Read the text below.
For questions 1-5 choose the correct answers.



Rafting on the Dniester River

The Dniester River stretches from the Carpathian mountains to the Black Sea and it is a perfect place for water adventures. The length of the main waterway of Western Ukraine is 1,362 km. The Dniester is considered to be one of the most attractive areas for rafting in Ukraine. It is a calm river with few rapid and rocky sections, so rafting here does not require special training. Rafting on the Dniester is a safe, simple and pleasant activity all you need is standard rafting equipment, which is usually provided by tour organisers. While travelling along your route, you will also have a chance to see many old historical landmarks on the banks of the Dniester - castles, palaces and parks. You can admire them from the boat or make a stop and take a closer look.

Spring is the best time for rafting on the Dniester during this period the snow melts in the Carpathians, ensuring a powerful flow. The increased flow of water makes possible to travel through rocky areas that are impassable in summer. If you want to go rafting on the Dniester in the summertime, you should start from Sambir town. To begin your journey further up the river, you will have to wait for some heavy rainfall to increase the water level by 10-15 cm.

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For 250 km, the Dniester flows through the amazingly beautiful Dniester canyon. Due to its extraordinary tectonic structure and thousands of years of water and wind activity, the Dniester canyon can boast of having many exceptional natural masterpieces. Here you will see lots of waterfalls and cliffs, which look like Swiss cheese because of the numerous caves and holes in them. Many local caves have interesting histories – for example, some of them served as shelters for monks.

Tourists will enjoy not only floating in a boat, but also relaxing evenings around the campfire, sleeping in tents and swimming in the calm river. Those who love fishing are also in luck here: the Dniester is rich in different kinds of fish such as pikeperch, catfish, carp, pike and many others. In addition, you can find strawberries, cherries, and mushrooms growing in the woods there, so your dinner promises to be absolutely delicious.

As for historical landmarks, many tours along the Dniester include visits to the famous Khotyn fortress, the ruins of Rakovetska fortress, old palaces and castles in Buchach, Koropets, Chortkiv and other towns on the way. You will always remember your rafting tour on the Dniester as a truly unique experience.

1. What is NOT true about the Dniester river?

A It is more than 1,000 km long.

B It is the main Ukrainian waterway.

C It is not dangerous for tourists.

D It starts in the Carpathian mountains.

2. Why is the Dniester attractive for rafting activities?

A You can see many historic places on the way.

B Even inexperienced tourists can go rafting there.

C You do not need a lot of equipment.

D all of the above

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3. According to the text, when is it possible to go rafting?

A in spring

B in summer

C in spring and summer

D only after rain

4. Why is the Dniester canyon special?

Alt is unique in the world.

B The water cascades off the rocks.

C Monks live there.

D Expensive types of cheese are made there.

5. What will you NOT be able to do while rafting on the Dniester?

A eat fish and berries for lunch

B visit historic places

C stay in a tent

D sleep in a cave

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