

## **Transylvanian Concert Tour w/side trip to Painted Monasteries**

- Sunday, June 18 – 4:40 PM arrival OTP airport Bucharest. Transfer to motor coach for 2hr drive to Carpathian Mt. Visit Peles Palace, summer home of the Romanian Royal Family. Group orientation & dinner. Overnight Sinaia – Alpin Hotel.\*\*\*(D)
- Monday, June 19 – Sleep in. AM tour of the monastery at Sinaia. Free time in resort town of Sinaia – lunch on your own. Late afternoon rehearsal and group dinner. Overnight Sinaia – Alpin Hotel\*\*\* (BD).
- Tuesday, June 20 – Depart Sinia after breakfast. Morning tour of Bran Castle, aka “Dracula’s Castle”, followed by tour of the “Black Church”. Free time & lunch on your own in picturesque Brasso city center. Rehearsal and 6pm concert at Brasso Unitarian Church with dinner reception afterward. Late evening drive (3 hours) to Szekelyudvarhely. Overnight Szekelyudvarhely – Hotel Kukullo\*\*\* (BD)
- Wednesday, June 21 –AM tour of frescoed Unitarian Church at Szekelyderz. Lunch back in Szekelyudvarhely with optional shopping excursion to the “pottery village” of Korond nearby following. PM drive through flood-damaged Nyiko Valley (time permitting). Rehearsal and evening concert 2<sup>nd</sup> Unitarian Church – Szekelyudvarhely. Reception afterward - dinner on your own. - Hotel Kukullo\*\*\* (BL)
- Thursday, June 22 –. AM tour of Saxon fortress church at Biertan (a UNESCO World Heritage site). Free afternoon to explore the medieval walled city of Segesvar/Sighisoara. Lunch on your own. Brief rehearsal/sound check and evening concert in Szekelykeresztur. Reception & dinner afterward. Travel to Targu-Mures/Marosvarahely – overnight at Hotel Continental \*\*\* (BD)
- Friday, June 23 – AM tour of Marosvarahely/Targu-Mures including the Art Nouveau “Cultural Palace” and the Teleki Library followed by lunch on the square. Free afternoon to shop, catch a movie, or just relax. Major rehearsal. Dinner your own. Overnight Marosvarahely - Hotel Continental\*\*\*(BL)
- Saturday, June 24 – Free morning to relax or explore the numerous attractions of this lovely city (citadel & Reformed Church where the Edict of Religious Tolerance was reinstated in 1571). Evening concert in Cultural Palace followed by dinner at Hungarian Csarda in nearby Nyaradszereda. Overnight Marosvarahely - Hotel Continental \*\*\* (BD)
- Sunday, June 25 – Early AM departure for Moldova. Lunch in Bistrita. Evening arrival at hotel in Gura Humorului. Dinner on your own. Overnight GH – Best Western Hotel\*\*\* (BL)
- Monday, June 26 – Day trip to the nearby monasteries of Suceava, Moldovita, & Voronet. Picnic lunch (weather permitting) on banks of Moldovita River before returning to hotel. Dinner on your own. Overnight GH – Best Western Hotel\*\*\*(BL)
- Tuesday, June 27 – Depart Bucovina after breakfast for Transylvania. Morning tour of “nun’s village” and painted monastery at Agapia followed by picnic lunch. Brief hike in spectacular Bicaz Gorge. Evening arrival in Csikszereda . Dinner on your own. Overnight Csikszereda – Hotel Fenyo\*\*\*(BL)
- Wednesday, June 28 – Village Day. Explore Arkos with Rev. Janos Szekely as your guide. Evening concert & reception at Sepsiszentgyorgy Unitarian Church. Overnight Arkos – Home stays. (BLD)

- Thursday, June 29 – Day trip. Tour economic development model village of Illyefalva, Free time in Sepsiszentgyorgy to tour Szekely Museum and/or women’s craft cooperative & craft shop. Lunch on your own. Dinner with host families back in Arkos. Overnight Arkos - Home stays. (BD)
- Friday, June 30 – Day trip. Your choice of hiking & picnic at Lake Santa Ana, or a “spa” day at the nearby Balvanyos Resort. Overnight Arkos – Home stays. (BL – picnic lunch provided to hikers & D)
- Saturday, July 1 – Wedding & reception in Arkos. Overnight Arkos – Home stays. (BLD)
- Sunday, July 2 – AM services & concert with partner congregation. Farewell reception afterward with host families. Depart for Bucharest in early afternoon (3 ½ hours). Evening arrival at hotel followed by farewell group dinner & folk music show at Hotel Herestrau restaurant. Overnight Bucharest – Best Western Parc Hotel\*\*\*\*(BLD)
- Monday, July 3 – Airport departures or extend your stay in Europe (B)