





"Any journey, except the one on foot, is in my opinion a journey on foreign legs; to have at your disposal the seat of a train, the wheels of a carriage, or the legs of a horse means to travel sitting and to see only what is given to you, but not everything your heart desires."

Calistrat Hogaș, On Mountain Roads - Memories from a Journey









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INVITATION TO NEAMT

We invite all those who wish to escape the everyday, to discover new places and people, and to immerse themselves in the peaceful life of the Neamţ villages by following the Camino de România – Neamţ County pilgrimage route, a segment of the renowned European pilgrimage route Camino de Santiago, arranged within our county by the Neamţ County Council, in partnership with the nine traversed local public authorities, at the initiative of the Friends of Camino de Santiago Association. We invite you to take the road less traveled and to become pilgrims, even for a few days, to visit holy places full of spiritual, cultural and historical meaning, to enjoy en-route adventures and stunning landscapes along the way!

Neamţ County is a land full of history, culture, traditions, and with a truly spectacular natural setting. Here you will find the highest density of churches, hermitages, and old monasteries, to which newer religious establishments are added, placing the county among the most densely populated areas of religious sites in Europe. Nestled in the wilderness of the mountains or scattered through villages, these sacred places carry the burden of history and exude the spirituality that gathers pilgrims eager to find their peace and soul's tranquility. Anchors of faith, civilization, and Romanian culture, the places of worship are true pilgrimage sites, where you can stop, rest, strengthen your faith, gain peace, meet new people, and share stories. They await you with open gates, in good or bad weather, in the middle of the day or night.

Neamț County Council







What is the Camino de Santiago pilgrimage route?

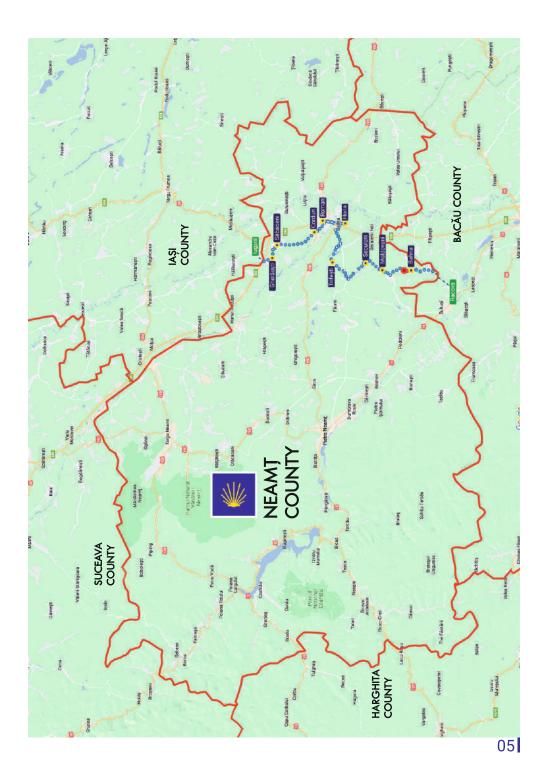
Camino de Santiago or the Way of Saint James is a network of Christian pilgrimage routes, traversed since the Middle Ages, which attract pilgrims from all over Europe, and which are annually covered by approximately 350,000 people from 160 countries. These routes have as their terminus the town of Santiago de Compostela, the capital of the Galicia region in northwestern Spain, where the tomb of the holy apostle James the Great is located. Since 1987, the Camino de Santiago has gained the status of European Cultural Itinerary, being a network of roads that spans the entire continent. The historical importance of the pilgrimage was recently recognized by UNESCO, which declared it a World Heritage Site.

Why go on this pilgrimage?

There are numerous reasons to go on this pilgrimage. Since the Middle Ages, pilgrims have sought salvation through repentance. Some embarked on pilgrimage to fulfill a sentence, while others did so on behalf of others to earn money. After the decline of pilgrimage known since the fifteenth century, due to plagues and religious wars, we nowadays witness a true rebirth of the phenomenon. The nature, tranquility, and simplicity of this route make those who traverse it feel the desire to return. Motivated by the desire to find God or simply as a personal challenge born of curiosity to explore the world or interest in the route, heritage, culture, or sport, the pilgrim is on the verge of having a truly unforgettable experience.











Camino de România - Neamţ County

Upon his arrival in Romania in 2019, Pope Francis blessed the first Camino de România milestone in Iași, which symbolically marks the starting point of the 4500 km route to Santiago de Compostela, Spain. In the eastern part of the European continent, the Camino de Santiago pilgrimage route is named Camino de România and starts from Iași, crosses Neamț and Bacău counties, then passes through the mountains into Transylvania, through Covasna County. The Camino de România crosses Neamț County through the Roman area, starting from the north, from the village of Gherăești, Gherăești commune, and descending south to the village of Izvoare, Bahna commune. The connection with Iași County is through the village of Iugani, and with Bacău County through the village of Racova.

How is the route marked?



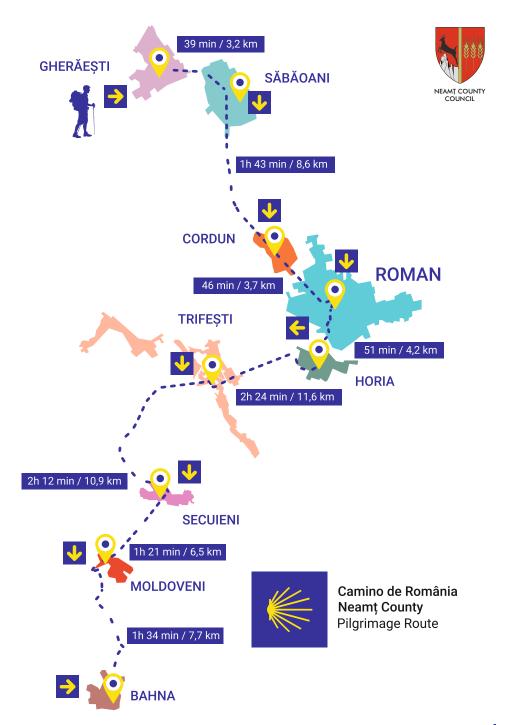








The route is marked with signage plates, mounted on poles or various structures, on which the golden scallop shell - a specific symbol of the Camino de Santiago route, and yellow arrows, indicating the direction of travel, are depicted, placed on a dark blue background. A myth says that pilgrims of yore used shells to drink water from springs while traversing the route. Additionally, priests would offer them a half shell upon their arrival at the Cathedral, at the completion of the journey. Today, the shell is the most commonly encountered symbol on the Camino de Santiago, being the identifying mark of any pilgrim, worn around the neck or attached to the backpack. Milestones are also installed along the pilgrimage route, marking the remaining distance to the end of the Camino de Santiago, as well as panels with information about the traversed localities.







