

2012 Program Schedule

August 10-27, 2012

Friday, August 10
Individual arrival and check-in at Hostelling International, New York City
Dinner at Hungarian Literary Club with Allison Pataki, the Program's Ambassador, and Gov. George Pataki, the Program's Patron, as well as the ReConnect Hungary New York Team
Saturday, August 11
Explore Hungarian New York; lunch in Yorkville, the traditional Hungarian neighborhood
Departure from JFK Airport
August 12. Sunday
Arrival in Budapest
Visit the city center of Budapest: Váci Street, Vörösmarty Square, Fashion Street
WAMP Design Fair
Szimpla Kert Romkocsmá
August 13. Monday
Discover the main historical and cultural attractions of central Budapest, Part I
Discover the main historical and cultural attractions of central Budapest, Part II
Visit to the Sziklakórház (Hospital in the Rock)
August 14. Tuesday
Welcome meeting with Dr. Pál Hatos, Director of Balassi Institute
György Antall lecture at PricewaterhouseCooper
Bónusz Brigád lecture at Castro Bistro
Visit and dinner at Zsámbok Biofarm
August 15. Wednesday
Business Breakfast at Duna Palota: European Entrepreneur Foundation
American Chamber of Commerce: Péter Dávid, CEO
Lunch at Central Bistro with Roma Access Program representatives
Visit Graphisoft Park and Aquincum University of Technology
Omorovicza Cosmetics Ltd.
Instant Romkocsmá / Akvárium
August 16. Thursday
Visit the city of Eger
Visit the Dobó Castle
Discover the main historical and cultural attractions of Eger
Dinner in Szépasszonyok völgye (the Valley of Beautiful Women), wine-tasting, and meeting with wine-maker József Hagymási
August 17. Friday
Departure to the Tokaj Wine Region
Tour and wine-tasting at Sauska Winery
Walking tour of the city of Tokaj
Swimming in Lake Tisza

August 18. Saturday
Visit the Eco-Center in Poroszló
Departure to Budapest
Visit to the Parliament
Free time downtown
August 19. Sunday
Visit to the Skanzen Open Air Museum in Szentendre, welcome by Director Miklós Cseri
Walking tour in the city center of Szentendre
Show: Angyalföld Vadrózsa Folk Dance Ensemble, followed by táncház
August 20. Monday
Private group meeting in the Parliament with Prime Minister Viktor Orbán; state ceremony and investiture
Visit to the Holocaust Memorial Center
Visit the Festival of Folk Arts in the Buda Royal Castle
Fireworks at Gellért Hill for the celebration of August 20
August 21. Tuesday
Meeting Zsuzsanna Répás, Deputy State Secretary for Hungarian Communities Abroad, Ministry of Public Administration and Justice
Visit the President's Office in Buda Royal Castle
Lunch at Giusto Restaurant with Péter Józsa, Director of Hungarian Human Rights Foundation, Budapest
Visit the Zwack Unicum Heritage Visitor Center
Visit the Central Market Hall (guided tour by Chefparade)
Cooking school and dinner at Chefparade
Concert on the A38 Boat: Random Trio
August 22, Wednesday
Visit the House of Terror Museum
Visit to the Széchenyi Thermal Baths
Dinner at Kertem with guest Dr. Attila Kocsis, Secretary for Hungarian Communities Abroad
August 23. Thursday
Visit to Dunaszerdahely, Slovakia
Meetings in Dunaszerdahely: Roundtable of Hungarians in Slovakia, Ákos Melecske
Meeting with the Hungarian Scouts in Slovakia
Meeting author Gyula Hodossy, head of Liliium Aurum Publications and the Association of Hungarian Writers in Slovakia
August 24. Friday
Visit to Meyke's Fashion Design Boutique
Lunch at Central Bistro with guest János Horváth, Member of Parliament
Visit the Hungarian State Opera
Kossuth Foundation Discussion at Balassi Institute
Budapest by night on a sightseeing boat
August 25. Saturday
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Farewell dinner at Déryné Bistro with surprise guest
August 27. Monday
Departure from Liszt Ferenc Airport
Arrival at Newark International Airport