

Hontianska paráda 2019 will revive almost forgotten culture and customs

Come to experience it from 16th until 17th August 2019 in Hrušov

Hrušov 07. August 2019 - The uneasy life of the artisan people of the Hont region, its unique cultural wealth and almost forgotten customs will come alive again in the village of Hrušov. This picturesque village in the district of Veľký Krtíš will host the 24th year of the popular folk festival Hontianska paráda from 16th until 17th August 2019. You can look forward to demonstrations of crafts, tasting local specialties or cultural performances of groups from Slovakia and abroad.

The Hontianska paráda festival is one of the highlights of events presenting not only the village of Hrušov, but also the uniqueness of the Hont region. Every year the folklore event brings to visitors a view of the life, customs and rich cultural heritage of the local people in the distant past. Thematically, the program of the event is divided into five blocks: life at village of Hrušov, crafts, tasting of traditional meals accompanied by folk music, exhibition and cultural performances in the amphitheater.

This year's 24th festival will delight visitors with demonstrations of hand-picking, threshing grain, burning charcoal and drawing wood, as well as making and baking homemade bread or so called lepnik in traditional stone ovens. Technology lovers should not miss the exhibition of historic tractors and threshers from a rare collection of collectors from the village. Talented craftsmen not only from the local region but also from other parts of Slovakia will show their skills at Hontianske paráda. Skillful masters have prepared exhibitions of blacksmithing and carpentry for visitors, but there will also be a craft corner for children or an interesting exhibition of folk costumes and folk clothing.

The event, which is suitable for lovers of folklore and families with children, will offer a tasting of local specialties directly in the village in the Hontian yards. During the two days of the festival, the festival will bring you closer to the customs of cooking, the presentation of the domestic people from Hrušov awaits visitors, all accompanied by traditional music and dance. Part of the gastronomic offer will also be the Great Wine Route, where you will taste the best of vineyards and courtyards of Hrušov.

This year the center of culture and folklore will be a natural amphitheater. The 40th anniversary will be celebrated by children's folklore group Ragačinka Hrušov, which educates other folklorists from Hrušov from a young age and all together preserve folk songs and customs from Hrušov. Apart from Slovak folklorists, audiences will also be presented by foreign ensembles Klasa from Serbia (Stara Pazova), Cerovina from Romania (Čerpotok) or the Russian folk group Volni Don. Among others there will be perform folklore ensembles from Piešťany, Jarek, Badín, Prečín or groups Ipeľ from Lučenec, Rozmarín from Pliešovce, Haviar from Rožňava, Slatina from Zvolenská Slatina and Čierťaž Nemecká. On Friday evening the program at the amphitheater will be closed by a performance by FS Technik and on Saturday by FS Železiar. Children will also show their talents to the audience, and the folk ensembles Vartášik from Krupina, Prvosienka from Bratislava, Matičiarik from Banská Bystrica, Sendergö from Šahy and Krtíšanček from Veľký Krtíš will dance in the amphitheater.

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