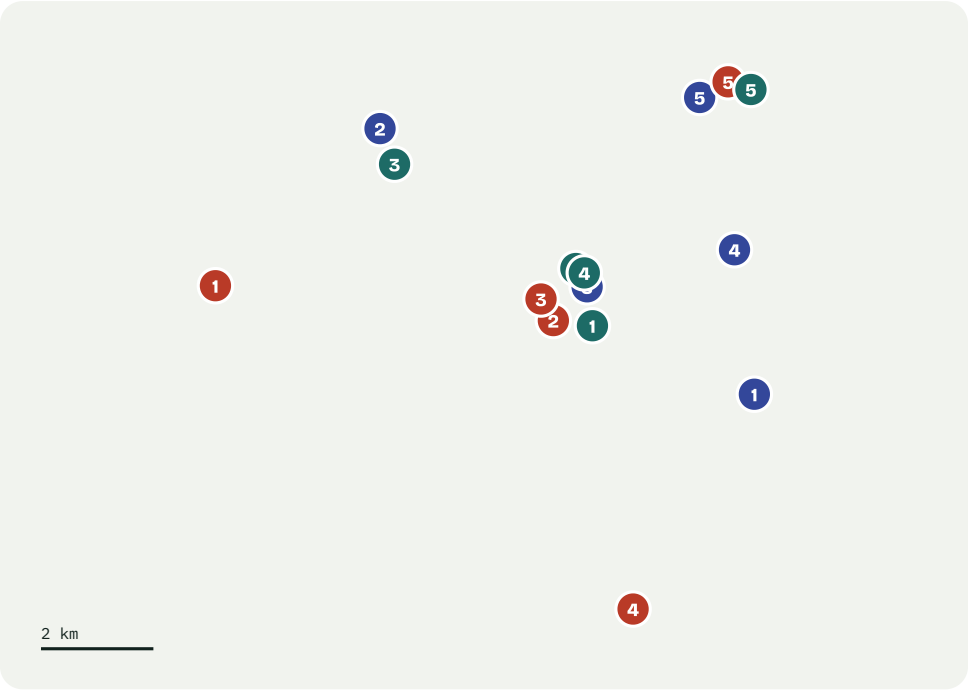
Ocna Șugatag

The salt-lake spa between the Mara and Cosău valleys, a few kilometres from the village of Breb and the UNESCO wooden churches of Budești and Desești.



What to see · Where to eat · Where to stay

Sketch, not exactly to scale.

How to use this guide

For each category we picked five places, in the order we would recommend them. Map numbers match the list. On maramures.info you'll find the interactive map, Google Maps links and the always up-to-date version.

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What to see in Ocna Șugatag



1 Biserica de lemn din Budești Josani

UNESCO WOODEN CHURCH · BUDEȘTI (JOSANI)

It has been a UNESCO World Heritage site since 1999 and is a listed historic monument, LMI code MM-II-m-A-04530.

The St Nicholas wooden church in Lower Budești (Josani), built in 1643, with a tall tower ringed by four small turrets and 18th-century paintings inside.

Budești 135 · hours not confirmed



2 Biserica de lemn din Desești

UNESCO WOODEN CHURCH · DESEȘTI

It has been a UNESCO World Heritage site since 1999 and is a listed historic monument, LMI code MM-II-m-A-04566.

The St Paraskeva wooden church in Desești, built around 1770, with its interior walls fully painted in 1780.

Desești 88 · hours not confirmed



3 Satul Breb și biserica de lemn

TRADITIONAL VILLAGE AND WOODEN CHURCH · BREB

The church is a category A listed monument (LMI code MM-II-a-A-04529), and the village holds 4.7 on Google from more than 100 reviews.

A Mara Valley village below the Rooster's Crest (Creasta Cocoșului), with wooden houses and gates, folk dress still worn and a wooden church built in 1622.

Breb 27 (biserica de lemn) · hours not confirmed



4 Instalațiile tehnice populare din Sârbi

WATER-POWERED FOLK MACHINERY · SÂRBI (COMUNA BUDEȘTI)

It is a listed monument (LMI code MM-II-a-B-04638) and holds 4.5 on Google from more than 400 reviews.

A Cosău Valley farmstead where the stream drives a whirlpool washer, a fulling mill, a grain mill and a sawmill, a listed 19th-century ensemble.

