



# Danube Delta Excursion Guide

## Pensiunea 4 Sălcii

**1. Sulina** (visiting the city of Sulina with a guide, the museum of the Old Lighthouse, the New Lighthouse, the Gulf of Musura, the flow of the Danube into the Black Sea, the beach at Sulina, visiting the cosmopolitan cemetery where the only pirate's grave in Europe is found, etc.) + excursion to the lakes and channels (outbound or return)- Lunch can be served at the locals (100 lei traditional turbot menu + dessert) or at the restaurant or beach bar on the beach 65 lei traditional menu + dessert)

**Price:** 200 lei / adult, min. 8 people  
100 lei / kid.

**Trip time:** 6-8 hours almost!

**2. Trip to lakes** and canals, in the morning or at sunset, approximately 3 hours - min. 4 people

**Price:** 120 lei / adult  
60 lei / kid

**3. Sf. Gheorghe** (visiting the village, the beach of Sf. Gheorghe, the place where the Danube flows into the Black Sea, tour around the Sakalin islands, also called Bird Island, swimming around the Tuzla shipwreck, return to the village for the traditional lunch menu at locals (60 lei/person - course 1, course 2 and dessert), at the restaurant or at the beach bar on the beach

**Price:** 200 lei / adult, min. 8 people  
100 lei / kid.

**Trip time:** 6-8 hours almost!

**4. Caraorman Forest** - with a visit to the Lung Canal, Lebedelor Lake, guided car ride in the Caraorman Forest (35 lei/person) - sand dunes, centuries-old oaks, lianas, wild horses and donkeys, stop for a story at a replica of the table of silence with the cold fountain, the ruins of the glass factory + OPTIONAL: you can have lunch with the locals, traditional fish menu (75 lei/person - course 1, course 2 and dessert) or NON-fish menu 35 lei/person (second course + dessert), and at return we visit the colonies of pelicans, swans, cormorants, egrets, white and yellow water lilies. The entrance fee to the forest is 5 lei/person.

**Price:** 170 lei / adult, min. 8 people  
80 lei / kid.

**Trip time:** 6-7 hours almost!

**5. Kayaking or canoeing on lakes and canals**

(price on request, depending on duration and number of people)

**6. Excursion for Birdwatching + sunrise + visiting a fishing settlement from the lake,**

departure time: 05:30 - 06.00 A.M.. from Murighiol, 20 km away.

Individual car trips can be organized to:

**7. Gura Portiței + fortress tour (Halmirys Citadel - the oldest Orthodox dating in Romania, Enisala Citadel - supposedly built by the Genoese, and in Jurilovca you can find the ruins of the largest citadel in Romania, Argamum, located on Cape Doloșman, Citadel History From Jurilovca you can cross to Gura Portiței, 20 minutes transfer time - 60 lei ticket cost. There is only one complex here, where you can serve lunch. If you reach Histria, you can spend the day on the wild Corbu beach, where you can have lunch at Cherhanaua Bosoanca.**

**8. Visiting the Măcin Mountains Reserve + visiting the equestrian center, which offers 2 2H trails and 4H + bathed at Iacobdeal Lake (anthropogenic emerald-colored lake with a volcano shape, which creates a unique image). Padoc equestrian center information: 0746 760 196**

**9. Visiting the ecological winery La Sapata with presentation and tasting + tour of monasteries (also called the triangle of monasteries): Saon, Celic-Dere, Cocoș + the Paleo-Christian basilica from Neculițel. At the monasteries you can buy souvenirs or local products.**

**10. Walking on the lake next to the guesthouse with rowboats, paddle boards, kayaks**

**11. ATV ride around the lake and on the Tulcei Hills, the oldest Dacian settlement from SE Romania.**

**12. Offroad ride with Dacia Duster, together with professional driver Robert Otoman.**

***We look forward to seeing you in the Danube Delta!***

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It leaves at 9:00 a.m. from **Mahmudia** or from the pontoon in **Bălteni de Sus**, with partially covered boats, and with the possibility to fully cover them (depending on the weather conditions), having capacity for 8 - 12 people. The duration of the trip, to the only city in the Danube Delta, will be 2 hours, with the final destination being the mouth of the Danube in the Black Sea, then returning to the city, where we dock in the area of the cliff. Lunch can be served at the locals (with reservation, course 1, course 2 and dessert), at the restaurants on the seafront, or at the terraces on the beach.

