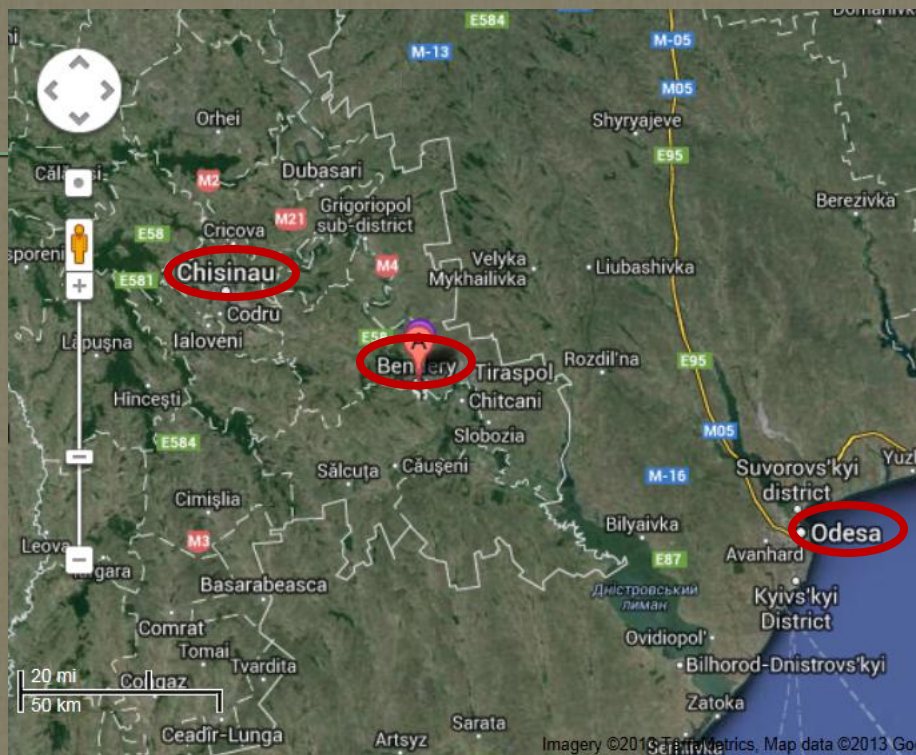


BENDERY, MOLDOVA



Bendery is a city which historically has kept changing countries, without moving an inch. It was founded in 1408 as the fortress Tigina in the Ottoman Empire. In 1812, Bendery as part of Bessarabia joined Russia. Between 1918-1940, the town became part of the territory of Romania. From 1944 to 1989, Bendery, as part of Moldova, belonged to the USSR.

Since 1992, Bendery has been under the de facto control of Pridnestrovian Moldavian Republic (PMR,) a state with limited recognition that claims territory to the east of the River Dniester, including the city of Bender and its surrounding localities located on the west bank. The Republic of Moldova does not recognize the PMR.

Bendery is 64 kilometers from Kishinev (Chisinau). Its total population is 93,000 people. The first references to the Jewish history in Bender date to the early 18th century when a synagogue was built on the fortress territory. By 1930, there were 8,000 Jews in the town, while at the end of 1980s, the Jewish population counted 6,000 people. Nowadays, the Jewish population of the town and two peripheral settlements numbers 1,000.

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BENDERY FORTRESS





Above – footpath to begin/end tour of the Fortress



Main Entrance with waterless Moat at Left





Residential building in Bendery, built around 1950 - 1960.



