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# HISTORY, CULTURE AND TOURISM

Comuna Victoria, Iasi, Romania

# History of Victoria

- ▣ Documented as a settlement (Cârpiți) in the XIX century (1803);
- ▣ Since 1968 has the actual name, Victoria;
- ▣ War theatre (WWII);
- ▣ Heroes Monument;
- ▣ The place where the Holocaust in Romania started;

# History of Iasi county

- ▣ Archaeological evidence of human settlements in the area of Iași dating from the 6th to 7th centuries;
- ▣ Was located in the northeastern part of Greater Romania, in the northeast of the region of Moldavia – named capital in 1564;
- ▣ In the eastern side, the county included a part of the left bank of the Prut River, currently in the territory of the Republic of Moldova;

# Administration

In 1938, the county was divided into six districts:

- ▣ Plasa **Bahlui**, headquartered at Podu Iloaiei
- ▣ Plasa **Cârligătura**, headquartered at Târgu Frumos
- ▣ Plasa **Codru**, headquartered at Buciumii (at that time a commune, now Bucium District in the city of Iași)
- ▣ Plasa **Copou**, headquartered at Iași
- ▣ Plasa **Turia**, headquartered at Șipotele
- ▣ Plasa **Ungheni**, headquartered at Ungheni-Târg, now the city of Ungheni belongs to Republic of Moldova

# Facts

- ▣ In 1640, Vasile Lupu established the first school in which the Romanian language replaced Greek;
- ▣ Between 15 September - 27 October 1642, the city hosted the Synod of Iasi(also referred to as the Council of Iasi);
- ▣ In 1643, the first volume ever printed in Moldavia was published in Iași.
- ▣ The city was burned down by the Tatars in 1513, by the Ottomans in 1538, and by Imperial Russian troops in 1686. In 1734, it was hit by the plague.

# Culture

- ▣ The first newspaper in Romanian language was published in 1829 in Iași ;
- ▣ Headquarter of “Junimea” and “Convorbiri literare” literary magazines;
- ▣ National Theatre “Vasile Alecsandri”, founded in 1840 – first national theatre;
- ▣ Hosts six cultural centres: French, German, British, Latin American & Caribbean, Hellenic, and Arab

# Personalities of Romanian culture connected to area

- ▣ **Nicolae Milescu** - Chronicler ;
- ▣ **Mihail Kogălniceanu** and **Simion Bărnuțiu** -  
Historians and politicians ;
- ▣ **Vasile Alecsandri** and **George Topârceanu** - Poets;
- ▣ **Mihail Sadoveanu**, **Alecu Russo**, and **Ionel  
Teodoreanu** - Writers ;
- ▣ **Titu Maiorescu** - Literary critic;
- ▣ **A.D. Xenopol** – Historian;
- ▣ **Vasile Conta** and **Petre Andrei** – philosophers;
- ▣ **Dimitrie Gusti** – sociologist;
- ▣ **Octav Băncilă** – painter.

# Cultural events and festivals

- ▣ FILIT (International Festival of Literature and Translation), since 2013;
- ▣ FIE (International Education Festival), launched in 2013
- ▣ International Theatre Festival for Young Audience, launched in 2008
- ▣ SFR(Romanian Film Nights), since 2010
- ▣ Afterhills, since 2017: the biggest music festival in Moldavia region. Other music festivals: Rock'n'Iași since 2007 and Rocanotherworld since 2016.
- ▣ Hangariada is an aeronautics and art festival organized each year in May, since 2012;



# Tourism

Most visitors are from:

- ▣ Moldova;
- ▣ Hungary;
- ▣ Bulgaria;
- ▣ Ukraine;
- ▣ Germany;
- ▣ Serbia;
- ▣ Italy;
- ▣ Turkey;
- ▣ Poland;
- ▣ Israel.

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# Most visited places in Iasi county

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# Most visited places in Iasi county

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# Most visited places in Romania

- ▣ Wooden churches of Maramures;
- ▣ Power plant museums from Cernavoda;
- ▣ Iron Gates (I and II);
- ▣ Salt mines from: Turda, Praid, Cacica, Slanic Prahova, Ocnele Mari, Ocna Sibiului;
- ▣ Wineries: Murfatlar, Cotnari, Dragasani, Recas, Prahova Valley, Odobesti, Husi, Recas.

**Thank you!**