

## **Social and Cultural Program – 8 May 2020**

### **Horezu Pottery – Ceramics**

Pottery is an ancient occupation, practiced ever since prehistoric times, as can be seen from the beautiful ceramic items dating back to the Neolithic age, when a remarkable civilization formed and developed on the territory of present-day Romania. The name Horezu Ceramics refers to a type of art that produces unique traditional pieces of pottery, each hand-made and hand-painted, an art that is one of the most representative of Romanian folklore.



### **Olari, Village of the Ceramists**

This is the most important ceramic centre in Romania, permanent exhibitions being housed by the ceramist artisans' workshops. Alongside the Hurezi Monastery, it is the emblem of the locality, the symbolic force of the Horezu pottery receiving the confirmation of its value through its including on the UNESCO Immaterial Heritage List in December 2012. The craft of working the clay was transmitted through the ages by the families of ceramists who managed to keep it alive in the ancestral village hearth, now known as "Olari street".

### **The Hurezi Monastery Complex – An UNESCO Monument**

In the Horezu area there is the greatest density of unique architectonic buildings, of an inestimable value, symbols of the past and present of this region, represented by churches, hermitages and monasteries.

Being considered the most representative edifice built in the "Brâncoveanu" style in the country, the Hurezi Monastery is, perhaps, the largest monastic complex in Romania.



### **Trovants of Costesti, Romania**

Known in Romania as "Trovants" the stones of Costesti, Romania, are a type of sandstone concretion that secrete cement and can at times appear to grow as if alive. Trovants are extraordinary rocks that grow and multiply and you can witness these rocks in Romania. The growing stones of Romania, Trovants, aren't just unique because of their ability to multiply. Consisting of a stone core with an outer shell of sand, after a heavy rain small forms are said to appear on the rocks leading them to be dubbed the "growing stones" by locals.

The "Muzeul Trovantilor" or "Trovants Museum Natural Reserve" was created in 2004 to protect the unusual geological creations.

