

Program Schedule *

July 1 – July 7, 2018

SUNDAY, July 1 – Arrival in Transylvania
Departure from Budapest to Kolozsvár; arrival at Cluj International Airport at 10:25 am
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
MONDAY, July 2 – 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
TUESDAY, July 3 – Folk Culture and Hiking
Breakfast at the B&B, departure to Torockó/Remetea
Hiking on Székelykő (1129 m/3,700 ft)
Torockó/Rimetea: sightseeing, then meeting local artisans, tasting local handmade pastry
Return to Tordaszentlászló for overnight
WEDNESDAY, July 4 – Torda, Marosvásárhely and Rural Tourism in the Székely Region
Breakfast at the B&B, then depart for Torda/Turda
Visit the Torda Salt Mine
Marosvásárhely/Targu Mures: Private viewing of antiquities at Teleki Téka Library; sightseeing of the city
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
THURSDAY, July 5 – 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-up to Peak Szellő (1493 m/4,900 ft) – beautiful view from the Gyimes strait
Gyimesbükk: visit the Rákoczi Fortress and easternmost border of Hungary
Gyimesbükk: folk and food of Csangós (archaic Hungarian community)
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
FRIDAY, July 6 – Highlights of the Székely Region
Breakfast at the B&B
Dip in the saltwater Medve (Bear) Lake in the resort town of Szováta/Sovata
Tour the medieval fortress town of Segesvár/Sighisoara, a UNESCO World Heritage Site
Return to Tordaszentlászló for overnight
SATURDAY, July 7 – Ethnographic Pearl
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 Nagyvárad/Oradea; continue on to Budapest; arrival in the early evening

Itinerary in Transylvania: Kolozsvár, Tordaszentlászló, Bonchida, Torockó, Torda, Marosvásárhely, Korond, Farkaslaka, Szejkefürdő, Zetelaka, Máréfalva, Csíksomlyó, Gyimesbükk, Homoród, Szováta, Segesvár, Tordaszentlászló, Körösfő, Nagyvárad, Budapest (Total of 1,500 km).

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

Guides: **Zsolt Moldován**, HHRF's representative in Romania, and **Csenge Sánta**, ReConnected Participant '15. 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.