THE FORTRESS OF BENDERY, MOLDOVA

Bendery is within the internationally recognized borders of Moldova, but since 1992 has been under the de facto control of the unrecognized Transnistria Republic.



In 1538, the Ottoman sultan Suleiman the Magnificent conquered (Tighina) from Moldavia, and renamed it Bender. Its fortifications were developed into a full fortress under the same name under the supervision of the Turkish architect Koji Mimar Sinan. Over the centuries, it changed hands multiple times from Turkish to Russian control. (Wikipedia)



View above from the Tiraspol to Bendery Trolley



View below – the approach for tourists

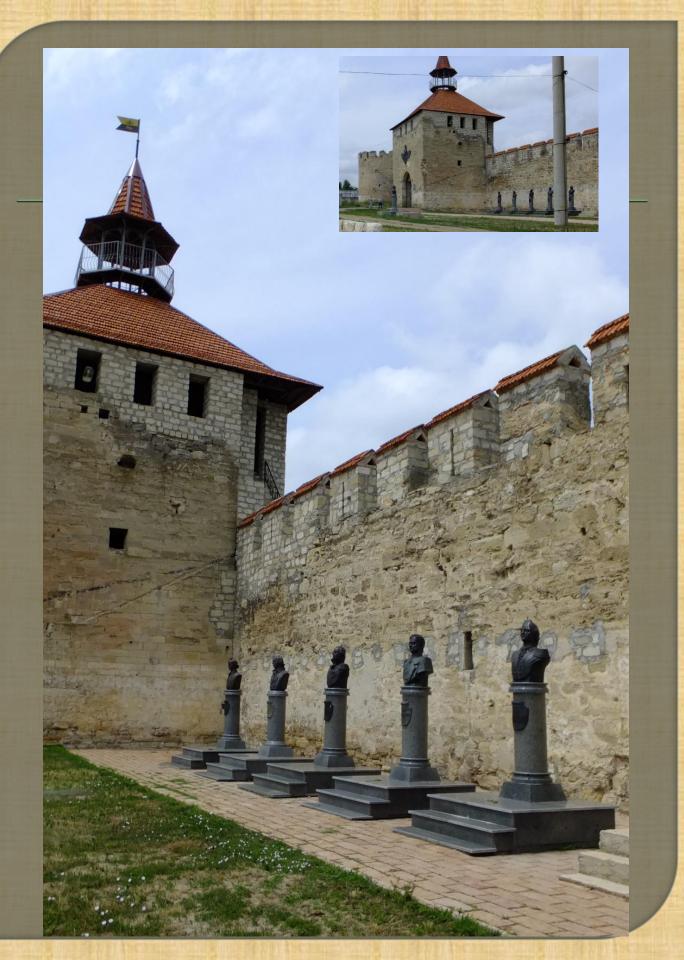
Dneister River Beyond the Fortress







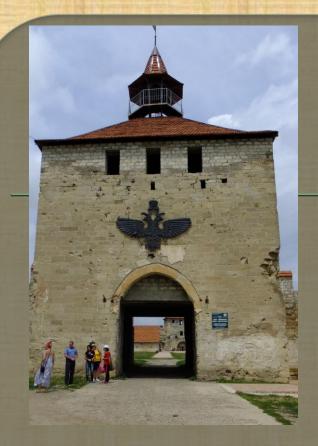














View of Bendery in the distance from the top





Unfilled Moat at the Left with Bridge to Main Entrance
Below: Museum, Gift Shop





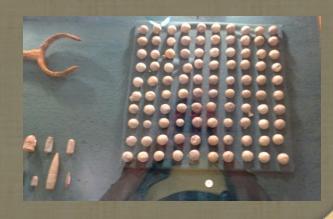
Bendery Fortress Museum











Bendery Fortress Torture Chamber









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Fortress Gate with Jewish Star















