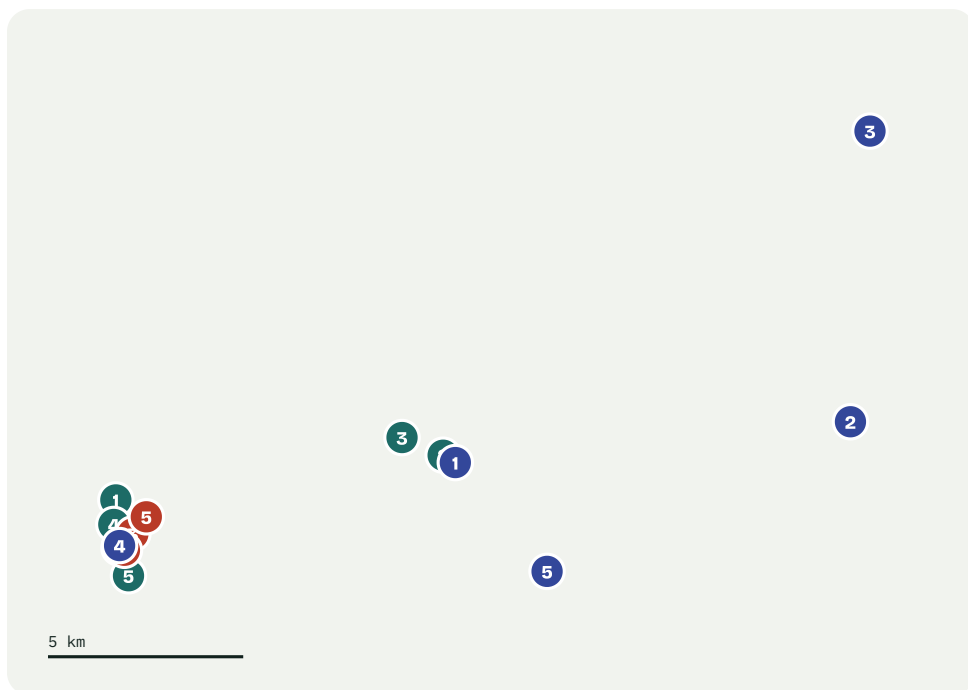


Ștei

A town built in 1952–1956 to plans from Moscow, on the Crișul Negru, 16 km from the Bears' Cave.



■ Where to stay ■ Where to eat ■ What to see

Sketch, not exactly to scale.

How to use this guide

For each category we picked five places, in the order we would recommend them. Map numbers match the list. On bihor.info you'll find the interactive map, Google Maps links and the always up-to-date version.

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| Where to stay in Ștei

1 Pensiune Premier

GUESTHOUSE AND RESTAURANT · PETRILENI, NORDUL ORAȘULUI · €€

It scores 9.3 on Booking from 75 reviews, and its restaurant scores 4.6 on Google from 484 reviews.

Guesthouse with a restaurant at the Beiuș entrance to Ștei, with a garden, terrace, bar and free parking.

Strada Miron Pompiliu 148A · Tel. +40 359 180 050

2 Casa Aurelia

GUEST HOUSE · SAT CHIȘCĂU, COM. PIETROASA, LA 15 KM (ÎN AFARA ORAȘULUI) · €

It scores 9.7 on Booking from 188 reviews, at a low price for the area.

Guest house in Chișcău village near the Bears' Cave, with a shared kitchen, garden and barbecue.

Chișcău, lângă drumul spre Peștera Urșilor · Tel. +40 773 872 037

3 Pensiunea Anișoara

GUESTHOUSE · SAT CHIȘCĂU, COM. PIETROASA, LA 15 KM (ÎN AFARA ORAȘULUI) · €

It scores 9.0 on Booking from 294 reviews, the most of any Chișcău guesthouse, at about 160 lei a night.

Guesthouse in Chișcău village, 1.7 km from the Bears' Cave, with a garden, a bar and a 24-hour front desk.

Chișcău, pe drumul principal

4 Terra Ștrand Residence

SERVICED APARTMENT · CENTRU, LÂNGĂ ȘTRAND · €

It scores 9.7 on Booking from 44 reviews and is the only well-rated place to stay right in the town centre.

Air-conditioned apartment with a balcony in a block in central Ștei, across the street from the town's open-air pool.

Strada Lioarei 1, ap. 6

5 JRB Hotel

3-STAR HOTEL · LUNCA (COM. LUNCA), LA INTRAREA ÎN ȘTEI DINSPRE DEVA, LA 1 KM (ÎN AFARA ORAȘULUI) · €€

It scores 9.0 on Booking from 58 reviews and 4.3 on Google from 178, with easy parking by the DN76.

Three-star hotel at the Deva entrance to Ștei, with a garden, lounge, terrace and free parking.

Lunca 251/D, în spatele benzinăriei JRB · Tel. +40 744 605 179

| Where to eat in Ștei

1 Old Town Restaurant

RESTAURANT · CENTRU · €

It scores 4.9 on Google from 362 reviews, the best rating among Ștei restaurants with over 100 reviews.

