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Welcome to Sibiu!



Sibiu is not just a series of tourist attractions or a program of events. Our city is a true 3-Michelin-Star experience that every visitor can have as he/she likes. Sibiu has many options for those who want a peaceful family holiday and for those who want the exact opposite, an eventful, adventurous program.

I invite you to enjoy the hustle and bustle of the valuable and beautiful historic old town, with its terraces and the cultural events that bring joy to people of all ages. Visit the Village Museum and the first Zoological Garden in the country. Enjoy the Brukenthal Museum, go to a concert of the Philharmonic State Orchestra from Sibiu and do not miss a performance at the "Radu Stanca" National Theatre, at the GONG Theatre for Children and Youth or at the Ballet Theatre. Experience the city's atmosphere in a different way, through its gastronomy, since Sibiu is European Region of Gastronomy in 2019.

Discover and rediscover Sibiu, a city young since 1191, that not only knows how to make the most of its history but also how to reinvent tourism as an experience time after time!

Astrid Cora Fodor
Mayor of Sibiu

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "A. Fodor". The signature is stylized and includes a long vertical line extending downwards from the end of the name.

Let Sibiu Surprise You

When in Sibiu

**You discover
the Miniature Europe.**

In Hermannstadt we have been speaking different languages for centuries and we understand each other perfectly.

**You are fascinated
by tradition and innovation.**

In our city, craftsmen and IT specialists work on the same street.

**You explore one of the most fascinating
cities in Romania.**

The Michelin Guide awarded Sibiu three stars.
Come and convince yourself that we are worthy of them!



**You are in the place
where something
always happens.**
365 days and many more events.

**You are in the right place
to make new friends.**

We have the fastest internet in Europe, but we prefer talking to each other. Tell us your story.

You are in the heart of the country.

The airport and the developed infrastructure contribute to a carefree vacation.

**You are in the place where
the future of Europe is decided.**

#EURoad2Sibiu – on 9 May 2019, all European roads lead to Sibiu for the EU Summit.

You can relax.

Sibiu is a green, slow-paced city, where people have a good sense of humour.

You can find the secret to happiness:

the unexpected flavours of Transylvania. Sibiu is the European Region of Gastronomy in 2019.

Top 10 Attractions in Sibiu

1 / The Large Square

This is the heart of Sibiu and the place where something always happens. Starting with the summer concerts and up until the Christmas Fair takes place, the Large Square is always in the spotlight.

The Large Square or *der Grosse Ring* was always the place to see or be seen. Since its beginnings, in the 14th century, the place has had different roles and appearances. It used to be a market; a place where public gatherings were held and in the middle ages, it even used to function as an outdoor court of law. In the centre of the square, at the Pillory of Infamy and in the Lunatics Cage, the witches and the law-breakers were judged before the eyes of the world.



The Houses in the Large Square

Both grand and contemplative, the buildings in the Large Square seem to have some of the characteristics of the people of Sibiu. As if looking at a person's face, in the eyes of the roofs and in the portals' decorations, you can see their existence for over five centuries.

Among the most important buildings located on the sides of the Large Square are: the Brukenthal Palace, the Blue House, the General's House, the Haller House, the Weidner-Reussner-Czekelius House, the Hecht House and the Roman-Catholic Parochial House.

From the Large Square you are free to explore the city in all directions. First, head towards the Council Tower.

One of the buildings that dominates the Large Square, is the **City Hall of Sibiu**. This elegant building was built in 1906 in Jugendstil, also known as Art Nouveau, and is one of the most representative buildings of this architectural style in Romania. It has been used as a bank office and since 2004 it is restored and modernized, in order to accommodate the city's most important institution. The City Hall has been operating here since 2006.

The **Tourist Information Centre** is on the ground floor. Come and visit us! We have lots to offer: smiles, useful material and recommendations, so that you can spend an unforgettable vacation in Sibiu.

2 Samuel Brukenthal Street
www.sibiucity.ro

Opening hours:

May 1 – September 30

Monday to Friday: 9 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

October 1 – April 30

Monday to Friday: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday: 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.





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2 / The Council Tower

The Council Tower is the symbol of Sibiu. This tower, together with the church towers, is one of the pillars that has been propping up the city sky for centuries.

It connects the Small Square and the Large Square and has guarded the heart of the city since the years 1224-1241, when it was first built. The *City Council* used to gather near the tower, hence its name *Council Tower*. Over time, it has survived many hardships and its appearance bears the remnants of previous changes and roles, it has had over time. It was in turn a gate tower, a fire lookout tower, a jail, a granary, a museum and a belvedere point.

In 2007, the tower received a plaque that is suggestive for its role in the citadel: *Cultural diversity, a bridge between heritage and the culture of the future.*

 The Council Tower
1 Small Square
 Opening hours:
Daily: 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

 Evangelical Church Tower
Huet Square
 Opening hours:
April 1 - September 30
Daily: 9.00 a.m. - 8.00 p.m.
October 1 - March 31
Daily: 9.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m.

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Admire Sibiu from Above

There are two towers from which you have a splendid view over the entire city up to the Făgăraș Mountain crests: The **Evangelical Church Tower** and the **Council Tower**. Up in the towers, the time will stand still for you while at your feet, the hustle and bustle of the city will continue to follow its course tirelessly.

You can end your day in Sibiu in the most romantic way possible, by climbing the stairs of the towers, at sunset, when the sun goes down on the city's rooftops.



3 / The Small Square

If you pass the corridor below the Council Tower, you will reach the Small Square, the bohemian soul of Sibiu. Today, the former market is a place where stories unfold before your eyes. Take a seat on a nice terrace and admire the medieval charm of the surrounding buildings. Here, under the kind eyes of the roofs, you can chat with locals or with tourists from all around the world.

The Small Square used to be the city's trade centre. On the same location where the terraces are today, were once the craft centres of the renowned medieval guilds – the Potters' Guild, the Shoemakers' Guild, the Tanners' Guild, the Tinsmiths' Guild and the Tailors' Guild – that used to display their merchandise in the arcade galleries that face the street.

The largest guild hall, the *Butchers' Hall* is attested since 1370 and today it is known as the House of Arts.



The Houses in the Small Square and their Stories

The houses in the Small Square often tell stories about visionary people from Sibiu, who explored new realms.

The **Hermes House** is the house with the most sophisticated architecture in the Small Square. Nowadays it hosts the **“Franz Binder” World Ethnographic Museum** – an exotic and mysterious place in Sibiu. Franz Binder was an explorer in the Upper Nile Valley, where he returned from with a collection of artefacts, unique in the world, including a well-preserved mummy, the attraction of today's museum.

11 Small Square
www.binder.muzeulastra.ro
 Opening hours:
 May 18 – September 30
 Wednesday – Sunday: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
 October 1 – May 17
 Wednesday – Sunday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

A network of **hidden passages and stairs** connect the city's Upper Town and Lower Town. They are a distinct brand of Sibiu and add a mysterious touch to the city centre. The narrow streets open from place to place to **small squares**, where the sounds of the city fade away. Two steps away from the hustle and bustle of the Large Square, you can find the **Schiller Square**, which is a haven with flowers and a bohemian charm.

