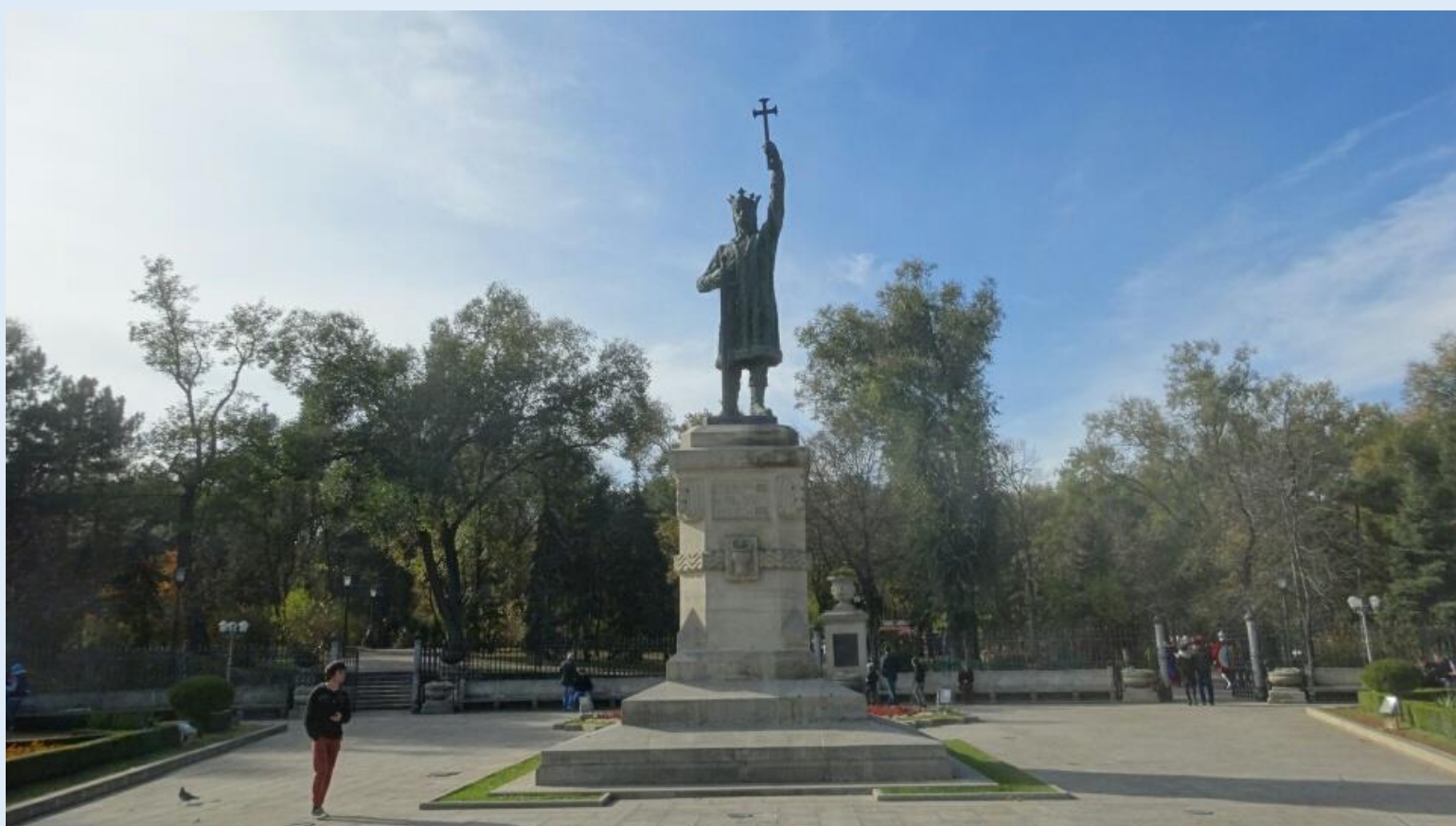


Chişinău, Moldova

October 2014: Chişinău (Pronounced Kish-i-now) is Moldova's capital and largest city. A festival was underway in the park behind the Stefan Cel Mare statue with some unique twists on the games being played.

Just north of the city are the vineyards and wine cellars of Cricova. The cellars are 75 miles of limestone caves containing over 1 million bottles of wine. Russia's President Vladimir Putin celebrated his 50th birthday in these caves and astronaut Yuri Gagarin is said to have gone into the caves and in need of help getting out 2 days later. It's also said Germany's Chancellor Angela Merkel spent more time in the caves than anywhere else on her state visit to Moldova.

[http://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cricova_\(winery\)](http://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cricova_(winery))



Stefan Cel Mare Monument



Fencing



Cell Phone Ping Pong



Chess



Cricova Vineyards



Cricova Cellars