

### General Information

The Pridnestrovian Moldavian Republic (Pridnestrovie/Transnistria) is a state in the south-eastern part of Europe which occupies the left bank of the Dniester River within the borders of the former Moldavian SSR, and the number of settlements on the right bank, i.e. the city of Bendery with adjacent villages and villages of the Slobodzeya district such as Kopanka, Kitskany, Mereneshty, and Kremenchug.

Pridnestrovie (Transnistria) is landlocked and borders the Republic of Moldova along Dniester River to the west (411 km) and Ukraine by land to the south-east (405 km).

The total population of the PMR equals 555 thousand, with three major ethnic groups being Moldovans (31.9%), Russians (30.4%), and Ukrainians (28.8%).

The majority of the population professes Christianity (Russian Orthodox Church).

Tiraspol is the capital of Pridnestrovie, its important political, economic and cultural center.



Tiraspol traces its history back to 1792 when by special order of Alexander Suvorov Medial Fortress was laid down within Dniester line of defense to strengthen the new borders of the Russian Empire. Construction was carried out under the direct supervision of engineer and Major of the Russian Army Francois de Wollant. The city got its name from the Greek name of the Dniester River – “Tyras”, “polis” means “city”. The Greek origin of the names of Tiraspol and some other towns of the region

is connected with the “Greek project” of Catherine II which was popular in 1780s-1790s.

Tiraspol had been rapidly developing up to the end of 1980s. High rates of industrial production, construction of new industrial and infrastructural objects contributed to the inflow of the population from the regions of Moldova as well as from Russia and Ukraine. In 1989 more than 200 thousand people lived on the territory which was under jurisdiction of Tiraspol City Council (which includes Novotiraspol'skiy village, the city of Dnestrovsk and Kremenchug village).



To date, according to the census of 2010, the population of Tiraspol is 159 163 people. The area of the city is 92.6 square kilometers.

Most of the industrial enterprises of Pridnestrovia are concentrated in the capital. Among them are “Tirotext”, “Kvint”, “Odema”, “Elektromash”, “Litmash”, “Moldavizolit” and other plants. The year 2006 saw construction of “Aquatir” complex on breeding and industrial processing of sturgeon fish species, including black caviar production on the basis of intensive technologies. In 2010 “Tirotext” launched its own cogeneration power station “Tirotext-Energo”.

### **Sports Complex “Sheriff”**



**Sports Complex “Sheriff”** covers the territory of more than 50 hectares. The complex includes 3 stadiums (main arena, small arena and covered arena), swimming pool, tennis courts, medical center “Medin” and other objects. Sports Complex is situated at the very entrance to Tiraspol from the side of Bendery City; one can get there on **trolley buses № 1, 2, 5, 6, 9, 19**. It is possible to reach stadium from the central street using **minibus taxi № 1, 2, 6, 9, 9a, 19, 20**. Trolley bus fare totals 2.5 PMR rubles (0.25 USD or 0.15 euro), minibus taxi fare totals 3 PMR rubles (0.3 USD or 0.2 euro). One can also get to the stadium by taxi – the cost amounts 40 PMR rubles = 4 USD or 2.75 euro (in case of departure from Suvorov Square).

*Official site of sports complex:* <http://sheriff-sport.com>

### **IMPORTANT!!!**

**\*The only currency used for payment for goods and services is Pridnestrovian ruble. There are plenty of exchange offices in the town.**

**Pridnestrovian currency** – PMR ruble, 1 ruble = 100 kopecks. Circulating bank-notes: 1, 5, 10, 25, 50, 100, 200, 500 rubles; circulating coins: 1, 5, 10, 25, 50 kopecks. Exchange rate as of September, 2013, is 11.1 rubles for 1 dollar, 14.95 rubles for 1 euro. One can check relevant exchange rate of local currency and check the pictures of bank-notes and coins on the site of Pridnestrovian Republican Bank [www.cbpmr.net](http://www.cbpmr.net).

