

THE FORTRESS OF BENDERY, MOLDOVA

Bendery is within the internationally recognized borders of Moldova, but since 1992 has been under the de facto control of the unrecognized Transnistria Republic.



In 1538, the [Ottoman](#) sultan [Suleiman the Magnificent](#) conquered (Tighina) from Moldavia, and renamed it *Bender*. Its fortifications were developed into a full fortress under the same name under the supervision of the Turkish architect Koji [Mimar Sinan](#). Over the centuries, it changed hands multiple times from Turkish to Russian control.

(*Wikipedia*)



View above from the Tiraspol to Bendery Trolley



View below – the approach for tourists

Dneister River Beyond the Fortress













View of Bendery in the distance
from the top





Unfilled Moat at the Left with Bridge to Main Entrance
Below: Museum, Gift Shop





Bendery Fortress Museum



Bendery Fortress Torture Chamber



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Fortress Gate with Jewish Star

