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Our travel guide: Bucovina – A Travel Guide to Romania’s Region of Painted Monasteries is an excellent full-color book on a wide variety of cultural heritage subjects from mural paintings and archaeology to architecture and local traditions. It also gives practical information and tips on travel to and in Romania, what to see, where to stay, what to buy and to eat, to get the most of Bucovina.We hope that you will enjoy your travel to Bucovina!