**\*It is prohibited to drink alcohol in public places and to buy it after 10 p.m.**

**\*ATMs (Visa and MasterCard):**

**1) 25<sup>th</sup> October Street 105 (Ipotekhnii Bank)**

**2) 25<sup>th</sup> October Street 100 (Sberegatelnyy Bank of Pridnestrovie, Eng. Savings Bank of Pridnestrovie)**

**\*Emergency phones:**

**Fire-fighting service - 101**

**Militia - 102**

**Emergency medical services – 103**

**State Institution “Republican Clinical Hospital” – 0 (533) 2-38-53**

**Joint taxi service – 15-17 or 99993**

### **Sights**

In the matter of sights Tiraspol is classical town of one street. The main highway here is named 25<sup>th</sup> October Street, it crosses the center from east to west. We advise fans to go along the whole street.

Near east end of the street one can see houses built during 1930-50, the perspective of the street is closed by pompous building of **Nadezhda Aronetskaya Theatre of**

**Drama and Comedy** (1934-36) with typical semicircular front. This building is one of visiting card of town.



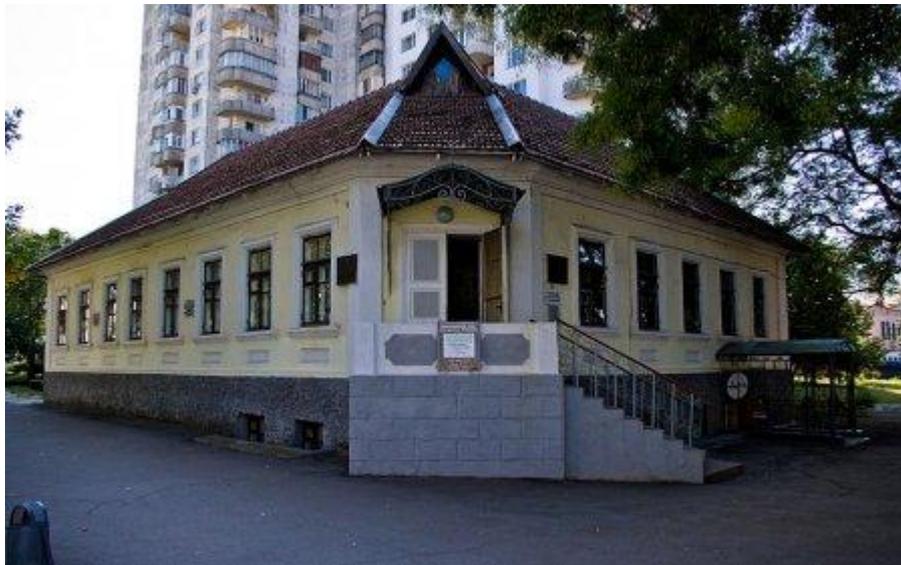
If one goes a little further down 25<sup>th</sup> October Street, one can see T.G. Shevchenko Pridnestrovian State University – the oldest university in Moldavia on the both banks of the Dniester founded in 1930 (university in Beltsy was founded in 1945, in Kishinev – in 1946). Then there are several attractive building of Stalin epoch and magnificent building of **House of Soviets** with spire. In this building city councils of Tiraspol, Dnestrovsk and a number of city and republican organs are situated. In front of the building one can see a monument to Lenin; hotel “Russia” (earlier - “Druzhiba”) is on the opposite side of the street.

While moving to the west one can see typical chief town of district which houses are separated from the last buildings of Stalin epoch by many-storied houses. The first notable building – on the corner of Manoilov Street: Museum – **Grigory Kotovsky Museum** in former hotel “Paris” (Manoilova Street, 34; тел. +373 (533) 9-53-82; Mon – Fri 8.30-17.00, Sat 10.00-18.00); here Bessarabian robber and revolutionist lived and sit after the Civil War in 1920-21. Amid small houses is the Palace of Republic (concert hall) built in 1970s. Down the street are Embassies of Abkhazia and South Ossetia.

