



Maramures area cultural, travel & traditional events agenda

4 – 5 March

Lenker fest

For two days, Cavnic will host a series of winter sport competitions, fireworks shows and outdoor music concerts. Lenkers are special sleighs with driving wheels, specific of this town. The main event is the lenkers race but the ski and extreme snowboard competition are also not to be missed.

3-5 March

Snow fair

4th edition More than 18 live concerts in 3 days. Dance, etno, R&B not to forget traditional folk music by the “*Bujorul*” and “*Muguri din Maramures*” ensembles. Also taking place: ski contest, fire shows with ski-carried torches and fireworks.

25 March

Praznicul Bunei Vestiri

The historical moment when God lets know Virgin Mary that she is the chosen one to give birth to Jesus. This festivity is associated with several traditional customs: bread and salt for feeding the angels, waiting for the song of the cuckoo, sprinkling the orchards with *tuica* [spelled *tzuica*] (plum-brandy) etc. Particular to Maramures area only is the **Night of Fire** when everybody gathers out all the junk and unused objects in the house in a pile that is later set on fire. This ritual is practiced in almost each maramuresean home and lasts until midnight or even till dawn.

12 March

Mardi Gras

This Christian celebration forgoes the *Ashes Wednesday* marking the beginning of the *Big Fast*. This evening is filled with several traditional folk customs, among which is a (last) abundant dinner, before entering the 7 weeks of Easter Fast.

4 March

Taras Sevcenco anniversary

The Ukrainian Union of Romania, the Maramures branch, will coordinate the cultural-artistic happenings devoted to Ukraine's national poet Taras Sevcenco (1814 - 1861), which will take place in Ruscova on 4th of March. On the agenda: Songs and poetry reading by the *Red Kalina* ensemble, a short conference on the poet's life and work and an exhibition with photos and books devoted to Sevcenco.

5 - 8 March

Presents for the dearest one.

Exhibition of de traditional ornaments, lacery, hand-made by Baia Mare based craftsmen, devoted to the *Women International Day*. The show is held at the Travel Marketing Center - Millennium Bussines Center building in the historical area of Baia Mare city.

31 March

Manhood act

Teams of traditional folk dance and music will entertain the visitors of Petrova during a ethnographic festival.

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