



Maramures area cultural, travel & traditional events agenda

On the 1st of January the New Year gives people of Maramures its first signs: thus they can predict how the crops will grow and how the weather will be like. Also, it's **Saint Vasile` day**, and on this day carol singers visit every house, where they cheer up the atmosphere.

On the 6th of January people gather for another important holiday: it's called **Boboteaza** and it is dedicated to the day when our Lord Jesus Christ was baptised in the waters of Jordan. It is said that, on this day, the sky cracks open. All the houses are sprinkled with holy water and feasts are prepared.

There's no time for rest, because on **the 7th of January Saint John`s day** is celebrated.

In **Dumbravita**, the local houses of culture host numerous festivities, which represent an opportunity for young boys and girls to get to know each other better.

Also on the 7th of January, on the **Chioar Valley**, locals bring baskets full of goodies to celebrate this holy day.

But, if in most of Maramures the old year has already been buried, as the locals say, there are still some remote areas like **Sighet, Rona de Sus, Poienile de sub Munte, Ruscova, Remeti, Bocicioiu Mare, Repedea and Bistra**, where Christmas and the New Year come a bit later, for the Julian Calendar is still in use. Thus, the birth of Jesus Christ is celebrated on the 6th of January and the old year changes into new clothes on the 14th.

The festivals which focus on winter customs and traditional songs continue even in January. In **Sighet**, between the 14th and the 15th of January, Ukrainians` traditions and customs are celebrated through music and dance shows at the Studio Hall.

Afterwards, in the middle of January, on the 15th, people all around the country celebrate the birth of Mihai Eminescu, Romania`s greatest and most beloved poet.

The series of events is ended gloriously on the 24th of January, when Romanians celebrate the **Great Unification of 1859**.

AGENDA

1st of January: **Saint Vasile`s** Day

6th of January: **Boboteaza**

7th of January: **Saint John`s** Day

7th of January: Dancing on the Valley of Chioar

6th, 14th of January - **Christmas and New Year celebrations according to the Julian Calendar**

14-15th of January - **Ukrainian Winter Customs Festival** - Sighet

15th of January: **Mihai Eminescu`s** birthday celebration

24th of January: **The Great Unification Day**

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