Physical and Mental Preparation

The routes of the Camino de Santiago, respectively Camino de România – Neamţ County, involve several days of walking, covering distances of 20-30 km per day, therefore, prior preparation is crucial. The earlier you start physical preparation, the better. It is recommended to take regular walks of 25-30 minutes, three times a week, alternating days and combining walking with jogging.

In addition to physical preparation, mental preparation is equally important for this journey. The motivation for traversing the route must be established, and attention must be focused on achieving personal goals.

Necessary Equipment

It is said that on the Camino de Santiago, you can tell where a traveler started from the size of their luggage, which is inversely proportional to the length of the route traveled: for a shorter distance, the luggage can be larger, but for those covering hundreds of kilometers, backpacks are smaller and contain only the essentials.

Backpack. It is recommended to have a backpack with a capacity corresponding to a weight that does not exceed 10% of the pilgrim's body weight and to have as many compartments and pockets as possible, for easier use of necessary items during walking.

Water container. Hydration is extremely important, so one or two water or tea containers should not be missing. Clothing should be limited to the essentials and worn in several thin layers.

Footwear. Consideration should be given primarily to the season but also to the difficulty of the route. Footwear should be soft, without a rigid sole, and as ventilated as possible. In cold months, waterproof footwear is recommended, protecting against cold and humidity. In warm months, lighter boots or even mountain sandals are recommended. A pair of lightweight slippers are necessary for breaks or in accommodation areas, to allow the foot to relax and recover. It is very important not to use new footwear to avoid foot injuries.





Snacks. Along the way, cafes, bakeries, shops, restaurants, etc. can be found. However, depending on the number of meals per day and the number of calories each pilgrim needs, stocking up on snacks for the proposed route is recommended.

Rain poncho. A foldable rain poncho with a hood and wide enough to cover the backpack, if it does not already have protection, is recommended.

First aid kit. Even though there are pharmacies along the route, it is recommended to stock up from home with creams, sprays, and everything necessary to avoid blisters or chafing, as well as insects.

Documents. A smaller backpack can be useful for keeping valuables such as documents, glasses, money, or phone.

Optionally, you can take: a walking stick, a flashlight, earplugs, a sleeping bag, or a sheet. Also useful could be: a cup, a spoon, a knife, a map, and possibly a GPS compass, a match, or a lighter.







GHERĂEȘTI COMMUNE

The village of Gherăesti is the first on the Camino de România route in Neamt County. It is the seat village of Gherăesti commune and is located about 20 km from the city of Roman. The first document that directly refers to the Gherăesti estate, actually attesting the existence of the community, is a charter dated April 25, 1552, by which the Moldavian ruler Ștefan Rareș, son of Petru Rares, declared an exchange of villages made by his father with the bishop of Roman at that time, Macarie, thus reinforcing the ownership of the Roman Episcopate over this village. Settlement in the commune's territory is also attested by the archaeological site from much earlier times: a settlement from the 2nd century BC - 1st century AD and a necropolis from the 15th - 18th centuries. Catholics predominate here, with the first mention of them in this community dating back to 1745.





USEFUL INFO:

Town Hall contact: 56 Vasile Alecsandri Street, Gherăești, Neamţ County, +40 233 746 051, +40 233 746 450, primaria@primariagheraesti.ro, www.primariagheraesti.ro; pharmacies: Alpha Farm (in the commune dispensary building), Ilymar Farm (Vasile Alecsandri Street, near the Town Hall); communal dispensary - Vasile Alecsandri Street; public restroom: Ştefan cel Mare Street (opposite the Festivity Hall)

Events: Feast of the Roman Catholic Church, on Green Thursday





"THE BODY AND BLOOD OF THE LORD" ROMAN-CATHOLIC CHURCH



Contact: Cobzaru Street, Gherăești, Neamț County, +40 233 746 021, +40 744 545 384, +40 722 722 702, +40 758 602 424, gheraesti@ercis.ro, www.parohia gheraesti.ro; parish priest: Paul Budău; church feast: The Most Holy Body and Blood of the Lord







"ASSUMPTION OF THE VIRGIN MARY" ORTHODOX CHURCH



Contact: School Alley Street, Gherăești, +40 723 053 796; priest: Lupu Liviu-Vasilică; church feast: Assumption of the Virgin Mary, August 15









SĂBĂOANI COMMUNE

Săbăoani is the largest Catholic village in Moldavia and the seat of Săbăoani commune, one of the oldest rural settlements in Neamt County. The legend of the formation of Săbăoani commune can be found in the pages of a manuscript called "The Chronicle of Săbăoani", a monograph created by Petre Sescu (The Forester). Today's Săbăoani commune was formed from the old village of Berindesti, located "on the ridge of the hill from where you could embrace with your gaze and see with the naked eye the entire Siret Valley, with its gentle plains...". The name of the village, the author shows, comes from the Turkish word "berindei", given by the Turks to the streams that plowed this land. Four archaeological sites dating back to the Bronze and Eneolithic Age the Cucuteni Culture, have been discovered within the commune's area. which are included in the list of historical monuments in Neamt County. In Săbăoani, 98.55% of the inhabitants are Roman Catholics.





