

## Maramures & Bucovina

### Wooden Churches & Painted Monasteries

(April 30 - May 5)

*Hidden away in these remote regions along the Romania/Ukraine border are some of the most spectacular scenery and picturesque religious treasures to be found anywhere. You will experience the unique culture, architecture and scenery of Maramures + tour 4 of the most famous painted monasteries (Voronet, Humor, Moldovita & Suceavita – (all UNESCO world heritage sites) with a knowledgeable guide. This 6-day/5-night tour begins and ends in Kolozsvar/Cluj, and is intended to supplement those travelers who will be participating in the April 2015 Transylvania Pilgrimage.*

- **Day 1** Depart Kolozsvar after breakfast for Maramures via motor coach. En route we enjoy a group lunch and visit the wooden churches of the Mara Valley, including the tallest wooden structure in Europe. Evening arrival in Vadu Izei. Dinner & overnight Vadu Izei Lodge\*\*\* (BLD)
- **Day 2** – We continue our tour of Maramures with visits to the Village Museum and the Elie Wiesel House in Sighetu-Marmatiei. After lunch we tour the world famous “Merry Cemetery” in nearby Sapanta before returning to Vadu Izei for dinner & overnight. Vadu Izei Lodge\*\*\* (BLD)
- **Day 3** – Depart Vadu Izei for Bucovina. Morning tours of the wooden monastery at Birsana and the 12<sup>th</sup> century wooden Orthodox church at Leud (both are UNESCO World Heritage Sites). Afterward we take in some breathtaking scenery and enjoy a group lunch in the Carpathian Alps. Dinner & overnight Gura Humorului – Pensiunea Elegance\*\*\*\* (BLD)
- **Day 4** – Guided tour of painted monasteries of Sucevita, Arbore, Humor & Voronet (UNESCO World Heritage Sites). Return to Gura Homorului for dinner & overnight Gura Homorului – Pensiunea Elegance\*\*\*\* (BLD)
- **Day 5** – Depart Gura Homorului for Kolozsvar. En route tour painted monastery at Moldovita (a UNESCO World Heritage site) and lunch in Bistrita. Evening arrival in Kolozsvar. Dinner on your own. Overnight Hotel Transylvania\*\*\* (BL)
- **Day 6** - (Tuesday, October 7). Departures for the US or elsewhere in Europe. (B)

*\$850/person double occupancy (\$165 single supplement). Land package includes accommodations, 15 meals as specified in itinerary, transportation, guide(s), interpreters, and entry to programmed events. Not included are gratuities, alcoholic beverages, airport/rail transfers, & personal expenses.*