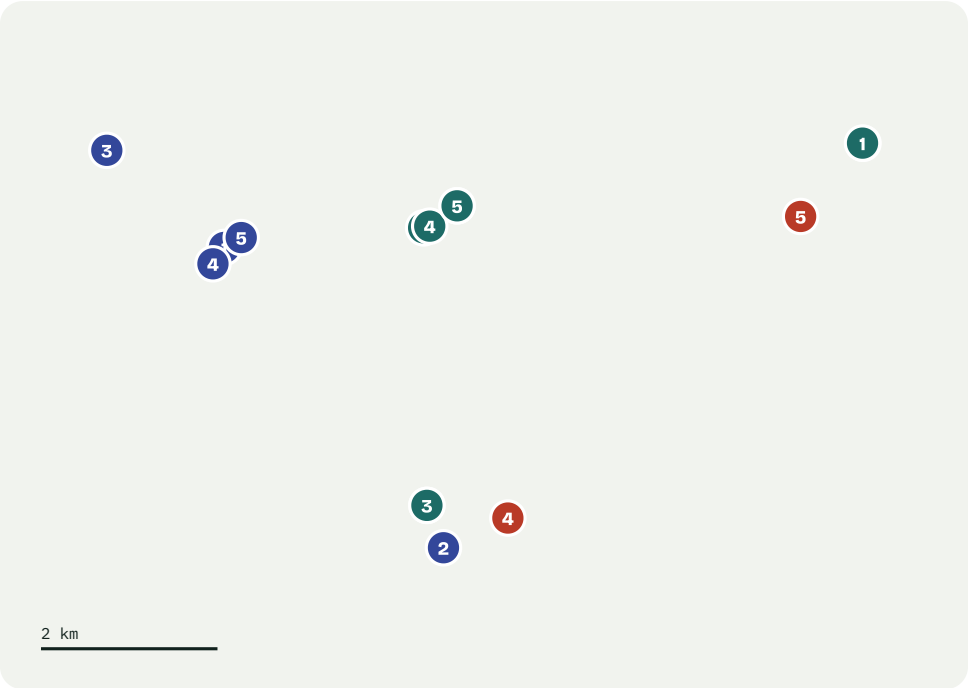
Agapia și Văratec

The commune of Neamț's two large convents, Agapia and Văratec, with the church painted by Nicolae Grigorescu and the nuns' villages at the edge of the forest.



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

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What to see in Agapia și Văratec



1 Mănăstirea Agapia

ORTHODOX CONVENT · CAPĂTUL DE VEST AL SATULUI AGAPIA, LA 4 KM DE CENTRUL COMUNEI

The church holds the paintings Nicolae Grigorescu made at the age of 20, and the monastery museum keeps more of his works.

A convent built in 1641–1643 by Hetman Gavriil Coci, brother of Prince Vasile Lupu; the church was painted by the young Nicolae Grigorescu.

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2 Mănăstirea Văratec

ORTHODOX CONVENT · SATUL VĂRATEC, LA 5 KM DE CENTRUL COMUNEI AGAPIA

It is one of the largest convents in Romania, and the poet Veronica Micle is buried here.

A convent founded in 1785 by Mother Olimpiada and the confessor Iosif, with three 19th-century churches and a nuns' village around it.

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3 Schitul Agapia Veche (Agapia din Deal)

HERMITAGE OF NUNS · PE DEAL, ÎN PĂDURE, LA CIRCA 2 KM DE MĂNĂSTIREA AGAPIA

By tradition, the hermit Agapie founded his hermitage here in the 14th century, and the monastery, the village and the commune are named after him.

The hilltop hermitage where monastic life at Agapia began, in a forest clearing above the monastery in the valley.

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4 Casa Memorială Alexandru Vlahuță

MEMORIAL HOUSE · SATUL MONAHAL AGAPIA, LA CIRCA 200 M DE MĂNĂSTIRE

Friends such as Ion Luca Caragiale, Barbu Delavrancea, George Coșbuc, Octavian Goga and the painter Nicolae Grigorescu visited Vlahuță here.

The house with a porch in Agapia's nuns' village where the writer Alexandru Vlahuță spent his summers, now a memorial museum.

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5 Muzeul Vivant Agapia

MUSEUM IN A NUNS' HOUSE · LA INTRAREA ÎN MĂNĂSTIREA AGAPIA

You see how the nuns live and work in a house of the monastic village, not just objects in display cases.

An old nuns' house, still lived in, opened as a museum in 2013, with weaving, pottery and baking workshops.

