Traditional lunch feast ⁷		
Menu "The Culinary Experience of Lower Prut" (starters, type 1, 11,		20 EUR / pers.
dessert and house wine)	, ,	,
Whole pork rotisserie and bonfire under the starry sky (for aprox. 20 pers)	6000 MDL	300 EUR
Artistic program:	3000 MDL /	150 EUR /
Ethno-Artistic band " The Nightingales of Văleni " (10 artists)	representation	representation
The duo "Drummers of Valeni" (2 artists)) e _ MD1 /	40 EUR /
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Wine tasting with a sommelier ⁸	representation	representation
3 wines, cheese & pie platter	200 MDL / pers :	10 EUR / pers.
Treatment with medicinal herbs in wooded barrels	, po.o,	12 220.07 poi.0.
Simple wooded barrel for 5 pers.	1000 MDL	50 EUR
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Barrel with hydromassage and colour therapy (6-8 per)) 1500 MDL	75 EUR
Sports bike rental	60 MDL / 3h	3 EUR / 3h

<u>Traditional Wedding Menu</u>, from 600 MDL (30 EUR) /person ⁹ depending on the menu; the wedding venues are free. ¹⁰



²6 double rooms , 2 triple and 5 rooms x 4 pers in the the agropension and the 4 rustic cottages for a total **of 38+ accommodation places**; **children until 4 years stay for free and children from 4-12 years stay for half price discount**. The price also includes access to the pool and jacuzzi centre. For conferences / large groups up to a total **of 80+ seats** are available together with the pensions partners from Văleni;

³ Additional price for STANDARD lunch - 200 MDL / pers (10 EUR)

⁴Eco-Village Valeni has 4 kayaks * 3 seats , 2 kayaks * 2 seats , 1 canoe * 3 seats , total : max 19 pers / tour . The price also includes the entrance fee to the reservation. Children from 4-12 years go for half price discount. Prices valid for groups of more than 6-8 people.

⁵The trip must be booked separatelly directly with the Bioshpere admin, the ones authorised for boat trips on the Lake (for contact, see partners section below)

⁶Prices valid for groups of more than 10 people.

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⁸Prices valid for groups of more than 10 people.

⁹No fruits and drinks. This PLUS package to menus (fruits, cognac, champaign, wine, beer) have an additional fee of 400 MDL (20 EUR) / pers.

¹⁰ 2 locations available: indoor (rustic restaurant + covered terrace, capacity 200 pers.) / Outdoor - "under the sky of a thousand stars" (in the wooden pavilion of the Traditional Peasants' Court, capacity 200 pers.);



Your trip could include:

- Eco Village Natural -birdwatching / photo-hunting and exploration of the Lower Prut UNESCO Biosphere Reserve, relaxation through water sports and involvement in local agriculture ("wine harvest"), fishing in our pond;
- **Eco Village Academic summer schools / practice sessions** for pupils, students and teachers;
- <u>Eco-Village KULTural</u> visit to the Museum of History and Ethnography Valeni, the Traditional Peasant Court "House of Logging" and the "Traditional Carpets Weaving" Workshop;
- Traditional Wedding in Eco Village organizing YOUR unique events according to Lower Prut ancient traditions;
- Eco-Village Active Visit by boat / kayak / bicycle on the Beleu Lake, in the heart of the Lower Prut UNESCO Bioshpere/
 "The wooden bridge & the trail of prince Petru Rares"; Visit by bike or horseback riding the Golden Hills of Văleni archaeological and geological monument of Moldova / "The virgins' hiding nest";
- Eco-Village Relax & Spa access to the pool, natural treatment in wooden barrels, jacuzzi with phytomassage;
- Eco Village Food & Wine Immersion Tasting of wines and local cuisine specific to the Lower Prut / Visits to local wineries:

 "Corbu Winery" Văleni + "Vinăria din Vale" Slobozia Mare / Catering services / Master-class in bread baking ("posmezi with sheep cheese");
- Eco Village Traditions & Customs learning local traditions and customs: hora dance, participation in masterclasses, carpet weaving and related activities (dyeing wool fibers, torso, warp, etc.) / Ethno-Folk program presented by the Ethno-folklore Collective` `Crăiesele`` / Ethno-folklore program ``Grandma on drums`` from Văleni (Eurovision);
- Eco Village Festival short visits of 2-3 days during the National Festival "Sweet Acacia Flower" and Beleu BioFest;
- Eco-Village Craftsman attending fairs of folk craftsmen with workshops (master class "weaving baskets / pottery");
- <u>Eco-Village Corporate</u> a mix of the above services, customized for <u>epic</u> team buildings and companies' etnoVERSARIES.