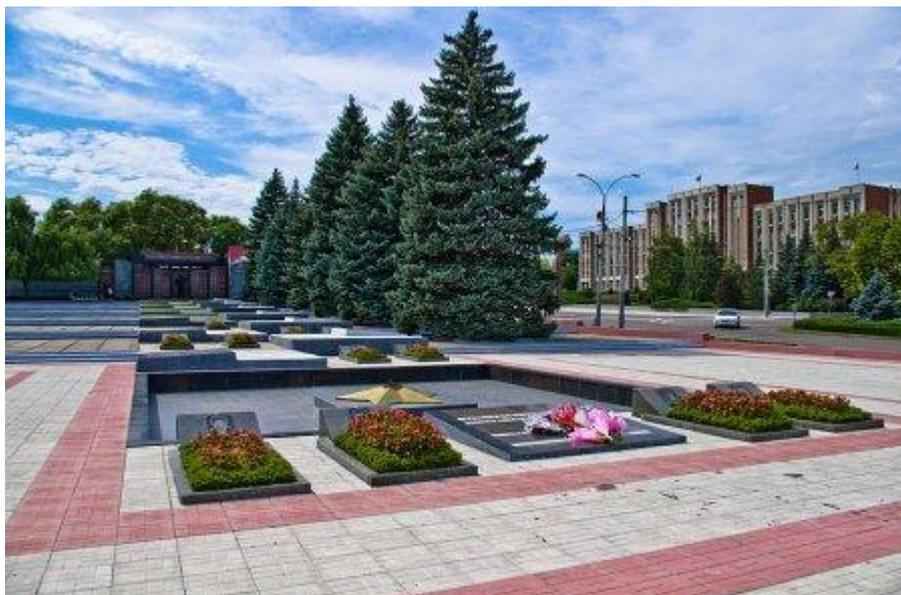
To the north of Lunacharskogo Street, among shabby houses you can see Pokrov Old Believers’ Church (beginning of the XX c.), the only one which functioned during the Soviet period. Not far from it, near the central market, is a snow-white gold-domed Nativity Christ Cathedral typical for the post-Soviet Russia, Ukraine and Belarus. It was built to mark the 2000 anniversary of Christianity.

The 25<sup>th</sup> October Street leads to Suvorov Square of imposing size (700x400 meters) which is the heart of Pridnestrovie. It was built mainly in 1970-80s. Here one can find Tiraspol Cinema (1984), City House of Culture (1950), Children and Youth Creativity Center, and extremely expressive Monument to Suvorov (1979), unofficial symbol of

Pridnestrovie. Near the square is impressive Supreme Council (the building of the city committee with the flag of the Pridnestrovian Moldavian Republic hovering over it and with the Monument to Lenin of pink granite in front of it). Today it also houses Government of Pridnestrovie.



On the other side of the square is Memorial of Glory with T-34 tank and gold-domed chapel designed by Harry Fayfermaher (1942-2002). Buried here are liberators of Moldavia who fell in 1944 and the defenders of Pridnestrovie who protected from the troops of nationalistic Moldova in 1991-1992. Next to it is the monument to soldiers-internationalists who died in Afghanistan. Behind the garden square is Dniester embankment, in the place where the river makes its bend and touches on the city. Crossing the river by bridge and reaching the right bank, you will appear on the way to Kitskany village.



Near the bridge are Francois de Wollant's public garden and the Pridnestrovian **Alley of Glory** with the monuments to Catherine II and Francois de Wollant. The latter was

the constructor of not only Odessa city but also of the local Median Fortress. The monuments in the honor of outstanding people of Tiraspol are also mounted here: to Viktor Sinyov, head of Tiraspol in 1976-86, the major part of the biggest Soviet edifices were built during his headship; Valentina Solovyeva, director of one of the largest garment factories in the USSR where 8.5 thousand people were employed; Ignat Dyachenko, head of construction administration who built most of major plants of Pridnestrovie.