In the **History of Pharmacy Museum**, among the mortars and the jars with alchemical symbols, you will be reminded of Hogwarts' magic. The legend says that in the past, a huge boulder used to hang by a thin spider web above the entrance. Like Damocles' sword, this threatened to fall on those who didn't believe in the remedies that were prepared here. Samuel Hahnemann, the well-known freemason and the father of Homeopathy, also worked in Sibiu, one of the museum's sections being dedicated to the city's homeopathic tradition.



26 Small Square

www.brukenthalmuseum.ro

Opening hours:

Wednesday - Sunday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

The ticket office is open until 4:30 p.m.



The Luxembourg House is one of the most impressive buildings of the Old Town and a symbol of Sibiu's relationship with Europe. In 2007, Sibiu, was designated European Capital of Culture, together with Luxembourg. The Transylvanian Saxons, who partially originate from the territory of today's Luxembourg, are the uninterrupted link between the two spaces. The Saxon dialect is very similar to Luxembourgish, a Germanic language spoken in Luxembourg.

The building was restored courtesy of the National Sites and Monuments Service of Luxembourg and received its name in the year 2004, during the visit of the Grand-Duke Henri and the Grand-Duchess Maria Teresa of Luxembourg to Romania.

🚩 16 Small Square



4 / The Bridge of Lies

It is one of the most photographed attractions in the city, a place where legends come to life.

The inscription on the northern side reminds of the fact that the bridge was cast in the year 1859, in Friedrichs Hütte Germany, being the first iron bridge in Romania and the second in Europe. On the southern side of the bridge shines Sibiu's coat of arms.

The Legends

Everyone in Sibiu seems to know a different legend related to the name of the bridge. It is said that lovers used to meet on the Bridge of Lies and that their declarations of love were often empty. Maybe the Small Square merchants used to praise their goods too much or maybe the women hawkers, who met at the market, used to spread rumours and gossip in the citadel. One thing is certain - even today, some people, who are more cautious, weigh their words well for fear of not being thrown over the railing by the bridge, that is known to be alive and sensitive.



5 / The Journeymen's House

Sibiu is one of the few cities in the world, where you can still see journeymen at work.

The journeymen are young men who embark on an initiatic journey, meant to place them among the skilled craftsmen. There is a strict code that dictates the conditions to become a journeyman and how the *Kluft*, the outfit of a journeyman, should be designed.

A different rhythm, the rhythm of other times, is played with the chisel in the Journeymen's House, in Huet Square. The tradition of the famous guilds that are linked to the development of Sibiu in the past, continues here. The first guild of the city was the Tanners' guild, attested in 1367.

The building was the home of some merchants and inside the building there is a fresco from the 16th century. The house stands near the oldest edifice in Sibiu, the **Stairs' Tower**, dating back to the 13th century, with the first fortification belt of the city.

In front of the Journeymen's House there is an interesting pole, called **Stock-im-Eisen**, into which the journeymen drive nails and other objects made of iron, to bring them luck in their journey. There is a similar pole in the city centre of Vienna, near the St. Stephan's Cathedral.





6 / Cetății Street and the Fortifications

On Cetății Street, you stroll down history lane, the history of the city that has never been conquered. We promise though that it will conquer you.

Because of its massive brick walls, Sibiu was known by its invaders under the fearful name of *The Red City*. The citadel of Sibiu was a complex fortress, with four fortification rows, surrounded by a swampy area, covered by lakes, canals and locks, that kept the attackers away. The first fortification belt of Sibiu was built in the 13th century, around today's Huet Square.

On the one side, there are old houses with a distinguished air and on the other side there is a massive wall with a wooden gallery and three guardians: **The Carpenters' Tower, the Potters' Tower and the Arquebusiers' Tower**. Walk along Cetății Street, probably the most beautiful walkway in Sibiu!

On the same Cetății Street you get to see one of the most interesting showrooms in Europe: **the Thalia Hall in the Thick Tower**. As if being a citadel, the Thick Tower was built in 1540 and in 1788 the first theatre in Romania was opened here. Today, Thalia Hall is the place where you can enjoy a concert performed by the prestigious State Philharmonic.

3-5 Cetății Street

Walking down from the Thick Tower to the Cetății Park, you will step on Sibiu's own version of the famous Walk of Fame: **The Celebrity Lane**. The stars on this represent the cultural personalities who brought fame to the city.

Cetății Park

Cetății Street and Cetății Park are among the most picturesque areas in Sibiu. Enjoy a cup of coffee, dream in the shade of the trees in the park and smile watching a local feeding the pigeons – these are just a few of the simple joys that Sibiu has to offer.

Away from the urban hustle and bustle, get lost in the quiet streets that are bordered by medieval walls. Take a walk on **Manejului Street**, along the old fortification wall or walk down from the **Stairs' Tower and Passage to Centumvirilor Street** and admire the amazing overlapping lines and plans, with the Evangelical Church in the background.

7 / Sibiu's Churches

No matter the language and the confession they pray in, the people of Sibiu are an example of tolerance and respect. Sibiu's churches will show you why we are truly rich.

The Evangelical Cathedral

Its tower is unmistakable from every corner of the city. Inside the church, the deep organ tonalities, the monumental silence, the semi-dark contours and the chill air will make you feel like in a sanctuary.

From a historic point of view, the Evangelical Church is the zero-mile of Sibiu. Its construction process started in 1320, on the ruins of an old Romanesque basilica and it was built and modified in several stages. The four turrets were built to symbolize that Sibiu had the right to sentence people to death.

In the Saxon community, the church and the school were inseparable. Therefore, the first school in Romania we know today, was opened in Huet Square, near the church, where the **Samuel von Brukenthal National College** is nowadays.

In front of the cathedral there is a statue of Bishop **Georg Daniel Teutsch** (1817-1893), an important personality of the Saxon community.



The Legend of the Evangelical Cathedral Tower

The legend says that when the Saxons began building the church tower, they wanted to rise the highest tower in Transylvania. Hearing that Bistrița had the highest church tower, they secretly sent out two craftsmen to measure the tower's height. When they arrived in the church tower, the craftsmen unreeled a rope from the top to the bottom of the tower and found out that the tower was about 75 m high. On their way back, the two craftsmen spent the night at an inn, where the tasty wine loosened their tongues so that they betrayed their mission. While the two craftsmen from Sibiu slept, someone from Bistrița cut off about 2 meters of their rope. This explains why the Evangelical Cathedral Tower is not the highest tower in Transylvania even though it measures 73 m. From up above this tower, one can still enjoy the most beautiful view.

