



RÂMNICU-VÂLCEA

VÂLCEA COUNTY, ROMANIA

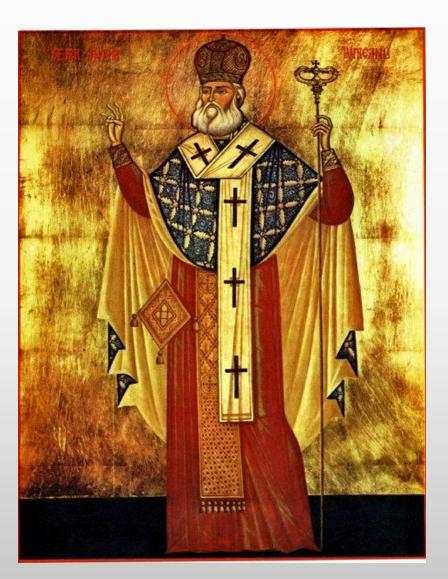
RÂMNICU VÂLCEA IS SITUATED IN THE CENTRAL-SOUTH AREA OF ROMANIA. SET AT THE FOOTHILLS OF THE SOUTHERN CARPATHIANS, THE CITY IS LOCATED AT ABOUT 12 KILOMETRES FROM THE COZIA MOUNTAINS AND ABOUT 40 KILOMETRES FROM THE FĂGĂRAŞ AND LOTRULUI MOUNTAINS.



THE AREA HAS BEEN INHABITED SINCE DACIAN AND ROMAN TIMES, AND WAS THE SITE OF A CASTRUM. A NEW FORTRESS WAS BUILT ON THE LOCATION DURING THE MIDDLE AGES. RÂMNICU VÂLCEA WAS FIRST ATTESTED DURING THE RULE OF PRINCE MIRCEA CEL BĂTRÂN, AS "THE PRINCELY TOWN OF RÂMNIC" (SEPTEMBER 4, 1388)



DURING THE RULES OF MATEI BASARAB AND CONSTANTIN BRÂNCOVEANU, IT BECAME AN IMPORTANT CULTURAL CENTER. IT WAS HERE WHERE THE FIRST PAPER MILL AND PRINTING PRESS IN ROMANIA WERE BUILT. IN 1693 ANTHIM THE IBERIAN PUBLISHED THE GOSPELS IN ROMANIAN AND HE BECAME THE BISHOP OF RÂMNIC IN 1705.



DURING THE WALLACHIAN REVOLUTION, ON JULY 29, 1848, DEŞTEAPTĂ-TE, ROMÂNE! (THE NATIONAL ANTHEM OF ROMANIA), WITH LYRICS WRITTEN BY ANDREI MUREŞANU AND MUSIC COMPOSED BY ANTON PANN (WHOSE MEMORIAL HOUSE LIES IN THE CENTER OF THE TOWN), WAS SUNG FOR THE FIRST TIME IN RÂMNICU VÂLCEA



