

# **Bacau County as a tourist destination**

Due to its geographic position, the county of Bacău offers many leisure opportunities, health treatment, incursions into Romanian history and culture and spiritual pilgrimage.

The Slănic gorges and waterfall, the itineraries of the Nemira Mountains, mineral springs, treatment centers, memorial houses, castles and the monasteries redolent of our people's history are strong reasons one may have to visit these places.

# **Accommodation**

Since they are known as tourist objectives, in the vicinity of the sites promoted there are various accommodation facilities offered by hotels and pensions and also by some monasteries.

## **Accessibility and means of transport**

- Accessibility to all the promoted tourist objectives can be done by land transport in a network connected to European, national and local county roads. Public transport is done by railway in Onești, Moinești, Bacău, Târgu Ocna or Dărmănești. There are also mini buses whose itineraries cover all the places in the county.

# **Tourist Attractions**

## Cultural

- George Bacovia Memorial House is the starting point for any cultural itinerary in Bacau. Symbolist poet, rediscovered by exegetes in multiple stylistic aspects, by bibliographers as a precious object of study and by the simple poetry lovers as well, George Bacovia, although gone for about half a century, is part of our life.

# Tourist Attractions

## Cultural

- The building that hosts the Nicu Enea memorial house exposition was built in 1926, owned by Gheorghe Paloşanu, the father of Elvira Enea. Elvira and Nicu Enea lived between 1929 – 1960 in this house, information written on the plaque on the house, which states it as patrimony.

## Tourist Attractions

### Cultural

- **“ROSETTI TESCOANU – GEORGE ENESCU” Cultural Center** is situated in the village with the same name, on the national road Bacău-Moinești, at 35km from Bacău, at 30km from Onești, at 14km from Moinești and it operates in the former mansion of the famous aristocratic family Rosetti Tescanu being declared Historical monument. It was built in 1880 in a beautiful dendrologic park.

The Rosetti – Enescu Memorial house from the Main building was inaugurated between 1980-1990. In 1990 it became the Tescani Cultural Centre, then, from 1993 “Rosetti Tescanu – George Enescu” Cultural Center.

# Tourist Attractions

## Cultural

- Știrbei Palace was built at the end of 19th century and first half of 20th century by Gheorghe Știrbei and Elisabeta Băleanu. It is situated on a plateau at 600 m altitude.

It can be reached from the left side of Uz Valley, on a road emerging from the main road that climbs to Măguricea hill.

# Tourist Attractions

## Cultural

- **DADA Monument**

Tristan Tzara is the pseudonym of the Romanian poet and essayist Samuel Rosenstock, born at Moinești and established in France. Tzara was the co-founder of the Dadaist cultural movement that led to a major revolution in the plastic arts and literature.

The DADA monument was placed at the entrance in Moinești town (coming from Bacău) in honor of Tristan Tzara and the artistic current he created, after 100 years from his birth.

## Tourist Attractions

### Cultural

- **Măgura Ocnei Monument – Museum** is one of the most impressive monuments built in the memory of the fallen soldiers during the WWI. It is situated at a 520 m altitude on Măgura hill, 2 km away from Târgu Ocna – Slănic Moldova roadway, followed by a road that climbs dramatically on the mountain slope. It was built between 1925-1928, in memory of the 14.000 Romanian soldiers fallen in WWI at Oituz, Coșna and Cireșoaia. On the frontispiece it is written: ***“Tell the future generations that we did our duty”.***

## **Tourist Attractions**

### **Ecclesiastic**

- The Saint Barbara Church is impressive both due to its original "architecture" and due to its location. The little church, dedicated to the protector of the minors, is located in a huge salt mine – i.e. "Troțuș" salt mine – in the Târgu Ocna Town.

The salt mine is due to its microclimate, an important natural treatment factor used in respiratory disease therapy.

## **Tourist Attractions**

### **Ecclesiastic**

- The Măgura Ocnei Convent – Măgura Ocnei Hermitage was first mentioned in 1665. It seems that around 1757 the hermitage becomes a monastery of the General Vestry of the House of the St. Spiridon Hospitals .

## **Tourist Attractions**

### **Ecclesiastic**

- The most ancient wooden church, the “Pious Paraschiva”, later called the Princely Church, was built using beams, on the right bank of the Vâlcica River, for salt workers. According to tradition, the church was rebuilt on the same location as an older one which had burned.

## **Tourist Attractions**

### **Ecclesiastic**

#### ➤ **Borzești Church**

The shape of the edifice is rectangular, it is arched by caps and it has no tower, which is common to several such edifices built by Ștefan cel Mare.

The church shelters the Museum of Religious Culture and Art.

## **Tourist Attractions** **Ecclesiastic**

### ➤ **“Precista” Church – Bacău**

The “Precista” Church, was built during the reign of Ștefan cel Mare, by his son, Alexandru, and was dedicated on 1 January 1491.