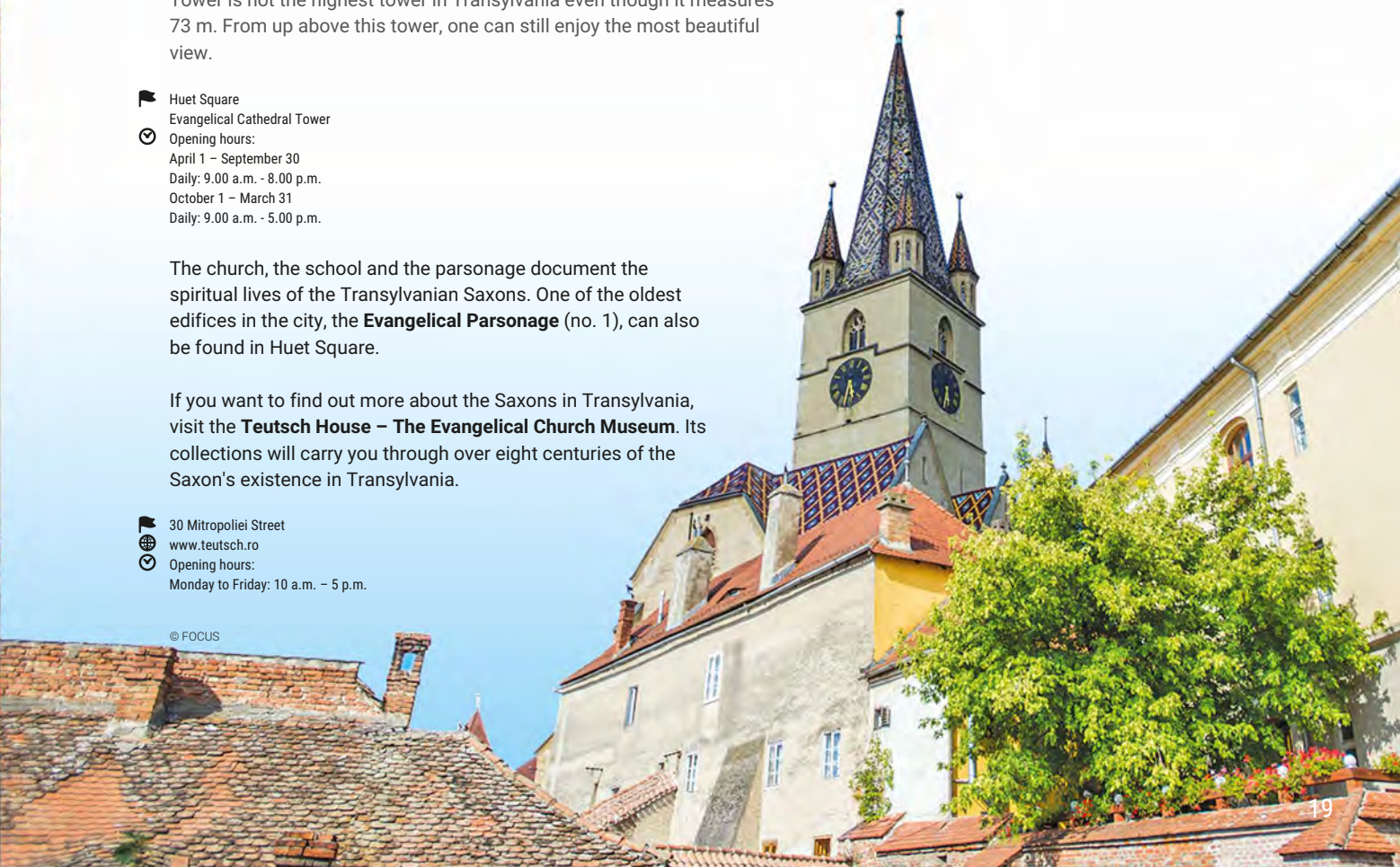
- 🚩 Huet Square
- 📍 Evangelical Cathedral Tower
- 🕒 Opening hours:
- April 1 – September 30
- Daily: 9.00 a.m. - 8.00 p.m.
- October 1 – March 31
- Daily: 9.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m.

The church, the school and the parsonage document the spiritual lives of the Transylvanian Saxons. One of the oldest edifices in the city, the **Evangelical Parsonage** (no. 1), can also be found in Huet Square.

If you want to find out more about the Saxons in Transylvania, visit the **Teutsch House – The Evangelical Church Museum**. Its collections will carry you through over eight centuries of the Saxon's existence in Transylvania.

- 🚩 30 Mitropoliei Street
- 🌐 www.teutsch.ro
- 🕒 Opening hours:
- Monday to Friday: 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

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The Metropolitan Orthodox Cathedral

Its architecture will remind you of the grandiose Saint Sophia's Cathedral in Istanbul. Inside, you will be overwhelmed by its beauty and by the vivid colours of the paintings from the well-known artist Octavian Smigelschi.

The construction work on this cathedral started in 1902. It is shaped like a Byzantine basilica and is dedicated to the Holy Trinity. Here also lies the shrine with the relics of St. Andrei Şaguna, the cathedral's spiritual father.

🚩 33-35 Mitropoliei Street
🕒 Opening hours:
Daily: 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.



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The Roman Catholic Church

The edifice of the Roman Catholic Church dominates the Large Square buildings and invites you to cross its threshold.

When the Austrian imperial troops settled in Sibiu, they needed their own place of worship. This marked the beginnings of the Catholic community in Sibiu. Therefore, the construction of the current church in the Large Square, began in 1726.

On the inside, one can admire the elegance of the Baroque style, Ludwig Kandler's pastel paintings and the stained-glass windows that were brought from Budapest. The organ, dating back to 1860, is the work of the famous Karl Hesse from Vienna, whose pipe organs are still played in many churches in Transylvania.



3 Large Square



Opening hours:

Monday to Saturday: 6 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Sundays: 8:30 a.m. – 7 p.m.





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The Grand Synagogue

Sibiu's Grand Synagogue is less known but nevertheless fascinating due to its architectural beauty.

The Synagogue has an eclectic style, which is unique in Sibiu's architectural landscape, combining Neo-Romanesque, Neo-Gothic, Neo-Renaissance and Moorish elements. It was built in 1898 and after 1990 its activity ceased because the number of the parishioners decreased dramatically. Recently, its function has been reconsidered and today, it is an important point of interest in the city's cultural circuit.

🚩 17 Constituției Street
🕒 Opening hours:
Monday to Friday: 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.



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On one of Sibiu's quiet streets, in a peaceful and bright environment, **Saint Ursula's Church** welcomes you piously. The church is a Baroque jewel with Gothic elements, dating back to the 15th century. Saint Ursula, the patron saint of the Order of the Ursuline Nuns, who were responsible for the care of the monastery and of the famous school in the adjoining building, watches over the entrance.

🚩 38 General Magheru Street

🕒 Opening hours:

Monday to Friday: 7 a.m. – 7:45 a.m.; 6 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.

Saturday to Sunday: 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.; 6 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.

Religious holidays: 9:30 a.m. – 11 a.m.; 11:15 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Other churches on an ecumenical itinerary, where you can find your inner peace:

St. John's Evangelical Church, 32 Mitropoliei Street

The Reformed Church, 9 Mitropoliei Street

The Church in the Hollow, 5 Justiției Street

The Church Among the Firs, 17 Reconstrucției Street

The Holy Cross Chapel, 2 1st December 1918 Square

The Franciscan Church, 12-14 Șelărilor Street

St Luke's Church, 29 Lungă Street

The Asylum Church, 4 Azilului Street

8 / Brukenthal Palace

The first museum on Romania's present-day territory was opened at the Brukenthal Palace. It is the largest museum in South-Eastern Europe. In the European Art Gallery one can admire masterpieces such as the *Portrait of a Man with the Blue Chaperon* by Jan van Eyck or the works of Hans Memling, Pieter Bruegel the Elder and Pieter Bruegel the Younger.

