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Agrotourism in Neamț County

# Eternity was born in the countryside





*"I think eternity was born in the country side.  
Every thought take time here,  
and your heart beats are slower,  
as if it didn't beat in your chest,  
But deep down in the bowels of the earth.  
Here your thirst for salvation is quenched  
And if your feet bleed  
You can sit on a mud porch."*

*Lucian Blaga, "The Soul of the Village"*

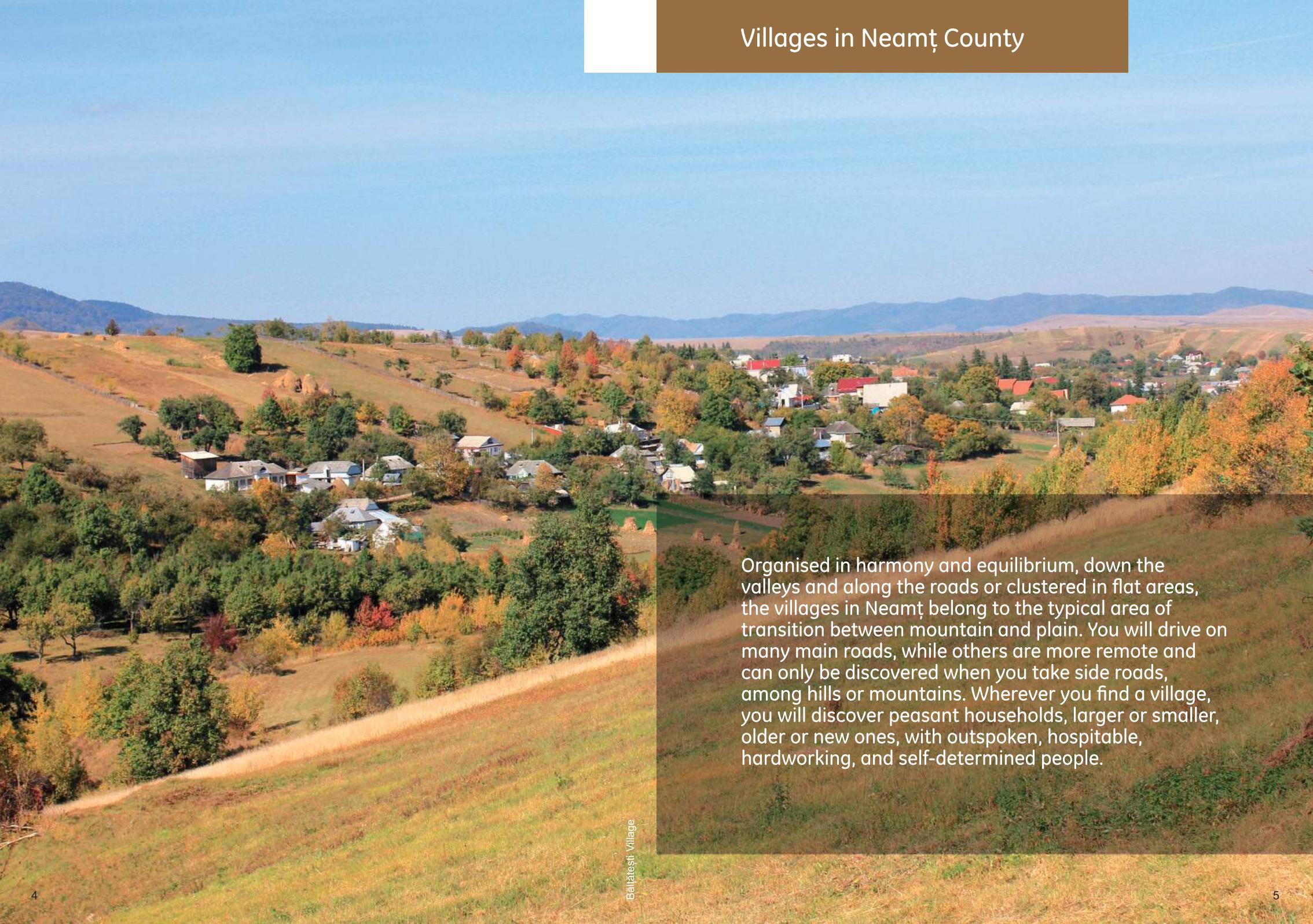
### Invitation to Neamț County

The village is the most precious heritage bestowed to the Romanians. Source of wisdom, of craft and of energy, it is the place where we can find our inner peace, go back to nature, and return to our ancestors. It is a place where we escape from the hustle and bustle of everyday life, where life has a different pace, even a different meaning, where nature, people, and animals live together peacefully as they all speak the same word, where everything is more vivid and more intense. Here, thoughts come to life thoroughly and with wisdom, the speech is gentle and kind, life is simple and sound. Here, we are waiting for you to join us and enjoy everything we have to offer.

Neamț County Council

Hora at the foothill of Ceahlău Massif

## Villages in Neamț County



Organised in harmony and equilibrium, down the valleys and along the roads or clustered in flat areas, the villages in Neamț belong to the typical area of transition between mountain and plain. You will drive on many main roads, while others are more remote and can only be discovered when you take side roads, among hills or mountains. Wherever you find a village, you will discover peasant households, larger or smaller, older or new ones, with outspoken, hospitable, hardworking, and self-determined people.

## Villages in Neamț County



Although the increasing requirements and demands of the people have led to changes in the traditional village, you can still see houses with archaic architectural design: houses with porches, beautifully carved wooden pillars adorned with beautiful flowers, richly decorated chiselled head pieces, with rooms full of rugs and carpets, with dowry chests that hide the masterfully crafted fabrics and needlework of the housewives. A representative example – impressive by the simple order of things and the perfect harmony of proportion and utility, of shape and colour, between man and nature is Ion Creangă Memorial House in Humulești. You will be fascinated by its small size, the old shape of the house, the neatly clayed porch, the whitewashed saddle notched log wall, with small windows and low door, high shingle-roof. Here everything has been preserved over time as it once was, as if the tenants have just left home and you wait for them to show up, while resting on a bench in the courtyard.

You can discover beautiful and rich collections containing items of folk dress and costumes, furniture, homemade wall rugs, blankets, towels, and other traditional objects at:

- Ion Creangă Memorial House in Humulești, phone: 0233 790 620
- Ethnography Museum in Piatra Neamț, phone: 0733 939 453
- History and Ethnography Museum in Târgu Neamț, phone: 0233 790 594
- History and Ethnography Museum in Bicăz, phone: 0233 254 201
- Village Museum in Ceahlău, phone: 0233 258 059
- Iulia Hălăucescu Art Gallery in Tarcău, phone: 0233 240 951



Traditional house – detail, Pipirig area



Veranda with flowers, Văratec



Born from people's ability to perceive and appreciate cultural and natural values, the folk art in Neamț area expresses the peasants' outlook and sensitivity, their aesthetic beliefs and their artistic refinement.

