

First Parish in Concord – Choir Pilgrimage 2007 European Concert Tour Itinerary

1. Tuesday, Aug 7 – 4:15PM, depart from First Parish in Concord via chartered bus.
2. Aug 7, evening: Depart Boston/Logan, for Bucharest through Munich
3. Wednesday, Aug 8 – afternoon arrival OTP Bucharest. Transfer to motor coach for 3-hour drive to Brasso. Welcome dinner & orientation. Overnight **Brasso** (Braşov) – Hotel Aro Palace **** (D)
4. Thursday, Aug 9 – Optional morning bus trip to Peles Castle, summer home of Romanian Royal Family. Return to Brasso for free time in picturesque Brasso city center – lunch on your own. Choir rehearsal and evening concert at Brasso Unitarian Church. Dinner reception with congregation. Overnight **Brasso** (Braşov) - Hotel Aro Palace **** (BD).
5. Friday, Aug 10 – After breakfast, tour Brasso including the Black Church. Depart for Székelykeresztúr through scenic Transylvanian countryside. Welcome reception & group lunch at Székelykeresztúr Unitarian Church. Afternoon/evening program TBD. Dinner with minister & host families. Overnight **Székelykeresztúr** home stays. (BLD)
6. Saturday, Aug 11 – Worldwide Unitarian Gathering. Concert & picnic lunch at Szekelyfurdo just outside Szekelyudvarhely. Activities TBD by host congregation. Overnight **Székelykeresztúr** home stays. (BLD)
7. Sunday, Aug 12 – Services and concert performance at Székelykeresztúr Unitarian Church. Lunch reception afterward with minister and members of congregation. Free time & dinner with host families. Overnight **Székelykeresztúr** – home stays. (BLD)
8. Monday, Aug 13 – Free morning with host families. Farewell lunch before departure for Kolozsvar. En route tour Saxon fortress church at Biertan (a UNESCO World Heritage Site) followed stop in Torda to see “The Church of the Edict”. Dinner & overnight **Kolozsvar** (Cluj-Napoca) – Victoria Hotel *** (BLD)
9. Tuesday, Aug 14 – Morning choir rehearsal followed by visits to 1st Church & Unitarian HQ building. Choice of free time in Kolozsvar or hike/picnic lunch in scenic Torda Gorge. Evening concert 1st Unitarian Church Kolozsvar with reception afterward. Dinner and overnight **Kolozsvar** (Cluj-Napoca) – Victoria Hotel *** (BLD)
10. Wednesday, Aug 15 – Travel day. AM departure for Budapest with shopping stop en route at embroidery village of Korosfo. Dinner cruise and overnight in **Budapest** – Hotel Termal Corinthia Aquincum Hotel ***** (BLD).
11. Thursday, Aug 16 – AM visit to 1st and 2nd Unitarian Church in Budapest and Synagogue. Group lunch followed by free afternoon/evening to explore your favorite museum or indulge yourself in one of the city’s famous thermal spas. Dinner on your own. Overnight **Budapest** – Hotel Termal Corinthia Aquincum Hotel *****. (BL)

- 12. Friday, Aug 17 – Depart Budapest after breakfast for Prague. Lunch/mini-tour en route in Slovak capital city of Bratislava. Early evening arrival in Prague. Dinner followed by free evening in Prague. Overnight **Prague** - Hotel Europa *** (BLD)
- 13. Saturday Aug 18 – AM tour of Prague Castle and old city. Group lunch, then rehearsal in church. Afternoon and evening free to explore city. Overnight **Prague** – Hotel Europa *** (BL)
- 14. Sunday Aug 19 – AM services and concert at Prague Unitarian Church. Lunch reception afterward with congregation. Farewell Moldau river cruise with group. Overnight **Prague** -Hotel Europa *** (BLD)
- 15. Monday Aug 20, afternoon - Depart for US. (Or, extend your stay in Prague, or travel on to other Central European cities such as Vienna (3 hours)). (B)
- 16. Monday Aug 20, 7:50PM – Arrive at Logan International; return by Charter Bus to First Parish in Concord.

14 days, 12 nights – Includes hotels, meals (as indicated), accommodations, ground transportation, entry fees for specified attractions, guides and interpreters. Trip cost does NOT include: alcoholic beverages, meals/transportation during free time or independent travel, airport transfer at departure.

Notes: 1.) *** indicates Three-Star hotel, **** Four-Star, etc.
2.) D, B, BL, BLD, indicate when specific meals are provided:
B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner

