

## Program Schedule \*

June 27 – July 5, 2016

<b>MONDAY, June 27 – Arrival in Transylvania</b>
Depart late morning by private bus from Debrecen
Professional tour guide joins group after Borş border crossing
Sightseeing by bus in Nagyvárad/Oradea, a.k.a. “Paris on the Körös River”
Visit Bánffy Palace and Hungarian Protestant Church in Bonchida
Dinner and accommodations in the village of Magyarfenes/Vlaha (ReConnect Transylvania escort joins group)
<b>TUESDAY, June 28 – Kolozsvár, The Treasure City</b>
Breakfast at B&B
Walking tour of Kolozsvár/Cluj, 2015 European Youth Capital and unofficial capital of Transylvania
Rest & refreshments at Bulgakov Café
Panel discussion with leading Hungarian politicians, journalists, artists and startups
Meet-up with university students at a pub, then dinner at Bulgakov Café
Return to Magyarfenes for overnight
<b>WEDNESDAY, June 29 – Folk Culture and Hiking</b>
Breakfast at B&B, departure to Torda/Turda
Visit the Torda Salt Mines and hike the Turda Gorge (natural reserve)
Torockó/Rimetea: sightseeing, then meeting local artisans at the Ethnographic Museum
Dinner and overnight at B&B in Torockó
<b>THURSDAY, June 30 – Hiking</b>
Breakfast at B&B followed by a 3-hour hike to Székelykő (1129 m) – spectacular vistas
Rest on the terrace of the Király B&B
Walk to Fort Torockószentgyörgy for incredible views
Dinner and overnight at B&B in Torockó
<b>FRIDAY, July 1 – Marosvásárhely and Rural Tourism in the Székely Region</b>
Breakfast at B&B, then depart for Marosvásárhely/Targu Mures
Private viewing of antiquities at Teleki Téka Library; meeting with leadership & students of Sapientia University, the private Hungarian-language institution
Walk around the saltwater Medve (Bear) Lake in the resort town of Szováta
On the way to Zetelaka in the Székely Region, stop at Korond (distinctive pottery), the grave of Áron Tamási in Farkaslaka, and the Székely Gate Museum in Szejkefürdő
Dinner and overnight at a peasant house in Zetelaka

<b>SATURDAY, July 2 – Highlights of the Székely Region</b>
After breakfast, see the best examples of carved Székely gates in Máréfalva
Join the fun at the meeting of 1,000 Székely Girls on the hills of Csiksomlyó, a world famous pilgrimage site; meet local university students and visit an orphanage run by Franciscan Brother Csaba Bőjte in the city of Csikszereda/Miercurea Ciuc
Drive on to Homoród and drink the distinctive mineral water dubbed “wine water”
Walk through downtown Székelyudvarhely, the capital of the Székely Region, 90% Hungarian-inhabited
Return to Zetelaka and help master bread-makers, rope-makers, woodcarvers and farriers with their crafts
Dinner and overnight at the peasant house in Zetelaka
<b>SUNDAY, July 3 – One-of-a-Kind Sights</b>
Breakfast at the lodging, then drive to Énlaka, a Unitarian village, and meet with Gábor Kolumbán
Browse the Straw Hat Museum in Kőrispatak, then see the first church razed as part of Dictator Nicolae Ceausescu’s 1988 village destruction plan in Böződújfalu
Tour the medieval fortress town of Segesvár/Sighisoara, a UNESCO World Heritage Site
Arrive at Magyarfenes for dinner and overnight at the B&B
<b>MONDAY, July 4 – Kalotaszeg Region on the way to Budapest</b>
Breakfast and departure from Magyarfenes to Budapest (ReConnect Transylvania escort departs)
Stop at the village of Körösfő in the heart of the Kalotaszeg ethnographic region; see the Hungarian Protestant Church and local artisans display their wares; continue on to Bánffyhunяд
Stop in Nagyvárad to drop off the tour guide, then continue on to Budapest
Arrive at Hostel Budapest Center in late afternoon
<b>TUESDAY, July 5 – Departure from Budapest</b>
Breakfast, then check out of hostel

*\* Subject to change*