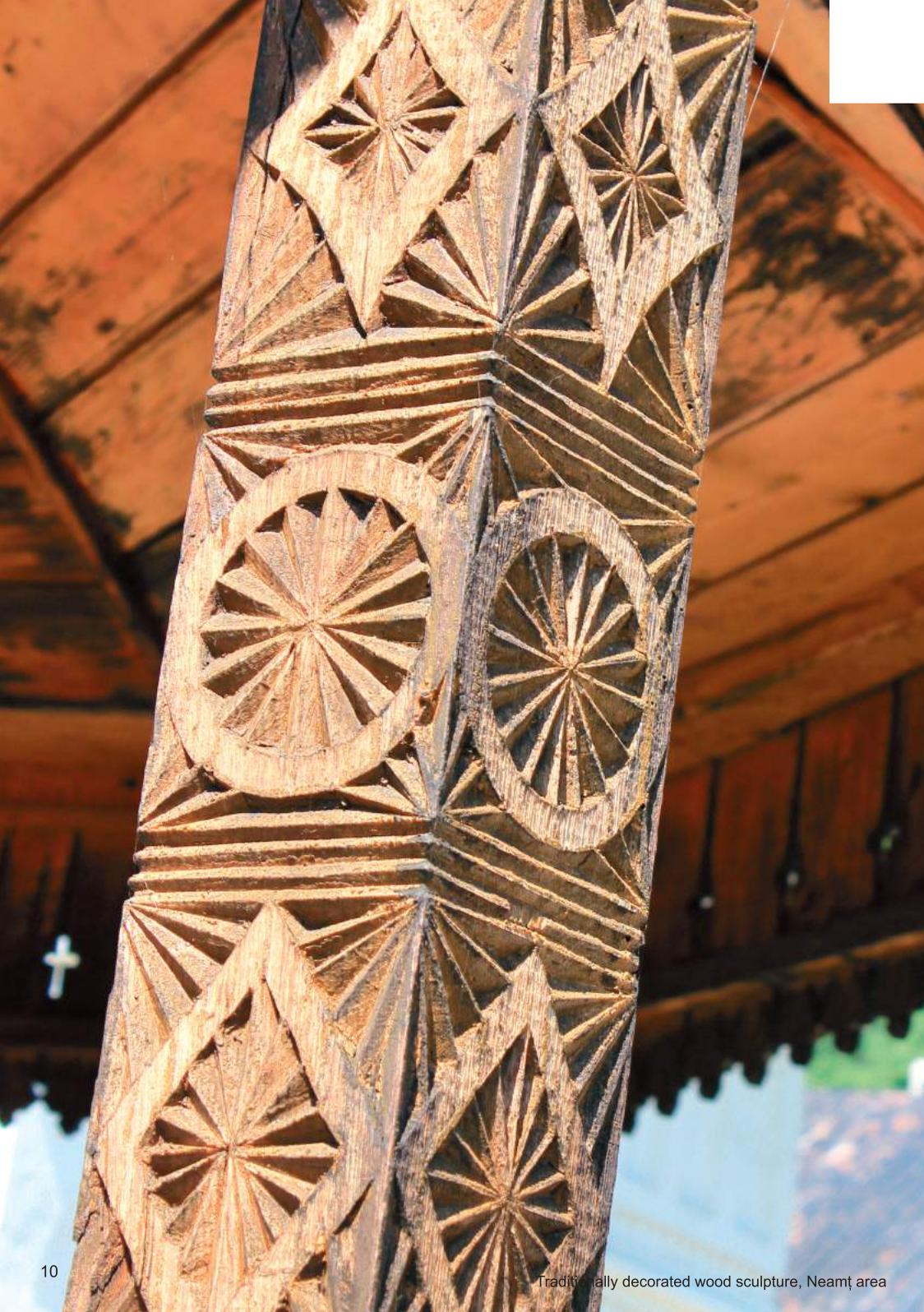


Maintaining a conservative character, by means of rules and canons kept in community awareness, the villagers have passed on down the generations the encoded and extremely rich language of folk art. The simple shapes and the balanced proportions, the sensible layout and decorations, the geometrical style of representations, the discrete and harmonious colours always impress the beholder.

Artisans, past and present, have contributed to the ever richer folk art in Neamț County, encoding in wood, clay, metal, leather, weaving and needlework, their spiritual wealth in diverse artistic forms and styles, creating the interesting local specificity. Owing to the artisans' craft, the richness and diversity of folk art in the Neamț County give the unique character of the objects.



Unique clay figurines – Ion Creangă's characters



Traditionally decorated wood sculpture, Neamț area



Vasile Găman Museum, dish shelf – detail

## Wood art

Peasants came to this world and have been brought up in the shadow of the forest, which often provided shelter and food, when times were harsh, fresh air, the beauty of the green canopy, and the diversity of the wildlife, but mostly, the forest has provided the most precious raw material – the wood – which they have been using to create most of the things needed in a tradition household. Wood art is a highly developed craft in Neamț; with traditional or more recent motifs and shapes, gifted artisans still display their craftsmanship making pieces of furniture and household items.

### Vasile Găman Museum

The artisan sculptor Vasile Găman bequeaths to his heirs the dowry chest full of beautifully crafted treasures, which, together with his craft, makes today Vasile Găman Museum-House. An exquisite artisan, he chiselled scrupulously and majestically, tens of crosses and roadside crucifixes, iconostasis and lecterns for many a church in Neamț County and in the country, thus building his well-deserved fame. There is proof of Vasile Găman' gift and craft everywhere in his household, starting with the high gate where he “chiselled the history of his kin and folk, for all passers-by to know”.



Vasile Găman Museum

It is a unique and complex creation where historical moments and scenes are chiselled along with the effigy of the great princes. Exquisitely crafted, they display the unity of the concept.

On the road to Neamț Monastery, turn the country lane on the right on, some 2 km, and stop at the Gămans'. Besides samples of hard work, talent, and exceptional cultural values gathered and displayed as if it were a museum, you will find here welcoming and hospitable people. Should you come on a religious feast, you will also be treated with the renowned pie “poale'n brău”, made by the host, and the “țuica” – the plum brandy – distilled by the artisan. Everything breathes merriment shrouded in holy peace and love of beauty.

