

## Painted Monasteries of Bucovina & the Wooden Churches of Maramures

*Hidden away in these remote regions along the Romania/Ukraine border are some of the most spectacular scenery and picturesque religious treasures to be found anywhere. You will experience the unique culture, architecture, and scenery of Maramures and tour 4 of the most famous painted monasteries (Voronet, Humor, Moldovita & Suceavita – all UNESCO world heritage sites) with a knowledgeable guide. This 7 day/6 night tour begins in Marosvasarhely at the conclusion of the ICUUW Convocation and ends in Kolozsvar/Cluj.*

*\$745/person double occupancy (\$200 single supplement) + \$150 registration fee (\*see note). Land package includes accommodations with breakfast each morning, other meals as listed, ground transportation, guided tours of monasteries & Maramures, and entry fees to programmed events. Not included are gratuities, camera taxes, alcoholic beverages, airport/rail transfers, & personal expenses. \*(note 1 - The UUPCC registration fee pays for your membership in the UUPCC, the cost of processing your application & mailing your travel packet, and an impact fee paid to the Transylvanian Unitarian Church. The registration fee is collected once per traveler. If you are registered for another extension the \$150 will be credited toward your trip fee).*

- **October 7 – Sunday.** Optional morning church services in Marosvasarhely. ICUUW Convocation closing ceremonies. Otherwise free day to say goodbyes. Meals on your own. Overnight Marosvasarhely – Hotel Continental.
- **October 8 – Monday.** Depart Marosvasarhely after breakfast for Bucovina. We travel over the Harghita Mts. and through the spectacular Bicz Gorge before stopping at the “Nun’s Village” of Agapia to visit the museum and nun’s workshop and to view the church painted by the famous 19<sup>th</sup> Century Romania artist, Nicolae Grigorescu. Sandwich lunch en route on your own. Group dinner upon arrival. Overnight Gura Humorului - Elegance Pensiunea\*\*\*\* (BD)
- **October 9 - Tuesday.** Guided tour of the 4 most famous Painted Monasteries of Bucovina, Voronet, Humor, Sucevita, and Arbore (all are UNESCO World Heritage sites). Lunch en route on your own. Dinner & Overnight – Gura Humorului – Elegance Pensiunea\*\*\*\* (BD)
- **October 10 - Wednesday.** Depart Bucovina for Maramures. En route we stop to tour our last Painted Monastery, Moldovita, and visit the bizarre Spoon Museum in Campulung Moldovenesc before crossing the mountains back into Transylvania. Visits to wooden Orthodox church at Leud and the wooden monastery complex at Birsana (both are UNESCO World Heritage sites) before arriving at Vadu Izei Guest House for dinner & overnight. (BLD)
- **October 11 - Thursday.** Morning visit to the 16<sup>th</sup> century wooden church at Desesti (a UNESCO World Heritage site). Afterward we travel the back roads in the Mara Valley to see some traditional Maramures villages and visit the very unique "Merry Cemetery" in Sapata before returning to Vadu Izei for dinner & overnight. (BLD)
- **October 12 - Friday.** Morning tour of Sighet with visits to Elie Weisel house and Village Museum or Communist Museum. Group lunch before departing for Kolozsvar. En route visit some of the wooden churches of the Mara Valley as time permits. (Sudesti is a UNESCO World Heritage site). Dinner & overnight Kolozsvar/Cluj – Hotel Transylvania\*\*\* (BLD)
- **October 13 - Saturday.** Air/rail departures for US or (B)