Down the street, opposite the Government House are museums in the houses of the tsarist period:

- **The Local History Museum**, 25<sup>th</sup> October Str. 46, tel.: +373 (533) 5-37-72. Tue-Fri 8.30-17.00, Sat-Sun 10.00-18.00.
- **Picture Gallery**, in the same premises, tel.: +373 (533) 9-05-73. Tue-Fri 8.30-17.00, Sat-Sun 10.00-18.00.
- **The Museum of Chemist and Academician N.D. Zelinskiy**, 25<sup>th</sup> October Str. 44, tel.: +373 (533) 9-04-49. Tue-Fri 8.30-17.00, Sat-Sun 10.00-18.00. Memorial house-museum.
- **The Museum of Nature**, Pravda Str. 44 (aside from the above). Tel.: +373 (533) 8- 21-06. Tue-Fri 8.30-17.00, Sat-Sun 10.00-18.00.

Website with the information about museums - [www.tirascult.org](http://www.tirascult.org)

This neighborhood has in general preserved the provincial character of Tiraspol, unattractive but colourful in its own way. The house of Liprandi on the 25<sup>th</sup> October Str. 20 was the place for Pushkin during his exile. Wandering in the neighborhood to the north of the street might be also interesting. The largest and the most beautiful old house at the junction of Pushkin Street and Dnestrovskiy Alley was originally occupied by Territorial Council and City Council.

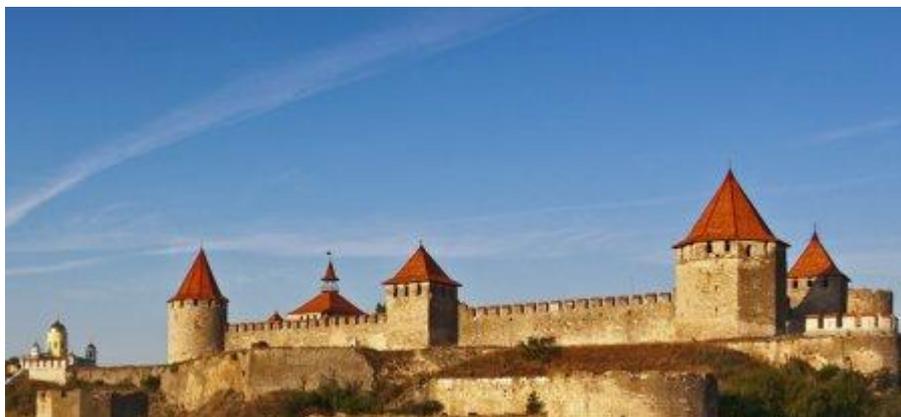
The last section of the 25<sup>th</sup> October Street is remarkable for the Soviet monument to the first power station in Moldova, a water tower on the territory of the abandoned plant named after Tkachenko, and a funny antediluvian mini-tractor on a forked road, to the right of which is Pravda Street leading to the supermarket “Sheriff” and further

to Bendery City. The 25<sup>th</sup> October Street runs to the left into the yards. If you reach its end you will see remnants of the Medial Fortress – earth ramparts and **gunpowder cellar** (1792-1793). It is the oldest Russian building in Pridnestrovie and Moldova.

Tiraspol is also remarkable for:

- **Brandy and wine plant “KVINT”**, the best one in Pridnestrovie and one of the best in the near abroad. It can be found at the junction of Lenin Street and K. Liebknecht Street. Its brandy and wine products have been regular prize-winners at the prestigious international exhibitions for many years already. Those interested can visit the enterprise by taking a guided tour around the plant which may include wine or brandy tasting. For more information about the cost and time of degustation please visit the website: <http://www.kvint.biz/>
- **Ice skating rink “Snejinka” (“Snowflake”)** is an ice complex including ice rink, café and a hotel with 9 rooms. It is located near Drama Theater and Park Pobedy (Victory Park).
- **Park Pobedy** (Victory Park) is of a Soviet type. To find it, you should have a little walk along Luchevoy Lane (in the opposite direction to the center).

When you approach the River Dniester you can see a small beach, embankment and a pedestrian bridge which is a good place to admire the surrounding nature. Interestingly, on one side of the river there is a center of the town with the main square, Supreme Council and the monument to Suvorov, and on another side – pure nature: you cross the river and can put up a tent.