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Aditional experiences available with our friends from the Biosphere

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Cahul Region map

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Touristic destination in Cahul

- 1. "White Lotus" Sanatory
- 2. Republican Theater "B.P. Hasdeu"
- 3. Cahul region museum
- 4. "El-Cairo" Hotel
- 5. "Metropolis" Restaurant
- 6. Cahul travel
- 7. Touristic operator "Hora inimii"
- 8. "La Cotihana" rest base
- 9. "Voina" Farm
- 10. "Cahul Honey House"
- 11. Crihana Veche History & Etnography
- 12. " Casa Bunicului" Agropension
- 13. "Gheorghe Burcă" leather craftshop

Scientific exploration boat

tours of Lake Beleu

14. " Valentina Grigoriță" traditional

- 15. "Elizaveta Dorin" creative workshop
- 16. "Casa Dulce" Colibași coffeshop
- 17. Brînza Planetarium
- 18. "Lower Prut" honey house
- 19. "La bunica Clava" guesthouse
- 20. " Eco-Village Văleni" rustic art resort
- 21. "La Savetuca" guesthouse
- 22. "Vatra" touristic complex
- 23. Lower Prut UNESCO Bioshere Reserve
- 24. "La tanti Masha" culinary worhsop
- 25. "Domeniile Pană" winery

- 28. Museum-House "La mama Catita"
- 29. Slobozia Mare History & Ethnography Museum



- 26. "Potcoava Verde" touristic complex
- 27. "Vinăria din Vale" winery
- 30. Culture & Civilisation Museum

Rural House "La Boieru" -Pyro-engraving workshop





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Rural House "La Savetuca" -**Gastronomic workshop**

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Andrusul Ode Jos

Roșu

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Crihana Veche

Vadul lui Isac

Pașcani

Colibaşi

Brînza

Văleni

obozia Mare

Giurgiuleşti

Tătăre<mark>s</mark>ti

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Vinăria din Vale - Wine tastings



Valeni Museum of History and **Ethnography**



Astrological observatory/ planetarium



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Potcoava Verde - Horse riding centre / ATV rental



Mariana Bălușcă – Touristic guide ⁹



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Craftsman Dumitru Zaporojan -Wool processing workshop



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Half-day Văleni TRIP for groups, no accommodation (500 MDL / 25 EUR / pers) 10

Period April — October

Itinerary Văleni

Included services

- The visits and trips described in the program;
- Traditional feast for lunch and wine tasting;

Services not included:

- Artistic program;
- Transport with minibus

10:00 - 10:10	Receiving guests traditionally with bread and salt at the Museum of History and Ethnography Văleni``;	
10:10 - 11:00	Visiting the Văleni History Museum and the Traditional Carpet Weaving Workshop;	
11:10 - 12:00	The Group's visit to the Valeni Traditional Peasant Court Museum and its visit;	
12:0013:00	 Lunch – Lower Prut culinary immersion ** Starters: Salad (seasonal vegetables), sheep cheese pie Type 1: Moldovan Soup (Chicken, noodles, sour cream, peppers) / Borscht with lamb and stevia Type II:	
13: 00- 14:00	Drum show program, offered by the <i>Ethno-Artistic band "The Nightingales of Văleni "(10 artists)</i> + Masterclass	
	in traditional 7-steps hora of Lower Prut;	







¹⁰ Price valid for tours of 10+ people.

 $^{^{\}rm 11}\,{\rm The}$ wine house offered at discretion.



1-day full Valeni TRIP for groups, no accommodation (60 EUR / pers) 12

Period April - October

Itinerary Galați - Giurgiulești - Văleni - Slobozia Mare - Galați

Services included

- Transport with minibus classified for international travel;
- Cruise on Prut with small boat of 8/12 people includes safety equipment;
- The visits and trips described in the program;
- Traditional lunch and wine tasting;
- Travel guide companion;

8:00 - 9:00	Departure from Galați / Valeni to the International Giurgiulesti Harbour ;
9:00 - 10:00	Boat trip from the Giurgiulesti Harbour upstream the Prut River to the Beleu Lake ;
10: 00-13: 00	Bird watching and photo-shooting on the Beleu Lake, the heart of the Lower Prut UNESCO biosphere, on kayaks with authorized guide / instructor;
13: 00-16: 00	Traditional Moldovan lunch and wine tasting at Corbu Winery in Văleni; Artistic Break - Duo `` Drummers of Valeni ";
16:00 - 18:00	Exploration of local museums and other cultural touristic objectives;
18:00 - 19:30	Return to Galați;





 $^{^{12}}$ Price valid for groups of 10+ people



Văleni TEASER - 1 night stay all inclusive / half day adventure (900 MDL / 45 EUR/pers) 13

Period April - October

Itinerary Văleni - Slobozia Mare – Beleu Lake

Services included

- Accommodation in traditional museum cotages, designed to reflect the four basic trades of the Lower Prut Biosphere: House of the Millman, House of the Potter, House of the Smith, House of the Shepard;
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner;
- Access to the pool, jacuzzi and spa centre;

Services not included:

- Transport & access to the Beleu Lake;
- External visits and itineraries described in the program below / Travel guide companion;
- Cruise on Prut with small boats of 8/12 people or visits to the Lake Beleu with kayaks includes safety equipment;

Day 1, starting at 4 p.m.	Check -in the cottages / Exploring the Golden Hills / Trail of prince Petru Rareş by bike;
Day 1, starting at 8 p.m.	Serving dinner + Wine tastings in the Corbu Winery;
Day 2, starting at 8 p.m.	Breakfast;
Day 2, starting at 9 p.m.	Kayak / boat trip on the Beleu Lake, the heart of the Lower Prut UNESCO Biosphere ¹⁴ or Relaxation / pool / jacuzzi access;
Day 2, starting at 12:00	Lunch and check-out;









 $^{^{13}}$ Children up to 4 years old stay free, and those from 4-12 years old at half price.