The following can be visited: the cosmopolitan cemetery (where the only pirate grave is found from Europe), the Comârzan museum, walk with a historical guide (additional price 10 lei), the Old Lighthouse, The water castle, the tallest building in Sulina, built by the donation of Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands, in 1890, the tourist information point on the cliff, or we can enjoy the wild beach at Sulina. They leave for **Mahmudia** or **Baltenii de Sus** around 17:00-18:00.

It can also be reached by special boats that offer transportation / transfer of people in the Danube Delta (does not organize excursions), departing from **TULCEA** (20 km away from **Pensiunea 4 Salcii**), departing from PORT AVAL, transfer duration 1.5 h. Departures at: 08:00, 09:00, 10:00, 12:30, 14:00, 16:00, 17:30 and return from Sulina: 07:00, 10:00, 11:30, 14:00, 15:30, 17:30, 19:00, price 80 ron / person.



## details

**Departure:** ora 9:00

**Average speed:** 65 km/h

**Trip time:** 9-10 hours

**Minimum number of 8 people**

**A life jacket is worn**

**Smoking in boats is FORBIDDEN!**

**+ entrance fee to the Danube Delta biosphere reserve 5 RON  
and paid by SMS to 7494**



We visit lakes and canals in the area of the St. Gheorghe arm, where we admire a great diversity of birds and vegetation specific to the area. We will talk about the ecosystem and the history of the places, we enter narrow and picturesque channels, from where we will return with the most beautiful photos and memories.

It leaves at 9:00 a.m. from Mahmudia or from the pontoon in the village, with partially covered boats, with the possibility of fully covering them (depending on the weather conditions), and we return back to the village after approx. 3 hours. They leave for **Mahmudia** or **Baltenii de Sus** around 17:00-18:00.



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**Return:** ora 12:00

**Trip time:** 3 ore

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It leaves at 9:00 a.m. from **Mahmudia** or from the pontoon in **Bălenii de Sus**, with partially covered boats, with the possibility of fully covering them (depending on the weather conditions), with capacity for 8-12 people.

The duration of the excursion to **St. Gheorghe** will be approximately 2 hours, with the final destination the mouth of the Danube in the Black Sea, then returning to the town where we dock at the port. Lunch can be served at the locals' house (with reservation, course 1, course 2 and dessert) or at the restaurants in the port. You can take walks around the town or we can enjoy a wild beach session with the finest sand in the delta.

We leave back to **Mahmudia** or **Bălenii de Sus**, around 17:00-18:00.

It can also be reached by special boats that offer transportation / transfer of people in the Danube Delta (does not organize excursions), departing from **Mahmudia** (8km away from **Pensiunea 4 Salcii**), from the pier area. The transfer duration is 40 minutes. **Departure times:** 09:30 12:30 15:30 18:30 and return from St. Gheorghe: 08:00 11:00 14:00 17:00, price 70 ron / person. Of course, there is also the option for everyone to manage and find local transfer boats.



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It leaves at 9:00 a.m. from **Mahmudia** or from the pontoon in Bălteni de Sus, with partially covered boats, and with the possibility of fully covering them (depending on the weather conditions), with capacity for 8 - 12 people. The duration of the trip, to the port of Caraorman, is approximately 1 hour and 30 minutes, and once we get there, we are already greeted by the ruins of the former glass factory from the communist era.

In the company of a local guide, we go on an authentic safari, where we can admire the sand dunes, ancient oaks, wild horses and donkeys, ending with a story break at a replica of the table of silence with the cold fountain. The traditional lunch is served in the home of the locals (with reservation, course 1, course 2 and dessert).

We return to **Mahmudia** or **Bălteni de Sus**, around 14:00, crossing lakes and canals, to be able to admire the show offered by pelicans, swans, cormorants, egrets, starlings, white and yellow water lilies. We return to the guesthouse around 16:00-17:00.



