



Maramures area cultural, travel & traditional events agenda

1st of November

Day of the Dead

In Maramures the cult of the dead is very important. On the first day of November the locals light candles and feed the poor, also holding ceremonies according to the belief that the souls of the departed are still amongst the living.



8th of November

Day of the Archangels

The churches of Surdesti, Plopis and Rogoz celebrate this holy day. Every church has a certain feature which makes it unique amongst the others: the church of Surdesti is the tallest old wooden construction, and is surrounded by a Roman cemetery; the one in Plopis holds 49 coins which were put there by the families who helped with the rising of the church and the last one is truly remarkable through its construction technique and elements.

12th of November

Dances at shed – Grosi

The villagers of Grosi gather for one last dance before the preparations for Christmas begin.



12th of November

Songs and Dances on the land of the ancestors – Dumbravita

The inhabitants of Dumbravita, like all the other people in Maramures, dance for one last time, before the fasting period, when carols will be the only sounds invading the villages.

15th of November- 24th of December

Christmas fasting

As all Christians, the people in Maramures give up meat, eggs and milk for six weeks, in order to prepare themselves properly for Holy Christmas. This time of the year is the time of reconciliation, spiritual joy, people who borrowed objects bring them back, even the poorest villagers pay their debts, songs and dances are forbidden and carols are the only ones allowed.

17th of November

The Protocol of Petrova

17 November marks the day when 800 inhabitants of Maramures have gathered in Petrova to sign a petition towards the great Union of 1918. On this occasion, Petrova is hosting yearly historical debates regarding the contribution of Maramures to the Great Union.

Further info: 0262 363 136

21st of November

Celebration of the wooden church of Barsana

This church is also called "The walking church", for it has been moved a number of times ever since it was build. It is also well known for its interior paintings, done in 1806.



30th of November

Saint Andrew's day

In Maramures this day is related to finding your soulmate. After a whole day of eating nothing, the young unmarried girls in Maramures eat half of a very salty kind of bread, while the other half is placed under the pillow; they are not allowed to drink any water, because the water must be drank in their dreams, from the hands of their future companions.

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