Restaurant in central Ștei serving traditional dishes cooked in a modern style, open from breakfast until late.

Strada Cuza Vodă 9, ap. 2 · Tel. +40 771 565 403 · Hours: Mo 07–23:30 · Tu 07–23:30 · We 07–23:30 · Th 07–23:30 · Fr 07–01 · Sa 08–01 · Su 08–01

2 The Ritual by the Micle's

BISTRO · CENTRU · €

It scores 4.8 on Google from 283 reviews and keeps long hours every day of the week.

Bistro in central Ștei, open from early morning until late for coffee, lunch and dinner.

Strada George Enescu 2 · Tel. +40 753 618 711 · Hours: Mo 07–23 · Tu 07–23 · We 07–23 · Th 07–23 · Fr 07–23:30 · Sa 08–23:30 · Su 09–23

3 Restaurant Sina

GRILL RESTAURANT · EST · €

It scores 4.7 on Google from 98 reviews and has a lunch menu designed for a quick meal.

Restaurant with grilled dishes and a lunch menu, a heated terrace and a kids' corner.

Strada Miron Pompiliu 86 · Tel. +40 773 384 405 · Hours: Mo 08–22 · Tu 08–22 · We 08–22 · Th 08–22 · Fr 08–23 · Sa 11–23 · Su 11–22

4 Little Dream Cafe

CAFÉ AND CAKE SHOP · CENTRU · €

It scores 4.8 on Google from 104 reviews and opens Monday to Saturday.

Café and cake shop in central Ștei with desserts, coffee and a children's play area, decorated in shabby-chic style.

Strada Bisericii 2 · Tel. +40 744 959 329 · Hours: Mo 09–17 · Tu 09–17 · We 09–17 · Th 09–17 · Fr 09–17 · Sa 09–17 · Su Închis

5 Restaurant Amicii

RESTAURANT WITH SET LUNCH · NORD-EST · €

It scores 4.4 on Google from 292 reviews and is cheap, at 20–40 lei a person.

Restaurant with a daily set menu and low prices, open every day from 8 am to 10 pm.

Strada 13 Septembrie · Tel. +40 746 929 610 · Hours: daily 08–22

What to see in Ștei



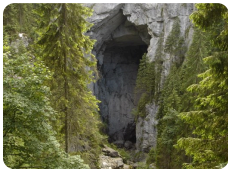
1 Peștera Urșilor

SHOW CAVE · SAT CHIȘCĂU, COM. PIETROASA, LA 16 KM (ÎN AFARA ORAȘULUI) · €

It draws over 200,000 visitors a year, according to Wikipedia, and is 16 km from Ștei, with guided tours every day.

Cave with stalactites, stalagmites and many cave-bear fossils, found in 1975 at a marble quarry in Chișcău and opened to visitors in 1980.

Chișcău, la capătul drumului din sat (parcare la baza dealului) · Tel. +40 744 638 244 · Hours: daily 09–18



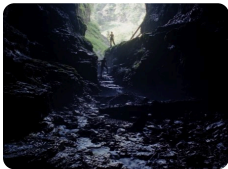
2 Cetățile Ponorului

KARST COMPLEX · PADIȘ, COM. PIETROASA, LA CIRCA 41 KM (ÎN AFARA ORAȘULUI) · FREE

From Poiana Glăvoi it is about a 30-minute walk to the viewing balconies above the sinkholes.

One of Romania's largest karst complexes, on the Padiș plateau: three huge sinkholes and a 70 m high cave portal swallowing an underground river.

Poiana Glăvoi (Padiș), apoi marcaj punct albastru · hours not confirmed



3 Peștera Cetatea Rădesei

WALK-THROUGH CAVE · PADIȘ, COM. PIETROASA, LA CIRCA 43 KM (ÎN AFARA ORAȘULUI) · FREE

You can walk through it without a guide, with a head torch, on a 260 m underground route.

A 260 m cave crossed by a stream, with a 15 m portal and a hall lit by four shafts, in the north of the Padiș plateau.

De la Cabana Vărășoaia, marcaj roșu · hours not confirmed



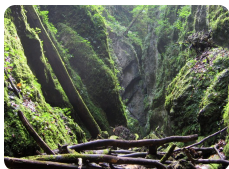
4 Centrul orașului Ștei

1950S TOWN CENTRE · CENTRU · FREE

Since 2019 Ștei has been part of ATRIUM, the European cultural route of towns with the architecture of totalitarian regimes.

The centre of a town built in 1952–1956 to plans drawn up in Moscow, for uranium ore from the Bihor Mountains.

Piața centrală, Strada Cuza Vodă și Strada Unirii · hours not confirmed



5 Valea Sighiștelului

KARST RESERVE · SAT SIGHIȘTEL, COM. CÂMPANI, LA 8 KM DE ȘTEI · FREE

It holds Coliboaia Cave, with drawings over 30,000 years old, added in 2026 to Romania's UNESCO tentative list.

A wild valley with gorges, canyons and more than 150 caves along 9 km, in the Apuseni Natural Park.

Din capătul satului Sighiștel, pe valea în amonte · hours not confirmed

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