#### Wood carvers:

·Vasile Găman, Lunca village, Vânători Neamț commune, phone: 0736 324 173

·Ștefan Grigoriu, Târgu Neamț, phone: 0742 925 725, stefan\_grigoriu@hotmail.com

·Vasile Neamțu, Nemțișor village, Vânători Neamț commune, phone: 0755 286 031

·Constantin Lungu, Humulești, phone: 0233 790093, 0742 999 506, palmaart@yahoo.com



## Sculpture in stone

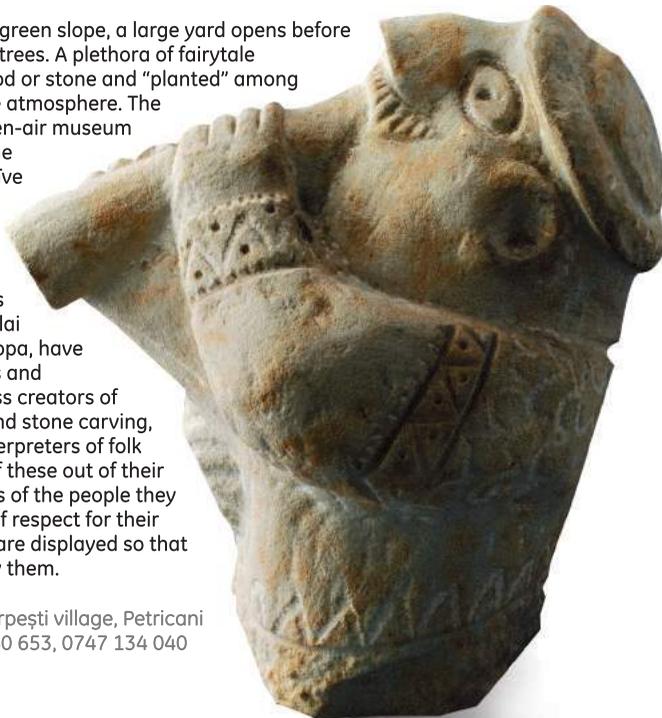
Stone is a natural resource to be found in abundance in Neamț County, mainly in the hill and mountain areas and it had multiple uses over the millennia such as the building of strongholds and princely courts, building monumental churches and as foundations of wooden churches, of inns, and other constructions. Millstones, grindstone, casings of wells, crosses and tombstones have been made of large slabs of well-cemented sandstone. Some stonemasons in Leghin village, Pipirig commune, still use the hard sandstone from the nearby quarry on Mount Domesnic to make crosses and tombstones sculpted with Christian symbols.

### Neculai Popa Museum

History has taught us that stone can stand the test of time and last for centuries and millennia. And so will the stone sculptures of Neculai Popa, in Târpești, endure. He carved in hard sandstone dozens of faces inspired from fairytales thus creating a truly contemporary art in stone. Created in the naive style, these statuettes, exhibited in rooms and yard of his home turned into a museum, animate the atmosphere, making it fun and attractive. When you go to Neculai Popa Museum in Târpești, first you meet the family ancestors sculpted in the solid oak of the large gate. It impresses the visitors with its message but also with the monumentality and expressiveness of the faces. This original creation prepares you for the surprises that you will meet within the household – a world of traditions and personal creations.

Coming up on a green slope, a large yard opens before your eyes, with many fruit trees. A plethora of fairytale characters sculpted in wood or stone and “planted” among the trees enliven the entire atmosphere. The courtyard looks like an open-air museum where visitors can enjoy the harmony of nature and naïve art and of the old house and the new house-museum, both built in the traditional local style. The house-museum stands proof of the fact that Neculai Popa and his wife, Elena Popa, have been passionate collectors and guardian of values, peerless creators of masks, masters in wood and stone carving, virtuous collectors and interpreters of folk art, and that they did all of these out of their dedication to the traditions of the people they belonged to and in token of respect for their ancestors. All the exhibits are displayed so that every passer-by may enjoy them.

·Neculai Popa Museum, Târpești village, Petricani commune, phone: 0758 640 653, 0747 134 040



Piper, Neculai Popa Museum



Neculai Popa Museum – faces carved in stone and wood



## Folk Dress and Costumes

Traditional folk dress and costumes have been one of the most iconic elements of folk culture. Women, while making with their own hand most of the pieces of clothing, ensured their diversity and originality. They have borrowed patterns and scenery, but never have copied them as they were but they added their own mark to each piece. The folk dress and costumes in Neamț area impresses with an exceptional piece: the sheepskin vest embroidered all over its surface and with grey astrakhan fur hemming all around. Worn as Sunday clothes in church and on all holy days by performers of folk dance and music, the folk dress and costumes in Neamț area are still present today in our everyday life.

### Furrier artisans

·Dudanu Vasile, Suseni village, Grumăzești commune, phone: 0740 999 505  
·Dolhescu Nicolae, Pipirig commune, phone: 0754 555 165

## Basketwork

A special craft is basketwork – they do “weave” not only baskets but also lots of both useful and decorative objects – a wide range of baskets varied in size and use, sets pieces of garden furniture, stools, coffee tables, etc. the artisans, called “coșărcari” (“basket weavers”) are all over the lower areas in Neamț County, where “mlada” grows – a bush with thin and flexible twigs – the raw material for all sorts of baskets. Their stands rich with products can also be seen along the road from Roman to Suceava, in the villages Barticești and Nisiporești, Botești commune, but skilled basketwork artisans reside also in villages such as Oglinzi – Târgu Neamț, Grași Groși, Slobozia – Roznov, Dulcești, Sagna.

### Artisan basket workers:

·Ionel Damian, Barticești village, Botești commune, phone: 0761 743 536  
·Iosif Chelaru, Barticești village, Botești commune, phone: 07 49 929 101



## Weaving and other homemade fabric

### Artisans – homemade fabric:

- weaving – Maria Mihalachi, Bălțatești village, phone: 0728 028 423, mariamihalachi@yahoo.com
- weaving and needlework – Rodica Ciocărtău, Boboiești village, Pipirig commune, phone: 0740 671 831
- weaving – Maria Robu, Săbăoani village, phone: 0761 507 923
- weaving and knitting – Maria Brânzucă, Ceahlău village, phone: 0753 588 168
- decorations made of hemp – Elena Ciocărlan, Șerbești village, Ștefan cel Mare commune, phone: 0749,811 589, e\_ciocarlan@yahoo.ro
- weaving, tapestry, adornments – Children's Club Săbăoani, phone: 0233 735 025
- bead adornments – Doina Solomon, Roman, phone: 0743 906 941
- knit decorations – Maria Vasiliu, Târgu Neamț, phone: 0745 502 525
- needlework, weaving, folk dress and costumes – "Nemțeanca" Artisans' Association, Târgu Neamț, phone/fax 0233 790 319, 0744 362 464

No other occupation has ever built a greater social and spiritual bond like traditional weaving during winter. Even Ion Creangă, the storyteller, would engage as a child in such activities that he later recollected how "looms would rumble all over Humulești village". In such autonomous working environment, a genuine traditional art developed – the homemade fabric, as each loom worker added personal details, ornaments and colours to the popular model in the village.