DJ186B nr. 181, Sârbi · hours not confirmed



5 Lacurile sărate din Ocna Șugatag

SALT LAKES AND SPA POOLS · OCNA ȘUGATAG (ZONA LACURILOR)

They are why Ocna Șugatag is a spa resort: salt was mined here as early as 1355, and the lakes formed over the mines closed in 1950.

Salt lakes formed over the old salt mines closed in 1950, with outdoor pools in summer and heated salt-water pools in the complexes around them.

Strada Între Lacuri · hours not confirmed

Where to eat in Ocna Șugatag

1 Păstrăvăria Alex

TROUT FARM RESTAURANT · MARA (COMUNA DESEȘTI)

It holds 4.6 on Google from more than 9,000 reviews, the most of any restaurant in the area.

A restaurant and guest house with its own trout farm in the village of Mara, on the road to the Gutâi Pass, with tables outside by the fish ponds.

Mara 89 · Tel. +40 749 990 042 · hours not confirmed

2 Casa lu' Dochia

TRADITIONAL RESTAURANT · BREB

It holds 4.6 on Google from about 1,000 reviews and is listed in the Maramureș County Council's tourist guide.

A small restaurant in a restored traditional house in Breb, with food cooked from local produce and a menu that changes with what is available.

Strada Principală 204, Breb · Tel. +40 740 260 687 · hours not confirmed

3 Breb 148 – Local Food & Garden

LOCAL-FOOD RESTAURANT · BREB (MARGINEA SATULUI)

It holds 4.7 on Google from more than 600 reviews and is open to all travellers in summer and winter.

A small à la carte restaurant in an orchard at the edge of Breb, with seasonal dishes made from local ingredients.

Breb 148 · Tel. +40 745 201 654 · hours not confirmed

4 Hanu lu Cobâlă

INN WITH RESTAURANT · BUDEȘTI (PE DEAL, LA SUD DE SAT)

It holds 4.5 on Google from about 1,700 reviews.

A traditional guest house with a restaurant in the hills south of Budești, serving Maramureș cooking, with a large garden.

Budești 266I · Tel. +40 262 390 100 · hours not confirmed

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5 Sweet Home Bistro Caffe

BISTRO AND CAFÉ · OCNA ȘUGATAG (CENTRU)

It holds 4.6 on Google from more than 550 reviews and sits right in the centre of the resort.

A bistro and café in the centre of the resort, next to the town hall, with burgers, steaks, platters, desserts and coffee from breakfast to evening.

Strada Unirii 64 · Tel. +40 756 030 371 · hours not confirmed

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Where to stay in Ocna Șugatag

1 Pensiunea Inima Maramureșului

FARM GUEST HOUSE · BREB

It holds 9.7 on Booking from more than 180 reviews and 4.9 on Google from more than 350 reviews.

A guest house at the entrance to Breb, with a new villa and a traditional house, a large yard with terraces and food cooked from the family's own farm produce.

Breb 344 · Tel. +40 726 168 271

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2 Casa Grai Moroșănesc

FAMILY GUEST HOUSE · BREB

It holds 9.7 on Booking from more than 240 reviews and 5.0 on Google from more than 120 reviews.

A family guest house on Breb's main lane, with rooms in traditional style and home-cooked meals on request.

Strada Principală 98, Breb · Tel. +40 766 342 966

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3 Pensiunea Mara

RIVERSIDE GUEST HOUSE · DESEȘTI

It holds 9.9 on Booking from more than 100 reviews and 4.9 on Google from more than 200 reviews.

A guest house with six double rooms on the bank of the Mara river in Desești, with a large garden and food cooked mostly from its own produce.

Desești 322 · Tel. +40 749 459 331

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4 Casa Pintea de Sub Coastă

FARMSTEAD GUEST HOUSE · BREB

It holds 9.8 on Booking from more than 100 reviews and 4.9 on Google from more than 200 reviews.

A family guest house on a farmstead in Breb, about 250 metres from the wooden church, with traditionally furnished rooms and meals cooked by the hosts.

Strada Principală 46, Breb · Tel. +40 762 420 716

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5 Pensiunea Marea Alpină

GUEST HOUSE WITH SALT-WATER POOL · OCNA ȘUGATAG (CENTRU)

It holds 4.7 on Google from almost 400 reviews and has its own heated indoor salt-water pool.

A newly built guest house in the centre of the resort, with a heated indoor salt-water pool, an outdoor pool, a sauna and a restaurant.

Strada Ilie Lazăr 25 · Tel. +40 757 056 759

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