The collections of Baron **Samuel von Brukenthal** (1721-1803), Governor of Transylvania and an important personality in Sibiu, represented the core of the museum. Since its official opening in 1817, the museum has constantly enriched its collection, remaining one of the most valuable museums in this part of Europe.

The Large Square building brought the refined atmosphere of Viennese palaces to the heart of Sibiu. The high society of Sibiu used to attend soirées here and have a lovely time under the Murano glass chandeliers and the parlours' luxurious ceilings.

- 🚩 4-5 Large Square
- 🌐 www.brukenthalmuseum.ro
- 🕒 Opening hours:
Wednesday to Sunday: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
The ticket office is open until 4:15 p.m.



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© Brukenthal National Museum

Explore history, art and the mysteries of nature in the museums that are part of the **Brukenthal National Museum**:

- The European Art Gallery**, Brukenthal Palace, 4 Large Square
- Romanian Art Gallery**, Blue House, 5 Large Square
- The Brukenthal Library**, Brukenthal Palace, 4 Large Square
- Contemporary Art Museum**, 6 Tribunei Street
- The History Museum (Altemberger House)**, 2 Mitropoliei Street
- The Natural History Museum**, 1 Cetății Street
- The History of Pharmacy Museum**, 26 Small Square
- “August von Spiess” Hunting Museum**, 24 Școala de Înot Street
- The Fresco Hall**, 22 Small Square

9 / ASTRA Museum

With over 400 architectural and folk-art monuments, exhibited on nearly 100 hectares, ASTRA Museum is Europe's largest open-air ethnographic exhibition and among the most interesting in the world. It will surprise you to find out that the largest windmill collection in the world is here and not in Holland.

In a landscape that is representative of Romania's landform, you will enter traditional houses and wooden churches brought from all regions of the country, and you will find tools and objects that have long since disappeared.

ASTRA is more than just a museum with exhibitions, it is fairyland where memories, crafts and traditions are alive and are being passed on. During workshops, you can find out how the Romanian spirit takes a real form under the hands of gifted artisans.

16-20 Pădurea Dumbrava Street

 www.muzeulastra.ro

 Opening hours:

May – September

Daily: 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Monday to Tuesday:

The interiors of the traditional houses cannot be visited

Wednesday to Sunday: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

The interiors of the traditional houses can be visited

October – April

Daily: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

The interiors of the traditional houses cannot be visited

Bicycles are allowed:

May – September

Daily: 8 a.m. – 10 a.m.; 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

Discover traditions, culture and folk art in the museums of the **ASTRA National Museum Complex**:

Museum of Traditional Folk Civilization, 16-20 Pădurea Dumbrava Street

The “Franz Binder” World Ethnographic Museum, 11 Small Square

The Astra Museum of Transylvanian Civilization, 11 Small Square

The “Emil Sigerus” Museum of Ethnography and Saxon Folk Art, 11 Small Square

10 / Nicolae Bălcescu Street

You cannot visit Sibiu without taking a walk and shopping on Corso, as the Bălcescu Street was once called.

A large crowd is constantly walking around under the calm eyes of the roofs. It is the commercial artery of Sibiu, full of shops, cafes and restaurants. Whether it's fashion or street food, Bălcescu Street sets the tone in the city.

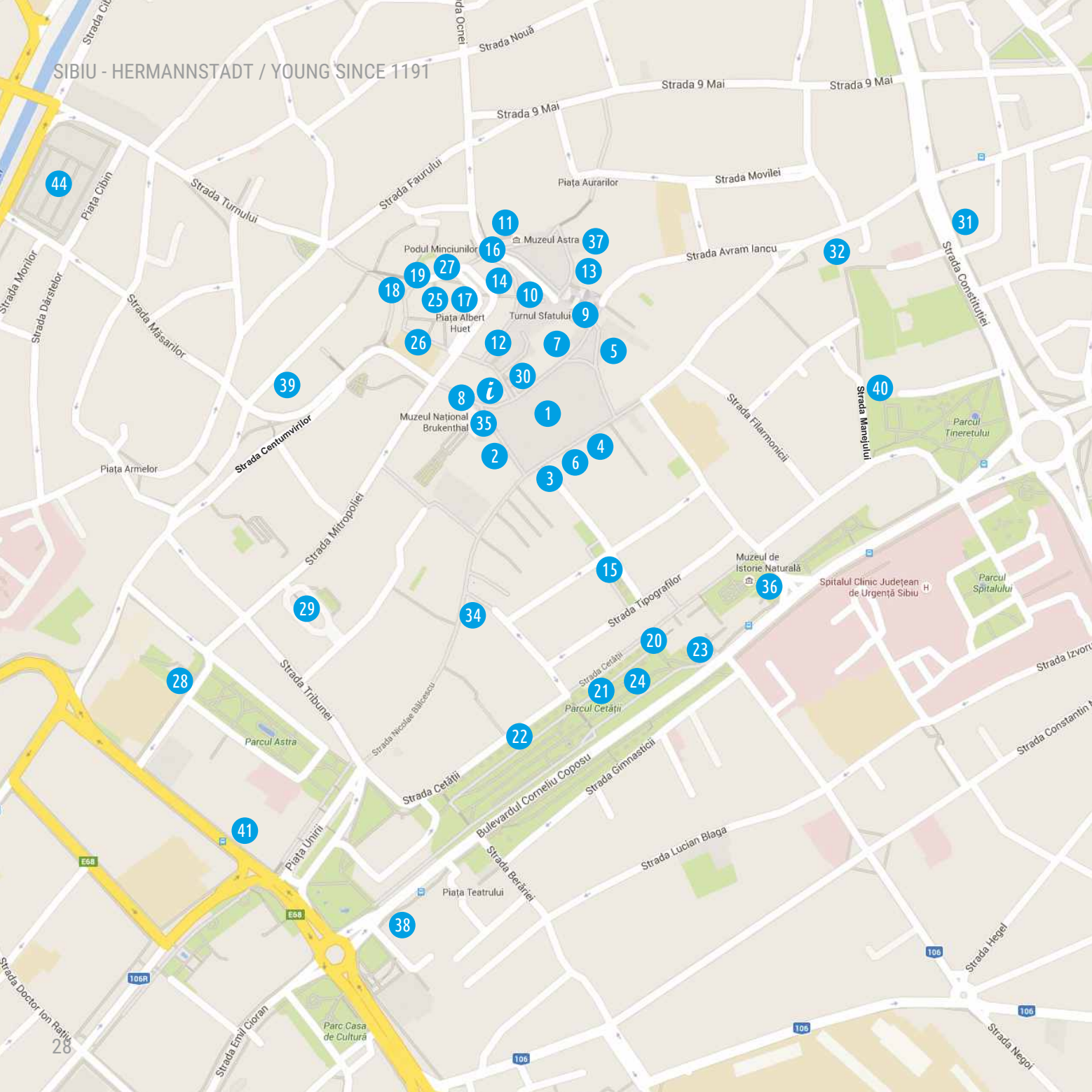
Mostly newer than the houses in Large Square, the houses on Bălcescu Street have a typical architecture, with arched portals and with windows and door locks with beautiful patina finish, that they developed over time

Notice the charming **details** that make up the great history. Like well-chosen accessories, wind flags, windows, blazons, door locks and gates reflect the special personality of Sibiu.