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Where to eat in Agapia și Văratec

1 Restaurantul Pensiunii Eden

RESTAURANT WITH TERRACE · PE DN15C, LA 2 KM DE TÂRGU NEAMȚ ȘI LA CIRCA 8 KM DE MĂNĂSTIREA AGAPIA

Reviews from autumn 2026 praise the menu and portions, and the guesthouse scores 4.7 on Google from almost 2,400 reviews.

The restaurant of Pensiunea Eden, with a dining room, a garden terrace and a menu of Romanian and international dishes.

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2 Restaurant Vista (Ikabane)

RESTAURANT, BOOKING ONLY · VĂRATEC, ÎN COMPLEXUL IKABANE, LA CIRCA 1 KM DE MĂNĂSTIRE

It cooks Moldavian recipes with modern techniques, using cheese from the Văratec sheepfold and meat from butchers in Târgu Neamț.

The restaurant of the Ikabane complex in Văratec, with slow-cooked Romanian food and a cellar of more than 80 Romanian wines.

Strada Lahovari 35, Văratec · Tel. +40 791 551 155 · Hours: Mo Closed · Tu Closed · We Closed · Th 12–22 · Fr 12–22 · Sa 12–22 · Su 12–22

3 Restaurantul Pensiunii Maria

MOLDAVIAN RESTAURANT · SATUL AGAPIA, PE DRUMUL PRINCIPAL, LA CIRCA 3 KM DE MĂNĂSTIREA AGAPIA

It is an à la carte restaurant on the road to Agapia Monastery, open to people not staying at the guesthouse.

The à la carte restaurant of Pensiunea Maria, with 100 seats and traditional Moldavian dishes.

Strada Nicolae Iorga 219, Agapia · Tel. +40 744 790 466 · hours not confirmed

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4 Restaurantul Pensiunii Văratec

GUESTHOUSE RESTAURANT · CENTRUL SATULUI VĂRATEC, LA CIRCA 1 KM DE MĂNĂSTIRE

The guesthouse scores 4.3 on Google from about 880 reviews, and those from summer 2026 praise the food and service at the restaurant.

The restaurant of Pensiunea Văratec, in the village centre, a few minutes from the monastery.

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5 Restaurant Onix

RESTAURANT AND EVENTS HALL · SĂCĂLUȘEȘTI, PE DRUMUL SPRE AGAPIA, APROAPE DE DN15C

It scores 4.4 on Google from about 280 reviews, with food and service praised by people who held weddings and parties here.

A restaurant with a large events hall in Săcălușești, where the road into Agapia commune leaves the DN15C.

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Where to stay in Agapia și Văratec

1 Pensiunea Eden

GUESTHOUSE WITH RESTAURANT · PE DN15C, LA 2 KM DE TÂRGU NEAMȚ ȘI LA CIRCA 8 KM DE MĂNĂSTIREA AGAPIA

It scores 4.7 on Google from almost 2,400 reviews, the most of any place to stay in Agapia commune.

A large guesthouse on the main road between Târgu Neamț and Piatra Neamț, with a restaurant, a terrace and a garden.

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2 Casa Anca

FAMILY-RUN GUESTHOUSE · SATUL AGAPIA, PE DRUMUL SPRE MĂNĂSTIRE, LA CIRCA 3 KM DE MĂNĂSTIREA AGAPIA

It scores 4.7 on Google from more than 250 reviews, and the hosts say it was the first guesthouse built in Agapia.

A 12-room guesthouse at the edge of the forest, with a restaurant, a large garden and a children's playground.

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3 Ikabane Resort

GUESTHOUSE WITH SPA · VĂRATEC, LA MARGINEA PĂDURII, LA CIRCA 1 KM DE MĂNĂSTIREA VĂRATEC

It scores 5.0 on Google from about 125 reviews, and the pool and saunas are included in the stay.

A forest cabin, a villa and apartments at the edge of the woods in Văratec, with an indoor saltwater pool, saunas and a restaurant.

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4 Casa dintre Pini

AGRITOURISM GUESTHOUSE · SATUL AGAPIA, PE DRUMUL SPRE MĂNĂSTIRE, LA CIRCA 3 KM DE MĂNĂSTIREA AGAPIA

It scores 4.7 on Google from more than 140 reviews and holds Eco-Romania ecotourism certification.

An agritourism guesthouse among pine trees, with a garden, hammocks and home cooking from local produce.

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5 Pensiunea Maria

GUESTHOUSE WITH RESTAURANT · SATUL AGAPIA, PE DRUMUL PRINCIPAL, LA CIRCA 3 KM DE MĂNĂSTIREA AGAPIA

It scores 4.5 on Google from more than 470 reviews and has its own restaurant, open to non-guests too.

A guesthouse with 6 double rooms and 2 apartments renovated in 2025, and a restaurant serving Moldavian food.

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