

# ROMANIA

## MURES COUNTY





Mentioned in documents as early as 1300 as a “market town”, **Tirgu Mures** reminds of an ancient economic center of the area. The merchants and guild members got involved in economic activities as early as the feudal age. A powerful infrastructure helped the development of a powerful spiritual life. Today the county town is a developed economic and cultural center. The education system in Mures county includes 4 universities (Medicine and Pharmacy University, Technical University, Dramatic Art University, Ecological University).



Tirgu Mures is well known inside the country and abroad as an important medical center with outstanding achievements in the field.

**Sighisoara** is the only mediaeval citadel in Europe that is fully inhabited. Known as the “Pearl of Transylvania” since the last century, the citadel-town is located in the heart of Romania, in the south of Mures county.



The first document mentioning Sighisoara, called “Castrum Sex”, dates back to 1280, the Romanian name, that of Sighisoara, is for the first time mentioned in a document of Vlad III Dracula in 1431. Vlad Dracula (nicknamed Tepes/the Impaller), is supposed to have been born in Sighisoara. His name inspired Bram Stoker for his novel “Dracula”, the best known book after the Holy Bible.

Some 36,000 people live in Sighisoara today. The population is made up of Romanians, Hungarians and Germans.

The proposal has been advanced that the citadel of Sighisoara be added to the list of UNESCO monuments.

**Reghin** is known as the “Violin Town” or new Cremona” both names undoubtedly inspired by violin building. Young people from Canada and Germany learn how to make violins in Reghin., at different masters.

As a spa, **Sovata** has been known since 1884. It became a town in 1956. Here is the only heliothermal lake in Europe, named Ursu (the Bear).



Sovata offers now an accommodation capacity of 4,000 beds in six hotels, villas and camping sites. The spa is renowned for the efficiency of the treatment for various gynecological, rheumatic, circulatory, neurotic, lung and respiratory (excluding TBC) diseases, as well as for the beneficial effects of its air. The spa is propitious for walking, fishing, equitation in summer and skiing in winter.



The town of Tirgu Mures



▲ Symphony orchestra  
in



▲ The foyer of the  
National



Sighisoara



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