The Frank and Jane Gabor West Virginia Folklife Center at Fairmont State University is proud to make available this exciting excursion in which we will travel through Romania (including Transylvania), Hungary, Slovakia, and Poland. Among the heavy wave of settlers into Central Appalachia during the early 20th Century’s Industrial Revolution, many immigrants came from these Eastern European countries. Settling in coal camps and other industrial places, these Eastern Europeans brought with them varied traditions, customs, storytelling, and other folkloric elements that are still perpetuated in parts of Central Appalachia. Unfortunately, until 1989, Eastern Europe was a foreboding place, plagued with the remnants of war and communism. Now Eastern Europe is open and welcoming. The time is right, therefore, for this culturally diverse area to be studied and celebrated. Green Hills of Magic: West Virginia Folktales from Europe, collected by Dr. Ruth Ann Musick, is an important guide to various sites and content that will comprise this particular study abroad program. Our hosts for this special adventure will be Dr. Judy Prozzillo Byers, Director, and Noel W. Tenney, Cultural Specialist, both of the Folklife Center. They will travel with us and help us connect to the similarities between folklife in our Appalachia and the unique countries we will be visiting. The myths and legends will fascinate and entertain us along the way. We will visit castles, folklife museums, famous cities, historical villages, cathedrals, and ancient sites while learning about and researching this truly fascinating region of Europe.

**Itinerary**


**13 July – Tues – Day 2** - Bucharest, Romania
Welcome to Romania! Our English speaking guide welcomes us at the Bucharest Airport. We will proceed to our hotel for check-in and after freshening-up, we will be on our way for exploration. We leave Bucharest to visit Snagov Monastery. According to legend, Vlad Dracul was buried here after his assassination. The architectural style of the monastery follows the pattern that is characteristic to the monasteries of the Holy Mount Athos in Greece. After our visit to Snagov Monastery, we return to Bucharest to enjoy a Romanian folkloric dinner with music and dance. Overnight in Bucharest. (D)

**14 July – Wed – Day 3** - Bucharest, Romania
After breakfast at our hotel, we will begin our exploration of Bucharest. A special highlight of our morning is a visit to the Open-Air Village Museum. Hosting the biggest collection of traditional houses in Romania, it is the largest open air museum in Europe. After lunch, we proceed to the wonderful Peasant Museum where we will see depictions of the various ethnic groups of Romania, including their customs, folk art, traditions, and material culture. Later this evening we will dine together at a local restaurant. Overnight in Bucharest. (B, D)

**15 July – Thurs – Day 4** - Bucharest – Sinaia – Brasov (Transylvania)
Today is castle day! First to Sinaia, we drive along the Prahova Valley to our destination. Nestled at the foot of the Bucegi Mountains in the picturesque town of Sinaia is Peles Castle, a masterpiece of German new-Renaissance architecture, considered by many, one of the most stunning castles in Europe. Commissioned by King Carol I in 1873 and completed in 1883, the castle served as the summer residence of the royal family until 1947. Next, we visit the Sinaia Monastery, before continuing to the Rasnov Fortress. Located on a rocky hilltop in the Carpathian Mountains, 650 ft. above the town of Rasnov, the view from this fortress is magnificent. First mentioned in an official document in 1331, the fortress was built by Teutonic Knights as protection against invading Tartars. Next, we explore a symbol of Transylvania, Bran Castle! Surrounded
by an aura of mystery and legend and perched high atop a 200-foot-high rock, Bran Castle owes its fame to its imposing towers and turrets as well as to the myth created around Bram Stoker's Dracula. Built on the site of a Teutonic Knights’ stronghold dating from 1212, the castle was first documented in an act issued by Louis I of Hungary on November 19, 1377, giving the Saxons of Kronstadt (Brasov) the privilege to build the Citadel. Later this evening, we arrive in Brasov and will enjoy a panoramic guided walk, including entrance to the Church of St. Nicholas, a true architectural masterpiece. Dinner is at our hotel. Overnight in Brasov. (B, D)

16 July - Fri. - Day 5 – Brasov – Sighisoara – Cluj, (Transylvania)
After breakfast this morning, we are off to visit the Black Church. This is the largest Gothic edifice in Eastern Europe. It acquired its name after the great fire of 1689 when it was badly damaged; the roof was destroyed and the walls blackened from the smoke. The reconstruction after the great fire took another 100 years. We leave Brasov now, on our way to the medieval city of Sighisoara, a perfectly intact 15th century gem with nine towers, narrow passageways and cobbled streets, burgher houses, and ornate churches. A UNESCO World Heritage Site, Sighisoara is also the birthplace of Vlad Dracul, nicknamed Vlad the Impaler (Vlad Tepes), ruler of Walachia from 1456 to 1462. We will visit the famous Clock Tower with its weapons museum and torture chamber. Also, we visit the Church on the Hill, before departing for Cluj-Napoca. Cluj-Napoca, tracing its origin back to the Dacian settlement of Napoca in 2nd century A.D., is today a vibrant cultural and university center. The main square, resplendent with 18th and 19th century buildings, is dominated by the 15th century St. Michael's Church, one of the finest examples of Gothic architecture in Romania. Dinner & overnight in Cluj-Napoca. (B, D)

17 July - Sat. - Day 6 – Cluj, Romania – Budapest, Hungary
After breakfast at our hotel, we will enjoy a guided visit of Cluj-Napoca, including the Romanian Orthodox Cathedral & the St. Michael Catholic Cathedral. It is time to say good-bye to Romania as we leave the Western Carpathian mountains for our journey to Hungary. Our arrival in Budapest will be in the late afternoon. Dinner will be at our hotel. Overnight in Budapest. (B, D)