Neamț area is famous for its wall rugs – the "rose" one in Ghindăoani, the "flower" one in Crăcăoani, the "cloud" ones in Bălțatești, the "capăi" ones in Hlăpești, the "fir-tree" one in Săvinești, "wheel" one in Borca, the "crescent" one in Dobreni, "the ram's horns" one in Pipirig or the "bird" one in Gherăiești. Wool has always been available as there are sheep on almost every farm, so the women still use the old wooden looms, inherited from their mother or grandmother and weave old pieces but in new shapes and with new techniques: long-fleece counterpanes with decorations, rugs and blankets with their decorations in relief, flower-patterned blankets woven with many shafts, quilts, tablecloths, towels. The gifted artisans in Neamț area carry on the rug weaving rugs with beautiful and highly appreciated pieces, with geometrical patterns and vivid natural colours. Needlework, knitting, crocheting are still a popular pastime for the women, young and old, in the village. Just like in the past, the hardworking housewife in the countryside makes with her own hands the everyday objects and she decorates the house as well. She chooses her shapes and models but she observes the local tradition lending her own sensitivity and artistry to the pieces she makes.



Homemade towel with needlework, Pipirig area



Woven carpet, Pipirig area



Woven carpets and rugs, Bălțatești area

## Masks

Masks are accessories for human disguise. Originally used for practical as well as magical purposes, later on they have become ceremonial, festive, and playful. The term comes from the Latin "mascha", meaning sorcerer. Over the centuries, masks have undergone structural changes – body masks, head masks, face and cheek masks and morphological ones - from the animal one to human characters, to satirize people's flaws and cause laughter. Mask games in Neamț County are the most complex and most spectacular New Year's traditions. Elena and Neculai Popa made the most interesting and most successful masks, in Târpești village, whose fame is known worldwide.

With skill and craftsmanship they made hundreds, even thousands of head masks, of all kinds: animals – bear, ram, goat, she-goat, birds; people: old man, old woman, merchant, officer, doctor, gypsy, Old Year and New Year. They used different materials such as fur, cloth, wool fabric, fibres and yarns, wood, straw, brass, horns, and many more. Neculai and Elena Popa developed their own style of depicting facial features: well-shaped eyes, thick lips, teeth, big nose and ears, long hair and beards, bushy moustaches. For the great originality and diversity of their masks, these artisans were awarded prestigious prizes and honours, in the country and abroad, their talent and effort being thus recognised. Another great creator of masks in Neamț County is Ion Albu in Timișești village, who despite the tough competition of the Popas, manages to make special masks needed by the masked bands that go making good wishes for the New Year to every household in the village. The expressiveness of these masks was appreciated in more than 100 national and international exhibitions he attended, where he received important awards. He is also the founder of the Folk Traditions Ensemble "Așa-i datina la noi" in Timișești village. The ensemble has take part in many festivals winning well-deserved success.



Masks in Neculai Popa Museum



### Mask artisans:

- Ion Albu, Timișești village,  
phone: 0233 781 813, 0722 689 084
- Ciocârlan Vasile, Ștefan cel Mare village,  
phone: 0749 811 589, e\_ciocarlan@yahoo.ro
- Ionela Lungu, Humulești,  
phone: 0233 790 093, 0742 999 506,  
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New Year's Traditional Masks



## The Church

Nowhere in Romania is there an area sheltering such a fruitful spiritual life like in Neamț County. Over the centuries, many a prayer rose to heaven from this blessed land. Scattered in the wilderness of the mountains or hidden in the thick forests, in quiet clearings and in the beautiful valleys, villages in Neamț area are genuine hearths where faith has never faded away.

## The Church

You will find in Neamț the highest density of churches, hermitages, and monasteries, besides many other places of worship, which ranks Neamț County among the most religious areas in Europe. Churches, monasteries, and other religious establishments are spread fairly uniformly all over the county, so whatever road you take you will discover values carved in stone and printed in chronicles, new and old monastic settlements where you may find tranquillity and peace of mind.

Monasteries in Neamț area as well as all over Romania have been the cradle of faith, of Romanian culture and civilisation. They have also been a pilgrimage sites, places where worshipers may find rest, strength, and peace of mind, but also a place where stories are shared. Such places are waiting for you with their gates open, on fair or bad weather alike, at midday or at night. On dedication days, the unity of faith of those who serve daily in places of worship and those who cross their threshold, time and time again, is overwhelming.



Tazlău Monastery, the church steeple



Pângărați Monastery

# The Church

In Neamț, the numerous churches scattered almost everywhere provide as many dedication days throughout the year. If you are in search for a moment of tranquillity and food for body and soul, we invite you to join us in these village and church festivities:

- March: The Annunciation – Horaia Monastery Dedication Day, 25 March, phone: 0233 246 210  
The Annunciation – Durău Monastery Dedication Day, 25 March, phone: 0233 256 674, 0744 820 884
- April – May: Almaș Monastery, the first Sunday after Pentecost Sunday, phone: 0233 242 240, 0785 190 180  
The Ascension – Neamț Monastery Dedication Day, phone: 0233 251 580, 0745 212 708
- June: The Nativity of St John the Baptist – Sihla Hermitage Dedication Day, 24 June, phone: 0744 513 879, 0743 961 818  
The Nativity of St John the Baptist (Sânzienie) – Dedication Day of the Princely Court Church in Piatra Neamț, 24 June, phone: 0725 891 160
- August: The Metamorphosis – Nechit Monastery Dedication Day, 6 August, phone: 0751 107 955  
The Metamorphosis – Sihla Hermitage Dedication Day, 6 August, phone: 0744 513 879, 0743 961 818  
The Assumption of Our Lady – Văratc Nunnery Dedication Day, 15 August, phone: 0233 244 616, 0728 102 363  
The Assumption of Our Lady – Bistrița Monastery Dedication Day, 15 August, phone: 0233 241 695, bistrita@mmb.ro
- The Beheading of St John the Baptist – Secu Monastery Dedication Day, 29 August, phone: 0233 251 862
- September: The Nativity of Virgin Mary – Sihăstria Monastery Dedication Day, 8 September, phone: 0233 251 896, 0233 251 897  
The Nativity of Virgin Mary – Tazlău Monastery Dedication Day, 8 September, phone: 0233 298 153, 0740 769 752
- October: Parascheva the Pious – Dedication Day of the Archbishopric Cathedral in Roman, 14 October, phone: 0233 744 683  
St Demetrius – Pângărați Monastery Dedication Day, 26 October, phone: 0233 240 337
- November: The Synaxis of the Archangels Michael and Gabriel – Pângărați Monastery Dedication Day, 8 November, phone: 0233 240 337  
The Synaxis of the Archangels Michael and Gabriel – Războieni Monastery Dedication Day, 8 November, phone: 0233 292 912  
The Synaxis of the Archangels Michael and Gabriel – Petru Vodă Monastery Dedication Day, 8 November, phone: 0233 893 531, 0737 121 100  
The Synaxis of the Archangels Michael and Gabriel – Agapia Nunnery Dedication Day, 8 November, phone: 0233 244 736, 0768 085 709

