





Project "Memofish. Memory and future. Stories about the Danube Civilization", eMS ROBG-420



# "NEW EUROPE"

Programme for a three-day travel package with a group tourist route near Vidin - Calafat













## Topic

The travel package with a route "New Europe" is oriented towards adult organized tourists with an emphasis on historical places, museums, monasteries, wineries, places to walk and local cultural heritage.

#### Duration

Three days, two overnight stays

#### Seasonality

The package can be used during the period April - November

# Geography, municipalities, region

Vidin (Kutovo, Antimovo) - Calafat

## Target group

The package is aimed at Bulgarian, Romanian and foreign guests - adult organized tourists with an interest towards cultural heritage

#### Terms of conduction

The package is directed towards an organized group with an interest towards cultural heritage - material and non-material. No special skills are required of the participants.

Attractions along the Danube River, visits to museums and discussions on historical topics are subject to prior arrangement - six of the thematic proposals have a paid entry, while four others are with free entry. Given the seasonal nature of the events from the cultural calendar, the package is limited to April - November.









#### Accommodations

Hotel "Dunav", with parking, Vidin, 3 "Edelvais" str., tel. 00359 94 600 174, http://www.hoteldunav.eu

Hotel "Rovno", with parking, Vidin, 70 "Tsar Aleksandar II" str., tel. 00359 94 690 990, http://www.hotelrovno.com

Hotel "Bononia", Vidin, 2 "Bdin" str., 00359 94 600 031, www.hotelbononia.net

Danubia beach, vacation complex, on the banks of the Danube, village Tsar Simeonovo, mun. Vidin, 39 Parva str., tel. 00359 93 142 000, 00359 888 530 233

#### **Eating**

Restaurant Dunav, situated on a ship, Vidin, Danube Park, Pontoon 6

Restaurant "Teatro", terrace, Vidin, 12 "Gradinska" str.

Bistro "Piratski Pub", seats: 40, terrace: 30, tel. 00359 884 249 498

Calafat, Romania - restaurant Dumbrava, Eroilor str., park Dumbrava, closes at 10:00 PM, tel. 0040 724 341 055

Calafat, Romania - pizzeria Adrival, 13 "Tudor Vladimirescu" blvd., tel. 0040 762 579 133

Calafat, Romania - restaurant O.K., 26 "Alexandru Ioan Cuza" str., tel. 0040 785 255 855

Calafat, Romania - Restaurant Grand, "Smârdan" str., tel. 0040 760 000 000

Typical for Vidin are the so called "culinary houses". The delicious food offered in these breakfast places is prepared on the spot, you can eat it in a pleasant environment or take it to go. You can also stumble upon food from the local cuisine.

## Services - wine degustation

Winery "Dvete Topoli", Dos Alamos, village Negovanovtsi - chateau, degustations, packets. 13 km north of Vidin, towards Gomotartsi.

Village Negovanovtsi 3770, 82 "Chetvarta" str., mun. Novo Selo, district Vidin, tel.: 00359 879 611 155, http://www.dosalamos.net/index.php/gustation

Winery "Chateau de Val", village Gradets. Degustation only after reservation. 15 km from Vidin. village Gradets, mun. Vidin, 201 Parva str, tel. 00359 886 194 079, http://www.chateaudeval.com/winery

It's like I was born in the boat. I've been a fisherman since I was little. I grew up on the river, my father was the head of a group of fishermen. Today, I am a fisheries and aquaculture engineer. I cannot live without the Danube...

Gelu Jalba, Calafat, fisherman

Fishing is the best way to relax. You cast your fishing rod and relax. Whether you catch a fish or not is not so important. Well, if you're lucky - you can be proud, if not - you can just rest...

Vladimir Vladimirov, Vidin, fisherman

## Places to visit

#### With payment

#### Calafat

Museum of Folk Arts, Marincu Palace. Visiting time - 50 min. Ethnographic exposition, which includes folk art crafts and artifacts from the 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> centuries. Maglavit Monastery. Holy place for miracles and worshipers, healing water. Vidin - Maglavit monastery - 28 km. Visiting time - 1 hour.

**Zoo.** Visiting time - 1 hour, without a day off.

#### Vidin

Museum Konaka. Working hours - 08.30 AM - 05.00 PM, without a day off, tel. 00359 94 601 710. Historic and archeological evidence of life in Vidin are shown in a building from the 18<sup>th</sup> century. Krastata Kazarma. Working hours - 09.30 AM - 05.30 PM, without a day off. The barracks was built in 1801, and today it's part of the expositions of the Regional Museum. You can see the theme of Danube fishing, as well as that of the European influence in the bourgeois homes.

Fortress "Baba Vida". Working hours - 09.30 AM - 05.30 PM, without a day off. Visiting hours - 1 hour. tel. 00359 94 601 705 Stepping on the foundations of the Roman fortress Bononia, the fortress preserves parts from the X century and has developed in time until the eighteenth century. Stone bastions and towers have been altered in connection with the emergence of firearms. Archaeological museum. Epigraphic Center, in a 17<sup>th</sup> century building, grain warehouse, Danube park. Working hours - 09.30 AM - 05.30 PM, without a day off. Visiting time - 40 min.

Danubia beach, vacation complex, seasonal fishing, with payment, village Tsar Simenovo, mun. Vidin 39 Parva str., tel. 00359 93 142 000, 00359 888 530 233

## Without payment

Calafat, city park DUMBRAVA, with a zoo Vidin, Danube park. The park contains many architectural monuments. Visiting time - 1 hour.

Turkish post - the only post office building in Bulgaria preserved since 1859. Today, the Art Center to the Regional Library operates in the building.

Mosque with a library "Osman Pazvantoglu" a cultural monument of national importance, XVIII century. According to legends, the mosque is in memory of the ruler's impossible love with a Christian girl.

Synagogue, built in 1894, second biggest in the country. The imposing facade is a reminder of the former grandeur of the temple, which is in ruins today, but it's an important element of the urban history. Stambul Kapia gate, XVII century, part of the city gate - Kaleto. The path to Istanbul passed through it.

"Bozhuritsa", recreation area, outdoor games, fishing, 20 km. south of Vidin. Visiting "New Europe" bridge for a photo safari at the foot of the bridge. Night views.



## Festivals:

Folklore festival "Albotin", at rock monastery, takes place on the second day of Easter Rally - cross Vidin and retro parade, May 23<sup>rd</sup> - 24<sup>th</sup> Festival of arts "Dunavski valni", July 17<sup>th</sup> - July 26<sup>th</sup> Opera Festival "Krepost na vekovete", Baba Vida Medieval festival "Badin", last weekend of August Vidin fair, August 26<sup>th</sup> - September 6<sup>th</sup> Culinary folklore gathering "Badnik", December 22<sup>nd</sup>

## **Tourist Information Center**

to Professional high school "Prof. Dr. Asen Zlatarov", "Bdintsi" square - provides tour guides with wireless communication systems and a drive on routes with a 12-seat e-vehicle, 1 "Dunavska" str., tel. 00359 94 990 739

Tourist information and education center and a Danube Bureau office, Vidin, 4 "Baba Vida" str., www.vidin.bg

Bus station - 2 "Zheleznicharska" str., www.avtogara-vidin.com, tel. 00359 94 923 377





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