USEFUL INFO:

Town Hall contact: 56 Orizontului Street, Săbăoani, Neamț County, +40 233 735 009, office@primariasabaoani.ro, www.primariasabaoani.ro; pharmacies: Alfa Pharmacy, St. Anton Pharmacy, Săbăoani Pharmacy, communal dispensary on Muncii Street Events: Commune Day, on the second Sunday of August





"QUEEN OF THE HOLY ROSARY" ROMAN-CATHOLIC CHURCH



Contact: 4A Orizontului Street, Săbăoani, Neamț County, +40 333 106 273; sabaoanimariaregina@ ercis.ro; www.parohiacatolicasabaoani.ro; priest: Câtia Anton; church feast: Holy Mary – Queen of the Holy Rosary, October 7









"SAINT MICHAEL" ROMAN-CATHOLIC CHURCH

The "Saint Michael" Church in Săbăoani is one of the most representative churches in Moldavia, both due to its dimensions (length 53.7m, width 22.7m, height 15m) and its classic, Romanesque style, architectural harmony, and exceptional technical execution. This monumental church was built in three years (1894-1902) and is a living expression of the faith of the Catholics in Săbăoani. The church's

organ was donated by King Carol I and was built by Gebrüder Rieger, having 26 registers, 2 keyboards, and a pedalboard.













Contact: 53 Orizontului Street, Săbăoani, Neamț County, +40 233 735 014, sabaoanisfantulmihail@ercis.ro, www.parohiacatolicasabaoani.ro; priest: losub Irinel; church feast: Holy Archangels Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, September 29

THE DIOCESAN MUSEUM OF CATHOLICS IN MOLDAVIA

The Diocesan Museum of Catholics in Moldavia was inaugurated on September 30, 2002. It contains 4 sections, namely: archaeology, ethnography, history, and liturgical section, which are arranged in 8 rooms, illustrating the presence of Catholics east of the Carpathians since the 13th century, as well as their spread throughout the entire territory of Moldavia.

Contact: "Saint Michael" Roman-Catholic Church, Săbăoani, 53 Orizontului Street, +40 233 735 014









"THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS" ROMAN-CATHOLIC CHURCH



Contact: 2 Salcâmilor Street, Săbăoani, Neamţ County, +40 744 643 995, sabaoanisfantacruce@ercis.ro; priest: Gașpal Robert, church feast: *The Exaltation of the Holy Cross*, September 14









Contact: 82A Luceafărului Street, Săbăoani, Neamț County, +40 233 768 125, sabaoanisfantuliosif@ ercis.ro; priest: lancu Pius-Petru; church feast: Saint Joseph the Worker, May 1







CORDUN COMMUNE

Cordun is a commune in the eastern part of the county, situated on the left bank of the Moldova River, northwest of the city of Roman, where the Moldova River receives the waters of the Ciurlic tributary. The commune consists of three villages, and the pilgrimage route crosses two of them: Cordun and Simionesti.



USEFUL INFO:

Town hall contact: 101 Vasile Alecsandri Street, Cordun, Neamţ, +40 233 748 196, office@primariacordun.ro, www.primariacordun.ro;

Events: Commune Day, August 21











"BAPTISM OF THE LORD" ORTHODOX CHURCH IN SIMIONEST



Dating from 1880 and being the founded by the Armenian family Ana and Donig Simionescu, the church in Simioneşti was built on a cross plan, the style being a combination of Moldavian and Armenian.

Contact: Simionești Village, Cordun Commune, Neamț County, +40 727 787 533, prtrofin@yahoo.com; priest: Trofin Romeo; church feast: Baptism of the Lord and Saints Joachim and Anne, September 9







ORTHODOX CHURCH "SAINT GEORGE", CORDUN



Construction of the church in Cordun began before 1890, being raised through the voluntary contribution of the parishioners from Cordun. The church was consecrated on September 22, 1892, being subordinated to the Roman Episcopate, and the church's patron is Saint George. Following some substantial modifications, the church was reconsecrated on July 8, 2013, and received the patronage of Saint Nicholas.

Contact: 102 Vasile Alecsandri Street, Neamţ, +40 722 712 257, parohiacordun@gmail.com; parish priest: Munteanu Dragoş, +40 786 585 828; church feasts: Saint George, April 23, and Saint Nicholas, December 6



ROMAN CITY

Located in the heart of the historical region of Moldavia, Roman is mentioned for the first time in the Novgorod Chronicle, dated around 1387, and in Nestor's chronicle, the first internal document being a donation charter from March 30, 1392. Roman represents a true treasure trove of historical relics that prove the importance of this center of Moldavia, remnants from different times (Paleolithic, Neolithic, etc.) attesting to millennia-old settlements in the area, dating back to the Bronze Age. Here, Alexander the Blessed established an Archbishopric in the period 1408-1413, which also served as the Metropolis of Roman and Lower Moldavia

USEFUL INFO:

City Hall contact: 1 Roman Vodă Square, Roman, Neamț County, +40 233 741 651, +40 233 741 119, comunicare@primaria roman.ro, www.primariaroman.ro; public toilets: in the Municipal Park of Roman,





behind the Roman City Hall building, next to the Cultural House, in Zăvoi Park, in Jora Park; pharmacies: Ropharma Pharmacies no.32 and no.28: 2 Unirii Street; Dona Pharmacies: 33 Roman Muşat Blvd / 15 Tineretului Street / 21 Roman Muşat Blvd / 4 Roman Muşat Blvd; Catena Pharmacies: 2 Unirii Street / 25 Roman Muşat Blvd / 11 Tudor Vladimirescu Street / 21 Sucedava Street; Dr. Max Pharmacies: 1 Anton Pann Street / 27 Roman Muşat Blvd / 4 Tudor Vladimirescu Street; Alfa Farm: 11 Oituz Street / Ştefan cel Mare Pedestrian alley, bl. 6; Sante Farm: 1 Smirodava Street / 21 Sucedava Street; Aruncus Pharmacy: Ştefan cel Mare Pedestrian alley, bl. 10; Etelka Pharmacy: Roman Muşat Blvd, Bl. 48, Ap. 51; Richter Pharmacy: Anton Pann Street;





Sensi Blu Pharmacies: in Roman Value Centre, 3 Mihai Viteazul Street / in Kaufland, 2 Artera Vest; Mina Dona Pharmacy: Sucedava Street, bl. 21; Help Net Pharmacy: in Kaufland, 13 Mihai Viteazu Street; Iris Farm: 15 Tineretului Street / 1 Bogdan Dragoș Street; Dispensaries/Medical Centers: Roman Municipal Emergency Hospital, 28-30 Tineretului Street; Emergency Centers - schedule: between 15:00 - 08:00: Emergency Center on 100 Bogdan Dragoș Street, Emergency Center on 20 Anton Pann Street; Public drinking fountains: in the Municipal Park, in Roman-Vodă Square, on Roman Mușat Blvd

Events: Roman City Days, May 15-21

The main tourist attractions are the places of worship built during the medieval period. The churches in the city are designed on impressive scales, with many architectural accessories and stylistic eclecticism trends. The 15 Orthodox churches and 5 Roman Catholic churches occupy a special place in the ensemble of Romanian historical and cultural-artistic heritage. Additionally, the city of Roman is home to four museums that include unique collections, objects of extreme importance for the history of the area, exhibitions of nationally and internationally renowned artists.