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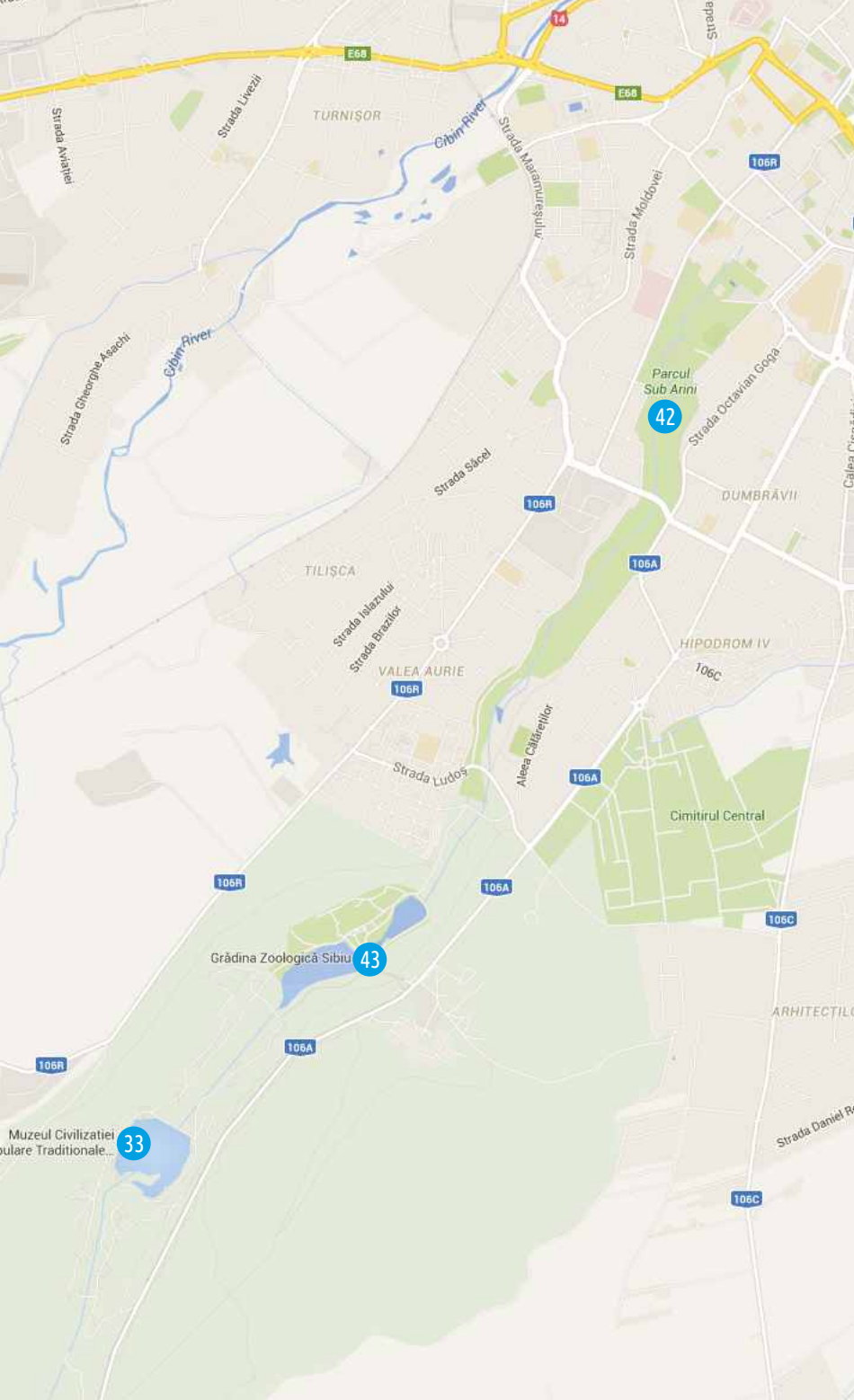
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- 1 Large Square
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Sibiu, The Festival City

Sibiu's stages are a magnet for talents and audiences from all over the world and from all artistic hemispheres. The many succeeding festivals transformed Sibiu into the most vibrant city in Romania and earned it its well-deserved reputation as: Sibiu – The Festival City.



International Theatre Festival in Sibiu

This is the most important performing arts festival in Romania, with a tradition of over 25 years. The figures speak for themselves: over the 10 days of the event, more than 3000 artists from 73 countries, perform in 540 shows, on 75 stages. The festival takes place in the traditional showrooms, but it also features an impressive section of street performances and concerts in the Large Square.

Contact: "Radu Stanca" National Theatre Sibiu
2 C. Coposu Blvd.
Tel.: 004 0269 210092
E-mail: tnrs@sibfest.ro
Web: www.sibfest.ro
Performance Schedule: www.sibfest.ro

Faust

Directed by: Silviu Purcărete

Schedule: 2 representations each month from March to November

Organiser: "Radu Stanca" National Theatre Sibiu

"Faust", the play directed by Silviu Purcărete is an exceptional show in terms of vision, complexity of the roles and baroque construction. The decors and the lighting effects are impressive due to their evocative force, the burlesque or elegant costumes are extravagant, the music is synchronised with the video projections in the complex architecture of the ingenious scenic approach.

Contact: "Radu Stanca" National Theatre Sibiu

Tel.: 004 0269 210092

E-mail: tnrs@sibfest.ro

Web: www.tnrs.ro

Performance Schedule: www.tnrs.ro/program

Tickets are available online on www.tnrs.ro or at the Theatre's Agency.



Sibiu Jazz Festival

A festival of large proportions which brings to Sibiu famous names from the Romanian and international jazz scene. For a few days, you can attend concerts jam-sessions and jazz workshops and can listen to the surprising interferences of this music style with other genres.

Contact: Sibiu Jazz Festival Foundation
Tel.: 004 0269 224282
E-mail: office@sibiujazz.eu
www.sibiujazz.ro



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Sibiu International Film Festival (TIFF)

Due to the quality of the feature films and to the bohemian atmosphere of the events, TIFF has developed into a well-recognised local and international brand. TIFF is not only about film productions but also about all night long parties, concerts, seminars and unique workshops.

Contact: Transylvania Film Festival Association
Tel.: 004 0213 266480
E-mail: info@tiff.ro
www.tiffsibiu.ro

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Summer Concerts of the State Philharmonic of Sibiu

In warm summer nights, one can listen to the music of the philharmonic orchestra in the most unconventional places in the city.

The music programs focus on popular music such as symphonic rock, film music, entertainment music but also on religious musical works.

Contact: State Philharmonic of Sibiu
Tel.: 004 0269 210264
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Feeric Fashion Week

For a week, Sibiu becomes the fashion capital of South-Eastern Europe. Romanian and foreign designers present their latest collections in Sibiu and attend different events dedicated to fashion as a true art form.

