



Maramures, ballooning and traditions!

5th - 12th October 2019

Last year, 100 balloons from 24 countries, 400 pilots and crew, travelled to Maramures for a memorable celebration of Romania's Centenary!

The first day was a true ballooning adventure, over a virgin territory, the Land of Lapus, in the east of Maramures county. Lapus is an enclave of original village life, home to some of Europe's last Mohicans. Incredibly, in spite of modernity, people here still live in harmony with ancient agrarian traditions.

Some people say it's the closest thing to time travel.

We had amazing feedback - from flight teams and from lapuseans! The flying was awesome, the landscape charming, the people adorable. You loved meeting Lapus and Lapus loved meeting you! **So let's go further!**

We prepare a 7-day experience in the Land of Lapus, arriving Saturday 5th and departing Sunday 13th Oct. 2019.

"Maramures, plai cu zbor", basically means "ballooning and traditions" (zbor = fly).

It's a word-play on a famous old song, "Maramures, plai cu *flori*", about the love of nature, landscape, harmony and flowers (*flori*).

We will fly over the Land of Lapus, explore the villages, meet local people, get positive vibes from their food, customs, way of life and generosity. There will be plenty of non-flying fun for adults and children.

We will stay in carefully selected family homes in Rogoz and Lapus villages, with in-home bathroom/shower, one team per home (in 2 bedrooms).

Pilots can choose **Option 1 - full 7 days festival** (8 nights) or **Option 2 - last 3 days of festival** (4 nights).

Experience the original European village culture

Welcome to Lapuș Country!

The Land of Lapus is the east of Maramureș County, in northwest Romania, near the borders with Hungary and Ukraine. Magical and beautiful, Maramureș is the ancestral epicentre of Romania's village culture, with traditional wooden architecture, impressive landscapes and living traditions. It's home for hospitality, great food and "*horinca*", the strong local drink!



Maramures Balloon Fiesta 2019 - 6th edition - "Maramureş, ballooning and traditions"

5 - 12 October 2019 - draft programme

	5 oct. Sat.	6 oct. Sun.	7 oct. Mon.	8 oct. Tues.	9 oct. Wed.	10 oct. Thurs.	11 oct. Fri.	12 oct. Sat.	13 oct. Sun.
OPTION 1 is 7 days of festival, 8 nights accommodation									
					OPTION 2 is 3 days of festival, 4 nights accommodation				
	Arrive	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7	Depart
06:00				Early start					
07:00		F1 - Loc A	F2 - Loc A	F4 - Loc B	No flying	F6 - Loc A	F8 - Loc A	F10 - Loc A	
08:00		+ passengers	+ passengers	+ passengers	day	+ passengers	+ passengers	+ passengers	
10:00		Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
11:00									
12:00	Option 1	Exploring	Exploring	Exploring	Option 2	Exploring	Exploring	Exploring	
13:00	Registration	the Land of	the Land of	the Land of	Registration	the Land of	the Land of	the Land of	
14:00		Lapus	Lapus	Maramures		Lapus	Lapus	Lapus	
15:00									
16:00			Briefing	Briefing		Briefing	Briefing	Briefing	
17:00			F3 - Loc A	F5 - Loc B		F7 - Loc A	F9 - Loc A	F11 - Loc A	
18:00	Briefing 1		+ passengers	+ passengers	Briefing 2	Option 2 team flight or free time	Option 1 team flight or free time	+ passengers	
19:00	Welcome dinner 1	Village event & dinner	Village event & dinner		Welcome dinner 2	Village event & dinner	Village event & dinner	Goodbye dinner	
20:00									
21:00		Late dinner							
F1 - F11	flight sessions 1 to 11 (free/tethered flight)								
Location A	Rogoz - Lapus: basecamp, info point, trailer park, flight loc A, breakfast, relaxing, tethered flight, gas, fus, artisans, music								
Location B	Land of Maramures: Tuesday, depart 6am, 40km east to Botiza, morning flight, breakfast. exploring, afternoon flight, late dinner								

No entry fee for teams accepting minimum 2 passengers per flight.

Food, accommodation, gas is covered by the organisers.

Homestay accommodation with shared bathroom. Max 4 guests per home.

Guesthouse accommodation available in nearby Targu Lapus for +5 euros / day / person sharing (breakfast not included).

"Passenger threshold": Option 1 = 15 pax, Option 2 = 10 pax. Above this, pilots receive reimbursement of transport and other costs of 20 Euros / pax, by bank transfer within 30 days. Please bring receipts.

We need 1 flight session per team for tethered flight or display (Friday or Saturday afternoon).



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Conditions

No entry fee for teams accepting min. 2 passengers per flight.

We provide:

- farmhouse accommodation in double rooms for pilots and crews (max 4 persons);
- Food and drinks – pre-flight snacks and coffee, large late breakfast, dinner;
- Fuel for all flights except the first flight; nitrogen for all flights;
- Maramures self-guided tours, crafts workshops and traditional parties all week
- Maps; Gift Bags; Friendship; Entertainment and a Good time for all!

For each flight session, pilots are asked to accept passengers as indicated by the organizers. This greatly helps.

To be fair for everyone, teams which cannot accept any passengers pay an all-inclusive participation fee of 430 euros / person sharing for Option 1 and 250 euros / person for Option 2.

For teams which can only accept 1 passenger / flight, the participation fee is 215 euros / person sharing for Option 1 and 125 euros / person sharing for Option 2.

Option 1 pilots have the following free time: Sunday afternoon, all day Wednesday, and an optional session without passengers on Friday afternoon.

Option 2 pilots have an optional session without passengers on Thursday afternoon.

Mandatory documents: pilot licence and medical, ID card or passport, C of R, C of A, valid ARC and insurance policy for the balloons.

Additional requirements for pilots: minimum 50 hours of flight time and 50 take-offs and landings as PIC of balloons, minimum 6 hours of flight time including 10 take-offs and landings as PIC of balloons in the last 24 months.

Please find attached the entry form. If you would like to join us, please complete and send to mmballoonfiesta@gmail.com, as soon as possible, before 31st July 2019.

Thank you!

We can't wait to welcome you (back!) to Romania!

Loredana Hurley, organizer & Dan Chiriac, flight director