## details

**Departure:** ora 9:00

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**Trip time:** 7-8 hours

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# Măcin Mountain Reserve

*60km from the guesthouse, on the road to Bucharest*

## Walk in the Măcin Mountains Reserve

The Măcin Mountains are between 370-270 million years old, and in their heyday the peaks rose up to 3000 meters or even more, being the oldest mountains in Romania

The natural potential it currently has makes the Măcin Mountains National Park accessible to a wide range of tourists interested in hiking in nature, landscapes, flora, fauna characteristic of the park.

## Horse riding Center “Padoc Cerna”



**1.5h and 3h routes**

The stud has horses and equipment necessary to practice horse riding, and even people who are not initiated into this sport can try it successfully. Along with the unique landscape that they will not be disappointed by, tourists will have the opportunity to observe on the equestrian trail species such as the Dobrogean bluebell, dwarf

carnation, deditel, butterflies, reptiles (the Dobrogean tortoise, the Dobrogean lizard, the leaf and steppe lizard), protected birds internationally. Tourists will be accompanied by a specialized guide and protective equipment is included in the price.

 Horse riding information and bookings : 0735 223 575



## Iacobdeal, a unique lake in Romania

At the foot of the Măcin mountains, near the town of Turcoaia in Tulcea, Iacobdeal lake stretches over one hectare, a quite wild place of rare beauty. Lake Iacobdeal is a unique place in Romania due to the way it was formed.

No running water flows into it and there is no drain. The expanse of emerald green water appeared in the heart of a former granite quarry of the Italians who settled in these lands 135 years ago. The lake was born in 1930, when, following a dynamiting of one of the galleries, water from the water table stormed its surface.

The emerald color of the lake, the clarity of the water and the shape of the caldera, create a unique image, resembling a glacial lake, which makes this place unique in Romania. The lake with a depth of approximately 30 m, which is spread over an area of one hectare, is surrounded by glazed granite walls, steep banks and it is said that since the water infiltrated quickly, the equipment used in the excavation remained at the bottom of the lake. Now the area is privately owned and paid for an entrance fee. You can camp again in the summer, the water is perfect for bathing even if it has a depth of about 20 meters.







**Celic-Dere Monastery (1835)**



**Cocos Monastery (1883)**



**Saon Monastery (1881)**



**Paleochristian Basilica from Niculițel (370 d.h.)**

# Tour of the Monasteries

The tour includes:

**Saon Monastery, Cocos Monastery, Celic-Dere Monastery, The Paleo-Christian Basilica of Niculitel and the LaSapata Winery**

**Tulcea** county attracts tourists not only through the Danube Delta biosphere reserve, but also through religious tourism. In this area of the country there is the "Monastery Triangle" formed by the settlements of Cocos, Saon and Celic-Dere. Religious tourism is centuries old. Manifested most of the time in the form of pilgrimage, it implies on the part of tourists a certain level of training and culture in order to be able to appreciate the objectives from the point of view of architecture, value and spiritual meanings. The purpose of this type of tourism, beyond the need for knowledge and aesthetic pleasure, is the desire for a divine experience. Each individual monastery, the architecture of the houses, the landscape design, the monastic life, the household and the landscapes around the monasteries impress deeply.



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**Tastings of organic wines at LaSapata Winery:**

*"Knowing how to drink is a real science"*

*Voltaire!*

*Tastings and tours can be arranged, with advance reservations, subject to availability.*

*The wine produced here is checked manually, the treatments of the vineyard are made only with natural products*



**Halmyris Fortress**



**Enisala Fortress**



**Argamum Fortress**



**Histria Fortress**

# Tour of the Fortress

*The tour includes:*

***Halmyris Fortress, Enisala Fortress, Argamum Fortress, Histria Fortress***

We recommend the tour of the oldest Dobrogean fortresses where the landscapes you will admire are exceptional: **Halmirys (Murighiol), Enisa (Enisala), Argamum (Argamum) and Histria (Istria)**. On this route, you have the opportunity to visit the "blue villages of the Danube Delta: Jurilovca, Sarichioi, Sabangia, Agighiol, Jurilovca. During this tour you will discover the communities formed around the ancient settlements, their customs and culinary traditions.