Contact: Mitichi Foundation
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www.feeric.ro

Sibiu International Street ART Festival

Each year, the International Street ART Festival brings more colour to the streets of Sibiu. After four editions, the works of more than 100 renowned artists can be admired in a street art tour that is unique in the world, comprising 67 murals, on over 5.700 m², painted on school walls and on the walls of other buildings in the city.

Contact: ART Factory Transylvania Association
Tel.: 004 0738 825799
E-mail: office@streetartfestival.ro
www.streetartfestival.ro



Artmania Rock Festival

Famous names such as HIM, Amorphis, Anathema, Lacrimosa, Nightwish or Serje Tankian, who performed on the stage of Artmania Festival, are some of the reasons why the festival has won a top spot on the European rock scene.

Contact: SC Artmania Events SRL
Tel.: 004 0747 890853
E-mail: press@artmania.ro
www.artmaniafestival.ro

“Songs of The Mountains” International Folklore Festival

“Songs of The Mountains”, Sibiu's biggest and oldest folklore festival, celebrates the diversity of folk culture through music, dance, gastronomy and traditions. More than 600 artists and bands from Romania and guests from other countries, transform Sibiu's city centre into the stage of universal folklore.

Contact: The County Center for the Conservation
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“Cindrelul Junii” Sibiu
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www.traditiisibiene.ro



“Transylvanian Fortresses” Medieval Festival

At the end of the summer, Sibiu becomes once again a fortress that is animated by knights, medieval music, tournaments, street fighting and - performances, theatre plays, exhibitions, craft fairs and -workshops.

Contact: Sibiu City Cultural Department
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Potters' Fair

Sibiu's most notorious event and the largest pottery fair in Romania. More than 100 potters offer demonstrations of their craft and line up objects that masterfully combine art and utility. Each year, for a few days, at the beginning of September, the Large Square, located in the heart of Sibiu, returns to its primary function, that of a trade fair.

Contact: The County Center for the Conservation and Promotion of Traditional Culture "Cindrelul Junii" Sibiu
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Focus in the Park

Sleepless summer nights that mix an international line-up of alternative and contemporary music with the most in vogue street food trucks, electrifying technical effects and the magical atmosphere in the Sub Arini Park.

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ASTRA Film Festival

Unique in Southeast Europe, ASTRA Film Festival brings to Sibiu the most important filmmakers of non-fiction productions in the world. The festival provides film enthusiasts the opportunity to watch the latest documentaries on current issues relating to the contemporary society. The films are featured in *Dom* – the unique spherical cinema, where the innovative technologies such as virtual reality (VR) and 360-degree film projections (full-dome) immerse the viewers in the world of the movie.

Contact: ASTRA Film Foundation
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The Christmas Market

During the winter holidays, the Large Square turns into an enchanting fairy tale land. Inspired by the famous European Christmas Markets, Sibiu's Christmas Market is one of the largest and most beautiful in the area. Christmas carols and wishes for Santa Claus rise to the canopy of stars and the wooden cottages lure you with sweet scents of roasted almonds, ginger bread and mulled wine.

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Visit Sibiu with Family

Sibiu is a fantastic city for children. No matter the age, they are fascinated by museums and by the performances, while the creative workshops stimulate their imagination. The playgrounds and parks are just perfect for the ones who are bursting with energy and you can relax just watching them play.

Museums

How about a walk in a park with gigantic dinosaurs? Fossils, ecosystems, the mysteries of our planet, introduction to ecology and many dinosaurs – this is **The Natural History Museum**, an ideal place for little explorers.

1 Cetății Street

At the **Brukenthal Museum**, children have an appointment with a legendary baron, Samuel von Brukenthal. In polished parlours, among porcelains and books that seem to be the same as the ones in the stories with princes and princesses, they will be joined by Antonello and Donatello, a couple of tomcats who happen to be the most pampered museum guides.

4-5 Large Square



Those who seek adventure can teleport themselves to the **Franz Binder Museum** (11 Small Square), to the time of the Pharaohs of Ancient Egypt. In the **History of Pharmacy Museum** (26 Small Square) children will play the role of Harry Potter, deciphering symbols and magical potions.

www.brukenthalmuseum.ro

In the **ASTRA Museum**, children will feel like in a holiday at the grandparents' house. They will happily remember the brawling ducks on the pond, the wind mills and the boat or carriage ride. During the creative workshops such as pottery, children interact with each other and they use their imagination to craft cute objects.

16 – 20 Pădurea Dumbrava Street
www.muzeulastra.ro

Thomas the Tank Engine, Hogwarts or Polar Express? All children are fascinated by trains. And what better place to admire them in natural size and find out new amazing things about them than the **Steam Locomotives Museum**? The museum has 41 steam locomotives, which travelled in Romania more than 100 years ago.

22 Dorobanților Street
Facebook Page: Muzeul Locomotivelor cu Abur Sibiu



Theatres

"Radu Stanca" National Theatre Sibiu has a portfolio of over 120 plays, under the signature of some of the most prestigious directors from Romania and from all over the world. *Hamlet*, *Carnival Stuff* or *Oscar and The Lady in Pink?* The season of the "Radu Stanca" Theatre gives you the opportunity to see magnificent plays, from Greek tragedy to experimental theatre, staged in Romanian and in German. The plays are staged in eight spaces in Sibiu but also in numerous national and international tours.

Contact: "Radu Stanca" National Theatre Sibiu

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Tel.: 004 0269 210092

E-mail: secretariat@sibfest.ro

Web: www.tnrs.ro

Performance Schedule: www.tnrs.ro/program

Tickets can be purchased online at www.tnrs.ro or from the Theatre's Agency.

Theatre's Agency

17 Nicolae Bălcescu Street

Tel.: 004 0369 101578

Tuesday to Saturday: 11 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Sunday: 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.



GONG Theatre is the place where puppets come to life and where children become characters from the story, without even realizing it. The theatre's permanent repertoire includes puppet and actor animation shows, both in Romanian and German but also the very popular creative workshops. *Red Riding Hood*, *Pinocchio's Adventures*, *The Story of the Three Piglets... or are there four of them?* Among the over 80 performances that are staged every year during the season from September to June, you will certainly find one that is to your liking.

Contact: GONG Theatre for Children and Youth

4 Al. Odobescu Street

Tel.: 004 0269 211349

E-mail: comunicare@teatrulgong.ro

Web: www.teatrulgong.ro

Performance Schedule: www.teatrulgong.ro

Public access to the events of the GONG Theatre is granted based on the tickets that can be purchased online via entertix.ro and myticket.ro or from the Theatre's Agency.

Theatre's Agency

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 11 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Saturday: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Sunday: 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.



It is never too early to see performances such as *Swans Lake* or *Sleeping Beauty*, danced in the most wonderful manner. The repertoire of **The Ballet Theatre** in Sibiu includes classic, neoclassic and contemporary ballet performances and new premieres are added to it every year. The ballet ensemble features an international casting, with remarkable ballet dancers and large-scale projects.

