

# European Concert Tour

## *Hungary & Transylvania Sample Itinerary*

1. Thursday, May 7 - PM Departure for Europe.
2. Friday, May 8 – PM arrival in Budapest. Transfer to hotel. Group dinner & orientation. Overnight Budapest – Hotel Fabius\*\*\*(D)
3. Saturday, May 9 – AM bus/walking tour of Budapest sights including Castle Hill, Hero’s Square, and Jewish Quarter. Free afternoon & evening in Budapest. Lunch & dinner on your own. PM Choir rehearsal. Overnight Budapest - Fabius Hotel \*\*\*(BD)
4. Sunday, May 10 – 11AM services & concert at 1<sup>st</sup> Unitarian Church of Budapest. Reception following with minister & congregation. Free afternoon and evening to continue your exploration of Budapest. Overnight Budapest – Fabius Hotel\*\*\*(BL)
5. Monday, May 11 – Depart Budapest for Kolozsvar after breakfast. En route we enjoy a traditional Hungarian gulas lunch before crossing the border into Romania. Shopping stop in the embroidery village of Korosfor before dinner in at the Unitarian B&B in Kisskapus in time to watch the water buffaloes come home. Overnight Kolozsvar – Hotel Victoria\*\*\*(BLD)
6. Tuesday, May 12 – Morning tour of Kolozsvar with visits to the Unitarian High School, HQ & Archives, St Michael’s Church where Francis David preached from the pulpit, and 1<sup>st</sup> Church which houses “The Rock” upon which he is purported to have stood when he converted the city to Unitarianism. Group lunch. PM choir rehearsal. Evening concert 1<sup>st</sup> Unitarian Church. Dinner & overnight Kolozsvar – Hotel Victoria\*\*\*(BLD)
7. Wednesday, May 13 – Depart Kolozsvar for Deva. Stops in the Alabaster Village of Meszko made famous by the book of the same name to hear the story of Ferenc Balazs and see the jewel-box church he designed and painted himself, and Gyulaferhervar where the Unitarian King Sigismund and his mother Isabella are entombed in a 1000 year-old church. Evening vesper service in the citadel above Deva where Francis David was martyred. Dinner & overnight Deva – Hotel Sarmis\*\*\*(BLD)
8. Thursday, May 14 – AM departure for Hodmezovasarhely. En route we tour the fairy tale castle at Vadjahunyad. Sandwich lunch before crossing back into Hungary. Early evening arrival in Hodmezovasarhely. Welcome reception & dinner with minister and host families. Overnight HODMEZ – home stays. (BLD)
9. Friday, May 15 – Morning tour of Hodmezovasarhely with Rev. Kiss as our guide. Group lunch. Afternoon program TBD. Pubic choir concert in Cultural Hall. Dinner with host families. Overnight HODMEZ – home stays (BLD)
10. Saturday, May 16 – AM bus & walking tour of nearby pictureque river city of Szeged including a mini concert in the Votive Church. Group lunch by the riverside before returning to HODMEZ for a downtime. Free evening with host families. (BLD)
11. Sunday, May 17 – AM services with partner congregation with concert afterward. Reception afterward with members of the congregation. Luncheon with host families. Late afternoon departure for Budapest. Farewell dinner cruise on the Danube with UUPCC staff. Overnight Budapest – Fabius Hotel\*\*\*(BLD)
12. Monday, May 18 – Transfer to airport for flights to North America or extend your stay in Europe.