

Youth Trip to Transylvania

Village Project Itinerary

- Day 1 (S) – Aug 10 Depart Boston Logan for Budapest.
- Day 2 (M) Aug 11 - Afternoon arrival at Ferihegy airport, Budapest. Transfer to hotel. Free afternoon to relax or explore. Group dinner & introductions. Overnight Budapest hotel - TBD***. (D)
- Day 3 (Tu) Aug 12 – Morning orientation session with UUPCC staff followed by visits to 1st & 2nd Unitarian churches to meet with ministers and learn the history of the Unitarian church in Hungary. Group lunch. Afternoon tour of Hero’s Square to view the pantheon of famous Hungarians through the centuries, and the nearby Terror Museum to get a glimpse of life under the Communist police state. Group dinner & discussion with trip leaders. Overnight Budapest hotel – TBD*** (BLD)
- Day 4 (W) Aug 13 –. Morning visit to Statue Park, resting place of Budapest’s Soviet Realist statuary. Free afternoon to engage in your favorite activities (shop in the Central Market, bike on Margit Island, swim in the Gellert Hotel wave pool, catch up on email). Evening cruise on the Danube with the group. Lunch and Dinner on your own. Overnight Budapest hotel – TBD*** (B)
- Day 5 (Th) Aug 14 – Travel day. We depart Budapest after breakfast for Transylvania. Traditional Hungarian gulas lunch en route before border crossing into Romania. Evening arrival in village of Kisskapus (just outside of Kolozsvar) in time to watch the water buffaloes come home to be milked. Dinner & overnight Dokkum Panzio – Kisskapus. (BLD)
- Day 6 (F) Aug 15 – Unitarian tour of Kolozsvar. We visit 1st Church, which houses the rock upon which Francis David is said to have stood when he converted Kolozsvar to Unitarianism, the Unitarian High School building which also houses the HQ offices and dormitories, and the Matyas Church where Francis David once preached. Pizza lunch followed by free time in historic Kolozsvar city center before returning to Kisskapus for dinner & overnight. (BLD)
- Day 7 (Sa) Aug 16 – Depart Kisskapus for Ujszekely via scenic back roads. En route we visit the “Alabaster Village” of Meszko to hear the story of Ferenc Balazs, hike and picnic in the spectacular Torda Gorge, and visit the “Church of the Edict” in Torda to see the place from which the Edict of Religious Tolerance was issued in 1568. Early evening arrival in Ujszekely for welcome reception & dinner with minister and host families. Overnight Ujszkely – home stays. (BLD)
- Day 8 (Su) Aug 17 – Sleep- in. Joint American & Transylvanian youth participation in 11am church service. Reception afterward with members of congregation. PM tour of Ujszekely. Evening planning sessions to prepare for work project. Overnight Ujszekely – home stays. (BLD)
- Day 9 – 11 (M - W) Aug 18 – 20. Morning work on service project work beside members of partner congregation. Group lunches followed by afternoon excursions including: A visit to the nearby medieval walled city of Segesvar/Sighisoara, purported birthplace of Vlad Tepes – aka Dracula; hiking in the country side, email sessions in the town of Szekelykeresztur shopping for unique craft items in the pottery village of Korond. Farewell bonfire on Wednesday evening. Other dinner & evening programs TBD. Overnight each night Ujszekely – home stays. (BLD)
- Day 12 (Th) Aug 21 – Depart Ujszekely after breakfast for Sinaia. En route we tour the Black Church and enjoy some free time in the pedestrian Brasso city center (lunch on your own) before we climb high up into the Carpathian Mts. for our last night of the trip. Farewell dinner with group and UUPCC staff. Overnight Sinaia – hotel TBD. (BD)
- Day 13 (F) Aug 22 – Transfer to Bucharest OTP (2 hr drive) for return flight to Boston. (B)