## **Tourist Attractions** **Ecclesiastic**

### ➤ **The “Blessed Virgin” Church in Bacău**

The Blessed Virgin Church was built in the 15<sup>th</sup> century by a group of Franciscan monks coming from Șumuleu Ciuc.

## **Tourist Attractions**

- **Spa leisure**

The itinerary starts in the resort, near the springs, the very right of the spring called "300 steps." The steps take you through the forest, sometimes on steep slopes and meandering paths, sometimes fairly smoothly. From place to place there are spots which give you vistas of the resort and the Nemira mountains.

The "300 steps" itinerary is known as "Itinerary 5" and it is in fact a walk through the forests at the foot of the Dobru mountain, over the mineral water springs of Slănic Moldova and along the Slănic Gorges.

## **Tourist Attractions**

- **Slănic Moldova Park**

Slănic Moldova Central Park offers to tourists the possibility to spend time in a lovely environment, contributing, at the same time, at the positive image of the resort.

The Casino Building is an emblem of Slănic Moldova resort, together with other buildings of an important significance, like Racovița Central Pavilion and other touristic villas.

## **Tourist Attractions**

- **Slănic Moldova Mineral Springs**

Slănic Moldova Resort is famous for its 20 carbonated, bicarbonated, lightly sulphurous, chlorinated, sodium, hypertonic, hypotonic and oligomineral water springs discovered in 1801.

## **Tourist Attractions**

- **Mountain itineraries in the Nemira Mountains**

The itineraries in the Nemira mountains are an attraction for mountain lovers due to the special scenery and the wild aspect of the places. Though less of a tourist attraction and also less tall than other mountains (the highest peak is 1649 m high), the Nemira mountains will always offer tourists the surprise of discovering some wonderful places.

# Tourist Attractions

- **The Târgu Ocna Saline**

Târgu Ocna Salt mine is positioned on the Trotuş valley, in a special natural scenery near Tg. Ocna. Salt exploitation in the area started in times immemorial, but the oldest written statement dates in the year 1380.

## **Tourist Attractions**

- **Mountain tourism in Târgu Ocna area**

May be practiced in the limit area of Târgu Ocna city, in the Berzuntzi and Nemira mountains, by hiking through the forest, along the marked path network. We may mention Perechiu Hill (natural reservation covered in abundant vegetation, with various thermophile elements).

## Tourist Attractions

- **Dărmănești tourist area**

The Poiana Uzului dam is an anthropogenic dam, built on 80 meters high buttresses and with a water volume of 90 mil cubed, the second such dam in Europe, being put in use in 1972.

Flanked by the Nemira, Ciuc and Berzunți mountains, situated at the confluence of the rivers Uz and Trotuș, Dărmănești touristic area comprises several tourist sights with a great development potential not yet exploited.

# Tourist Attractions

- **Natural protected areas**

**SPAs** containing habitats that are home to over 160 species of birds having a very important role in the East –European migration corridor :

- **Special Protected Area** Lilieci Lake
- **Special Protected Area** BACAU II Lake
- **Special Protected Area** Galbeni Lake
- **Special Protected Area** Racaciuni Lake,
- **Special Protected Area** Beresti Lake,

# Tourist Attractions

- **Natural reservation**
- ❖ NEMIRA , houses many protected rare species of flora and fauna;
- ❖ IZVORUL ALB, for *Taxus baccata*;
- ❖ LAC BALATAU, lake area which appeared in the ninth century as a result of a landslide that houses protected fauna species
- ❖ PERCHIU, perimeter scientific interest in natural habitats like steppe of Central Moldavian Plateau that grow in the full forest area

# Tourist Attractions

- **Natural reservation**

- ❖ MAGURA - TG. OCNA, mixed reservation, with protected species of flora , fauna and landscape
- ❖ ARSURA, old deciduous forest with trees older than 120 years
- ❖ BUCIAS, landscape reservation containing waterfalls

# Tourism features

➤ length of the tourism season: all year

Bacău County	Accommodation capacity		Arrivals (thousands)	Overnights (thousands)	Net capacity utilization indices up (%)
Years	Existing (places)	Running (thousands places-days)			
2010	2756	788,5	63,4	195,1	24,8
2011	3155	777,0	75,8	238,5	30,7
2012	3613	1020,7	97,5	257,2	25,2

➤ Source: National Institute of Statistic

# Mobility and transport features

<b>Bacău County Years</b>	<b>Number of vehicles - at the end of year-</b>	<b>Passengers (thousands)</b>
	Buses and minibuses	Buses and minibuses
2010	72	11809,0
2011	69	10320,0
2012	65	10864,0

Source: National Institute of Statistic

## **Bike and pedestrian routes**

Are organized within natural protected areas by the custodians of protected natural areas.

## **Public transport options:**

- railway
- mini buses whose itineraries cover all the places in the county.

Thank you!

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