We also recommend visiting **Bendery Fortress** located on the right bank of the Dniester in the city of Bendery. The Fortress is an architectural monument of the XVI century. Its construction started in 1538 after the town became part of the Ottoman Empire. It was surrounded by a round earth rampart and a deep moat which had never been filled with water. The fortress was divided into upper and lower parts and the Citadel. Total square is about 20 hectares. For a long time there had been unsuccessful attempts to seize the fortress, and only during Russian-Turkish wars of the XVIII-XIX centuries Bendery fortress was thrice taken by Russian troops.

From 1920 onwards the territory of fortress had been a place of dislocation of Romanian troops, in 1940-1941- of the Soviet troops, in 1941- 1944 – of the Romanian troops and one German military unit, and since 1944 – again Soviet troops.

The planned reconstruction of Bendery Fortress started in 2008. Currently Citadel has two museums: Museum in powder cellar and Museum of medieval instruments of torture. The Museum of the 55<sup>th</sup> Podolskiy Infantry Regiment is located on the territory of the Military and Historic Memorial Complex (at the intersection of Yermakova and Z. Kosmodemyanskaya streets) <http://www.bendery-fortress.com>

From Tiraspol you can reach the Fortress by taxi with a fare of approximately 60 rubles (4 € or 6 \$).

### Café and Restaurants

- **“Kumanek”**, Sverdlova Str. 37, tel.: + 373 (533) 7-20-34, + 373 (779) 7-20-34. Opening hours: 9.00-23.00. Café with Ukrainian cuisine <http://www.kumanek.com>
- **“Eilenburg”** - Pereulok Naberejniy 1 (25<sup>th</sup> October Str.); tel.: + 373 (533) 7-30-11, + 373 (533) 7-74-56. Opening hours: 10.30-24.00
- **“Andy's Pizza”** - K. Liebknecht Str. 134; tel.: + 373 2-85-58. Opening hours: 9.00-23.00. <http://www.andys-pizza.com/>
- **“La Plachinte”** - Sverdlova Str., near State University. Opening hours: 9.00-23.00. Café with Moldavian cuisine.
- **“Spletni”** (Eng. “Gossips”) - Sverdlova Str. 69; tel.: + 373 (533) 3-80-00. Opening hours: 24 hours.
- **“Venskoye Café”** (Eng. “Vienna Café”) – Sverdlova Str. 86; tel.: + 373 (533)7-47-77, + 373 (777) 91-738. Opening hours: 8.00-23.00.
- **“Love pizza”** - Lenina Str. 9-a; tel.: + 373 (533) 5-88-88, + 373 (533) 7-36-35. Opening hours: 10.00-23.00.
- **“Snejok”** (Eng. “Snowflake”) - Lenina Str. 22-a; tel.: + 373 (533) 8-06-22. Opening hours: 10.00-01.00.
- **“7 Piatnits” (“7 Fridays”)** – 25<sup>th</sup> October Str. 112; tel.: + 373 (533) 9-22-10. Opening hours: 11.00-24.00.
- **“Kolibri”** - 25<sup>th</sup> October Str. 78; Opening hours: 15.00-02.00.
- **“Cricova”** - Pravda Str. 14; tel.: + 373 (533) 9-41-04. Opening hours: 11.00-23.30. Café with Moldavian cuisine.
- **“Shokolad”** (“Chocolate”) – K. Liebknecht Str. 397; tel.: +373 (533) 7-88-87, +373 (777) 95-344. Opening hours: 9.00-23.00.
- **“Scorpion”** - K. Liebknecht Str., 154/1; tel.: + 373 (533) 9-53-02. Opening hours: 24 hours. Sports bar.
- **“Shafran”** - Pravda Str. 4; tel.: + 377 (533) 8-27-09. Opening hours: Tue-Sun 9.00-23.00; Mon 11.00-23.00. Coffee and pastry shop.

