

Maramures & Bucovina

Wooden Churches & Painted Monasteries

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 + tour 4 of the most famous painted monasteries (Voronet, Humor, Moldovita & Suceavita – (all UNESCO world heritage sites) with a knowledgeable guide. This 6-day/5-night tour begins and ends in Kolozsvar/Cluj, and is intended to supplement those travelers who will be attending the ICUU conference in Kolozsvar September 1-5 and/or attending the Deva Pilgrimage Aug 30-31. \$950/person double occupancy (\$100 single supplement). Land package includes accommodations, 15 meals as specified in itinerary, transportation, guide(s), interpreters, and entry to programmed events. Not included are gratuities, alcoholic beverages, airport/rail transfers, & personal expenses. Please note that the accommodations at the Hotel Victoria or Unitarian Center on the evening of Aug 30th are NOT included in the cost of the pre-conference Maramures & Bucovina tour. They ARE included in the ICUU Deva pilgrimage package. If you are NOT participating in the Deva pilgrimage and wish the UUPCC to arrange accommodations at either the Hotel Victoria or the Unitarian Center for this night please indicate this request in the notes section of your UUPCC registration.

- **Day 1 – (Tuesday, Aug 25) Gather in Cluj/Kolozsvar, Romania. Check in with UUPCC staff at Hotel Victoria. Free day to relax or explore Kolozsvar. Meals on your own. Overnight Hotel Victoria*****
- **Day 2 – (Wednesday, Aug 26) Depart Kolozsvar after breakfast for Maramures via motor coach. En route we enjoy a group lunch and visit the wooden churches of the Mara Valley, including the tallest wooden structure in Europe. Evening arrival in Vadu Izei. Traditional folk music & dancing performances by local villagers. Dinner & overnight Vadu Izei Lodge*** (BLD)**
- **Day 3 – (Thursday, Aug 27) We continue our tour of Maramures with visits to the Village Museum and the Elie Wiesel House in Sighetu-Marmatiei. After lunch we tour the world famous “Merry Cemetery” in nearby Sapanta before returning to Vadu Izei for dinner & overnight. Vadu Izei Lodge*** (BLD)**
- **Day 4 – (Friday, Aug 28) Depart Vadu Izei for Bucovina. Morning tours of the wooden monastery at Birsana and the 12th century wooden Orthodox church at Leud (both are UNESCO World Heritage Sites). Afterward we take in some breathtaking scenery and enjoy a group lunch in the Carpathian Alps. Dinner & overnight Gura Humorului – hotel TBD*** (BLD)**
- **Day 5 – (Saturday, Aug 29) Guided tour of painted monasteries of Sucevita, Humor & Voronet (UNESCO World Heritage Sites). Return to Gura Homorului for dinner & overnight Gura Homorului – hotel TBD*** (BLD)**
- **Day 6 – (Sunday, Aug 30) Depart Gura Homorului for Kolozsvar. En route tour painted monastery at Moldovita (a UNESCO World Heritage site) and lunch in Bistrita. Evening arrival in Kolozsvar. Dinner on your own. Overnight Hotel Victoria*** or Unitarian Center (this hotel night is not included in the trip cost. The Aug 30th stay is a part of the ICUU Deva Pilgrimage Itinerary)(BL)**