## Icon-painting artisans:

- on glass – Hăisan Cecilia, Piatra Neamț, phone: 0746 833 870, cecilia\_haisan@yahoo.ro
- on wood and fresco – Ciprian Istrate, Piatra Neamț, phone: 0741 088 782, cipist@yahoo.com



Painting on glass



Belfry, Poiana Largului

Villages appeared and developed in the midst of nature, which peasants try to understand and with which they wish to live in harmony. While reaching the villages in Neamț area, you cannot help admiring the surrounding natural scenery. Nature and the village have stood the test of time as an inseparable unit. If we mention the beauty of nature, then you must know there is plenty for you to see in Neamț area.

## The Outdoors

When entering the county through the western “gate”, via Gheorgheni, you are welcome by Bicz Gorges, the most renowned gorges in Romania, and – there is no doubt about that – the most spectacular result of the karstic evolution of the area – due to limestone erosion and dissolution. Then, Şugău Gorges of which you can have a glimpse, even when driving at a high speed, before advancing deeper in Neamţ County. These gorges are a wild rocky area where one of the most valuable nature reserves in the Carpathians and in Europe has been established. The value of the reserve lies in its unique scenery, geology, karst, flora and fauna. Stopping for a couple of hours in this barely known and decoded wonders of the geological evolution will help you recharge your batteries.

As you go onwards, you will discover the majestic dome of the Oriental Carpathians and of the entire land of Moldova, blessed with the aura of the ancestral geological turmoil that lifted it majestically from the bottom of the ocean, then blessed with millennia of people taking shelter in its clearings, grottoes, and pastures, to hunt, graze their sheep, and pray. Here, under the gentle sun, people have found a sight for their sore eyes, and the miracle – forever alive and overwhelming of nature – pervading their soul. Once you reached Ceahlău Massif, you have to choose between the endless horizon, sometimes clear to the seashore and the overwhelmingly magical lace of rocky cliffs, towers, shelves and walls.

The footpaths in this impressive “open-air museum”, with exhibits unique in the diversity of shapes and of stories they carry along as legends or merely in their name: Dochia, Panaghia, Toaca, Dorobanţul, Călugării, Piatra Lăcrămată, Turnul lui Butu, Poliţele cu crini, Detunatele – and many others will lure you to unforgettable hikes.



# The Outdoors

Vânători Neamț Natural Park, whose name is a reminder of the former border guard community waged by the Moldova Princely Court, is located in one of the iconic areas for the Romanian culture and history. An area blessed with many picturesque places and scenery, which have enthusiastically inspired artists and writers. Emanating a sweet and gentle tranquillity – so dear to any soul, tired of the monotonous everyday life, or of the daily hustle and bustle – the beauty of this land is not only natural, but it also comes from the harmony of the landscape and the colourful alternation of the seasons witnessed by its splendid canopy. Here, the traveller experiences a never-ending feast of the soul, given by the extremely picturesque and bracing presence of the many hermitages and monasteries – each with its history and cross of passions, luminous cradles of prayer and avowal of faith.

At the foot of Ceahlău, along the national road from Bicaz to Poiana Largului village, the “sea between the mountains” is waiting for you – Izvoru Muntelui Reservoir – with its picturesque scenery. This is the largest anthropic reservoir on the interior rivers in the country and the only “lake” where “Romania’s Navy Day” is celebrated. The reservoir is some 35 km long, at the foot of Ceahlău Massif. The volume of water behind the impressive dam built between 1950 and 1960 can reach 1,250 million cubic metres.



Cuejdel Lake, Gârcina



Duruitoarea Falls, Ceahlău Massif



The dam – built following the design of eng. Dimitrie Leonida – is a “weight” dam and is the largest of its kind on interior rivers in Romania and its total height of 127m ranks it third in the country and ninth in Europe, in terms of weight dams. In 1961, when it was completed it was the fourth weight dam in Europe in terms of height.

Along the DN15 – national road – from Bicaz to Pietra Neamț, two large silver-shining reservoirs, Pângărați and Vaduri, enchant the travellers with their spectacular scenery, which make you stop whatever your haste. You blend with the natural scenery and rest your sight on the ducks and swans scattered on the water or on the wide panoramic view of the surrounding mountains.

More recent in the picturesque scenery of Neamț County, Cuejdel Lake appeared at the foot of Muncelu Hill, as a result of large landslides which pushed down hill over 35 hectares of the left slope of the Cuejdel Valley. There were several successive landslides between 1978 and 1991. If you love nature, you only have to offer yourself a moment of dreaming and you can admire the splendour of the colourful autumnal scenery or a unique stop in such an Eden-like site.

Once you have trodden any of these miraculous sites, you may wonder how long you could endure until your next visit, once you know that all these wonders do exist and wait for you to rediscover the joy of being human, of being alone in the heart of nature ...

In order for you to discover Neamț County's beautiful outdoors we suggest:

- Hikes on marked trails in Biczaz Gorges – Hășmaș Nature Reserve; Info: the Park Management Direction: Phone/fax 0266 336 540, pnbiczaz@mciuc.rosilva.ro, pncbh@yahoo.com
- Hikes on marked trails in Ceahlău Nature Reserve (access on trails from Bicazu Ardelean, Neagra, then Izvoru Muntelui and Durău); Info: the Park Management Direction: Phone/fax 0233 256 600, pnc@ceahlaupark.ro
- Have a rest at the chalets in Ceahlău Massif: Fântânele Chalet, phone: 0730 603 803; Dochia Chalet, phone: 0730 603 801, 0730 603 802, fax 0233 256 577, cabanadochia@yahoo.com.
- By car, motorbike, or bicycle, before reaching Biczaz Dam, you divert 8 km on your left, away from DN 15, to admire the impressive wide panoramic view of Ceahlău Massif, and have a rest at Izvoru Muntelui Chalet, phone at the chalet: 0746 906 522.