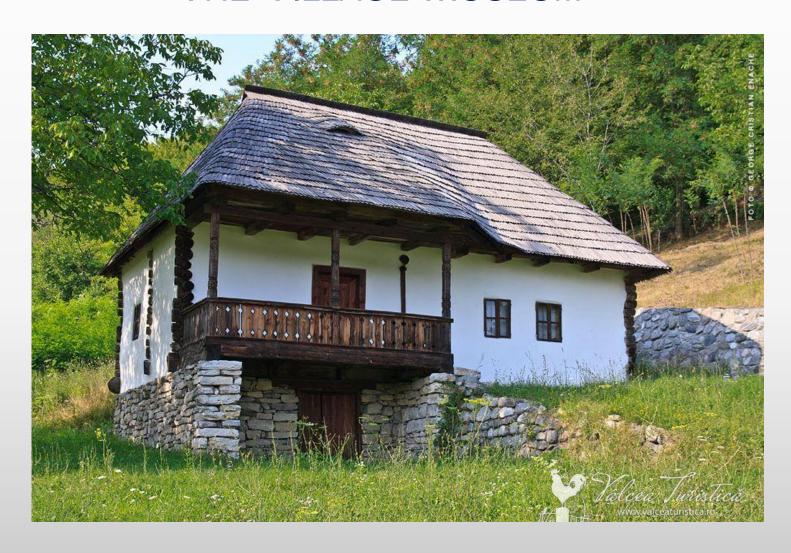
RÂMNICU VÂLCEA GAINED SOME NOTORIETY IN 2012 WHEN OLTCHIM S.A.WAS DECLARED BANKRUPT. IT WAS ONE OF THE LARGEST CHEMICAL COMPANIES IN ROMANIA. ESTABLISHED IN 1966, IT PROVIDED CHEMICAL PRODUCTS FOR MORE THAN 80 COUNTRIES .IT WAS A VERY IMPORTANT EMPLOYER IN THE AREA OF RAMNICU VALCEA, WITH NO LESS THAN 5000 EMPLOYEES.



LANDMARKS IN VÂLCEA

- The Village Museum
 - The Zoo
 - The Art Museum
 - Zăvoi Park
- Ocnele Mari Salt Mine
 - Călimănești
 - Transalpina
 - The Vidra Lake
- Vidra Mountain Resort
 - The Olt Valley
 - The Horezu Pottery
- The Trovant Museum
 - Monasteries