Starye Bendery Hotel located at Gorky street



AIR CONDITIONING

Bullet holes - remnants of
1992 Revolution

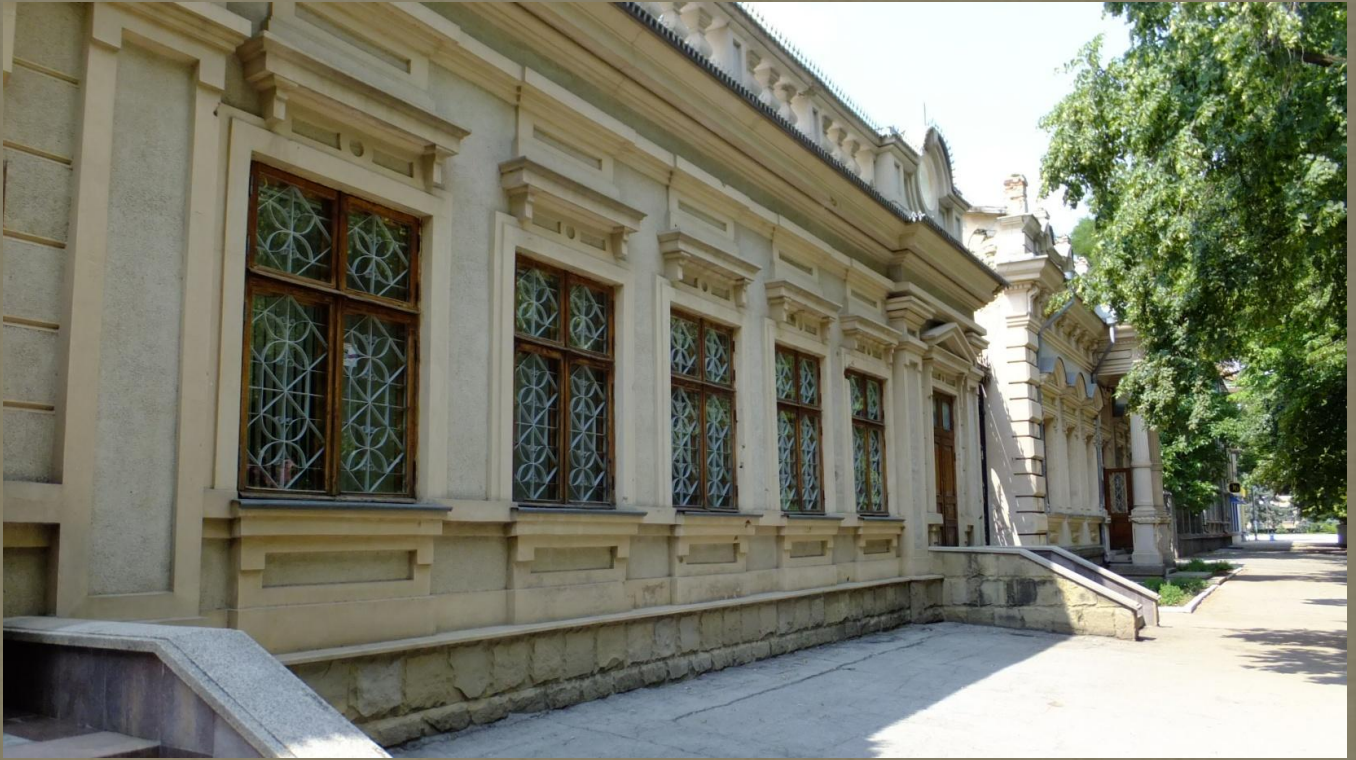




Public Transportation – Old & New



BENDERY NATURAL AND HISTORY MUSEUM*



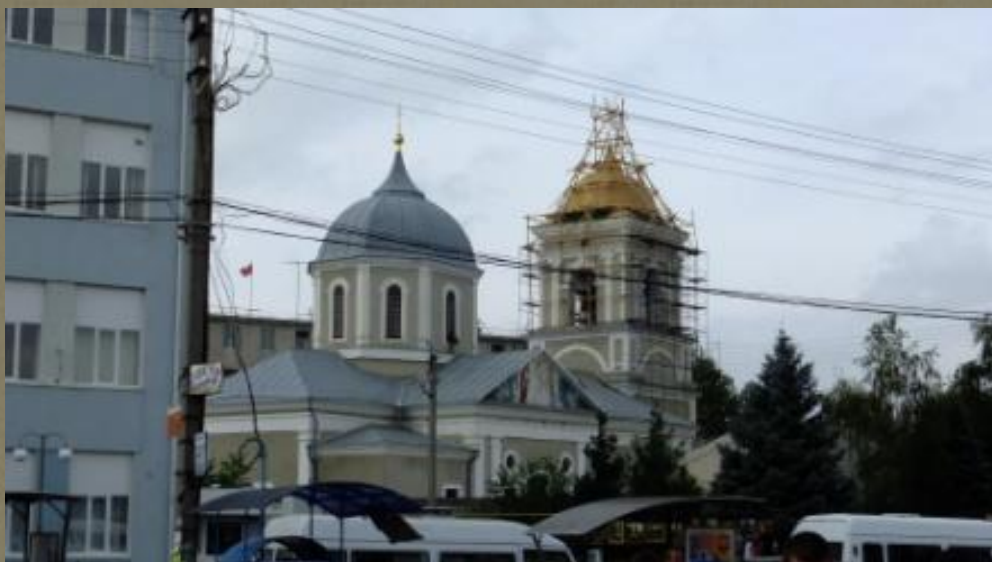
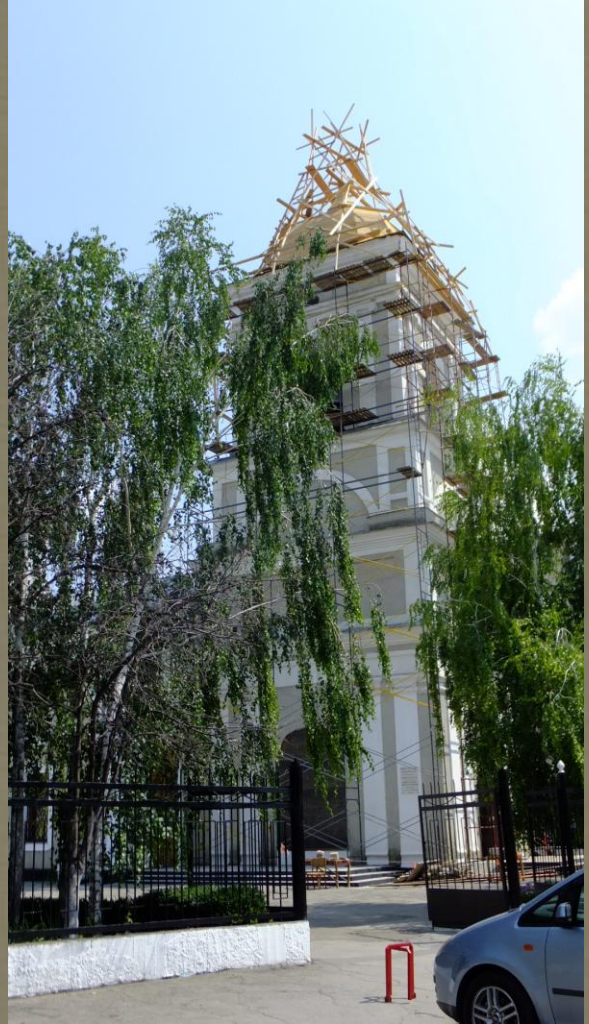
* Go to the Holocaust Museum in Odessa to find out what happened to Jews in Bendery

