

Vacations under Socialism

E. born 1948, office worker under communism, currently a homemaker, married, one child, interviewed in Braşov, Romania, summer, 2003.

[We had] 15 days minimum of vacation. We would do a tour: “Now we’ll go to Moldavia and visit all the monasteries and we’ll stop at the Black Sea”.... It was very curious... we had a crazy dictator with a fourth grade education, that is he didn’t have schooling... but... until 1976, you found everything in stores... the Black Sea, the Romanian coast was full... I can’t say that this period was bad, because women had jobs, earned money... you were entitled to a ticket of rest.... I went with my husband and in 12 days we saw Kiev, Leningrad, and Moscow.

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