## **Halmyris Fortress**

The Roman fortress of Halmyris is located on the territory of the current Murighiol locality and is part of the Danube Delta biosphere reserve. From the 2nd century onwards it seems that the most important base of the Moesian Roman fleet was at Noviodunum, many former sailors of the fleet establishing near Halmyris even a village of sailors. Near the citadel there is the civil settlement of the Roman era, attested by an inscription (unique in the Roman Empire) that mentions the "village of the marians", belonging to the Danube fleet Classis Flavia Moesica. Also at Halmyris, in the crypt of the basilica, the relics of the oldest attested Christian martyrs in Dobrogea, Epictetus and Astion, were discovered.

## **Argamum Fortress**


The citadel is an archaeological site located in the eastern part of Tulcea county, on the territory of Jurilovca commune, in the place called Capul Doloşman, located at the contact between Babadagului Plateau and Limanul Razim which, in Antiquity, was an open bay of the Black Sea (Argamon bay). Argamon is the oldest settlement on the Romanian territory attested in an ancient spring. It was founded by Greek colonists from Asia Minor, towards the middle of the century. VII B.C.E., and settled then on the shore of the Black Sea, today the shore of Razelm harbor. In the 1st century after Christ, the fortress came under Roman rule, from then on named Argamum and being a port of call for navigators on the Byzantium-Tyras

## **Enisala Fortress**

The ruins of the medieval Enisala fortress are located 2 km from the town of Enisala, on a limestone hill overlooking the Razim and Babadag lakes area. The citadel has an irregular polygonal plan, which follows the sinuosity of the Jurassic limestone massif on which it is located. Archaeological research was started in 1939 and continued, with small interruptions, between 1970-1998. The materials discovered as a result of archaeological research and especially the Byzantine, Genoese, Tatar, Moldavian, Mountain or Turkish coins attest to the military, political, administrative and economic role that the citadel played.

## **Histria Fortress**

It was the first urban settlement on the current Romanian territory, when it was founded by colonists from Miletus in the 7th century BC. It was under Roman rule from the 1st-3rd centuries AD. The invasions of the 7th century AD. they made it impossible to defend, and the city was abandoned. The city of Histria had an uninterrupted development for almost 1300 years, beginning with the Greek period and ending with the Byzantine period. One of the reasons for the city's abandonment is the clogging of the old Black Sea bay, where the port was laid out, the bay now becoming the Razim-Sinoe lagoon complex.

[see route map](#)  [Turul Cetăților](#)

## **Advice:**

**The tour of the blue villages can be organized simultaneously with the tour of the fortresses.**



*Sarichioi*



*Agighiol*



*Enisala Fortress*



*Jurilovca*

# Tour of the Blue Villages

*The tour includes:*

*Sarichioi village, Agighiol village, Enisala fortress, Jurilovca village*

The tour of the blue villages of the Danube Delta is an exciting and unique experience of cultural wealth and natural features of this unique region in the world. The journey starts from the village of Sarichioi, where we discover the traditional houses painted in vibrant shades of blue, giving them a special charm. The quiet and picturesque atmosphere wins you over immediately. Then, we continue our journey to the village of Agighiol, where we will explore the narrow streets and visit the old church that presents an impressive architecture. The next stop will be at the Enisala fortress, a special historical monument located near the Razim lake, which offers an impressive panorama of the surroundings and the tour will end in Jurilovca where we can taste the gastronomic delights of the area.



