



Virtual journey to Dobrovat

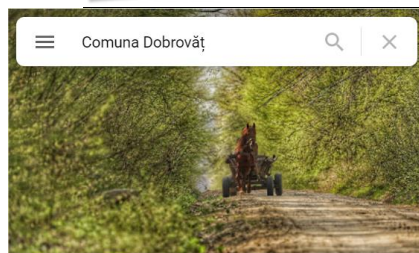
Since 4th grade when I have visited Iasi for the 1st time and fell in love with it, I wanted to discover every bit of its surroundings. Dobrovat is one of the places I have heard many times from my friends and acquaintances who live in Iasi, either sport or simple nature lovers. And when you hear the name of a place more than once, you definitely want to go there and see with your own eyes.

- What is Dobrovat?

Dobrovat or with original spelling, *Dobrovăț*, is a locality at the south edge of the Iasi county at the limit with Vaslui county that is inhabited since Stefan cel Mare period (around 1500 A.C.)



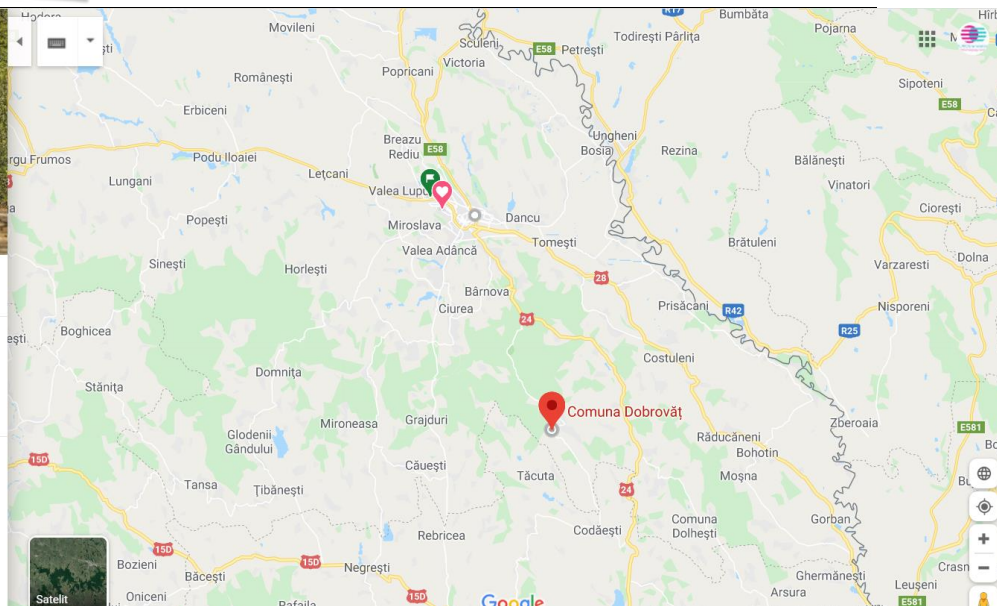
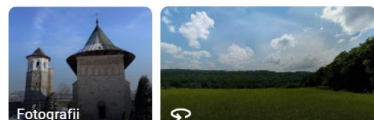
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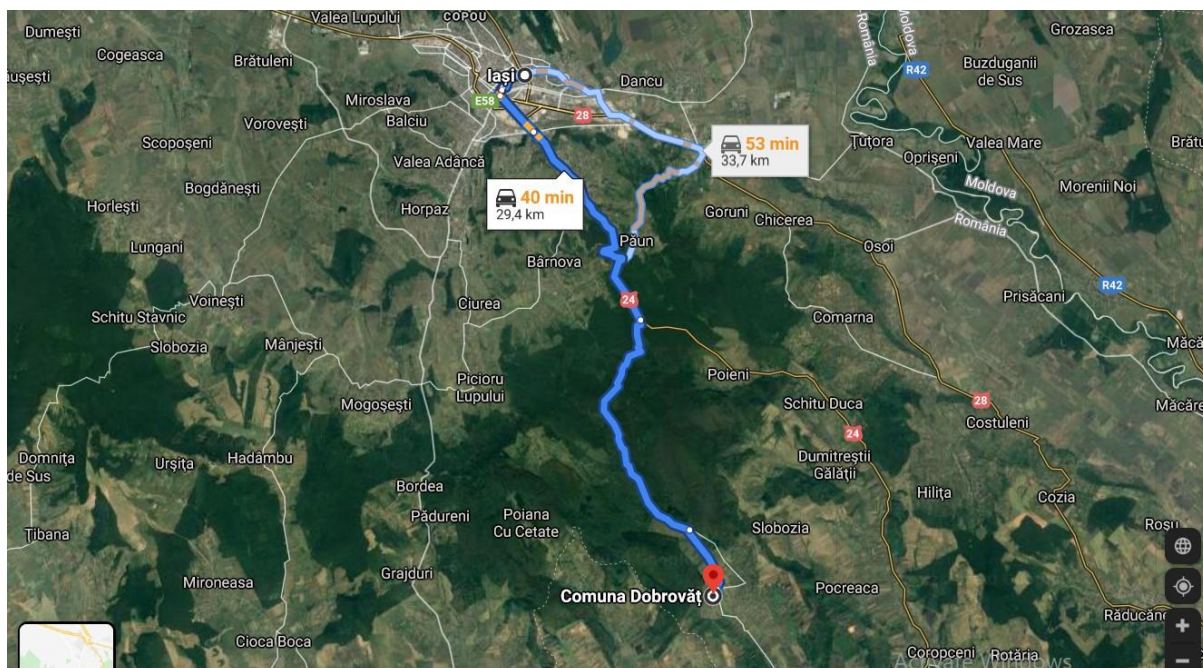
Comuna Dobrovăț

