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
Bendery Fortress
Torture Chamber
Fortress Gate with Jewish Star