- Hikes on marked trails in Vânători Neamț Natural Park, subscription to the tour programmes offered by the Vânători Neamț National Park Management Direction, phone: 0233 251060, www.vanatoripark.ro
- A visit to Dragoș Vodă Bison Reserve, Vânători Neamț commune, phone: 0233 206 002, 0233 206 001, 0233 251 060, www.vanatoripark.ro
- Leisure rides, cruise, lunch included, pedal boat, speed boat, kayak on Izvoru Muntelui Reservoir, organised by Biczaz Naval Port Recreational Complex – Moldoturism, phone: 0748 110 400, 0744 588 824, 0748 110 401, office@bicazlac.ro
- A stop on the banks of Pângărați and Vaduri Reservoirs located on either side of DN 15, in the respective villages.
- A stop on the banks of Cuejdel Lake, where you can go by car crossing the Crăcăoani commune, on a forestry road, or via Gârcina commune, some 25 km from Piatra Neamț by car, and then 3 km on foot, on a wide path, across pastures and through deciduous and evergreen forests.



## Traditional dishes

The cuisine in the historical region of Moldova is considered to be one of the tastiest in the world, both for the large number of popular dishes and for the many gourmet shades given by the inspired combination of produce, tools and some due to the Slavic or Greek influence.

## Traditional dishes

So, we invite you to a boletus borsch, a pork stew and spiced cabbage pie, or scrambled eggs with finely chopped meat, mincemeat croquettes "sprinkled" with plum brandy with fenugreek. Moreover, we trust you will appreciate the "hârzob" (trout smoked in fir branches), the monastic chicken, the pickled Saffron milk caps, and the cheese polenta or potato and onion pies called "guguluf". As for the dessert, you are invited to have some shepherd's pie, the famous "poale-n brâu" pies or a teaspoonful of raspberries, blueberries or roses confiture. In the Christmas season, housewives will offer the Moldavian pork stew and the "julfe", a delicatessen of fine pastry sheets stuffed with crushed hemp seeds, also known as "Jesus' Diapers".

But each boarding house in Neamț area has its own menu, carefully selected to please its guests. They are made with home-grown ingredients in the very garden of the boarding house or in the households of the villages nearby.

Berries such as blueberries, cranberries, strawberries, raspberries, and blackberries are presented in the menus under various forms: confiture, sorbet, jams, in a diverse range of delicious cakes, side dish, juices, teas, syrups or the highly appreciated berry-brandly. Acacia, lime tree, rape or poly floral honey completes the rich variety of produce, together with local herbs used for fragrant teas such as wild thyme, St John's Wort, cowslip, berries, acacia, elder, lime tree, mint, and many more.

Freshly gathered mushrooms or the fresh fish are on offer at boarding houses. All sorts of preserved vegetables during autumn – such as prickled ones or "zacusca" appetisers, made according to many and varied recipes known only to the local housewives, make up diverse menus you can indulge yourself with as if you were attending a royal feast.



### Inns waiting for to stop by at crossroads (E85-DN2):

- Ancuța's Inn, Tupilați commune, phone: 0233 781 400, 0744 548 075, [www.hanu-ancutei.ro](http://www.hanu-ancutei.ro)
- Hanul Răzeșilor, Tupilați commune, phone: 0730 608 141, [www.hanulrazesilor.ro](http://www.hanulrazesilor.ro)

### Masters of confiture in Neamț County:

- confiture, sorbet, syrups – Agapia Nunnery, phone: 0233 244 736
- confiture, sorbet, syrups – Vărătic Nunnery, phone: 0233 244 616
- Vrâncioaia's "zacusca" appetisers and confiture – Valentina Lungu, Dumbrava Roșie village, str. Baltagului, nr. 63, phone: 0731 327 627, [www.zacuscatraditionala.wordpress.com](http://www.zacuscatraditionala.wordpress.com)
- traditional confiture – Socea Cristina, Poloboc village, Rediu commune, phone: 0756 948 041
- cold-pressed sunflower oil, confiture, and "zacusca" appetisers – Valeri Rebegea, Dobreni village, phone: 0754 757 420





In the hill and mountain landscape in Neamț area sheep, goats, or cattle are always present and so are the skilled shepherds protected by shepherding dogs. On the slopes or clearings, the wooden sheepfolds appear in their simplicity waiting quietly for the animals to return from their grazing. Shepherding continues to be practiced as it used to, observing the same calendar – day by day, season after season – and the same ancient practice: grazing, watering, milking, and making various kinds of cheese and the food for the shepherds.

More recently developed in Neamț area, tourist sheepfolds, providing special facilities for guests, wait for you to grasp the secrets of pastoral life and to taste the dishes prepared by shepherds. What could be more delicious than a piece of cheese freshly prepared at the fold or a mug of milk, freshly milked and boiled in the cast-iron kettle. If you stay here for a bit longer, you will also taste other cheeses, butter, “balmoș” – a traditional shepherd's dish combining cheese, milk and corn flour – and buttermilk.

### **You are invited to catch up your breath at:**

•“Crucea Arsă” Tourist Sheepfold, Farcașa commune, phone: 0233 256 502, 0745 009 603  
•Hășmaș Tourist Sheepfold, Dămuc village, phone: 0744 385 482, 0744 472 309  
(TEO Cottages)

A great outdoors – mountains rejoicing in the sun and footpaths taking you to the peaks, gentle hills with fascinating scenery and winding roads through thick forests, clear and rapid flowing creeks, rivers and mountain lakes – is waiting for you to spend some leisure time as you would like to. Cycling or hiking through the villages will offer you the opportunity to discover the history of these places, to admire traditional houses and the pastures with their neatly aligned stack of hay or scattered sheep grazing.



## Angling

Angling is an old occupation in this area as the waters in Neamț County have provided a wide range of species: trout, chub, barbel, grayling, minnow, broad snout, carp, etc. In the beginning, it was practiced with bare hands. Later on, as tools became increasingly complex and diverse, depending on the species and quantity of fish, angling has kept pace with technology so that an angler's life has become easier. However, you can still see skilful people, who know the areas as the back of their hand, on the rapid creeks in the mountains looking for trout and bullhead near the stones in the rivers or creeks and catching them with their bare hands. As it has become a popular sport, you can often see anglers on the banks of rivers, lakes or man-made ponds. They greatly enjoy the tranquillity of the sites trying their lines in the water and rejoicing their catch. Neamț County offers enthusiast anglers the chance to try their skills on the freshwaters or in the purposefully organised ponds where success is guaranteed. And should you miss the big fish, there will be more stories to tell and more enjoyable ones.

