

Slănic-Moldova, Romania

Slănic-Moldova is a well-known and very beautiful Romanian spa resort town situated on the eastern slope of the Eastern Carpathians, in the foothills of Nemira massifs, at 84 km south-west of the municipality of Bacău (capital of Bacău county).

Its location at an elevation of 530 m, in a valley surrounded by forests of beeches and fir trees, on the Slănic beck (a tributary of Trotuș river), its mountainous temperate climate with a pure air, free of dust and allergens and rich in resinous aerosols and negative ions, with average annual temperatures of 7.4°C and, not at last, its excellent mineral waters, have made of Slănic-Moldova a standing-season resort widely recognized as the Pearl of eastern Romania.

The resort has many hotels and villas, a sanatorium complex and various facilities and opportunities for recreation and amusement (concert halls, gaming halls, sports grounds, bowling alley, disco etc.). The wild and fascinating landscape offers the opportunity of small escapades on the shady and quiet, narrow and sometimes steep but easy to go paths from the left side of the Slănic beck and the tourists can capture some of the nature show provided by the resort, accompanied by the murmur of the Waterfall.

A mineral-water bottling station also exists in Slănic-Moldova, the resort being renowned for its springs of carbonated, bi-carbonated, slightly sulphurous, chlorided, sodic, hypertonic, hypotonic and certain multi-mineral waters. Discovered in 1801 and for the first time chemically tested in 1852, those springs have been exploited since 1877 and have confirmed their therapeutic qualities in the course of time, being awarded with medals at international exhibitions in Paris, Vienna, Frankfurt am Main, etc., experts comparing them to the mineral waters of Karlovy Vary, Vichy, Aix-les-Bains, a.o.

Tourists and patients can go by bus from Slănic-Moldova to Târgu-Ocna (18 km), to visit the underground balneal sanatorium, with a salt-mine microclimate.