¹⁴For the kayak / boat trip on Lake Beleu the standard rates shown above apply, also the discounts for childrens.



Văleni STANDARD-2 nights' stay all inclusive / 1 day adventure (1800 MDL / 90 EUR / pers.) 15

Period April - October

Itinerary Văleni - Slobozia Mare — Beleu Lake

Services included

- Accommodation in traditional museum cottages, designed to reflect the four basic trades of the Lower Prut Biosphere : House of the Millman, House of the Potter, House of the Smith man, House of the Shepard;
- Breakfast, cold snacks for the road and traditional dinners every day;
- Access to the pool, jacuzzi and spa centre;

Services not included:

- Transport & access to the Beleu Lake;
- External visits and itineraries described in the program below / Travel guide companion;
- Cruise on Prut with small boats of 8/12 people or visits to the Lake Beleu with kayaks includes safety equipment;

Day 1, starting at 4 p.m.	Check — into the cottages / Exploring the Golden Hills / Trail of prince Peter Rares by bike	
Day 1, starting at 8 p.m.	Serving dinner + Wine tastings in the Corbu Winery;	
Day 2, starting at 8 a.m.	Breakfast	
Day 2, starting at 9 p.m.	Kayak / boat trip on the Beleu Lake, the heart of the Lower Prut UNESCO Biosphere	
Day 2, starting at 12:00	Lunch	
Day 2, starting at 4 p.m.	Visits to the touristic objectives of Valeni (museums, drum workshop, weavers' den, etc)	
	Relaxation / pool / jacuzzi access	
Day 2, starting at 8 p.m.	Dinner	
Day 3 - check out	Breakfast & Lunch	
	Relaxation / pool / jacuzzi access	
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 $^{\rm 15}\text{Children}$ up to 4 years old go for free, and those from 4-12 years old at half price.



Văleni PLUS - 3 nights' stay all inclusive / 2 days of adventure (2700 MDL / 135 EUR / pers.) 16

Period April - October

Itinerary Văleni - Slobozia Mare – Beleu Lake

Services included

- Accommodation in traditional museum cottages, designed to reflect the four basic trades of the Lower Prut Biosphere : House of the Millman, House of the Potter, House of the Smith man, House of the Shepard;
- Breakfast, cold snacks for the road and traditional dinners every day;
- Access to the pool, jacuzzi and spa centre;

Services not included:

- Transport & access to the Beleu Lake;
- External visits and itineraries described in the program / Travel guide companion;
- Cruise on Prut with small boats of 8/12 people or visits to the Lake Beleu with kayaks includes safety equipment;

Day 1 - Check in	Exploring the Golden Hills / the Trail of prince Petru Rares by bike
Day 2	Kayak / boat trip on the Beleu Lake, the heart of the Lower Prut UNESCO Biosphere Relaxation / pool /
	jacuzzi access
Day 3	Visits to the touristic objectives of Valeni (museums, drum workshop, weavers' den, etc) Relaxation /
	pool / jacuzzi access
Day 4 - Check out	Recreation / fishing;













¹⁶Children up to 4 years old go for free, and those from 4-12 years old at half price.



Văleni VIP - 4 nights' royal stay/ 3 days of adventures (400 Eur / pers.)

Period April - October

Itinerary Văleni - Slobozia Mare – Beleu Lake

Services included

- Accommodation in traditional museum cottages, designed to reflect the four basic trades of the Lower Prut Biosphere: House of the Millman, House of the Potter, House of the Smith man, House of the Shepard;
- Visits and itineraries described in the program below;
- Transport with minibus classified for international travel;
- Breakfast, cold snacks for the road and traditional dinners every day;
- Access museums / Travel guide companion;
- Access to the pool, jacuzzi and spa centre;
- Cruise on Prut /Beleu Lake with small boats of 8/12 people or visits to the Lake Beleu with kayaks includes safety equipment;

Day 1 -Check in	Customary greeting with bread and salt in Văleni / Festive dinner + campfire with festive program
Day 2	Kayak / boat trip on the Beleu Lake, the heart of the Lower Prut UNESCO Biosphere Exploring the Golden Hills / the Trail of prince Petru Rares by bike
	Relaxation / pool / jacuzzi access
Day 3	Cultural exploration of local museums and other cultural objectives ; or
	Craft activities - learning on how to build nests , manufacturing wine , wooden objects , ceramics , sewing carpets , etc. ;
	Relaxation / pool / jacuzzi access
Day 4	Wine tastings and visit in the wineries of Lower Prut (Corbu Winery , Vinăria din Vale, Domeniile Pană);
	Herbal treatment in wooden heated barrels / treatment with leeches ;
Day 5 - Check-out	Recreation / fishing;







































VALENI & SURROUNDINGS GUIDED VIRTUAL TOUR



