

A Trip to Romania and the Czech Republic

On 9 June Geoff Marshall gave a presentation to Tawa U3A based on a visit he and his wife made to Romania and Czech Republic in 2007.



They visited Geoff's sister in Oradea, in the north west of Romania, and friends in eastern Czech Republic. Oradea is a bustling city of around 226,000 people. It has a fascinating history dating back to neolithic days, with the modern city first mentioned in the 1100s .

The fascinating presentation covered the activities of their hosts and the architecture, history, culture and landscapes and places of interest that they visited. City sights contrasted enormously with villages found in the countryside.

The Merry Cemetery



“The Merry Cemetery” is a unique cemetery in Northern Romania. Known for colourfully painted wooden crosses marking the tombstones, the Merry Cemetery is not a sad, sombre place but rather a cheerful place, full of colour and even a bit of humour!

Forestry railway, Viseu de Sus, Maramures Romania

Sometimes known as the “Vasser Valley Forestry Railway” It’s one of the few places where you can still see a wood burning steam locomotive running alongside diesels and rail cars on a narrow-gauge track. The tradition is being kept alive and tourist trips run frequently.



A Village near Sighișoara, Romania – a different way of life



It’s the end of the day and villagers are watching their cows come home after spending the day away with a shepherd in grazing pastures.

Colourful houses, Oradea, Romania



The architecture in Oradea is both beautiful and colourful and colour abounds throughout Romania and the Czech Republic. Well worth a visit by the sound of it.



Thank you, Geoff, for your interesting photos. I think it will go on 'must see' places to visit once Covid is over.