

Program Schedule *

July 3 – July 9, 2017

MONDAY, July 3 – Arrival in Transylvania
Departure from Budapest to Kolozsvár; arrival at Cluj International Airport at 12:45 pm
Walking tour of Kolozsvár/Cluj-Napoca, the 2015 European Youth Capital and unofficial capital of Transylvania
Dinner and accommodations in the village of Tordaszentlászló/Săvădisla
TUESDAY, July 4 – Kolozsvár, The Treasure City
Breakfast at the B&B
Visit the Bánffy Castle and the Reformed Church in Bonchida/Bonțida
Panel discussion in Kolozsvár with Hungarian politicians, journalists, artists and startups
Meet-up with university students at a pub, then dinner at Bulgakov Café
Return to Tordaszentlászló for overnight
WEDNESDAY, July 5 – Folk Culture and Hiking
Breakfast at the B&B, departure to Torda/Turda
Visit the Torda Salt Mines
Torockó/Rimetea: sightseeing, then meeting local artisans
Return to Tordaszentlászló for overnight
THURSDAY, July 6 – Marosvásárhely and Rural Tourism in the Székely Region
Breakfast at the B&B, then depart for Marosvásárhely/Târgu Mureș
Private viewing of antiquities at Teleki Téka Library; meeting with leadership & students of Sapientia University, the private Hungarian-language institution
Dip in the saltwater Medve (Bear) Lake in the resort town of Szováta/Sovata
On the way to Zetelaka/Zetea in the Székely Region, stop at Korond/Corund (distinctive pottery), the grave of Áron Tamási in Farkaslaka/Lupeni, and the Székely Gate Museum in Szejkefürdő/Băile Seiche
Dinner and overnight at a B&B in Zetelaka
FRIDAY, July 7 – Highlights of the Székely Region
Breakfast at the B&B, then further explore the Székely Region
See the best examples of carved Székely gates in Máréfalva/Satu Mare
Visit the world famous pilgrimage site on the hills of Csíksomlyó/Șumuleu Ciuc
Walk around Lake St. Anna
Drive to Homoród and drink the distinctive mineral water dubbed “wine water”
Return to Zetelaka and help master breadmakers, ropemakers, woodcarvers and farriers with their crafts
Dinner and overnight at a B&B in Zetelaka

SATURDAY, July 8 – Highlights of the Székely Region	
	Breakfast at the B&B, then drive to Énlaka/Inlăceni, a Unitarian village, and meet with Gábor Kolumbán
	Browse the Straw Hat Museum in Kőrispatak/Crișeni, then on to Bözödújfalú/Bezidu Nou, where in 1988 the first church building was razed as part of Dictator Nicolae Ceaușescu's village destruction plan
	Tour the medieval fortress town of Segesvár/Sighisoara, a UNESCO World Heritage Site
	Arrive at Magyarfenes/Vlaha for dinner and overnight at the B&B
SUNDAY, July 9 – One-of-a-Kind Sights	
	Breakfast at the B&B
	Stop at the village of Körösfő/Izvoru Crișului in the heart of the Kalotaszeg/Țara Călatei ethnographic region; see the Hungarian Protestant Church and local artisans display their wares
	Bus sightseeing tour of Nagyvárád/Oradea; continue on to Budapest; arrival in the early evening

Itinerary in Transylvania: Kolozsvár, Tordaszentlászló, Bonchida, Torda, Torockó, Marosvásárhely, Szováta, Korond, Farkaslaka, Szejkefürdő, Zetelaka, Máréfalva, Csíksomlyó, Homoród, Székelykeresztúr, Énlaka, Segesvár, Magyarfenes, Körösfő, Nagyvárád, Budapest (Total of 1,180 miles or 1,900 km).

Transportation within Transylvania: Air-conditioned Mercedes bus for 20 passengers.

Guides: **Zsolt Moldován**, HHRF's representative in Romania, and **Victoria Vass**, ReConnect Hungary 2017's peer guide and ReConnect Hungary 2012 participant. A professional tour guide fluent in English, Hungarian and Romanian will also accompany the group.

What to bring: comfortable walking shoes and hiking/touring clothes, sweatshirt, long pants (temperatures in the Torda Salt Mines can be as low as 50 °F/10 °C), swimsuit, raincoat.