### The following facilities wait for you to try your angling skills:

- "Izvorul Muntelui" Reservoir (perch, pike perch, trout, bream, rudd, crucian carp), Bicaz, phone: 0233 211 696 – Neamț County Forestry Direction
  - "Balta Porcului" Lake (crucian carp, carp), Alexandru cel Bun commune, phone: 0233 211 696 – Neamț County Forestry Direction
  - Budești Lake (medium-sized carp, crucian carp), Făurei commune, phone: 0233 211 696 – Neamț County Forestry Direction
  - "Dănăilă" Lake Complex (crucian carp, carp, perch, pike perch), Roman, phone: 0233 211 696 – Neamț County Forestry Direction
  - "Ferma Caritas" Lake (crucian carp, carp), Săbăoani commune, phone: 0233 211 696 – Neamț County Forestry Direction
  - "La Moldovean" Lake (carp, Asian carp, bighead carp, crucian carp, bleak fish), Dragomirești commune, phone: 0233 211 696 – Neamț County Forestry Direction
  - Simionești Lake (pike, tench, crucian carp, carp), Simionești village, Cordun commune, phone: 0233 211 696 – Neamț County Forestry Direction
  - Trifești Lake, Trifești commune, phone: 0233 211 696 – Neamț County Forestry Direction
  - "Zimbrăria" Lake (carp, Chinese carp, crucian carp, pike perch, bighead carp, Asian carp, pike, perch), Vânători-Neamț commune, phone: 0233 211 696 – Neamț County Forestry Direction
  - "La Iazuri" Fish Farm (carp, crucian carp, catfish), Agârcia village, Alexandru cel Bun commune, phone: 0769 268 774
  - Unghi Pond (carp, Asian carp, crucian carp, perch), Unghi village, Dragomirești commune, phone: 0233 211 696 – Neamț County Forestry Direction
- For lakes, ponds or reservoirs, an angler's licence is required.

### You are waited for a taste of trout at:

- "Bistra Montană" Trout Fishery in Bicazu Ardelean; info phone: 0745 498 681, [www.pastravariabistramontana.ro](http://www.pastravariabistramontana.ro)
- "Cheița" Trout Fishery, Bicaz, phone: 0233 253 143
- "Stegioara" Trout Fishery, Borca commune, phone: 0732 010 580



Angling on Bistrița River

## Horse riding

At some point in the dim past of the evolution of humans, but we do not really know when, man domesticated the horse, took him to his yard and together they "moved" the world forward. The personality and intelligence of this animal are qualities, which favoured the close relationships between man and horse, and which generated the respect thereto. Today, the term used is equitation regarded as one of the most noble sports or pastimes few have the chance to practice, but many fall in love with when they first take it up, probably due to this strong bond between the horse and the horse rider.

Should you decide to stop by in Neamț, you will be able to admire in our studs beautiful horses of various breeds – Arabian thoroughbred, Romanian Sports Horse, English thoroughbred, Lipizzaner, Gidran, Romanian medium-weight, Guzul, Bucovina. Whenever you have some time to spare, we invite you to attend equestrian performances and competitions, to have a carriage ride, to dressage classes or training, and, why not, to join other visitors in horse riding tours – any of this will arise your good spirits and lust for life in the great outdoors in the company of horses.

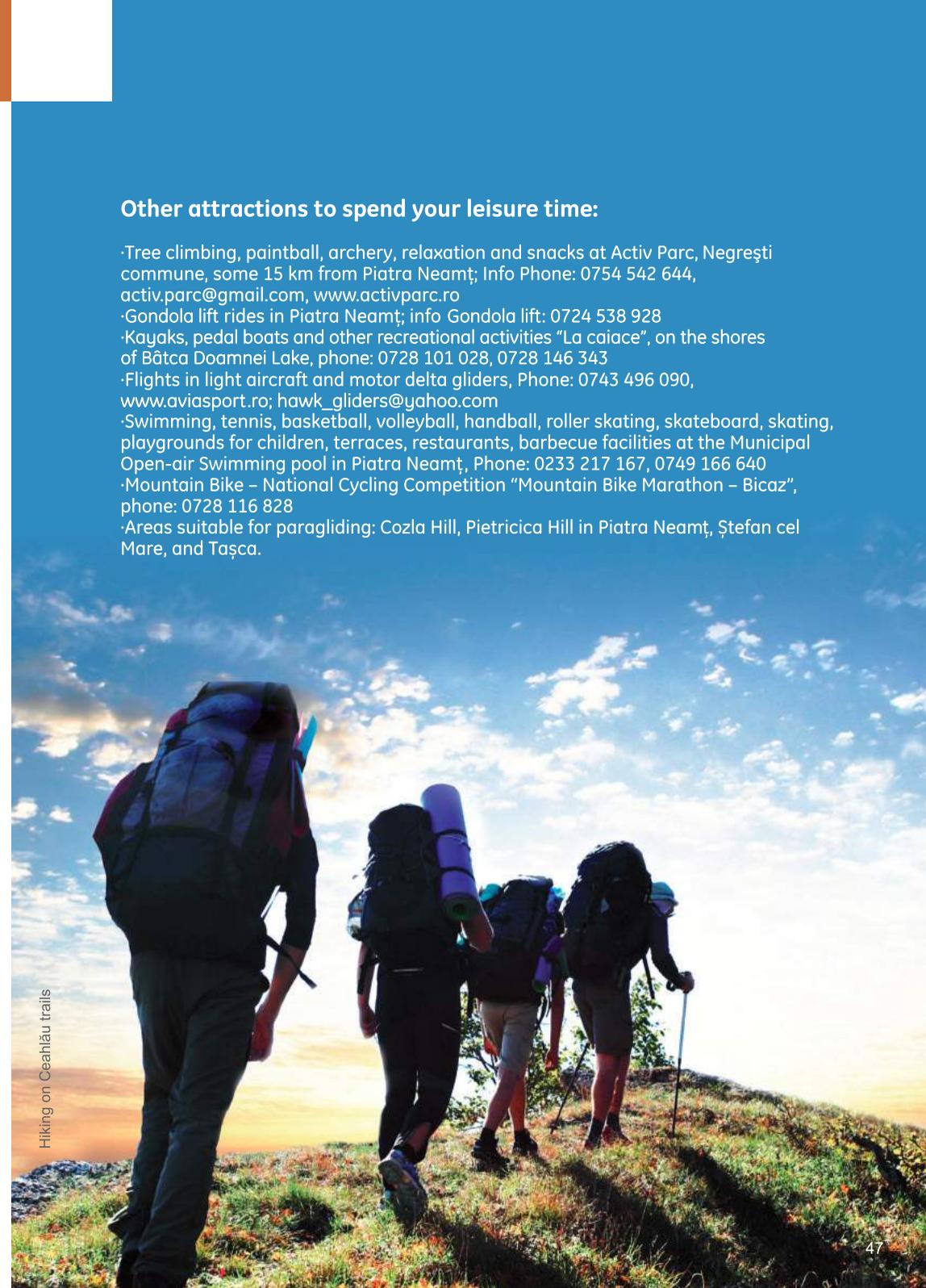
- equestrian performances and competitions, leisure horse rides and equestrian tourism, horse riding classes, dressage, and training at Dumbrava Stallion Stables, some 10 km away from Târgu Neamț, phone: 0233 660 373
- horse-riding, carriage rides for leisure, horse-riding school - at "Virgil Bărbuceanu" Equestrian Centre in Piatra Neamț; phone: 0233 217 167, 0746 912 427