18 July - Sun. – Day 7 - Budapest, Hungary
That Budapest – one of the most beautiful cities in the world – has developed where it is, was not some historical accident. Take a look at Gellért Hill, right next to the River Danube as it flows majestically through the centre of the modern city. It was precisely the combination of the relative ease of crossing the river here and the natural protection the hill offered against invasion that decided the earliest settlers it was the ideal place to build a town. The Eravisci, a tribe of highly cultured Celts, had already settled at Gellért Hill in the third and fourth centuries B.C. They worked with iron, decorated their earthenware pots, and even minted their own coins. Later, the Romans built a settlement at today's Obuda. They called it Aquincum and it was an important station with the aqueducts which ran alongside the River Danube. Today we will enjoy a guided excursion of Budapest including the Opera House, St. Stephen's Church, Parliament, Castle District, Fisherman’s Bastian, Matthias Church, Citadel Market Hall & Jewish Synagogue. This afternoon, we have free time to explore on our own. Tonight, a Hungarian Csardas Performance, Dinner & Gypsy Music will complete our evening. Overnight Budapest (B, D)

19 July - Mon. – Day 8 – Budapest – Visegrad - Szentendre - Budapest
Today, we travel to nearby Visegrad for full day excursion including a walking visit in Visegrad. We continue to Szentendre, a baroque artist's village, where we visit the Margit Kovacs Museum. Afterwards, we return to Budapest by boat on the Danube River including a 3 course lunch. We will have free time this afternoon to explore. Dinner is at our hotel tonight. Overnight Budapest. (B, L, D)
20 July – Tues. – Day 9 – Budapest, Hungary – Krakow, Poland (via Slovakia)
This morning, we will depart Budapest and start our journey to Krakow, Poland. Our drive today will take us through Slovakia, where we will stop at the Oravski Hrad Castle. The castle, much like others in Slovakia, stands on the site of old wooden forts, and it was constructed after a Tartar invasion in 1241. Originally, it was built in the Romanesque and Gothic styles and later reconstructed in the Neo-Gothic and Renaissance styles. We continue to the coal mining region of Poland to Wadowice. There, we will visit the birth house of Pope John Paul II. Arrival in Krakow will be late this afternoon. Dinner at our hotel and overnight Krakow. (B, D)

21 July – Wed. – Day 10 – Krakow, Poland
Krakow is an amazing city with so many historical and beautiful sights. We join our local guide today and attempt to see as many of the premier landmarks as time allows. In addition to the traditional sights we will visit here, there are quite a few “curios” that are unique to Krakow. The ‘greatest medieval sculpture’, the “Subterranean Wonder World”, the “Krakow Mummies” and the “Swinatwit Idol” – the world’s only known Slavonic deity – are all here. Our guided visit will include the Wawel Hill and Castle, a visit to the Cathedral, a walk through Old Town past Jagiellonian University and the Cloth Hall. We will visit the 14th century St. Mary’s Church. After lunch, we travel to Wieliczka (UNESCO site) for a visit to the salt mine. Dinner and overnight at our hotel. (B, D)

22 July – Thurs. – Day 11 – Krakow – Auschwitz – Warsaw
This morning, we depart Krakow and travel first to Auschwitz Concentration Camp and to nearby Birkenau. We next travel to Czestochowa and visit the 14th century monastery Jasna Gora, with the famous Black Madonna. After our poignant visits to Auschwitz and Birkenau, we will continue to Warsaw and arrive late this afternoon. Dinner and overnight will be at our hotel in Krakow. (B, D)

23 July – Fri. – Day 12 – Warsaw, Poland. Today is our last on our “Roads to Appalachia through Eastern Europe” and we will make the most of this precious day. Our local guide meets us and, we will see the Palace of Culture, the Chopin Memorial in Lazienski Park, the Monument of Ghetto Heroes, and the reconstructed “Old Town” including the Royal Palace. This evening we will come together for our farewell dinner in the Old Town with music and wine. Overnight in Warsaw. (B, D)

24 July – Sat. – Day 13 – Warsaw, Poland – USA
It is time to say good-bye to Poland as we transfer to the Warsaw airport for our connecting flights to the USA. (B)

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- 11 June 2010 – 12 July 2010 – 100% of total price will be assessed

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STUDY ABROAD TRIP INCLUDES:
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- Optional transfers from airport to hotel in Bucharest and return in Warsaw.
- Selected first class hotels, rooms with private facilities/service charges & hotel taxes.
- Breakfast at hotel – 12 (based on hotel service).
- Dinner daily per program, 1 dinner at local restaurant with folklore in Bucharest, 1 dinner at local restaurant in Bran, 1 dinner in hotel Cluj Napoca, 1 lunch in Veszprém, Hungarian Gárdás evening with Gypsy Music at restaurant, boat cruise 2 hrs with lunch, hotel dinners per brochure. (all 3 course menus)
- Services of a National Travel Escort through out trip.
- Professional Multi-lingual Tour Director throughout.
- Professional local cultural guides for city tours of Budapest, Krakow, Warsaw.
- Porterage/luggage handling at hotels (1 piece per person in/out).
- Touring by modern air-conditioned motor coach.
- Entrance fees included in itinerary: Snagov Monastery, Village Museum & Peasant Museum in Bucharest, Peles Castle, Sinaia Monastery, Bran Castle, Black Church, St. Nicholas Church, Clock Tower, in Budapest Great Synagogue, Fisherman's Bastion, Matthias Church, Citadel in Veszprém, Treasury Esztergom, Széchenyi Margit Koves Museum, Museum, in Krakow Cathedral, St. Mary Church, Wielicka Salt Mine, Auschwitz with local guides (supplement for camera use: 1.00 Eur), Jasna Gora, Royal Castle Warsaw.

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