ROMAN MUNICIPAL PARK





Unique in Europe for the diversity of dendrological species that have developed around the leisure lake, the park awaits to offer you a moment of rest and contemplation; in the tranquility of the alleys, you will discover the Writers' Rotunda gathering the busts of Creangă, Eminescu, Sadoveanu, Alecsandri, Caragiale, Vlahuţă,





Kogălniceanu, Miron Costin, and Enescu, as well as the monument of Ion Ionescu de la Brad. The Municipal Park, also known as The Great Garden, covers an area of 13.3 hectares. A recreational area since the 19th century, the park originates from the former Teiuş forest and is, in terms of dendrological species diversity, unique in Europe. Since 1994, the City Park has been declared a legally protected landscape reserve and represents a beauty oasis that attracts numerous tourists. In the Municipal Park, there is a lake equipped with a boat dock and rowboats and pedal boats, visitors being able to enjoy leisure rides during the summer season.





NATURAL SCIENCES MUSEUM

Located in the Municipal Park, in a modern building that harmoniously blends into the surrounding space, the museum presents itself, both through its permanent exhibition and temporary ones, as an important and pleasant opportunity to get to know nature. The basic exhibition includes species of plants and animals specific to the ecosystems of forests, meadows, and



floodplains in the Roman area. The exhibits were collected as a result of research activities in the area of confluence of the Moldova and Siret rivers. Over the course of its 40 years of existence, the museum has created a rich and valuable heritage, holding collections of fauna and flora from the Siret Meadow, as well as an entomological collection that includes over 40,000 specimens of insects.





Contact: 244 Ştefan cel Mare Street, Roman, Neamţ County, +40 233 742 528, msnr.muzeu-neamt.ro Visiting hours: Tuesday-Sunday: 9-17 (October – March), 10-18 (April – September)

f "BLESSED JEREMIAH THE WALLACHIAN" ROMAN-CATHOLIC CHURCH





Contact: 2 Siretului Street, Roman, Neamţ County, +40 233 744 836, romanfericitulieremia@ ercis.ro; church feast: St. Jeremiah the Wallachian, May 8



"SAINT THERESA OF THE CHILD OF GOD" ROMAN-CATHOLIC CHURCH

Constructed between 1927-1947 and consecrated in 1942, it is a church built in the Romanian Byzantine-Brancovan style and has a central position in the city of Roman. It has three towers, the largest of which is empty, symbolizing the immensity of the Universe over which "Christ, the King of the Universe" reigns. The church has a cross shape with a main nave and two transepts on the right and left sides. It is 35m long, 10m wide, and with tower heights of 30m. The interior is dominated by the Romanesque style with three pairs of massive columns and with round vaults and arches. The building itself is a prayer between earth and sky.









Contact: 228 Ştefan cel Mare Street, Roman, Neamţ County, +40 233 741 194, romansfantatereza@ ercis. ro, www.parohiasfterezaroman.ro; priest: Sebastian Bilboc; church feast: St. Teresa, October 1 (celebrated on the nearest Sunday)







HISTORY MUSEUM - NEVRUZZI HOUSE



Established in 1957, the museum holds a rich and diversified heritage, operating in two buildings: the Nevruzzi House and the Fălcoianu House - architectural monuments - the former hosting the basic exhibition, and the latter the deposits and spaces dedicated to research and conservation activities. The main exhibition is organized in 15 rooms, with a space of 700 square meters, and includes over 5,000 pieces,

with the famous Treasure of Brad, belonging to the Cucuteni Culture, as well as valuable medieval relics of the city, documented since March 30, 1392, standing out from the permanent exhibition. The museum collection also includes objects of worship representative of the Orthodox Church, the Roman Catholic Church, and the Jewish community, symbolically representing the religious communities living in harmony in the Roman area.

Contact: 26 Cuza Vodă Street, +40 233 744 673, mir.muzeu-neamt.ro; visiting hours: Tuesday-Sunday, 10:00-18:00 (April-September), 9:00-17:00 (October-March)





ROMAN ART MUSEUM - ROBU HOUSE

The museum building is an architectural monument constructed at the end of the 19th century. The museum's collections include 642 works of painting, graphics, sculpture, and decorative art. The main exhibition, through its theme, highlights, within the context of Romanian art, the creations of artists connected in one way or another to the Roman area. The main exhibition is complemented by temporary exhibitions that cover various styles of contemporary art.



Contact: 3 Mihai Eminescu Street, Roman, Neamţ County, +40 233 744 011, mar.muzeu-neamt.ro

"PRESENTATION OF MARY" (PRECISTA MICĂ) ORTHODOX CHURCH

The Church is a historical monument built on the site of an old wooden church, at the beginning of the 18th century or even earlier. The construction of the current building began in 1791.



Contact: 143 Sucedava Street, Roman, +40 743.967.608, tiberiu_ssg@yahoo.com; priest: Tiberiu Roşu, church feast days: The Nativity of the Most Holy Mother of God, September 8, and The Presentation of Mary, November 21









THE WHITE PRINCELY ORTHODOX CHURCH



Known since its construction as the "Princely Church", the monument was built in 1615 by Prince Ştefan II Tomşa and rebuilt in 1695 by Vasile Cantacuzino. The holy place is located in the center of the city of Roman and impresses with its massiveness, surpassing in size all other churches in the city. The most precious adornment of this Holy Church is the Iconostasis, a unique work of its kind in all of Moldavia.

made of solid oak wood and measuring 8.2 meters in length and 9 meters in height. Dating back to 1922, it impresses both with the richness and variety of its sculptural ornaments and the vividness of the color paintings by Ludvig Braner.