Horse-riding Competition, "Virgil Bărbuceanu" Equestrian Centre, Piatra Neamț

## Other attractions to spend your leisure time:

- Tree climbing, paintball, archery, relaxation and snacks at Activ Parc, Negrești commune, some 15 km from Piatra Neamț; Info Phone: 0754 542 644, activ.parc@gmail.com, www.activparc.ro
- Gondola lift rides in Piatra Neamț; info Gondola lift: 0724 538 928
- Kayaks, pedal boats and other recreational activities "La caiace", on the shores of Bâta Doamnei Lake, phone: 0728 101 028, 0728 146 343
- Flights in light aircraft and motor delta gliders, Phone: 0743 496 090, www.aviasport.ro; hawk\_gliders@yahoo.com
- Swimming, tennis, basketball, volleyball, handball, roller skating, skateboard, skating, playgrounds for children, terraces, restaurants, barbecue facilities at the Municipal Open-air Swimming pool in Piatra Neamț, Phone: 0233 217 167, 0749 166 640
- Mountain Bike – National Cycling Competition "Mountain Bike Marathon – Bicaz", phone: 0728 116 828
- Areas suitable for paragliding: Cozla Hill, Pietricica Hill in Piatra Neamț, Ștefan cel Mare, and Tașca.



Hiking on Ceahlău trails

Mineral springs – healing waters people were blessed with to heal their suffering – have been known since the Roman times. Neamț County was also blessed with such cures that you could try in Bălătești Resort. Located in a peaceful relaxing natural environment, the resort is easily accessible to every traveller. It provides treatment for a wide range of conditions as well as varied menus observing to your doctor's orders.

### Healing for body and mind:

- Treatment for many conditions: rheumatism, post-rheumatism, peripheral neurological, gynaecological and associated, board and accommodation, including diet, at Bălătești Resort; Info Phone: 0233 244 018, fax: 0233 244 077, [statiuneabaltatesti@mapn.ro](mailto:statiuneabaltatesti@mapn.ro)
- Relaxing treatment offered by the Spa Centre at Aristocratis Boarding House, Târgu Neamț, phone: 0233 791 986, [www.cazaretarguneamț.ro](http://www.cazaretarguneamț.ro), [office@aristocratis.ro](mailto:office@aristocratis.ro)
- Relaxing treatment offered by APOSTROPH, Piatra Neamț, phone: 0233 231 199, 0745 604 664, [contact@apostroph.eu](mailto:contact@apostroph.eu)



Learned by doing over centuries and often connected to faith, customs, which deeply penetrated the collective consciousness, are still observed today in Neamț villages. Customs have been strongly preserved owing to their value that stood the test of time, and have been accepted by the entire community. Each village has its own customs and rules governing their life and work. In the mountain villages, you can still attend the shepherding in spring and round-up and sorting the sheep in autumn.

You are invited to join us at the following events:

**May:**

- “Armindeni” – herding sheep to the mountains – event organised in the Bicaz Chei commune;
- “The Hope Chest” Folk Art Festival

**June:**

- “The Days of the Town”, event organised at the Princely Court in Piatra Neamț;

**July:**

- The Days of Neamț Fortress, Târgu Neamț;
- “Hard as a Rock” Festival (skateboard, downhill, and streetball) at the Open-air Swimming pool in Piatra Neamț and on Cozla Hill;
- Medieval Art Festival, Târgu Neamț

**August:**

- Ceahlău Mountain Festivities – event organised in Durău Resort, at the foot of Ceahlău Massif
- International Folklore Festival, event gathering European folk song and dance groups for six days;
- Romanian Navy's Day, event organised in Bicaz Naval Port and on the Izvoru Muntelui Reservoir, 15 August;

**December:**

- Winter Feasts – traditional performances and events organised in localities all over the county



New Year's Traditions

Corvées, evening sittings, the hora, accompanied by music played on the flute, pan flute, trumpet, and drums are still present in the village. Many foreign travellers and Romanian scholars highlighted the rich variety of folk music and dance in the area. Dimitrie Cantemir noted, “Moldavians have over a hundred various dances and some so exquisite that the dancers seem not to touch the ground but they appear to fly.”

Winter holidays traditions form the longest, richest and merriest folk festival. They represent the living archive of the inhabitants' spirituality, better preserved in Moldova and especially in the villages of Neamț County. Winter traditions in this area include a rich and varied repertoire, which impresses by message, folk costumes, and music.

Carols are a must on Christmas festivals – carols and religious theme dramas are performed by groups of children or youth. The New Year is greeted with the “*Plugușorul*”, the small bottomless barrel covered with skin, cattle or sheep bells, and even with an ox-driven plough. Then, the village sky is filled with sounds of “*sorcova*” and spectacular mask dances – she-goat, stag, bear, young horsemen dance, and the outlaws' drama. The customs and traditions in Neamț area engage large numbers of participants in a ceremonially festive atmosphere, which is also competitive and jolly. Here in Neamț, we wait for you to attend the villages' festive days, the mountain festival, the snow festivals, folk drama festivals, the sheepherding celebration, picnics in the countryside, customs and traditions festivals.



Songs, dance, and merriment

## You can have a rest at

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**Bicazu Ardelean:** PALEU Guest House\*\*\*, phone. 0233 255 393, 0733 692 467, 740 803 439; "Bistra Montană" Trout, phone. 0744 702 953, 0745 498 681, www.pastravaribistramontana.ro

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|  | Fortress       |  | Boarding house    |
|  | Monastery      |  | Tourist Sheepfold |
|  | Hermitage      |  | Leisure Park      |
|  | Museum         |  | Horse-riding      |
|  | Memorial House |  | SPA               |
|  | Artisan        |  | Angling lakes     |
|  | Nature Reserve |  | Ponds             |
|  | Lake           |  | Trout fishery     |