Contact: The Ballet Theatre Sibiu

1 Tineretului Park

Tel.: 004 0269 226927

E-mail: contact@sibiuballet.ro

Web: www.sibiuballet.ro

Performance Schedule: www.sibiuballet.ro

Tickets can be purchased online at www.kompostor.ro or from the Cultural Centre of the City Sibiu – The Ballet Theatre Sibiu.

Monday to Thursday: 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Friday: 9 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.



Unique Places to Visit in Sibiu

The Public Bath Sibiu is a relaxing oasis with a special history – a place, where you can go for some pampering in a refined ambiance while the children can have some fun in the water. The building of the Public Bath mixes Baroque and Art Nouveau elements and was built in 1904 by Karl Hocheder, who also designed the Müller Volksbad in München, one of the most spectacular public baths in the world.



**BAIA
POPULARĂ
SIBIU**

2 Andrei Şaguna Street
www.baiapopulara.sibiu.ro

In Sibiu you will go on the greatest Street Art Tour in Romania. It is also the first of its kind in the world. On the walls of the buildings in the city you can admire an explosion of colours in 67 murals, on 5.700 m², where famous names on the street art scene have transposed current topics into urban art.

For the map, visit www.streetartfestival.ro.

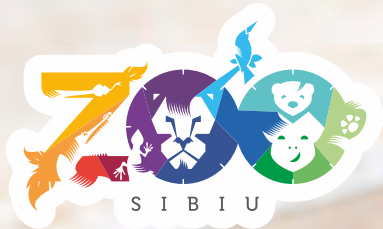
Parks and Gardens

If you and your family want to exercise or just to relax, the Sub Arini Park is the ideal place for it. Its figures are impressive: 22 hectares, over 95 bird species, 60 exotic and indigenous tree species. Among them there are some giant trees, that are over 150 years old such as ginkgo biloba, the American maple or the magnificent magnolias. In the music pavilion, fanfare concerts are accompanied by bird trills. A six-kilometre-long bicycle track, playgrounds, sports fields and outdoor fitness machines might be everything you need to charge your batteries.



A visit to the **Zoological Garden** is always a great idea for a wonderful family day. Sibiu Zoo is the first zoological garden in Romania, established in 1929. 259 animals of 61 different species share a home that covers around 15 hectares. Lions, zebras, bears, monkeys - a miniature world, where children often stand in awe and wonder.

142 Dumbrăvii Road
www.zoo.sibiu.ro



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Sibiu – The European Region of Gastronomy 2019

Most times, happiness lies in simple things. In Sibiu it lies in the flavours on the plate.

In 2019, **Sibiu is the European Region of Gastronomy**, a title that puts the regional tastes on the world's culinary map and that motivates us to promote our gastronomic footprint.

Sibiu's recipe for success is based on its unique ingredients: the multicultural richness and the local quality products. The old Romanian, Saxon, Hungarian and Jewish recipes with their oriental and Russian influences blend together in an authentic Transylvanian fusion, that has been reinterpreted based on the latest cuisine trends. The area's menus contain fresh foods which arrive in the kitchens of top restaurants directly from producers and from farms.

Sibiu – European Region of Gastronomy is a challenge we can face together – local authorities, associations, restaurants and producers – so that you can enjoy a perfect culinary feast, that spoils your senses and feeds your soul.

In Transylvania we have a word that is difficult to translate in any language: *tihnă*. It expresses a state of well-being, of tranquillity and full satisfaction in which anyone, who tastes our foods and drinks, will be placed.

Enjoy!



Gastronomic Events

In 2019, Sibiu celebrates the regional gastronomic culture through events full of flavour:

Street Food Festival

A big culinary feast that brings together both appetising local flavours and food from all around the world. All seasoned with lots of fun, concerts and activities for every taste.

Organiser: Focus Sibiu Association

Facebook Page: Street FOOD Festival - Sibiu

Gastronomic Transylvania – Food Culture Festival

An explosion of flavours that harnesses the region's culinary potential and the diversity of the local products. The varied program brings the hungry crowd face to face with the professionals who compete in culinary fantasy.

Organiser: My Transylvania Association

www.mytransilvania.ro



Gastro Urban

Meetings, cooking sessions and tastings, meant to bring culinary traditions back to life, in a contemporary interpretation and a bohemian ambiance.

Organiser: Child and Family Association HEART
Facebook Page: GastroUrban

Foodie – Street Food Cuisine

The best food trucks in the country tempt you with everything that is new, creative and appetizing in street food.

Organiser: Grey Projects Association
Facebook Page: Foodiesibiu

The Green Friday Market

Every Friday, peasants and local producers bring the tastiest vegetables, fruits and organic foods to the city. More than just a market, Green Friday is a meeting place and an inspiration.

Huet Square
Every Friday between 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Facebook Page: VinereaVerde

Don't miss an authentic local market – **Cibin Market**. As a tourist you will immerse yourself in a symphony of flavours and colours specific to the area. Every day, local farmers line up mountains of fresh produce on the stalls, from the famous cheeses to meat, fruit, vegetable, flowers and golden honey. Let yourself be lured by smells, taste foods, talk to people and enjoy a slice of real local life with all your senses.

4 Piața Cibin Street





CibinFEST

Days of fun and German spirit in the heart of Sibiu. Inspired by the Oktoberfest and perfected by the local tastes and the hospitality that characterizes us, CibinFEST entertains thousands of partygoers, each year.

Organiser: Events for Tourism Association
www.cibinfest.ro

Wine Festival

A wine festival that reunites refined tasters, sommeliers and producers from the most important wine regions in the country.

Organiser: Old City Sibiu Association
Facebook Page: Vinfest

Tastes of Sibiu

A true poetry that entices you to taste foods, attend live cooking sessions and go to performances that take place in selected locations in the county. "Tastes of Sibiu" is food for the soul.

Organiser: Sibiu European Region of Gastronomy Consortium
www.sibiugastronomia.ro
Facebook Page: Sibiu Regiune Gastronomica Europeana

Christmas Food Carousel

In the dreamlike atmosphere of winter holidays, stalls with hot foods lure you in a carousel of delicious flavours.

Organiser: Events for Tourism Association
Facebook Page: Christmas Food Carousel

Explore the Surroundings

Organ concerts in fortified churches, brunches in farmhouses, relaxation at public baths, hiking in the heart of the mountains or winter sports? All of them are at a very short distance from Sibiu.



Cisnădioara

The fortified church of Cisnădioara is an idyllic nest set on a rocky hill, from where it enjoys the view. The edifice dates from the 12th century, being one of the oldest Romanesque basilicas in the country. According to the legend, the village lads used to prove their strength before getting married, by rolling up the hill massive boulders, gathered in the courtyard of the church for times of distress.

Today, the basilica is animated by film projections, concerts or romantic picnics in the moonlight.

Păltiniș

Only a stone's throw away from Sibiu, the mountains and the secular forests surround you. Located at 1440 m altitude in the Cindrel Mountains, Păltiniș is the oldest mountain resort in Romania. The meandering trails, through alpine meadows and glacial lakes, are ideal for hiking. In the cold season, Păltiniș has one of the best ski slopes in the country and après ski parties urge you to stay in the area.