Contact: 22 Veronica Micle Street, +40 786 131 821, cultural.arb@gmail.com; **priest**: Valentin Băltoi, **church feast day**: *Saint Archangels Michael and Gabriel*, November 8

"DESCENT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT"ORTHODOX CHURCH - FORMER ARMENIAN CHURCH



The significant Armenian community in the Middle Ages on the territory of Roman led to the construction of a spacious stone church in 1609. Since the Armenian community in Roman consisted of only a few families, and the church that had been abandoned began to deteriorate, the Archbishopric of Roman obtained, in March 1981, from the Archbishopric of Armenians in Bucharest, the transfer of the building "for provisional unlimited use."







This church was built on the site of an old church bought from the Saxons in 1355 and has a remarkable architecture that strikes with its beauty and elegance. Built on a cruciform plan, the church is equipped with 19 windows and two stone-carved domes, and all these elements offer elegance and slenderness to the entire building.

Contact: 13 Veronica Micle Street, Roman, Neamț County, +40 743 076 535, bisericaarmeneascaroman @gmail.com; priest: Ionel Doru, church feast day: Descent of the Holy Spirit (Pentecost)



"SAINT GEORGE" ORTHODOX CHURCH



The "Saint George" Church in Roman is a place whose long history is linked to the fortress-city of Roman, which was for a certain period (from the 15th century to the 19th century) the most important military, ecclesiastical, and economic center of Lower Country of Moldavia. Despite not being very large, with its slender and harmonious forms, the "St. George" Church creates the impression of monumentality. Its body has an impressive volume and is symmetrically composed in the Russian neoclassical style, with a nave shape and four slender domes, the architectural plans being brought from Odessa by the founder Grigore Done, originally from the Hotin County.

Contact: 8 Soldat Porojan Street, Roman, +40 742 150 667, gherasimescuioan@yahoo.com; priest: Ioan Gherasimescu, church feast day: Saint George, April 23.





"THE DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS" ENSEMBLE OF THE ORTHODOX CHURCH (PRECISTA MARE CHURCH)

The Precista Mare Church is located near the Archbishopric of Roman and is part of the category of major voivodal foundations, being the result of the piety and efforts of Lady Ruxandra, the widow of Alexandru Lăpușneanu, who built this place of worship in 1569, on the site of an older church.

Contact: 22 Roman Muşat Blvd., +40 722 915 623, antocedan@gmail.com; priest:



Archpriest Dan Alexandru Antoce, **church feast day**: *The Dormition of the Theotokos*, August 15

THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY" ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



The church is located in the southeastern part of the city and was consecrated on June 5, 2011. It has an exterior height of 35 meters, while inside it measures 34 meters in length, 28 meters in width, and 17 meters in height.

Contact: 99 Bogdan Dragoş Street, Roman, Neamţ County, +40 333 803 760, +40 762 329 826, parohia inmroman@gmail.com, romaninimaneprihanita @ercis.ro; priest: Ionel Roşu, church feast day: Immaculate Heart of Mary, the 14th day after the Feast of the Holy Trinity















"GEORGE RADU MELIDON" MUNICIPAL LIBRARY - IOACHIM HOUSE

The Municipal Library, a cultural institution with multiple dimensions managing a collection of over 140,000 volumes, is located in the loachim House in Roman, a building from the late 19th century of the merchant Vasile loachim, who brought French craftsmen to build it in the style specific to French classical architecture. Unique in Moldavia is the tower with Florentine influence.

Contact: 19 Roman Muşat Blvd, Roman, +40 233 744 628, bibliotecaroman@ primariaroman.ro, **operating hours:** Monday-Friday: 9:00-17:00.

ENSEMBLE OF THE ARCHBISPHORIC CHURCH IN ROMAN



The Archbishopric Cathedral "Saint Paraskeva" of Roman, built between 1542 - 1550 by Prince Petru Rareş, is a historical and religious monument whose architecture is typical of the 16th century, continuing the constructive-decorative solutions of the architects and craftsmen of Stephen the Great. The ecclesiastical complex, whose current painting has artistic forms belonging to the late Renaissance and European

Baroque, also includes a chapel, cells, the Bell Tower, and the Episcopal Palace built in 1870. The church, dedicated on October 14th, houses the unique icon of the Protectress of Moldavia. Saint Paraskeva.





The tower has 5 levels, the first two housing the archive of the episcopate, and the next three containing one of the richest documentary libraries (approximately 20,000 volumes, 700 old Romanian, Slavonic, and Greek books, complemented by 91 manuscripts from various epochs and in different languages). Within this complex, in the museum arranged in the courtyard of the Episcopal Church in Roman, a series of objects with a special historical value are exhibited, constituting true treasures of Romanian art and testimonies of an ancient Orthodox devotion: pieces belonging to the categories

of embroidery, silverware, and wood carving.

Contact: 5 Alexandru cel Bun Street, Roman, Neamţ County, +40 233 744 683, arhiep.romanuluisibacaului@gmail.com, www.eprb.ro; hierarch: His Eminence loachim, Archbishop of Roman and Bacău, administrative vicar: Archimandrite Pimen Costea, church feast day: Saint Paraskeva, October 14

"JESUS THE GOOD SHEPHERD" ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH



The church has 700 seats and is in the shape of a cross (35 m long, 14.7 m wide, 12 m interior height, 16 m eaves height, and 37.8 m tower height). The altar is cast in reinforced concrete, clad in marble. The carpet at the main entrance bears a cross engraved with the year of the church's consecration and continues with 12 crosses (representing the 12 apostles) to the cross-shaped altar. In the center stands the statue of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, and under the statue is the bronzegild tabernacle, in the form of bread cut into four by a cross.

