MOLDOVA'S WINE CHATEAUX ROUTE

DAY 1

Day 1: Arrival day and Chisinau city tour

On arrival at Chisinau International Airport, you will enjoy the panoramic city tour of Chisinau that is the main administrative, scientific and cultural centre of Moldova. During the tour, you will discover pieces of history and culture of the city such as the Nativity of Christ Cathedral, the Bell Tower, the Arch of Triumph, the Monument of Stephen the Great, etc.

After the city tour, you will be transferred to your accommodation in Chisinau. In the evening, you will enjoy the dinner at the hotel with your fellow travellers.

HIGHLIGHTS: Chisinau city,

DAY 2

Day 2: Château Cojusna (Migdal-P) and Château Vartely wineries

In the morning, you will travel to Hincesti where you will visit the Manuc Bei Manor that now houses the Museum of History and Local History. The actual house is a real castle in the French style, with a winter garden, guard towers and a park - built in the second half of 19th century based on the project of Alexander Bernardazzi, and for decades was the estate of family Mirzoyan, descendants of Manuc-Bei. In the 70-ies of the 20th century, Manor House Museum was opened, including a collection that now numbers more than 20,000 artifacts. The most valuable is the collection of the Moldovan national costumes and textiles.

After visiting Manuc Bei Manor, you will discover Château Cojusna (Migdal-P) winery in Cojusna village. Here you will enjoy a tour through the complex, where you will discover the underground streets, the tasting rooms and climb to the roof of the château where you will see the panorama of Cojusna village and the vineyards of the winery. The wines produced in Cojusna can be tasted in two special rooms - one of them has an atmosphere of Medieval Moldovan cellar and it is trimmed with natural tree and stone, the other one has a European classic style. After the excursion and wine tasting, you will enjoy a fabulous lunch at the winery.

You will continue your journey to Château Vartely winery in Orhei town. Château Vartely is a modern complex, which comprises 4 hotel-type houses, 2 restaurants, 3 tasting rooms, and a huge inner yard. In the cellars and then in tasting rooms you will be acquainted with the particularities of Château Vartely wines, you will learn how they are made, kept and served. You will have the opportunity to taste some of the wines, enjoy the dinner and spend the night at the winery.

HIGHLIGHTS: Manuc Bei Manor, Château Cojusna (Migdal-P) winery, Château Vartely winery,

DAY 3

Day 3: Visit in the south-east region of Moldova and discovery of Et Cetera and Château Purcari wineries

In the morning, you will visit Et Cetera family winery and take part in the excursion and wine tasting carried out by the owner of the winery who will inform you about the methods of wine production and maturation. At Et Cetera winery, you will enjoy a lunch prepared from products of the region and Crocmaz village.

After lunch, the trip will continue to Château Purcari winery in Purcari village. If you are a wine enthusiast or just love to be in beautiful, pristine surroundings and listening the songs of birds, Purcari estate is definitely the place you need to visit. The old mansion's galleries feature great collections of Purcari wines, some bottles dating back to 1948. The winery is famous all over the world due to the legendary wine "Negru de Purcari" - the elixir that in 1878 was highly appreciated on the international arena by being awarded the gold medal at Paris World Exhibition. In the tasting room, decorated in royal style, you will have the opportunity to taste Purcari wines, including "Negru de Purcari", which has been the choice of some of the world's most recognized dignitaries.

You will have dinner at the restaurant and spend the night at the winery. The restaurant of the winery serves Moldovan and international cuisine dishes.

HIGHLIGHTS: Et Cetera winery, Château Purcari winery,

DAY 4

Day 4: Castel Mimi winery – architectural masterpiece in the world of wine

In the morning, you will set off on a time travel in Transnistria. While in Tiraspol, you will discover a real treasure – Aquatir Sturgeon Complex, one of the largest hatcheries in Europe. The complex is equipped with the latest technologies and the fish can reach the size of a man. You will get the chance to taste one of the most expensive culinary delights – caviar.

In the afternoon, you will have lunch at a restaurant in Tiraspol.

Next stop will be at Castel Mimi winery located in Bulboaca village - a destination of interest unique in Moldova. Castel Mimi is currently listed among the most beautiful architectural masterpieces in the world of wine. The story of the castle begins at the end of 1893, when Constantin Mimi, the last governor of Bessarabia, plants the first grape vines on the place that would become legend over the years. Here, you will taste Castel Mimi wines, including Rosu de Bulboaca wine, an incomparable wine with outstanding features and elegant flavor. Dinner will be served at Castel Mimi restaurant and will culminate with "baba neagra" - a local dessert garnished with vanilla.

You will spend the night at Castel Mimi winery and enjoy a full experience at the castle.

DAY 5

Day 5: Departure day

On departure day, you will be transferred from Castel Mimi winery to Chisinau International Airport.