MOLDOVAN FRUITS TOUR

DAY 1

Day 1: Arrival day

Chisinau

On arrival at Chisinau International Airport, you will arrange your own transfer to the hotel in Chisinau (optional private transfer upon request). After settling in, you can have a walk through downtown and explore the city centre on your own.

Optional (not included in the price): dinner at the restaurant.

DAY 2

Day 2: Peach, apricot and grape picking in Copceac village

Chisinau – Copceac – Comrat – Chisinau

In the morning, you will travel to Copceac village where you will enjoy an excursion at **Colhozul Pobeda collective farm** where you'll feel like travelling back in time to the Soviet period. Copceac village is one of the last existing places in the world where the villagers work in collective farms for the prosperity of the village. Here you'll get the chance to visit the peach orchards and also pick sweet and tasteful peaches, apricots and grapes.

In the afternoon, you will have lunch at the canteen of Colhozul Pobeda collective farm.

You will continue your trip to **Vinuri de Comrat winery** in Comrat, which is the oldest winery of southern Moldova. Here you will enjoy an excursion and discover the tastes of Vinuri de Comrat wines. For over 100 years the winemakers of Comrat are preserving and transmitting from generation to generation the classical traditions of making fresh and naturally elegant wines based on the unique winemaking technology characteristic for the south of Moldova. Vinuri de Comrat is a modern complex processing 4 thousands tones of wine and spirits using closed-loop cycle, including production and processing of grape, production and bottling of dry, semi-sweet, dessert, selected and vintage wine, production of wine spirit. Its portfolio lists more than 50 collections of wine, however, it is very famous for the Cahors wine.

In the evening, you will be transferred to Chisinau.

Optional (not included in the price): dinner at the restaurant.

HIGHLIGHTS: Peach, apricot and grape picking in Copceac village, Vinuri de Comrat winery,

DAY 3

Day 3: Visit of the blackberry farm in Tipala village

Chisinau – Puhoi – Tipala – Chisinau

The day will begin with a visit at the **EcoLocal Farmers' Market** where you will have the opportunity to try and buy high-quality biological products directly from local farmers and producers such as nuts, almonds, honey, greens of various kinds, fruits and vegetables grown in the most ecological conditions.

Next, you will enjoy an excursion, wine tasting and lunch at **Asconi winery** founded in 1994 in Puhoi village. The winery achieved a lot due to modern wine making technologies. Nowadays at Asconi estate European varieties are grown, but special attention is paid to indigenous varieties such as Rara Neagra, Feteasca, etc. One of the features of Asconi winery is that they pick up the grapes mechanically at night when the grapes are still cold.

After lunch, you will visit the **blackberry farm** and harvest blackberries in Tipala village. Here, you can get them right from the bush. Don't miss your chance to head out to the fields and bring some home for yourself. The sweet taste makes for excellent jams, pies, pastries and wines.

In the evening, you will be transferred to Chisinau.

Optional (not included in the price): dinner at the restaurant.

HIGHLIGHTS: EcoLocal Farmer's Market , Asconi winery, Blackberry picking ,

DAY 4

Day 4: Blueberry picking in the LollyBerry fields

Chisinau – Dolna – Micleuseni – Cricova – Chisinau

In the morning you will travel to Dolna, where you will enjoy an excursion and **blueberry picking** in the LollyBerry fields. LollyBerry company owns 30 hectares of land, 10 of which are planted with blueberries. Blueberry varieties were purchased from Poland: Duke, Bluecrop, Bluegold, Brigitta. You'll get the possibility not only to walk through the plantation but also to learn from the owner how blueberries are grown and what is the best way to collect them.

Next, you will be transferred to Micleuseni village. Here you will enjoy an excursion with **honey tasting and lunch** at **Conacul Mierii** (**"Bee Manor") guesthouse** where actually, in a small bee' kingdom, with a bunch of beehives in the garden, the householder will disclose with patience all the secrets of a bee's family.

You will continue your trip by exploring a new city, this time an underground city. During the excursion at **Cricova winery** in the tourist train, at a depth of 80 m, you will discover the wonders of this place. Cricova underground galleries are formed by over seventy streets covering an area of nearly 120 km, each bearing Bacchic names: Sauvignon, Cabernet, Cahors. The jewel of the underground treasure is the National Collection, including over 600 types of wine totaling about 1 million bottles. Here you can admire the oldest bottle of wine – "Jewish Easter Wine", dating from 1902 and discover the tastes of Cricova wines.

In the evening, you will be transferred to Chisinau.

Optional (not included in the price): dinner at the restaurant.

HIGHLIGHTS: Blueberry picking in Dolna village, Conacul Mierii guesthouse , Cricova Underground Wine Galleries,

DAY 5

Day 5: Departure day

Chisinau

On departure day, you will arrange your own transfer from the hotel to Chisinau International Airport (optional private transfer upon request).