Contact: 4 Sucedava Street, +40 233 742 234, romanbunulpastor@ercis.ro, www.parohiaisusbunul pastor.ro; priest: lacob Stolnicu, church feast day: Good Shepherd Sunday (4th Sunday of Easter)





"MOLDOVA" SPORTS AND LEISURE COMPLEX





Opened in 2015, the complex is a modern location for spending leisure time in the summer, equipped with three swimming pools: for children, beginners, and advanced, of Olympic dimensions (2000 sgm). Within the complex, there is a sand volleyball court, generous areas with sun loungers and beach umbrellas, and numerous green spaces. The resort also includes playgrounds, fitness and outdoor sports areas, tracks for roller skating, skateboarding, and cycling, as well as fountains, promenade areas, commercial spaces, terraces, picnic areas, grills, and gazebos. Recently, the area for events was redesigned: the stage, the space for the public, and the projection booth. Visitors to the complex can also enjoy pool parties, foam baths, water fitness, as well as swimming, volleyball, and tennis competitions for all ages.

Contact: 60 Vasile Lupu Street, Roman, +40 786 450 754, +40 233 278 333 (or +40 786 450 754),

www.primariaroman.ro/util_strand.php;

schedule: opening hours: summer season at the resort:

Monday - Sunday: 9:00 - 20:00, picnic area (gazebos): April 1 - October 31: Monday - Thursday: 9:00 - 21:00, Friday - Sunday:

9:00 - 23:00.







HORIA COMMUNE





MAP

Horia Commune is located in the eastern part of Neamt County, at the confluence of the Moldova and Siret rivers, at a distance of approximately 2 km by road from the city of Roman, and consists of the villeges of Horiz and Coty Verses the location.

of the villages of Horia and Cotu Vames, the latter being first documented on September 16, 1408, when Prince Alexander the Blessed donated two villages to the Holy Friday Church in Roman,



one of these being the current village of Cotu-Vameş. The tourist attractions of the commune are: the "Ion Ionescu de la Brad" High School built in 1885, the Memorial Cross of the heroes from the 1916-1918 war in Cotu-Vames dated 1936, the Memorial Cross of the heroes from the 1916-1918 war in Horia in the courtyard of the Orthodox Church "Ascension of the Lord" dated from 1919, and the Shrine of the heroes from the 1941-1945 war located in front of the "Ion Ionescu de la Brad" High School dated 1945.

USEFUL INFO:

Town Hall contact: Pietrei Street, Horia, Neamţ County, +40 233 747 462, contact@primariahorianeamt.ro, primariahorianeamt.ro, **pharmacies**: Farmacia Alpha, Plopului Street, Cotu-Vames village; **dispensaries**: Crângului Street, Cotu-Vames Village; **Commune Day**, in August

"THE NEW CHURCH" GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH



The church was established in 1894 and was attested in 1896.

Contact: Liman Street, Cotu Vameş, Horia commune; priest: Palade Sânică; church feast day: Ascension of the Lord







"SAINT DEMETRIOS" ORTHODOX CHURCH



The church was built in 1859, 15 meters away from the old wooden one. It is made of brick, on a stone foundation, covered with white sheet metal. It has a ship-like shape, in the Renaissance style. The church tower was constructed in 1892 and has three bells. The iconostasis is carved in lime wood and painted with golden bronze.

Contact: Cotu Vameș village, Horia commune, Neamț County, +40 745 946 521; priest: Ciucanu Mario Doro; church feast day: St. Great Martyr Demetrios, October 26









Contact: Reconstruction Street, Horia Commune, Neamt County, +40 763 609 908, priest: Father Smerea Gheorghe; church feast day: Descent of the Holy Spirit (Pentecost)

ADVENTIST CHURCH, HORIA

Contact: Alexandru cel Bun Street, no. 96, Horia, Neamţ County, +40 749 501 033 / +40 234 510 778, luciantomoiaga@adventist.ro; priest: Lucian Tomoiaga





TRIFEȘTI COMMUNE



The first appearance of the name "Trifești" is recorded on January 21, 1588, in a sales record, when Grigore buys with 75 zlotys the shares of the son of Stancăi from Roșiori. Witnesses to this transaction were Crimăţui and Tolea from Trifești. A document that supports this claim is the one in which Voivode Alexandru Iliaș confirms on November 2, 1632, to his boyar Dumitru Buhuş, the third



chancellor, "the village of Niculeşti, called Trifeştii, with a pond and mills on the Black Stream". According to the historian D. Ciurea, in 1675, the village of Trifeşti was part of the district of the fortress of Târgu Neamţ.

USEFUL INFO:

Town Hall contact: Main Street, Trifeşti, Neamţ County, +40 233 745 547, trifesti@nt.e-adm.ro, www.primariatrifesti.ro **Events:** *Village Day* (Ascension of the Lord), *Pilgrimage to the Shepherd's Tomb, Sunday of St. Thomas* (the first Sunday after Easter)

"SAINT NICHOLAS" CHURCH IN TRIFEȘTI



The place of worship has a nave shape on the outside and is built of stone and brick, covered with sheet metal. It also features an imposing dome housing three bells. The interior of the church is cross-shaped. Over time, its founders and their descendants have adorned the holy place and donated numerous religious objects. The church preserves the Holy Icon of the Mother of God, adorned in silver, which has a special

history passed down from generation to generation. It is the only miracle-working icon in the Archdiocese of Roman and Bacău located in a parish church. Another point of

interest for visitors to the village of Trifeşti is the Shepherd's Tomb, located in the village schoolyard. According to tradition, the shepherd who saved the icon from turbulent waters is said to have been buried there.

Contact: Main Street, Trifești, Trifești commune, parohiatrifesti@gmail.com, www.parohiatrifesti.ro; parish priest: Laurentiu Segneanu - +40 747 079 676, assistant priest: Florin Aurel Țuscanu - +40 745 656 865; church feast day: Saint Nicholas, December 6



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SECUIENI COMMUNE

The name Secuieni appears for the first time as "Sacuiani" in 1448, July 27, in a deed of gift from Petru Voivode, the ruler of Moldavia, to Ion Porcu, a faithful servant, offering him 24 villages. Some of these villages have disappeared over time or have been affiliated with other communes. Some documents older than 1448 prove that the village of Secuieni is much older than its





mention in charters, especially since older objects have been discovered on its territory: a stone hammer dating back to the Stone Age, a silver coin from 1408, and the archaeological site at Butnărești, point "La Chiuaru" - settlement and necropolis from the 2nd -3rd centuries AD.