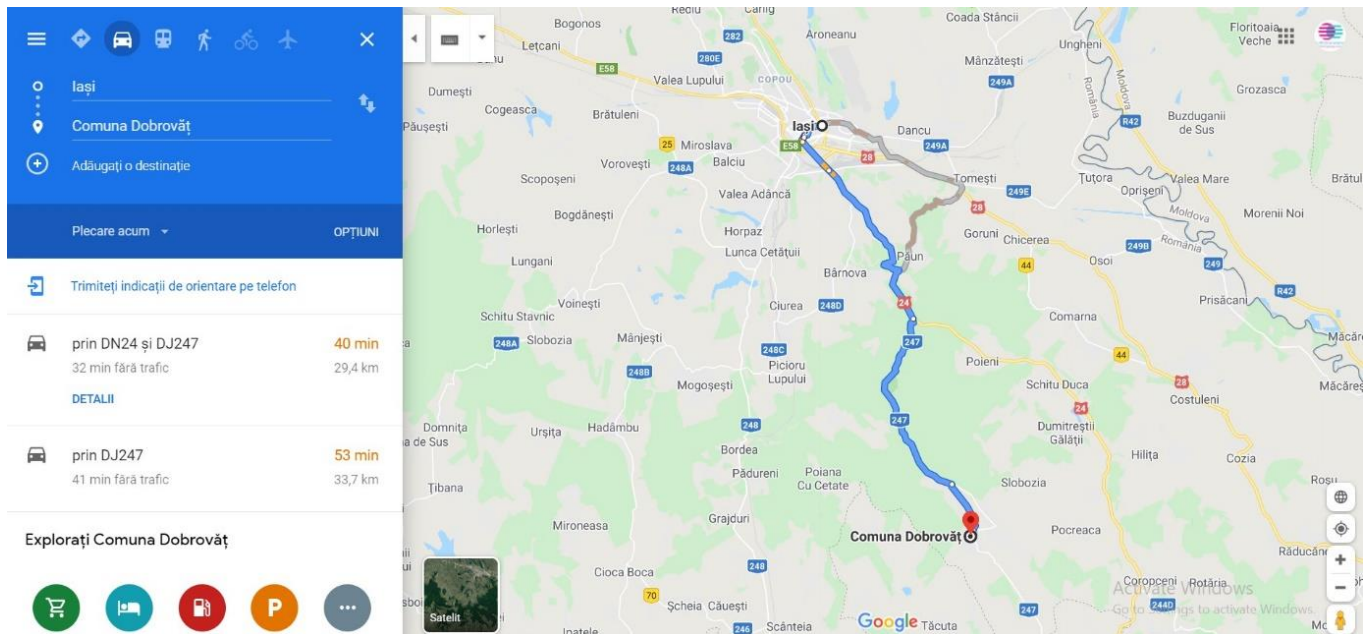


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The locality is at almost 30 km from Iasi, near Barnova with a total surface of almost 9.300 ha being thus a small commune. You can visit it just by car, as regular bus or train do not exist.





- What do I see there?

The purpose is not to visit the village itself, but the surrounding Pietrosu forest which is a protected area of national scientific interest and has a total surface of 83,00 ha. It has been declared reservation by the Local Council in 1994 and it has many species of trees, such as 100-150 years old beech *Fagus taurica*, *Fagus orientalis*, hornbeam and silver linden tree *Tilia tomentosa*, characteristic for the Central Moldavian Plateau.



Another point of interest is a Romanian Orthodox monastery located in Dobrovăț-Ruși. The monastery is listed in the National Register of Historic Monuments.

Located 25 km (16 mi) southeast of the city of Iași, the monastery, dedicated to the Holy Spirit, is the **last holy founding** that Stephen the Great, the Voivode of Moldavia, erected during his reign. It was completed in **1504** by Bogdan III, son of Stephen. The paintings inside the church of the monastic complex were executed during the reign of Petru Rareș Voivode, another son of Stephen the Great, between 1527 and 1530.



The picture inside the church



Church entry door



The area has two types of habitats that ensure food and shelter for many species of small mammals, reptiles, birds and insects and protects rare floristic elements.

I hardly wait to turn this virtual journey into a real one!

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