

Belarus, UKRAINE, Moldova



Kiev, Ukraine

Ukraine, the cradle of Slavic civilization, has glittering churches, imperial palaces, fertile farmland and the former Soviet Union's prime real estate, the Crimean Peninsula on the sunny Black Sea. **Belarus** is a country of factories, wooden houses, forests and farmland where time slowed drastically after the devastation of WWII. And little **Moldova**, part Romanian and part Russian, its green hills and plains stitched together with grape vines, is jostling for position in the European winemaking hierarchy.

Up until 1991, these countries were contained in the sprawling entity called the Soviet Union. At its dissolution, Belarus negotiated a new covenant with its neighbor, Russia, which the Trans-Dniester region of Moldova, one of the poorest nations in Europe, would like to join. Ukraine, meanwhile, is thriving after the peaceful Orange Revolution in 2004.

Changing with every moment that goes by, these three countries should be visited now before the rest of the world discovers them.



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