



Maramures area cultural, travel & traditional events agenda

1st of December

National day of Romania

All around the country, the national day is an opportunity to remember The National Gathering that took place in Alba Iulia in 1918 where Romanians from all over the country united, after centuries of struggle.



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„Vasile Lucaciu”Literary Workshop, Cicarlau

Vasile Lucaciu was born on the 21st of January 1852. He was a priest who fought for the rights of the Romanians of Transylvania. He was also a vicar priest in Sisesti, where he helped raise a monumental church that was sanctified on the 15th of August 1981. On December 1st 1922, four years after the great union, Vasile Lucaciu was buried in Sisesti. The literary workshop in Sisesti is held in his memory.

Further info: 0262 311 581

1-2 December

Celebration of „Mara” Folk group - Sighetu Marmatiei

„Mara” folk group, winner of the Herder award for folklore is celebrating 38 years of activity.

Further info: 0262 311 581

6th of December

Saint Nicholas` celebration of the wooden church in Budesti

Built in 1643, this wooden church, dedicated to St. Nicholas, is decorated with paintings by Alexandru Ponehalschi. The helmet and the chain mail shirt belonging to Pintea, left in the church's care, attract visitors from all over the country. The night before this holiday, children polish their shoes and leave them next to the door, hoping that the good St Nicholas will bring them toys and sweets.

12th – 15th of December

Carols and Winter Customs Festival, Tg. Lapus

Already counting the 16th edition, this festival includes a winter costumes parade and performances that recall specific winter customs in Maramures. Everything ends with the sound of the beautiful melodies of Christmas carols.

Further info: 0262 211 560



16-23 December

Hanukkah, Sighet

The Jewish community of Sighet celebrates Hanukkah, the triumph of light and justice, a feast that lasts for 8 days. The story of this celebration starts about 2200 years ago, when Jewish people were denied the right to practice their religion. After 3 years of struggle, they regained their temple in Jerusalem and started preparing it for prayer. Although they found enough oil in the temple to lighten it for only one day, the lights miraculously went off only 8 days after.

Further info: 0747 313 995

17 December

“Come to Viflaim”, Viseu de Sus

One of many other manifestations of this kind, the festival in Viseu de Sus captures the winter customs of Maramures revealed in all their beauty.

Further info: 0262 352 880

18-19 December

Carols and Winter Customs Festival, Baia Sprie

The people from Maramures love their customs more than anything else. And the festivals that bring forward the diversity of traditions are the living proof that they respect and maintain old traditions and celebrate them with joy.

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27-28 December

Festivalul national al datinilor de iarna

„MARMATIA 2006”, Sighetu Marmatiei

Marmatia represents the crowning of all festivals dedicated to the customs of Maramures. At its 38th edition, this huge event hosts costumes parades, marches, dance and music performances.

Further info: 0262 311 581



24-26 December

Christmas customs

In Maramures, for Christmas, the light stays lit throughout the entire night and carols can be heard from all houses. The tables are filled with plum cakes, bottles of wine, sarmale and caltabos and the sound of carols can be heard all around.

18-21 decembrie

„Santa Claus” Fair – Baia Mare

The fair is already at its 12th edition and, just as before, in addition to the lovely presents, we can rejoice many surprises, raffles, competitions and concerts.

Further info: 0262 225 794



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