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Cultural tourism in Romania during the Covid-19 pandemic

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Many sights have been closed for fear of becoming Covid outbreaks









"Social distancing" is the dominant expression during the pandemic period





### Cultural heritage objectives in North-East Region Of Romania during the pandemic period - Specific elements

#### Neamț Fortress

- The number of visitors decreasing by approximately 56% in 2020 (62,427 visitors in 2020 vs. 143,883 visitors in 2019).
- In 2021 the number of visitors to the Neamţ Fortress has increased in 2021 compared to 2020 by over 50% (97,377 visitors), but without reaching the level of 2019, before pandemic period





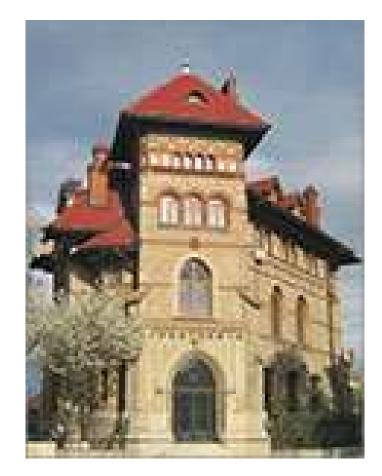




### Cultural heritage objectives in North-East Region Of Romania during the pandemic period - Specific elements

Cucuteni Museum of Eneolithic Art

- The number of visitors decreased by approximately 60% in 2020 (3274 visitors in 2020 vs. 8244 visitors in 2019).
- The number of visitors increased in 2021 compared to 2020 by 50% (from 3274 visitors in 2020 to 6574 visitors in 2021), but without reaching the level of 2019, before pandemic period.







### Cultural heritage objectives in North-East Region Of Romania during the pandemic period - Specific elements

The Princely Fortress of Suceava

- The number of visitors in 2020 decreased by 65.9% compared to 2019.
- In 2021, there will be also a massive decrease in the number of visitors during waves 3 and 4 of the pandemic, probably due to the high rate of Covid disease in the area.







# Initiatives that cultural tourism heritage sites (including events) in NE Region of Romania developed during the COVID pandemic

## Virtual tours of the exhibitions consisting of:

- videos that guide the visitor
- digitized heritage objects and their three-dimensional remodeling
- photographic or video inventories of monuments



This initiative was already accessible to the public, but was not constantly promoted for use.





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Thematic virtual workshops trying to put in both value the museum heritage, but also to attract and to involve the public in the act of culture

Online egg painting workshops







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## Zoom museum education project at the Citadel of Suceava, launched in the fall of 2020

A SMART museographer guides students through the Citadel and provides real-time information and quick answers to participants' questions







#### A major unresolved challenge for cultural tourism sites Individual-oriented tourism



Post-COVID cultural tourism will focus more on the individual than on destinations.

The individual needs of the tourist in the post-pandemic period:

- higher health protection for tourists
- greater freedom of movement and choice from the existing cultural tourism offer