USEFUL INFO:

Town Hall contact: Secuieni, Neamţ County, +40 233 745 004, office@primariasecuieni.ro, www.primariasecuieni.ro









"HOLY GREAT SOVEREIGNS CONSTANTINE AND HELEN" WOODEN ORTHODOX CHURCH IN GIULESTI





The church was built by the Dumbravă family, Constantin and Maria, with their sons, under the direct guidance of Father Adăscălitei Petru, as the old church was no longer functional. On September 15, 1997, the place donated by the Dumbravă family to the episcopate was consecrated. The church is made of wood, with cores made of metal poles. reinforced concrete foundation, and is covered with galvanized sheet metal.

Contact: Giulești village, Secuieni commune, Neamţ; priest: Mihai Bogdan; church feast day: Holy Great Sovereigns Constantine and Helen, May 21



The church was built in 1762 from stone and brick by the great chamberlain Nicolae Vârnav and his wife Despa. The exterior of the church resembles a ship, while the interior has a cross shape. Initially, the church did not have bell towers or a porch. Both inside and outside, it was not painted but only whitewashed. Inside, the iconostasis and pulpit are made of carved lime wood and covered with bronze and paint. Their age corresponds to the construction of the church, 1762.



Contact: +40 763 609 264; priest: Pîcă Daniel Constantin; church feast day: Saint Paraskeva, October 14

"SAINT NICHOLAS" ORTHODOX CHURCH IN BUTNĂREȘTI



The church was built in 1869 by the ancestors of today's parishioners. It has a nave shape and a tower housing the bells that announce divine services every holiday, while the iconostasis is made of lime wood, painted in oil.

Contact: Butnărești village, Secuieni commune, Neamț County, +40 763 233 939; priest: Mihai Bogdan; church feast day: Saint Nicholas, December 6



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MOLDOVENI COMMUNE



Moldoveni commune has been documented since 1448 when its lands were granted to the official of the Moldavian Council, Ion (Oană) Porcu. By the end of the 15th century, the existence of the village of Porcesti was



well established, along with the neighboring villages Brebi and Hociungi. The evolution of the economic, social, and demographic life of the villages of Moldoveni and Hociungi is attested by documents issued in the second half of the 16th century and the first half of the 17th century. Between 1630 and 1648, the inhabitants of Porcești sold their properties or parts thereof to the brothers lurașcu and Gheorghe Bașotă and to the great chamberlain of the Lower Country of Moldavia, with great influence during the reign of Vasile Lupu, so that by the end of the 18th century, there were only peasant serfs left in the commune. Archaeological excavations have discovered traces of a Cucuteni Culture settlement from the Bronze Age and a necropolis from the 2nd - 4th centuries AD, cultural landmarks included in the list of historical monuments.

USEFUL INFO:

Town Hall contact: Moldoveni commune, Neamţ County, +40 233 745 752, primaria_moldoveni@yahoo.com, www.comunamoldoveni.ro



"DORMITION OF THE THEOTOKOS" ORTHODOX CHURCH IN MOLDOVENI

Contact: Moldoveni village, Neamţ County, +40 766 209 766; priest: Onofrei Alexandru; church feast day: Dormition of the Theotokos, August 15

"SAINT NICHOLAS" ORTHODOX CHURCH IN MOLDOVENI

Contact: Moldoveni village, Neamţ County, +40 740 134 147; priest: Onofrei lustin loan; church feast day: Saint Nicholas, December 6



"SAINTS ARCHANGELS MICHAEL AND GABRIEL" ORTHODOX CHURCH IN HOCIUNGI



The parish church was built between 1901-1909 according to the plan of engineer N. Hoisescu from Roman, assisted by the Italian master Enrico Buzetto. It was consecrated by Bishop Gherasim Safirim of Roman on October 25, 1909. It is built in Byzantine style, in the shape of a cross, being guarded by three majestic and well-proportioned domes. The walls inside are oil-painted in Renaissance style, and the

iconostasis is made of carved lime wood, gilded with bronze and paint.

Contact: +40 761 690 067, parohiahociungi@yahoo.com; priest: Rotaru Alexandru; church feast day: Saints Archangels Michael and Gabriel, November 8



BAHNA COMMUNE



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Bahna commune is located in the southeast part of Neamţ County and is traversed by the pilgrimage route through four villages: Bahna, Broşteni, Băhnişoara, and Izvoare, the latter being the crossing point to Bacău County (the locality of Racova). In recent decades, numerous archaeological remains have been discovered in Bahna Commune and its surroundings,



demonstrating that in this microregion, the beginnings of human life date back to the dawn of history in the ancient Dacian space. Traces of habitation from the Eneolithic period, belonging to the great Cucuteni cultural complex, have been unearthed through surface surveys and chance discoveries in several points across the microregion. Nearby, to the east of Bahna and at Aldeşti, systematic archaeological research has been conducted in a settlement belonging to the Cucuteni culture, with a history spanning over 5,000 years.

In the subsequent era of Thracian-Geto-Dacian history and civilization, the microregion where Bahna Commune is situated was densely populated. Evidence of habitation from the Bronze Age as well as from the early Iron Age has been found in other areas within the commune. Even in the centuries following the Roman abandonment of Dacia, the indigenous population continued to live in several settlements within the microregion where the nucleus of Bahna Commune lies.

