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CROSS-BORDER ROUTES OF AUTHENTIC CULTURE

In districts Vidin and Montana, Bulgaria and Dolj county, Romania

Route No 1: Authentic folklore and music

Day 1

Starting from the city of Craiova we suggest a route that will take you through the best cross-border performances of preserved authentic culture putting main stress on traditional dances, songs and music

The first step on the route will take you to **the woods of Bratovoesti.**

There on a big green field in front of the hunting lodge that was once residence of Ceausescu you can enjoy the great performance of “Little spring” folklore group formation led by Margareta Curtu. The group has 44 members aged between 4 and 17 years. Two dance groups will perform authentic dances such as Alunelul, Brauletul, Chuleandra and some young talents with magic voices can entertain you with their songs. One of the most popular songs is “Constantine, Constnatine”.

The hosts can offer also some typical local food

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The next stop we strongly recommend on this route is **Bailesti**. Entering the town you can have a ride on horse-driven carts for some kilometers to reach the center. There you can enjoy the performance of Marcel Bota - a singer and musician with enormous contribution to the preservation of authentic folklore in Romania.

The program can be even more delicious with some “gogosh” - a typical local cereal that will fight your hunger away.

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A nice village on your way is **Rast**. There lives the singer of authentic songs Aleksandru Lilea. His voice is spectacular.

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Further on the route comes the town of Calafat, where you can enjoy the performances of "The Roses of Calafat" Folkloric Ensemble with 15 participants. They have beautiful dances and songs, among which: "Joacă tata langa fata » performed by Neagoie Andreea & Viviana Mititelu and the dance Alunelul de la Daneți. Calafat is also the town of the saxophone group of the prominent Marin Popa

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Calafat is a town with rich history and place with several accommodation possibilities.

Day 2:

Entering in Bulgaria through the Danube bridge will take you to **Novo selo** - a village well-known for its typical dialect and famous brass music. Every Sunday the people from Novo selo and guests gather at the square under the sounds of the brass music and play dances together. If you wish to take part in this free event you're welcome to join but if it's not Sunday call the local municipality to arrange a performance at +359 93162225. Novoselski popaz is a typical local dish, prepared in a big pot that you'll definitely enjoy.



The next cultural product on the route is **Albotin rock monastery**, where apart from visiting the monastery itself you can enjoy a special authentic folklore program, organized by the Community center at village Gradets. Every year on the second day of Easter on this place is organized a big folklore festival that is worth seeing.

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Going further along the route of authentic culture our next stop is inside the **Magura cave** - world famous with its drawings dating back more than 12 thousand years B.C. In the concert hall of the cave acoustics is fabulous and it's worth listening to the voice of Radka Tselova from the nearby village of Rakovitsa, performing authentic local songs. Out of the cave in the nearby touristic complex could be organized for you a memorable performance of the dance group "Zelen Zaman" from Rakovitsa village, performing their absolute hit "Tutsa mi se tutsa" For contacts: Radka Tselova 0886310957



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Day 3

Gorni Lom is a place of the proud and hospitable “turlacs” - a special ethnic group populating areas in Bulgaria and Serbia. In the house-museum “Popova kasta” in village Gorni Lom with presentation of homemade yogurt, banitsa, fresh cheese, jam and honey you can also listen to the performances of the only man singing group in the region.

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Finally this route will take you to the village of Borovtsi, close to Montana, where in the Manoylova house you can enjoy presentation of typical dances, songs and food. Performance of the tradition, which has collected most of the votes in the voting campaign of the project “Farewell to the old one”.

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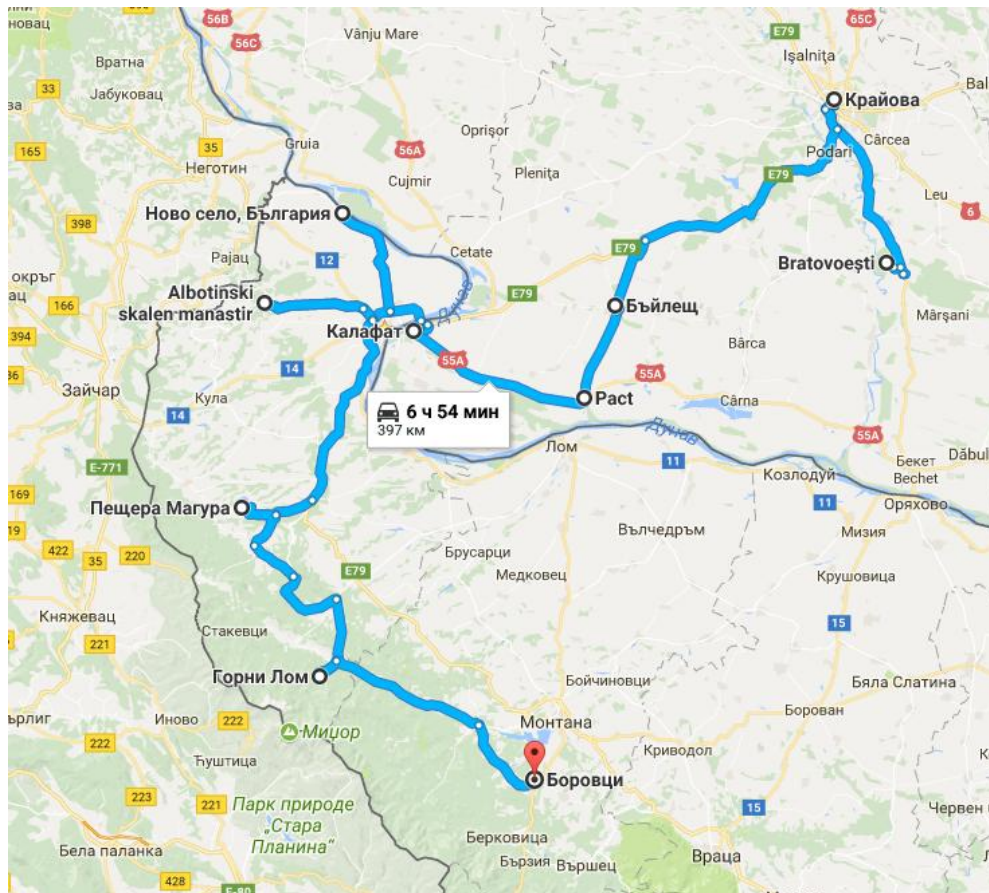


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Map of the route



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