

Transylvanian Youth Pilgrimage

Unitarian Holy Places (BUCH-BUD)

- (M) June 11 – Depart US for Bucharest.
- Day 1 (Tu) June 12 - PM arrival OTP airport, Bucharest. Transfer to motor coach for 2 hour drive to Carpathian Mt. Resort hotel. Group dinner & orientation. Overnight Sinia hotel TBD***. (D)
- Day 2 (W) June 13 - AM cable car ride to mountain-top meadow. Hiking and picnic lunch (weather permitting). PM tour of Bran Castle, aka “Dracula’s Castle”. Early evening drive across rural Transylvania. Dinner & overnight Sighisoara/Segesvar – hotel TBD *** (BLD)
- Day 3 (Th) June 14 - Morning tour of frescoed Unitarian church of Szekelyderz (a UNESCO World Heritage site). Traditional Szekely lunch in citadel bastion. PM orientation/tour of medieval walled city of Segesvar – purported birthplace of Vlad Tepes aka “Dracula”. Free time to explore museums, shop, or do emails. Dinner on your own. Overnight Sighisoara/Segesvar (hotel/hostel – TBD). (BL)
- Day 4 (F) June 15 – Depart Segesvar for Nagyenyed. En route tour Saxon fortress church at Biertan (a UNESCO World Heritage site). Early evening arrival in Nagyenyed. Welcome reception/dinner with host families. Overnight Nagyenyed. (home stays).(BLD)
- Day 5 (Sa) June 16 – Nagyenyed tour/orientation. Kid’s pizza lunch. Adults planning session with minister & lay-leaders of congregation. Evening rehearsal for Sunday service. (BLD)
- Day 6 (Su) June 17 – Youth participation in 11am church service. Reception afterward in church social hall. Evening program with Nagyenyed youth group. Overnight Nagyenyed (home stays). (BLD)
- Day 7 (M) June 18 – Day trip to Unitarian village of Meszko, the “Alabaster Village” followed by hiking & picnic lunch in scenic Torda Gorge. Dinner & overnight Nagyenyed (home stays). (BLD)
- Day 8 (Tu) June 19 - Depart Nagyenyed for Deva. En route visit tomb of Unitarian King, Janos Sigismund, in Gyulafehervar and tour the towering medieval castle in Vadjahunyad. Evening climb to citadel at Deva where Frances David, founder of the Unitarian Church was martyred. Vesper service at Frances David memorial. Overnight Melite Guest House - Deva. (BLD)
- Day 9 (W) June 20 AM departure for Kolozsvar. En route visit “Church of the Edict” in Torda Lunch & Unitarian tour of Kolozsvar including 1st Unitarian Church (home of “the rock” of Frances David, Unitarian HQ, high school & St Mathias Church. Evening musical performance or night at the movies. Dinner & overnight Unitarian Center for Students & Pilgrims (UCSP).
- Day 10 (Th) June 21 – Travel Day to Budapest. Lunch en route. Evening arrival in Budapest. Dinner & overnight Budapest hotel TBD. (BLD)
- Day 11 (F) June 22 – AM tour of Budapest including Hero’s Square, Castle Hill & Terror Museum. Farewell evening cruise on Danube. Overnight Budapest hotel – TBD. (BLD)
- Day 12 (Sa) June 23 – Transfer to Budapest airport for flight back to US. (B)

12 days, 11 nights – Adults \$1,250, Youth \$1,050 (double/triple occupancy) + \$50 non-refundable registration fee. Trip costs include ground transportation, lodging, meals (as indicated), guides, interpreter(s), and entry fees to programmed tourist sights. Does not include costs of airline travel to/from Bucharest/Budapest, alcoholic beverages, costs incurred during free periods. Airport transfers for early arrivals or late departures.