Black Fence Memorial



Memorial "Black Fence " was opened in Bendery in 1969. It commemorates the heroism of more than five hundred railway workers, led by G. Borisov (the "Old"), who were murdered near the black fence by Romanian occupants on February 7, 1918. Sculptors N. Petrov's and V. Zoris intended for the "frozen" figures of the monument to symbolize the resilience, courage, and unbroken spirit of the railroad workers.

TRANSFIGURATION CATHEDRAL





FORMER JEWISH HOSPITAL



Romanian style former Jewish Hospital Mulmana. Built by Architect Benedict Mulman in the 1940s on the corner Pushkin Street - Cavriago.

This hospital treated only civil servants and those owners who could afford health insurance. Now this building is a State Institution "Bender Centre of Hygiene and Epidemiology."

FORMER CHORAL SYNAGOGUE

This old pre-revolutionary building was built before 1917. During the Romanian occupation, it housed the " Prefecture " and "Zemstvo " of the *uezd* center (*similar to English "seat of county"*) of Bendery. Then, the Choral Synagogue was located here for a time. After the war, among the different institutions located here was the College of Light Industry. Now it is the Bendery City Court (*the street was named after Pushkin*).



• В ЭТОМ ЗДАНИИ •
28 ОКТЯБРЯ / 10 НОЯБРЯ / 1917г.
СОСТОЯЛОСЬ ПЛЕНАРНОЕ
ЗАСЕДАНИЕ СОВЕТА РАБОЧИХ
И СОЛДАТСКИХ ДЕПУТАТОВ
ПРИЗНАВШЕЕ ВЛАСТЬ СОВЕТА
НАРОДНЫХ КОМИССАРОВ

“In this Bendery building on October 28 (November 10), 1917, the plenary session of the Council of the Workers' and Soldiers' Deputies was held; participants recognized the authority of the Council of People's Commissars.”

FORMER COOPERS' SYNAGOGUE
BENDERY, SUVOROV 40



FORMER HARDWARE & PLUMBING SHOPS BENDERY, SUVOROV STREET



These are former (pre-war) Jewish household supply stores and a few other shops. The Gurfel brothers owned a hardware store here which sold collars for horses, horseshoes, and various tools. In the nearby house, which is now a bakery, Motel Korenblat ran the plumbing shop; Kogan and Salganik sold electrical appliances and bicycles; Sosnowsky made coffins.



Most of the store owners lived behind their stores. Nowadays, these former store premises are residential /apartment houses, a hairdresser's, The Alliance of Pridnestrov'e (Transnistria) Defenders, a former bakery and some vacant buildings. All are located on Suvorov Street.

FORMER HASSIDIC (HABAD) SYNAGOGUE
CALLED "SADIGURER KLOYZ"
BENDERY, SUVOROV 28



Now (2013) a Boxing School

FORMER SYNAGOGUE OF
SALESCLERKS
BENDERY, SUVOROV 30



High Holy Day services were held here
September 2013, led by Mikhail Tul'chinsky, the
head of the synagogue and Jewish community.
YouTube video: <http://youtu.be/XR3IJSVrqTc>

BENDERY JEWISH CEMETERY









2009 Acid Attacks/Vandalism



Shopping!



BENDERY MARKET















Community Garden Plots



Bringing home
Gooseberries!



Thank you!

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http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=gdy6ECrHp0I#t=26
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