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*The traditional fishing village*



*The Independence Monument*



*Aegyssus Fortress*



*Tulcea Aquarium*

# Tulcea Tour

*The tour includes: Aquarium, Fisherman's Village, Hero's Monument, Aegyssus Citadel, Tulea Art Museum, Ethnography Museum, History Museum, Ivan Pescarul Restaurant*

If we take a trip to Tulcea, we will have the opportunity to discover a wide range of attractions and interesting destinations. We will propose some representative destinations:

- 1. The Museum of History and Archeology Tulcea**, which houses impressive collections of artifacts and archaeological exhibits illustrating the history and culture of the area, is located next to the ruins of ancient Aegyssus.
- 2. The Independence Monument**, an impressive monument located in the center of Tulcea that commemorates the struggle for Romanian Independence.
- 3. The Tulcea Aquarium** is an objective that should not be missed, it is the place where the largest aquariums and the most complex museum in the country are located, so it combines the museum part with the natural part in a harmonious way. Here you can make direct contact with the aquatic universe of the natural and socio-cultural heritage of the Danube Delta.

**4. The museum of ethnography and folk art** is one of the emblematic edifices for the city and the heritage of the museum, through the diversity of the collections, is a unique cultural model generated by the ethnic coexistence between Romanians and other populations.

**5. The fortress of Aegyssus**, located on Monument Hill, in the north-eastern part of the city, of Celtic origin, it hosts several archaeological complexes from the late Roman period and had an important military role.

**6. The traditional fishing village** is a perfectly arranged settlement as soon as you leave the city of Tulcea towards Mahmudia, it perfectly imitates the traditional Dobrogean houses that have the three canals of the Danube Delta, Chilia, Sulina and St. Gheorghe as alleys. Each alley is marked with a sign at the entrance, the doors are unlocked, making the walk as pleasant as possible.

**7. The art museum**, one of the most appreciated objectives, housed in a monumental building with neo-classical architecture, consists of 2 buildings, one art museum and one collection house.



*The Museum of History and Archeology*



*The Tulcea Aquarium*



*The museum of ethnography and folk art*

# Kayaking on lakes and canals



## Come and explore the Danube Delta by kayak!

**On request, we can organize excursions of several hours, for a day or more with or without a guide.**

Come and explore the Danube Delta in kayaks, perhaps the last wild land in Romania. A real adventure on the canals and lakes of the Danube Delta, with roomy and maneuverable canoes and kayaks. It is the ideal opportunity to get to know and explore the deltaic landscape and the world of waters, right from the middle of it to wild and isolated beaches.

Canoe and kayak are probably the most practical recreational craft, ideal for traversing the canals, jetties and stretches of water of the Delta. With their help you can get to where rare species of plants and birds are still found, which you can look at and photograph up close. Rowing boats remain the most environmentally friendly means of transport, in contrast to sloops

high power used more and more by tourists who come to visit the Delta, removing the flock of birds.

