

LESSON PLAN
Tourism

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Level	Intermediate
Area	Tourism
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TRIP TO CENTRAL MOLDAVIA

I. Imagine you were working for a tourist agency organising a 2-day trip from Mamaia to Central Moldavia.

What transportation would you provide? What would you include in the tour? Working with two or three classmates, make a list of at least four places of interest to be included in the tour. Then compare your list with those of other groups.

II. Now read the following text from a tourist promotional leaflet describing an excursion to Central Moldavia. Are the places you included in your list mentioned in the text?

Central Moldavia, an ancient realm of Romanian history, culture and civilization, with picturesque landscapes, rivers and gorges cut in granite rocks, towns and villages with original architecture and traditions, with prestigious historical and artistic monuments, a land of natural monuments and attractive spas and health resorts, offers its visitors an image full of charm and colour.

Programme of the trip**Day one:**

- transport by motor coach from Mamaia to “Mihail Kogalniceanu” international airport near Constanta;
- one-hour flight to Bacau;
- departure by motor-coach for **Piatra Neamt**, one of Moldavia’s beautiful historical towns;
- tour of the town and lunch in Piatra Neamt;
- visit of the hydropower station dam at **Bicaz**, the **Bicaz Gorges** (a monument of nature), and the **Lacul Rosu resort**;
- return to Piatra Neamt, dinner and accommodation in three-star hotel.

Day two:

- after breakfast, departure by coach for the monasteries of **Agapia** (17th century), **Varatec** (18th century), **Neamt** (15th century – a historical monument) and **Secu** (17th century);
- visit of **Neamt Citadel** (14th century);
- lunch in **Targu Neamt**;
- departure for **Bacau airport** and return flight to the seaside;
- dinner in **Mamaia**.

III. Decide if the following statements are true or false according to the text:

1. Central Moldavia is an ancient realm of Romania's history.
2. "Mihail Kogalniceanu" is a historical monument.
3. The monasteries included in the tour are Agapia, Varatec, Sihastria and Voronet.
4. Transport around Central Moldavia is by motor-coach.
5. Neamt Citadel was built in the 17th century.
6. Accommodation is provided in a three-star hotel in Targu Neamt.
7. Tourists fly back to the seaside from Bacau airport.

IV. Vocabulary practice

Match the words on the left with the definitions/explanations on the right:

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| 1. Spa | a. Everything that you can see when you look across an area of land, including hills, rivers, buildings and trees. |
| 2. Landscape | b. A land or kingdom (a poetic word) |
| 3. Resort | c. A wall built across a river to stop the water from flowing, especially in order to create a lake or help to produce electric power. |
| 4. Realm | d. A place where many people spend their holiday. |
| 5. Dam | e. A place where water with minerals in it bubbles out of the ground; people drink the water or bathe in it to improve their health. |

V. Order the jumbled words to build correct sentences:

- a) is / an ancient realm / history / Central Moldavia /of Romanian.
- b) from Bacau / is made /airport / transport / by motor-coach / to Piatra Neamt.
- c) one hour / the flight / from the seaside / to Bacau / takes.
- d) tourists / the monasteries / of Agapia, Varatec, / visit / Neamt and Secu / after breakfast.

VI. Written Assignments

- a) Write an essay about where you would like to go in your summer holiday. (approx. 150 words)
- b) Work with one or two partners and make your own tourist leaflet about a resort / region in Romania.

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III. 1 – T; 2 – F; 3 – F; 4 – T; 5 – F; 6 – F; 7 – T.

IV. 1 – e; 2 – a; 3 – d; 4 – b; 5 – c.

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- a. Central Moldavia is an ancient realm of Romanian history.
 - b. Transport from Bacau airport to Piatra Neamt is made by motor-coach.
 - c. The flight from the seaside to Bacau takes one hour.
 - d. After breakfast, tourists visit the monasteries of Agapia, Varated, Neamt and Secu.