



Maramures area cultural, travel & traditional events agenda

April 13th

April Smiles - Viseul de Sus

Bursts of laughter will be heard by people passing through Viseul de Sus, during the "April Smiles" humour festival. The main attractions of this (fourth) edition of the event are the caricatures and epigrams contests, open to anybody who feels inspired enough. To this point a series of humorists from the neighbouring counties of Bistrita Nasaud, Satu Mare and Cluj have announced their participation.

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April 13th

Painted eggs exhibition - Baia Mare

All the exhibits are the works of socially disadvantaged children, aged between nine and eighteen years old. The exhibition will be held in the "Buna Vestire" church, and will be preceded by a special religious service.

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April 16th

Palm Sunday

Church celebration, taking place a week before Easter. Every year, the orthodox Christians from Maramures take part in traditional processions held in the church courtyards. Willow flowers are brought along to be blessed and kept for a long period for good luck.

April 23rd

Easter exhibition - Baia Mare

The Ethnographic Museum of Baia Mare will host an Easter exhibition, showcasing the work of children from 28 kindergartens. Each participating kindergarten will set up its own space that will be filled with painted eggs and painted wooden crosses.

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April 23rd

Easter (Christ's Resurrection)

At the end of a 40 day long fast, orthodox Christians celebrate Easter, the most important religious event of the whole year. Throughout the whole of Romania, this celebration is accompanied by a series of traditions such as egg painting, the special resurrection service, a festive dinner, and the blessing of the food.

April 24th

Udatoriu (The Waterman) in Surdesti

The tradition of the Waterman is an ancient custom in Maramures county, still kept alive today in the village of Surdesti. 'The Waterman' celebrates the most hardworking man in the village and consists of a series of rituals, one of which is the hiding and seeking of coins, river bathing and a festive dinner. The celebration continues all night with traditional dance and music.

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April 25th

Dancing at the shed (Joc la sura) - Baia Mare

The event will mark the official opening of the Village Museum in Baia Mare. The program starts at the little wooden church inside the museum, with a religious service hosted by five priests and will continue with dances and folk songs, performed by children and young singers. The participants will also be able to try the traditional Easter dishes from this area, and traditional drinks such as "horinca".

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April 30th

Many flowers up the Iza river - Dragomiresti

The village of Dragomiresti celebrates Toma's Sunday – the church patron saint, a moment of great importance for the community. Following the service, the village will continue the celebration through traditional songs performed by the participants of the "Many flowers up the Iza Valley" (Cate flori pe Iza-n sus) folk music festival. More than ten artistic groups take part in the event which will be concluded with fireworks and an outdoor disco party.

Further info: Dragomiresti Town Hall - (+40) 262-337-007

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