

BUF Transylvania Pilgrimage, June 2017

Our land arrangements are organized by the **UU Partner Church Council (UUPCC) Pilgrimage Service**, which has two decades of experience arranging American UU trips to Eastern Europe. Our international flights are organized by Golden Rule Travel, an agency specializing in church group travel. Our BUF trip planner and group leader is music director Kevin Allen-Schmid, assisted by experienced Transylvania travelers, Sara Bauer, Carl Nyblade and Cat McIntyre.



The Bellingham Unitarian Fellowship is undertaking a pilgrimage to Transylvania, in June, 2017.

This is a congregational trip with choir performances.

We are inviting relatives, friends and fellow Unitarians from anywhere to travel with us.



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We are undertaking this pilgrimage with 5 goals:

1. To explore and experience the deep historic roots of Unitarianism in Romania

we will feel wise, and proud to be rooted in a historical, world-wide tradition!



2. To celebrate and strengthen the relationship with BUF's partner church in Magyarszovat

we will feel loved, and leave a piece of our hearts with our fellow Unitarians in the "old country"

3. To strengthen our bonds with our fellow travelers and to give us wings for our future in Bellingham

we will feel inspired, and come back empowered to serve and develop our programs at BUF!

4. To connect with Romanian children and adults through singing.

our hearts will overflow as we share the joy of singing with all ages, from street kids to village elders!

5. To do some incredible sightseeing

We will be eager to share about seeing Dracula's castle, and some awesome palaces, forts and cathedrals!

Basic Trip \$1,299

Our fantastic itinerary within Romania runs from June 20 to July 3 (13 days, 12 nights) and includes:

- ◆ Three days with our Magyarszovat partner church, sharing meals, worship, a concert and community service
- ◆ Five concerts - in Sacele, Nagyajta, Szekelykeresztur, Simenfalva & Magyarszovat – including performances together with youth choirs and adult Unitarian congregational choirs
- ◆ Sight-seeing: A royal palace, Dracula's castle, a medieval walled city, an enormous cathedral and a saxon fort
- ◆ Unitarian pilgrimage sites:
 - ◆ Torda, where the first act of religious tolerance was signed in 1568
 - ◆ The rock where Francis David spoke when he "converted the whole population to Unitarianism"
 - ◆ The frescoed Szekelyderzs church, the world's only Unitarian UNESCO world heritage site
- ◆ Optional 4 day/3 night post-trip extension to Budapest (Hungary) for an additional \$575. See insert for further info on this.
- ◆ This trip is not designed for children under 16, although it could be a great experience for many youngsters.
- ◆ Participants need to do some walking and stair climbing, and deal with food challenges, people smoking, etc.
- ◆ The group will use some hostel type accommodations, but participants can opt for hotel upgrades
- ◆ (See separate detailed itinerary for further information.)

Round-Trip Airfare from Vancouver, BC \$1,475

- ◆ Fly from Vancouver, BC to Bucharest, Romania departing Wednesday, June 20th and return from Cluj, Romania to Vancouver on July 3rd
- ◆ Golden Rule Travel in Ohio is arranging our flights and has booked 50 airline seats for our group to travel together.
- ◆ Up to 15 travelers using this group ticket may change their return itinerary, on first come, first serve basis.
- ◆ A \$200 fully refundable airfare deposit should be paid to BUF as soon as possible. (deadline: March 1st)
- ◆ Travelers can also arrange their own round-trip flights entirely and join us in Romania for the land trip.

Estimated Other Costs \$200

(including all non-included meals, fees, transport and some shopping, from Bellingham to there and back home again)

TOTAL COST FOR 2-WEEK BASIC TRIP: ONLY \$2,974

Wow, what a deal!!!

