# Dobruja

# Seaside Paradise and home of the Danube Delta

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#### Location

## Important!

Dobruja is located in the Eastern European states of Romania and Bulgaria, more specifically the part of these countries that borders the black sea, here we will mainly be focusing on Romanian Dobruja however as this is what's located within the scope of the project.

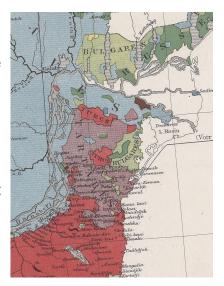
- Western limits: to the west Romanian Dobruja borders the Romanian Plain and some of the southern portions of the Moldavian Plateau;
- Northern limits: A tiny strip on the border between Romania and Moldova and the border between Ukraine and Romania;
- Eastern limits: To the east of Dobruja there is the black sea;
- Southern limits: to the south we have Bulgarian Dobruja as previously hinted.



## Relics of the Tatars

Less than 150 years ago Dobruja had a large Tatar population, as shown in the map to the right, and while the Tatar population is no longer as large you can still see mosques in places like Mangalia, or you can visit former Tatar villages.

My favorite (former) Tatar village for example is Hagieni, it had the kindest locals I have ever met, willing to give me free water when I was in need and willing to take care of me for a little while, introducing me to the area, and the hidden Muslim burial ground.



# Town of Hope

On the way there if you have settled for a hotel in "2 Mai", another great underrated place that we'll discuss next you will pass trough Limanu, (or as I have taken to calling it, Luin, city of water and hope) with a great local mini-restaurant, a great stop that you will be especially thankful for after a long walk.

Limanu also has a beautiful lake by the side of which there are a few benches where you can sit and eat your pizza, sandwiches or whatever you get from the restaurant.



## The Imperial Seaside Town

this Imperial Seaside Town, "2 Mai", while having the most visitors out of any place disucssed so far is still the least visited commercial seaside resort town that I have ever seen with an incredibly low cost, with some nearby beaches being free to set up a tent on.

Meanwhile there are restaurants, bars and shops, so many that you can for likely a whole week or more try a new restaurant each day.

# Delta Dunarii(The Danube Delta)

• The Danube Delta (3446km2) located mostly in Dobrogea, and Ukraine, is the second largest delta, and among the best preserved in Europe. The Danube Delta has many species of animals, migratory birds and fish. The Danube Delta is a major tourist attraction in Romania, where you can go by boat, because cars cannot easily go through the water.



### Cetatea Histria

• Histria Fortress was the first Greek colony in the Black Sea, and the first urban settlement in the (current) territory of Romania. Now, it is an archeological site, included in the European Heritage, but also on the List of Historical Monuments.



### Cetatea Enisala

• Cetatea se afla in judetul Tulcea. Cetatea Enisala se afla pe un deal calcaros, de unde se pot vedea lacurile Razim si Babadag. Cetatea a fost ridicata de genovezi, dupa 1250, cu scop defensive si de a supraveghere a raurilor din apropiere.



### Lacul lacobdeal

• Lacul a fost format in urma unei mine de calcar explodate, in urma cu zeci de ani. Acest lac are adancimea de aproximativ 20 metri. Lacul mai are si numele de 'La Fantana'



## Muntii Macinului

• The Macinului Mountains are the oldest mountains in Romania, being located in the remains of the Hercynians. The highest peak is Greci peak, which has a height of 467 m. This area has steppe landscape (natural), among the only steppe places in Romania



## Cetatea Capidava

• The Capidava fortress was built by the Geto-Dacians, then converted into a Roman camp. It is located on the right bank of the Danube, near the current village of Capidava. In Roman times it had a defensive role on the bank of the Danube.



## Cheile Dobrogei

• The Dobruja keys is a rocky area in Dobruja. Dobruja includes varied landscape (meadows, steppes, crops, pastures and deciduous forests. In this area there are protected birds, such as blue gull, short-legged hawk, quail, Danube falcon and other animals that live among limestone cliffs, steppe vegetation, bushes and forest



## Strategies to Attract people

- Muslim tourism: Islam is a religion of tolerance and many would be interested if they knew of the old mosques of Dobruja;
- Traveler's Wonderland: Dobruja provides countless oppportunities for travel and exploration of areas that have not been touched in years by non-locals;
- The Danube Delta: A vast delta not often explored, be the first to take pictures of the beautiful species and flowers, rewards will be given to people that discover new species;
- Marvelous beaches: Empty beaches await your presence, take to the high seas and swim, seek the thrills of tent life and march along the shores of the Black Sea.