THE VILLAGE MUSEUM



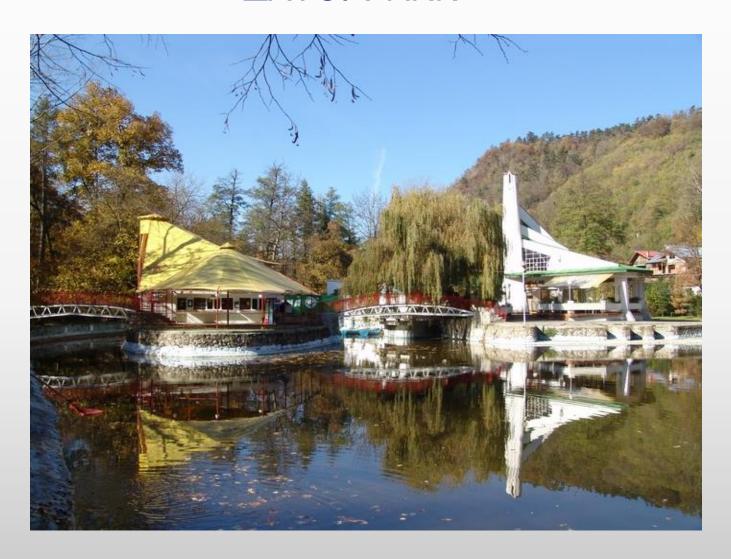
THE ZOO



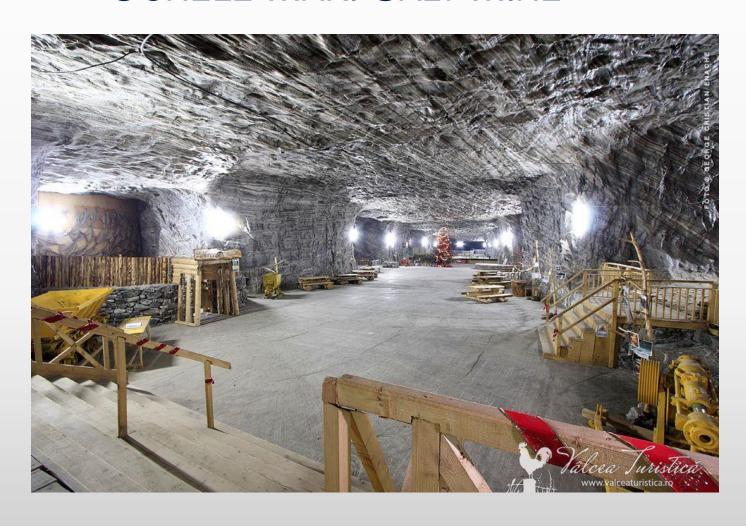
THE ART MUSEUM



ZĂVOI PARK



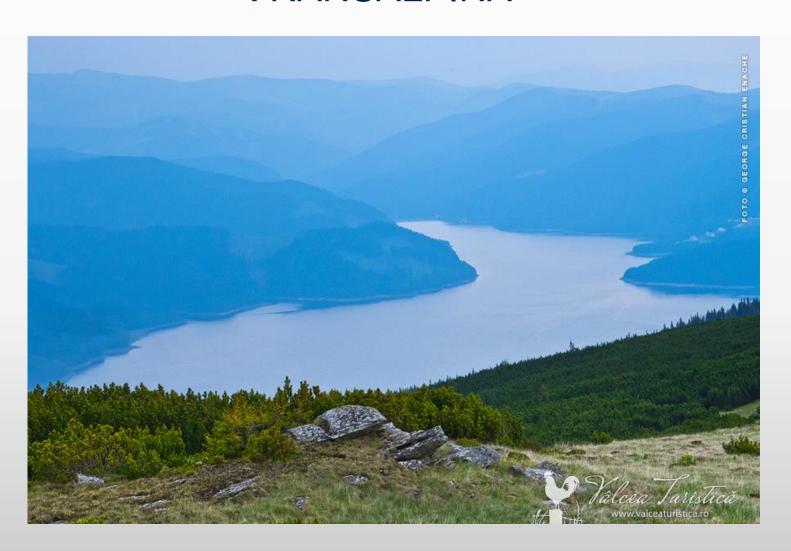
OCNELE MARI SALT MINE



CĂLIMĂNEȘTI



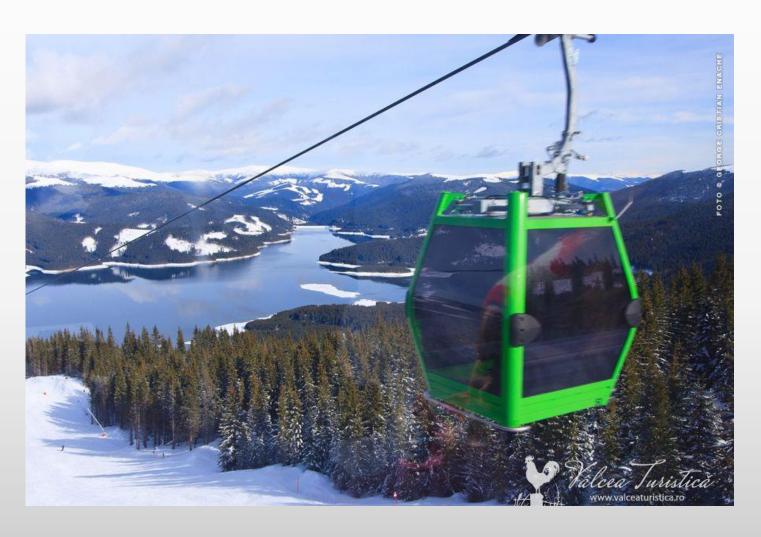
TRANSALPINA



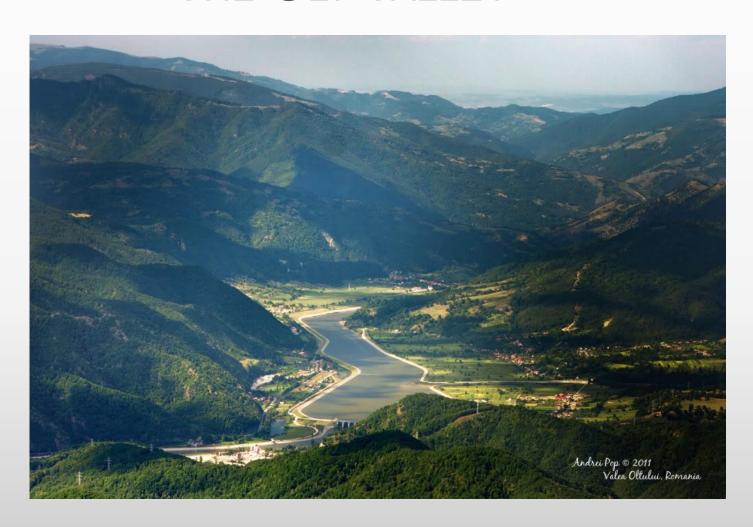
THE VIDRA LAKE



VIDRA MOUNTAIN RESORT



THE OLT VALLEY



THE HOREZU POTTERY

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THE TROVANT MUSEUM

A TROVANT IS AN UNUSUAL SAND ROCK AND ONE CAN NOTICE A VARIETY OF SHAPES. BORN FROM A SANDY HILL, THE TROVANTS FALL INTO A VALLEY IN COSTEȘTI, 40 KM. AWAY FROM RÂMNICU-VÂLCEA.



MONASTERIES

