

**ICU UW Convocation**  
**Unitarian Heritage & Saxon Cities Extension**  
**September 29 – October 4**

Beginning in Kolozsvár/Cluj this trip will start with the celebration of Transylvanian Unitarian Thanksgiving and then travel on to the most significant and revered Unitarian sites in Transylvania before arriving in Marosvásárhely/TG-Mures for the opening of the ICU UW Convocation. Stops include Torda, Mező, Gyulafehérvár & Deva where local ministers and others will share with you the stories of our Unitarian heroes and martyrs such as Francis David, John Sigismund, and Ferenc Balázs on the same ground where they stood. The tour will also visit a number of places of general interest such as the 13<sup>th</sup> century castle at Vadjaahunyad, the Saxon fortress church at Biertan and the medieval citadel in Sighisoara (both are UNESCO World Heritage sites). You will also overnight in the Saxon capital of Transylvania, Sibiu, which was named European Capital of Culture for 2007.

**6 days/5 night land package \$745 (double occupancy) + \$150 registration fee** (see note 1). For single accommodations add \$150 supplement. Land package includes 5 nights in 3\*\*\* hotels with breakfast each morning, 6 additional group meals (as detailed on itinerary below), ground transportation, guides, interpreters, and entry fees. **Does NOT include: international airfare and other travel to/from Cluj/Kolozsvár, alcoholic beverages, gratuities, expenses of a personal nature or those incurred during free time.** (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).

**Planned Itinerary:** (hotels may change due to availability at time of booking)

- September 29 – Saturday. Gather in Kolozsvár/Cluj Romania. Kolozsvár is roughly equidistant from both Bucharest and Budapest. There are multiple inexpensive train and bus options daily to Kolozsvár/Cluj from both cities. You may also want to consider flying to Kolozsvár/Cluj (Airport code is CLJ). CLJ served by a number of air carriers including Lufthansa, Austrian Air, Alitalia, Malev, & some of the European discount carriers such as Carpatair & Wizzair. The UUPCC Pilgrimage service can assist you with schedules and transfer options. Free afternoon for early arrivers. Group dinner & orientation. Overnight Kolozsvár/Cluj - Hotel Transylvania\*\*\* (D)
- September 30 – Sunday. Morning visit to St. Michael's Church where Francis David once preached, and then on to 1<sup>st</sup> Unitarian Church, the church which houses "THE ROCK" upon which he is said to have stood when he converted the city to what became known as Unitarianism. 11AM Thanksgiving church services followed by a group lunch. Optional afternoon trip to the nearby village of Mező to hear the story of Ferenc Balázs and see the "jewel-box" church he helped to design. Free evening to take in a movie or a concert. Dinner on your own. Overnight Kolozsvár/Cluj – Hotel Transylvania\*\*\*. (BL)
- October 1 – Monday. Morning visit to the HQ of the Transylvanian Unitarian Church which houses the office of the Bishop and the Consistory Room where the governing body of the church meets and deliberates. Depart Kolozsvár for Deva. En route to Deva we will stop at the "Church of the Edict" in Torda, and have lunch in Gyulafehérvár after visiting the 1000 year-old church where the Unitarian King Sigismund and his mother Isabella are entombed. We end the day with a brief vesper service in the citadel at Deva where Francis David was imprisoned and eventually martyred. Dinner & overnight Deva - Sarmis Hotel\*\*\*. (BLD)
- October 2 – Tuesday. Depart Deva after breakfast. Morning tour of the 13<sup>th</sup> century fairy-tale castle at Vadjaahunyad. Afterward we continue on to the German Saxon capital of Transylvania, Sibiu. Sandwich lunch en route. PM arrival in Sibiu, 2007 European Capital of Culture. Orientation session in pedestrian city center. Free evening to stroll and explore. Dinner on your own. Overnight Sibiu – Hotel Imparatul Romanilor\*\*\* (BL)
- October 3 – Wednesday. Free morning in Sibiu to visit the museums and attractions of your choice. Lunch on your own. PM departure for the medieval walled-city of Sighisoara/Segesvár, purported birthplace of Vlad Tepes – aka Dracula. En route we stop to photograph the environmental disaster

that is Copsa Mica and tour the Saxon fortress church at Biertan (a UNESCO World Heritage site) before arriving in Segesvar. Dinner and overnight Sighisoara - Hotel Claudiu\*\*\* (BD)

- October 4 – Thursday. Morning orientation session inside the medieval citadel of Sighisoara (a UNESCO World Heritage site) followed by free time to stroll the city, shop, climb the clock tower, and visit the museums of your choice. Lunch on your own. Afternoon departure for nearby Marosvasarhely/TG-Mures for check-in at Convocation hotel. (B)