- **“Pokrovskiye Vorota” (“Pokrov Gates”)** – Sverdlova Str. 69; tel.: + 373 (533) 3-80-00. Opening hours: 24 hours. Restaurant in the premises of the Hotel “Rossiya”.
- **“VICTORIA”** – Shevchenko Str. 83; tel.: + 373 (533) 5-55-05. Opening hours: 11:00-03:00. Restaurant, billiard.
- **“Royal Club”** – K. Liebknecht Str. 306; tel.: + 373 (533) 6-99-97, + 373 (778) 6-999-7. Restaurant.
- **“City Club”** – Gorkogo Str. 18; tel.: + 373 (533) 5-90-00, + 373 (533) 6-62-62. Opening hours: 24 hours. Restaurant in the hotel “City Club”.
- **“Evropa” (“Europe”)** – Lunacharskogo Str. 11-a; tel.: + 373 (533) 9-40-56, + 373 9-12-94. Restaurant.
- **“Skazka” (“Fairy-tale”)** – Pereulok Naberejniy b; tel.: + 373 (533) 7-78-25, + 373 (533) 7-34-30. Opening hours: 9.00-20.00; 22.00. Restaurant.
- **“Villa Rich”** – Tsareva Str. 2-b; + 373 (533) 4-52-98; + 373 (778) 75-656, 60-305; + 373 (777) 53-858. Opening hours: 11.00-02.00. Restaurant, bowling.

## Hotels

- **“Timoty”**- K. Liebknecht Str. 395-a, tel.: +373 (533) 8-47-42, 8-45-48. Hotel 3\*. 1-2 guests comfortable rooms with air conditioning and internet services. Breakfast included. <http://www.hotel-timoty.com/>
- **“Aist”** - on the bank of the Dniester. 3 Naberejniy pereulok. tel.: +373 (533) 7-37-76. Near the main Suvorov square. 2 guests rooms with hot water and Soviet renovation with the price 300 PMR rubles. Rooms with modern renovation – from 450 to 600 PMR rubles.
- **“Okolitsa”**- 53, Nahimov str. (outskirts of Tiraspol, terminus of № 1-a rooting taxi), tel.: +373 (533) 5-14-49. Hotel 3\*. 6 double rooms. Conveniences, air conditioning, satellite TV. The price for standard double room is 50 USD, classic – 70 USD, Luxury Suite – 100 USD. [www.okolitsa.org](http://www.okolitsa.org).
- **“Rossiya”** (Former Druzba) - 69, Sverdlova str. tel.: +373 (533) 3-80-00. A big 5-storey Hotel 4\* with restaurants, bar and beauty salon. 60 comfortable rooms. 1-2 guests rooms with conveniences – 960 PMR rubles. <http://hotelrussia.md>.
- **“Korona”**- 3, Odesskoe shosse str. tel.: +373 (778) 1-11-19; +373 (533) 6-66-61. This 3\* restaurant and hotel complex is situated outside the city on the way to Odessa. <http://komplex-korona.com/>
- **“City Club”** - 18, Gorky str. tel.: +373 (533) 5-90-00; +373 (533) 6-62-62. 4\* hotel with 3 different kinds of rooms: Standard - 110-120 USD, semi-luxe – 120-130 USD, Luxury Suite – 150-160 USD. <http://cityclub.md>
- **“V.V.P. Club”** - 26, Komsomolskaya str.; tel.: +373 (533) 5-55-45, +373 (533) 5-55-35, +373 (777) 5-05-15. 3\* hotel with 2 different kinds of rooms: Economy - 50 USD, Standard - 70 USD. <http://vvpclub.com>

**Daily rent of apartment** is possible in Tiraspol. Advertisement is in Makler Newspaper (electronic version <http://makler.md>).

**Post Office is in Lenin Str. 17**, at the intersection with the 25<sup>th</sup> October Str.

**The Central Telephone Office** is at Karl Marks Str. 149 (at the intersection with Lenin Str.). Advance payment for calling services. There are many Internet cafes in the city.

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