COZIA MONASTERY, ERECTED CLOSE TO CĂLIMĂNEȘTI BY MIRCEA CEL BĂTRÂN IN 1388 AND HOUSING HIS TOMB, IS ONE OF THE MOST VALUABLE MONUMENTS OF NATIONAL MEDIEVAL ART AND ARCHITECTURE IN ROMANIA.



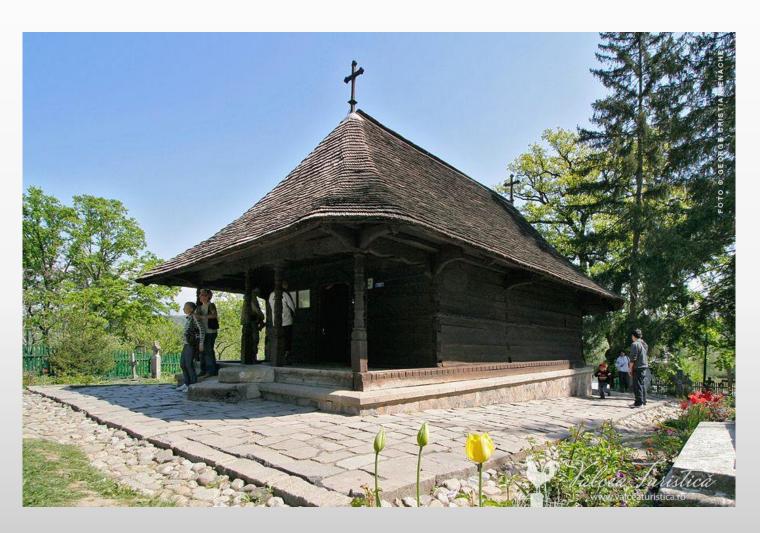
THE HUREZI MONASTERY

THE HUREZI MONASTERY WAS FOUNDED IN 1690 BY PRINCE CONSTANTIN BRÂNCOVEANU IN THE TOWN OF HOREZU. IT IS CONSIDERED TO BE A MASTERPIECE OF "BRÂNCOVENESC STYLE", KNOWN FOR ITS ARCHITECTURAL PURITY AND BALANCE. IT HAS BEEN INSCRIBED BY UNESCO ON ITS LIST OF WORLD HERITAGE SITES.



DINTR-UN LEMN MONASTERY

LOCATED AT ABOUT 25 KM. SOUTH FROM RÂMNICU-VÂLCEA, THE MONASTERY IS AN HISTORICAL MONUMENT DATING BACK FROM THE XVI TH CENTURY. DINTR-UN LEMN MEANS ONE WOOD-OAK TREE.



THE PAHOMIE MONASTERY(1520)



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