



Maramures area cultural, travel & traditional events agenda

5th of May

The Baia Mare Artist Day - Baia Mare

The 110 year history of the Maramures Artistic Centre will be celebrated on the 5th of May. The festivities will start at noon in Europe Hall and will continue until 5PM with the opening of a group exhibition, hosted by the Artist Colony. More than 40 painters, sculptures and engravers will present a selection of their works.



7th of May

The "tanja" on the River Mara - Hoteni

The first traditional event related to the new agricultural season, the so-called Tanja on Mara river, has been officially celebrated at Hoteni for more than 38 years. This ancient fertility ritual celebrates the

most diligent peasant in the village, the first to go ploughing in the new year. The event's name, 'tanja', defines the wooden stick used to attach the cattle to the plough. On this day, the most active peasant is carried with this kind of yoke by a couple of young boys to the river, where he is supposed to take a bath. Other events take place as well and the day is ended with a huge party, with lots of food and folk music performed by local artists.

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20th - 21st of May

Spring Festival - Viseul de Sus

This festival, dedicated to folklore and literature, has been organized for more than 28 years and was attended by more than 500 participants last year. This year's celebrations will span over two days, first day dedicated to literature and the second to music. On Saturday (May 20), starting at 11AM, a contest of poetry and short stories will take place at the Culture Hall. A folk festival called "Spring Songs" will also be organized in which twelve dance groups from Cluj, Bistrita, Satu Mare, Suceava, Salaj, Mehedinti and Maramures will perform on Sunday; a folk festival, "Spring Songs", is scheduled. A parade of traditional costumes will end the event.

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12th - 13th of May

"Ukrainian Spring Traditions" Festival - Crasna, Bistra and Valea Visului

The very strong links between the people in Maramures and the Ukrainians is proved by the festival dedicated to spring, singing and dancing organized every year by the Union of Ukrainians in Romania for the last four years.. Artistic groups from Sighet, Bistra, Crasna and other places in Maramures will attend the event. The festival's highlights include a poem reciting contest, folk music concerts, dancing parades, ceremonies dedicated to war veterans and typical Ukrainian spring customs.

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14th of May

The Barren Sheep Separation - Bistra

This tradition marks the beginning of the pastoral season and is popular in Maramures. During this fertility ritual the barren sheep are separated from the fertile ones, which will enjoy special treatment for the whole summer. After the flock separation, milking of the sheep and measuring of the milk, parties are organized at the house of each peasant, to celebrate the beginning of the pastoral season.

20th -21st of May

Traditional Costumes Celebration - Cupseni

For the second year in a row, the local authorities decided that May is the perfect month for organizing a festival dedicated to wedding traditions specific for the Lapusului region. The events will be opened by a religious service carried out by the four local priests, which will be followed by a ceremony dedicated to married couples celebrating 50 years of marriage. Outdoor shows, traditional costumes parades, pop and folk music concerts and a lottery will also be part of the festivities.

20th - 21st of May

Proud Flower on River Iza" - Sieu

The audience will have the chance to enjoy listening, for two days, to authentic Romanian folk music. The most daring among the public can perform on stage, because this edition, the 14th, as well as the ones before it, is open to non-professional singers from all over the country, which can participate at one of the following three sections: children, adults and instrumentalists. Last year, more than 80 people were part of the competition. For the first time, this year, singers from abroad will participate at the festival in Sieu, which will also include concerts of invited guests and a remarkable parade of traditional costumes.

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28th of May

Daffodils Celebration - Repedea

Every spring, people in Repedea (part of the Maramures Mountains Natural Park) are proud to celebrate the daffodils, which have become the local-badge since the village includes the largest daffodil meadow in the region. The delicate flowers grow in two protected areas: Tomnatic and Sehleani. For the last five years, the celebration has been organized on the last Sunday in May. Traditional costumes parades and folk concerts with Romanian and foreign singers are the festival's main attractions.

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18th of May

Europe Museum Km 0 - Sighet

An international workshop in organized in Sighet in order to celebrate the international day of museums is celebrated at the Ethnological Museum of Maramures. The agenda will consist of various exhibitions, books presentations and concerts. The participants will represent not only parts of Maramures, but also Hungary, Ukraine, Belgium and France. The name of the festival is due to the fact that at only 17km from Sighet there is the symbolic point which marks the geographical centre of Europe. A special exhibition will be dedicated to the 80 year history of the local museum, while the inauguration of two new houses will honour 25 years since the establishment of the Village Museum.

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30th of May

Drawing for You - Baia Mare

As a rehearsal for International Children's Day (1st of June), the city park in Baia Mare will host a contest of charcoal drawings, organized by the Esperanto Foundation and Axa TV. Tens of children from local schools and kindergartens will try to show off their drawing skills



27th of April - 12th of May

Earth Day Exhibition - Baia Mare

For two weeks, the Planetarium in Baia Mare is the host to a really special exhibition. The Universe, the stars and planets are the subjects of several sculptures made of recycled materials by kids attending local schools and kindergartens. A presentation of the Solar system, as well as stamp exhibitions, are also available for visitors.

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1st of May - 31st of December

The Living Museum - Baia Mare

Starting with May 2006, the Museum of History and Archaeology in Baia Mare offers to visitors new ways of understanding the main themes and concepts covered by its collections. Using digital and multimedia systems, several workshops will be organized throughout the whole year on 15 different topics: daily life in various historical periods, historical events in Romanian Counties, artistic currents in the Middle Ages, legends, myths and history, art and religion etc.

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25th - 27th of May

The "Tourism, Tradition and Culture" Fair - Baia Mare

The 3rd edition, which is going to be organized this year, will have the following motto: "The Gate from Maramures - the Gate of Friendship". The fair will be attended by a large number of travel agencies, NGOs and cultural organizations. Seminars, workshops, a business stock exchange, a cooking contest and music concerts will also be part of the agenda. The Polish model for marketing in tourism will be one of the highlights of the event.

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