



## ITINERARY TRANSYLVANIA TOUR 2019

Day 1 Thursday, October 3rd.

Check in to our Budapest hotel, Welcome dinner and introductions.

Day 2, Friday, October 4th

Early am departure for the Romanian border and Transylvania. Sightsee and explore Oradea (Nagyvárad) with its Art Nouveau architecture. Overnight here.

Day 3 Saturday, Oct.5th

We visit several folkloric villages with decorated Calvinist churches and picturesque architecture. Wine sampling in Aiud, at a local vintner. Dinner at renowned German chef's restaurant. Overnight 2 nights at a private village pension.

Day 4 Sunday, Oct. 6th

Today we'll see the Saxon German village of Viscri with its beautiful ancient hilltop fortress church and enjoy a Saxon lunch. Next visit a Roma family in their metalworking village of mansions with fairytale tin cupolas. This is a rare opportunity few tourists get. A stop in Medias (Medgyes) an interesting Saxon city. Back to our pension tonight.

Day 5, Monday, Oct.7th

Today is the European Capital of Culture city of Sibiu (Nagyszeben) with its famous "eye" windows. Time to explore. Trout lunch, then to Miclosoara (Miklósvár). Count Tibor Kalnoky, a cousin of Prince Charles, has restored his family estate and hosts an inn with charming guest houses for visitors. Fine wine cellar and dining.

Day 6, Tuesday, Oct. 8th

The walled Saxon fortress of Prejmer (Prázsmár), an historic icon. We'll go to the mountain resort of Sinaia and visit Peles, the Romanian royal family castle, then see Brasov's (Brassó) historic town square. Dinner at the Count's inn.

Day 7, Wednesday, Oct 9th

We'll see two unique churches: the gemlike Makovetz-designed Calvinist church, and an ancient church with a St. Ladislav medieval fresco. Next to the Valea Zalanului then to the Szekler (Székely) village where are hosted for two nights.

Day 8, Thursday, Oct. 10th

We'll see Varság today: visit local craftspeople, horse drawn carriage ride, and a fresco luncheon picnic. Evening viewing of bears in the wild from an observatory.

Day 9. Friday, Oct. 11th

A private viewing and tea at a beautiful garden home, Next bread baking in Solymos. Lunch and wine tasting, then a visit to the Teleki manor house. We stay at a folkloric village pension for two nights.

Day 10. Saturday Oct.12th

Optional shopping at the Village Fair, a enormous fall event in Transylvania. Later, to Cluj-Napoca (Kolozsvar), a university city and longtime capital of Transylvania. Free time to walk around, visit the Ethnographic Museum, St.Michael's cathedral. Festive farewell dinner with music tonight!

Day 11, Sunday, Oct. 13th We'll see the Zoltán Kallós Museum with its fantastic folk art collection, then head back to Budapest and our hotel. Lunch enroute back.

Day 12, Monday, Oct. 14th. Breakfast at our hotel and departures.