USEFUL INFO:

Town Hall contact: Main Street, no. 61, Bahna, Neamţ County, +40 233 760 002, primaria@bahna.ro, www.bahna.ro, **pharmacies:** in Broşteni village - SALOFARM, **clinics:** in Brosteni village and Izvoare village

Events: Commune Day, September 8, and Heroes Day (on Ascension Day)











ORTHODOX CHURCH IN BROȘTENI

Contact: Broșteni village, Neamț County, +40 786 488 375; priest: Mitrea Gheorghe; church feast day: Nativity of the Virgin Mary, September 8



ORTHODOX CHURCH IN BĂHNIȘOARA

Contact: Băhnișoara village, +40 723 035 523; priest: Popa Marius; church feast day: St. Great Martyr Demetrios, October 26

ORTHODOX CHURCH IN IZVOARE

Contact: Izvoare village, +40 741 363 170; priest: Tănase Daniel; church feast day: Saint George, April 23









ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS

ACCOMMODATION IN SĂBĂOANI: MOTEL MARSAT***, tel. +40 233 723 723, km. 334, Traian village, Săbăoani commune;

ACCOMMODATION IN ROMAN: Hotels: ROMAN***, tel. +40 233 742 600, +40 233 740 831, contact@hotel-roman.ro, www.hotel-roman.ro; MARIKO INN***, tel. +40 233 742 525, +40 233 744 322, fax +40 748 886 668, marikoinn@yahoo.com, www.mariko.ro; ZARA***, tel. +40 233 733 731, +40 727 067 435, hotelzara_roman@yahoo.com; PHOENIX Complex***, tel. +40 333 105 552, +40 756 506 295, duroinvestsrl@gmail.com, https://www.hotel-phoenix.ro/; Guest houses: DOINA***, tel. +40 744 524 930, doinamazare@yahoo.com; BLISS Rooms for rent***, elbuz_trans@yahoo.com; GRAND FARAON Rooms for rent***, tel. +40 744 524 930, +40 233 725 782; www.grand-faraon.business.site; HANUL MĂRIOAREI***, tel. +40 722 520 968, contact@marioarei.ro, www.marioarei.ro; MARSAT BUNGALOW**, tel. +40 233 741 427, office@marsatsa.ro;





ACCOMMODATION IN HORIA: MOTEL IMPERIAL***, tel. +40 233 747 111, +40 722 305 028, motel_imperial@yahoo.com, contact@motel-imperial.ro; ANDRA Guesthouse***, tel. +40 740 706 908, serbanpetru11@yahoo.com;

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ACCOMMODATION IN DULCEȘTI: Motel Condor***, tel. +40 233 761 001, +40 745 788 718, office@condorresort.ro;

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RESTAURANTS, PUBS & MARKETS

GHERĂEȘTI: Pizza Regal Center: 86 Cobzaru Street; Coffee Express: 14 Moldovei Street; Markets: Profi Loco: 60 Vasile Alecsandri Street; Delgastro-Marcel: 24 Cobzaru Street; ISTOC ISTBERCOM S.N.C: 38 Cobzaru Street

SĂBĂOANI: Times Restaurant: 4a Progresului Street; Teddy's Pub: 19 Progresului Street; Bar Cornelia: 51-55 Orizontului Street; Crosta: 34 Progresului Street; Markets: Penny: 2 Progresului Street; Profi: 121 Progresului Street; La 2 Paşi: 81 Orizontului Street; Delgastro-Marcel: DC52A no.19; La Chiriţa: 41-47 Stejarului Street;

ROMAN: Public dining establishments inside the ROMAN VALUE CENTRE Commercial Complex, 3 Mihai Viteazul Street: KFC, Spartan, Petru, Pizza 21, Mesopotamia, Dopo Poco, DAbo Doner, Dragon Wok, Cu Sos, Fornetti, Le Premier, BONcafe, Juba Coffee; Roman Hotel Restaurant: 26 Roman-Muşat Blvd.; Mariko Inn Restaurant: 278 Ştefan cel Mare Street; Royal Restaurant: Km 333, Ștefan cel Mare Street; Medieval Restaurant: 238 Stefan cel Mare Street; Kapri Restaurant: 147 Stefan cel Mare Alley; One Club Restaurant: Stefan cel Mare Pedestrian Alley, Bl. M9; Bradul Restaurant: 8 Anton Pann Street; Brădutul Restaurant: 46 Republicii Blvd.; Hanul Mărioarei: 267 Bogdan Dragoș Street; City Pub Union: behind the Municipality of Roman; Casa Romascană by One Restaurant: 202 Stefan cel Mare Street: Casa Chianti Restaurant: 3-5 Mihai Viteazul Street; Casa Caroly Restaurant: 62 Cuza Vodă Street; Trei Stele Restaurant: 59 Cuza Vodă Street; DAbo Doner: 9 Cuza Vodă Street; Grand Faraon Restaurant: 28 Anton Pann Street; Prestige Restaurant: 130 Bogdan Dragos Street; Phoenix Restaurant: Roman West Artery (Bypass Road); Corabia Restaurant: within the "Moldova" Sports and Leisure Complex; Mihai's Shop: 127 Sucedava Street; Sara Restaurant: 8 Oituz Street; Seasons Coffee & Restaurant: 17 Stefan cel Mare; Per Se Restaurant: 12 Unirii Street; Al Capriccio Pizzeria: Ștefan cel Mare Pedestrian Alley, Bl.M6; Irish Pub Roman: Ștefan cel Mare Pedestrian Alley, Bl.10; Saray Restaurant: Stefan cel Mare Pedestrian Alley, Bl.M11; United Pub: 2 Principatele Unite Street; Casa Veche Restaurant: 1 Vasile Lupu Street; Tosca Confectionery: Roman Musat Blvd., Bl.33; Pizza House: 44 Republicii Blvd.; Bella Napoli Pizza: Roman Muşat Blvd., nearby the House of Culture; Anturaj Roman: Roman Muşat Blvd., Bl.38; Luca Pizza: Roman Musat Blvd., Bl. 38; Teo Pizza: 5 bis Oituz Street; Supermarkets: Lidl: 31 Sucedava Street / 11 Mihai Viteazu Street; Kaufland: 2 Sucedava Street / 13 Mihai Viteazu Street; Penny Market: 123-125 Republicii Blvd. / 3 Miron Costin Street; Carrefour: 3 Mihai Viteazul Street (inside Roman Value Centre); Carrefour Market: 133-139 Sucedava Street; Profi Non-Stop: 45 Roman Musat Blvd. / 33 Roman Musat Blvd.; Profi City Non-Stop: Stefan cel Mare Street, Bl.2 / 16 C.A. Rosetti Street / 266 Bogdan Dragos Street;

TRIFEȘTI: Markets: La 2 Pași: DC90 SECUIENI: Markets: La 2 Pași: 366 DJ158

MOLDOVENI: Markets: Profi: 306 DJ158; La 2 Pași: 285 DJ158

BAHNA: Markets: La 2 Pași: DJ159B

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