Ocna Sibiului

This tourist resort is the seaside of Sibiu, an outdoor, where you can enjoy the beach and the hot water, but especially the benefits of salt and mud therapy. For fun and therapy, at the same time, Ocna Sibiului has 12 saltwater lakes, swimming pools and playgrounds for children.

Mărginimea Sibiului

Here, the time passes slowly, at the same pace as sheep flocks, and the air smells of field flowers and of freshly mown grass. In Mărginimea Sibiului, foreign guests meet the pure Romanian soul: hardworking, kind people, old traditions, dating back many generations and authentic tastes. Wandering through the villages, from Rășinari to Jina, one discovers a pastoral landscape long gone in Western Europe. In Mărginime, people's meanings of life are closer to God.

The Transfăgărașan Road and Bâlea Lake

The Transfăgărașan Road is one of the world's most spectacular mountain roads. The road is 151 km long and crosses in dizzying serpentine the highest mountain group in Romania, up to 2042 m altitude. The road is open from June 30 until November 1.

Nearby, the glacial lake and Bâlea waterfall open to magnificent landscapes, surrounded by mountain peaks. During winter, at Bâlea Lake you can spend the night in a crystal setting, at one of the few ice hotels in Europe.

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The Fortified Churches from Valea Hârțibaciului

Valea Hârțibaciului is a legendary region, bestrewn with old Saxon villages gathered around the fortified churches. From the hills, you can see the panorama of the sleeping abodes, with the snowy crests of the Făgăraș Mountains in the background.

From Sibiu, take a bicycle tour on the route **Hosman – Nocrich – Alțâna – Ighișu Vechi – Bârghiș – Agnita – Chirpăr – Marpod.**

Recharge your batteries with goodies from the Hosman and Alțâna households and during summer do not miss the rustic brunches in the area.

Tram Trip to Rășinari

With its retro look, the tram to Rășinari is a nostalgic symbol of Sibiu. Departing from the Zoological Garden (142 Dumbrăvii Road), the tram passes through the wonderful landscape at the edge of Dumbrava Forest, up to Rășinari, one of the most picturesque villages in the area.

Timetable:

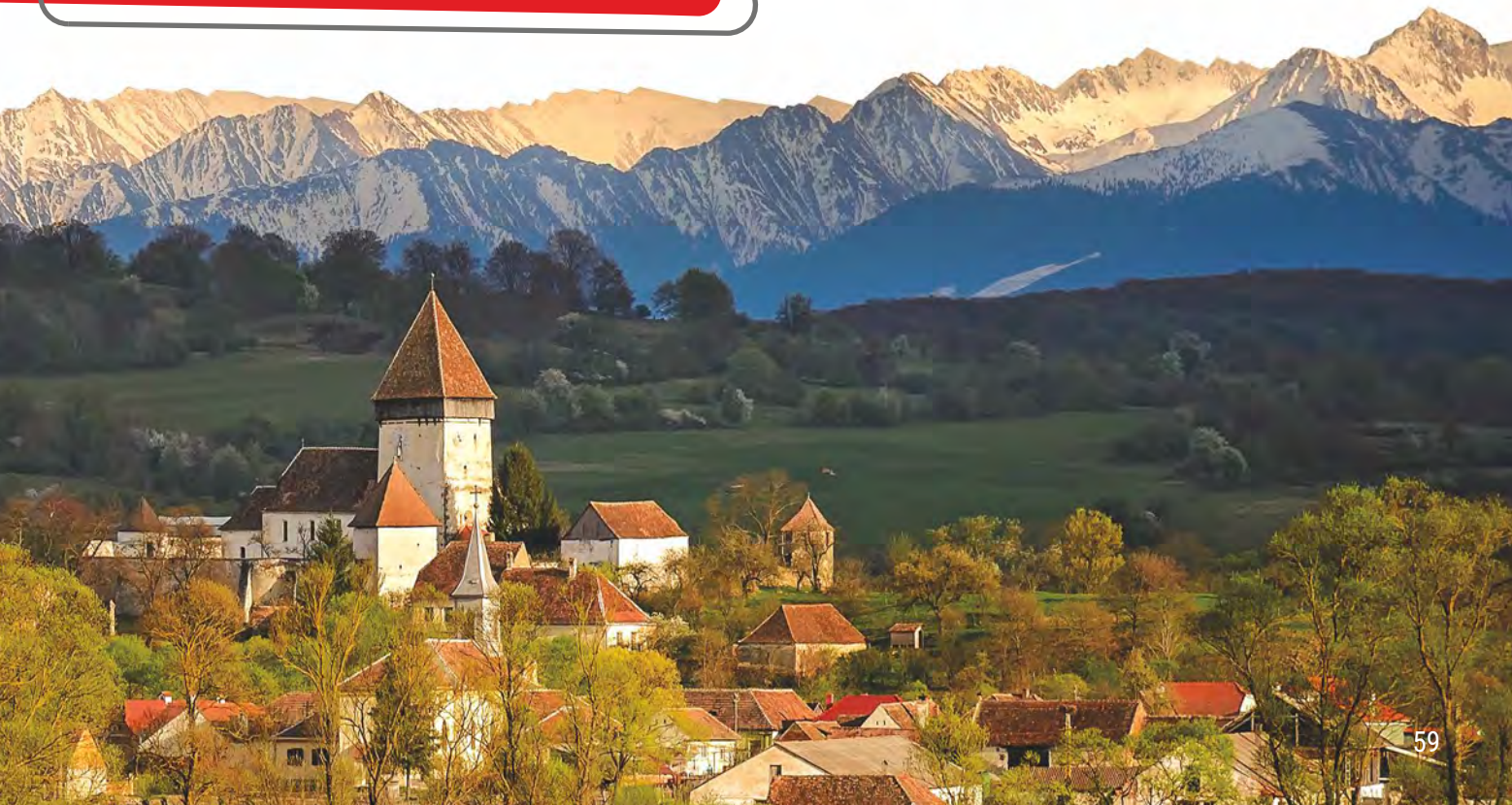
May – October

Every Sunday: Departure to Rășinari at 10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and at 14:30 p.m.

Guided tours can be arranged upon request.

Reservations at tel.: 004 0730 654211

Facebook Page: Primaria Comunei Rasinari



Tourist in Sibiu

How to get to Sibiu?

By Plane

Sibiu International Airport is located 5 km west of the city, with direct access to the E81 road. The following airlines operate at Sibiu Airport: Austrian Airlines, Tarom, Blue Air, Lufthansa and Wizz Air.

In order to check the flight schedule, please visit www.sibiuairport.ro or call for information at telephone number: 004 0269 253135.

By Train

For information concerning the best train travel option, please call 004 0269 952.

By Car

Sibiu is crossed by the European Routes E68 (Arad – Sibiu – Braşov), which enters the country at Nădlac and E81 (Cluj – Sibiu – Piteşti – Bucureşti), which enters the country at Borş.



Tourist Information Center

We offer guidance and provide maps and useful tourist materials, for you to have an unforgettable stay in Sibiu.

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Monday to Friday: 9 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Saturday to Sunday: 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

October 1 – April 30

Monday to Friday: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Saturday to Sunday: 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.





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