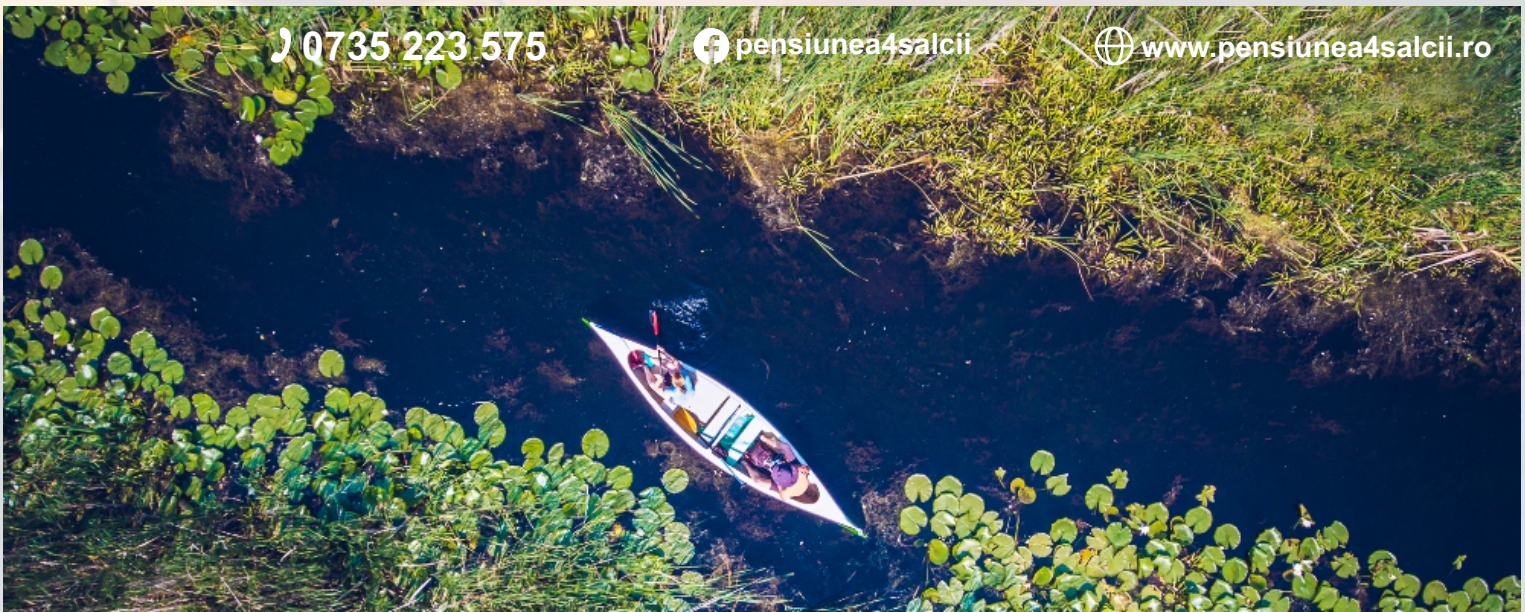
In this way, all the waters of the Delta can be traversed, without being restricted by the authorities or by the flow rate and depth of the canals. During the canoe trip, most of the landscapes of the Delta will be encountered: canals, fields, reed fields, lakes, swamp forests, bird colonies, sandbars.

In addition to the landscapes encountered, kayaking-canoeing remains an exciting sport, an exercise of endurance and navigation, being highly recommended for those who want to improve their muscle tone and physical condition.

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## ATV rides



**ATV ride on the hills of Tulcea**  
*Have fun discovering new places on ATVs!*



## Perișor beach, among the last wild beaches

**We invite you to join us on a unique trip  
to this wild paradise!**

**Perișor beach** is among the last wild beaches of Europe, a narrow shore of the Black Sea. Perișor Beach is located between two strictly protected areas of the Danube Delta Biosphere Reserve, forbidden to visitors and tourism: Sacalin-Zătoane and Periteașca-Leahova. Thus, access to Perișor beach is by boats on the Danube Delta channels and is monitored by the Administration of the Danube Delta Biosphere Reserve, in order to



**Dunavățu de Jos** is an old fishing village in Murighiol commune, Tulcea county and is the closest town to Perișor beach. Located at a distance of 46 km from Tulcea, the village of Dunavățu de Jos is famous for its culinary delights, fishing parties on the canals in the area and explorations through the Delta, to the island of Perișor.

The boat route to Perișor beach starts from Dunavățu de Jos, through several canals (Lipovenilor canal, Dunavăț, Mustaca and Dranov) until reaching the Perișor canal. At the end of the channel we will reach the wild land of Perișor beach in a few meters.

comply with the rules for visiting the area. The wild beach, located at the confluence of the Danube Delta with the Black Sea, in Tulcea county, 30 kilometers from Dunavățu de Jos and 25 kilometers from Gura Portiței is an area with crystal clear water, wild horses, sand mixed with shells, birds of all kinds, whole kilometers and an abandoned cherhana, a place of a story.

**Perisor beach** is narrow, only a few meters long, full of shells washed ashore by the crystalline waves and clear seas. The sand, of a whitish shade, is a little harder than that found in the rest of the Romanian coast. Remains of stumps, brought to the shore of the waves, they testify to the fact that there nature follows its natural course.

We arrive at Perișor beach in an organized way, by water, on the channels of the Danube Delta. The routes include short stops at all points of tourist interest and staying for a few hours on **Perișor beach**.



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**CORBU BEACH**

**For a beach day at the Black Sea,  
we recommend the route by car  
(approximately 110 km) Corbu Beach, and for  
served lunch, we recommend Cherhana Luna  
by Corbu or Bosoancă's Cherhana**

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