BROKEN EARTH | ROMANIA 2027

Transylvania in Depth

Frequently Asked Questions

June 26 - July 9, 2027 | 14 days / 13 nights

This FAQ answers the practical questions we can currently confirm from the program schedule. Items that still depend on final partner, accommodation, pricing or travel arrangements are identified rather than assumed.

The Program

What is Transylvania in Depth?

Transylvania in Depth is a 14-day adult experiential travel program in Romania. The journey combines cultural exploration, heritage participation, rural life, local food, community encounters and time for reflection. Rather than moving quickly from attraction to attraction, the program is designed to help participants understand the places they visit through people, history and participation.

When is the 2027 program?

The program runs from June 26 through July 9, 2027. Day 1 is Saturday, June 26 in Cluj-Napoca. Thursday, July 8 is the final full program day, including the closing and farewell activities. Standard departures are Friday, July 9.

Where does the program take place?

The journey begins and ends in Cluj-Napoca and includes Rosia Montana, Veseud and several historic and rural locations across Transylvania. The current itinerary also includes Salina Turda, Corvin Castle, Sibiu, Biertan and Sighisoara.

Who is this program designed for?

The program is designed for adults who are curious about culture, history, community and everyday life and who are comfortable participating rather than simply observing. It is especially suited to travelers who value small-group experiences, local relationships and a slower, more thoughtful approach to travel.

Is this a traditional guided tour?

No. There are guided visits and cultural sites, but Transylvania in Depth is built around participation and relationships. Some days involve heritage or farm volunteering, workshops, meals with local people and conversations about the communities being visited.

Daily Life & Activities

What kind of volunteering will we do?

In Rosia Montana, the itinerary includes heritage conservation volunteering connected with the local preservation effort. In Veseud, the program includes farm-based volunteering. The exact tasks can vary according to what local partners need, conditions on the ground and what work is appropriate for the group.

Do I need construction or farming experience?

No previous experience is expected. Activities are intended to be approached as learning and participation experiences. Instructions will be provided locally for the work being undertaken.

How physically demanding is the program?

This is an active program rather than a resort-style vacation. Participants should expect walking, periods of volunteer work, uneven surfaces, rural environments, road travel and changing weather. The detailed physical requirements will be clarified further in the Participant Agreement and activity information.

Will there be free time?

Yes. The itinerary deliberately includes quieter periods and free time. Day 11 in Veseud has a less structured afternoon, and Day 13 includes a free morning in Cluj before the group's final reflection and farewell.

Is the Transfagarasan included?

The Transfagarasan is currently listed as an optional excursion on Day 11. Whether it operates will depend on the final program arrangements, local conditions and timing.

What happens if an activity changes?

Romania is being experienced through local partners and communities, so some flexibility is part of the program. Weather, local schedules, partner availability or other conditions may require an activity or its timing to change. Broken Earth may adjust individual activities while preserving the overall character and purpose of the journey.

Accommodation, Meals & Transportation

What type of accommodation should I expect?

The program uses accommodations appropriate to each stage of the journey, including urban and rural settings. Because the final accommodation details have not yet been established in the program materials, specific properties, room arrangements and amenities will be provided once confirmed.

Are meals included?

The itinerary includes many shared meals, including group dinners, meals connected with local families and food workshops. The final inclusion list - including exactly which breakfasts, lunches and dinners are covered by the program price - will be confirmed before booking materials are finalized.

What kind of food will we experience?

Food is part of the program rather than simply a logistical necessity. The itinerary includes local meals, a grill/BBQ, a bread workshop, a cooking/pizza workshop and meals connected with local families and communities.

Can dietary restrictions be accommodated?

Participants will be asked to provide dietary and allergy information before travel. The exact extent to which individual restrictions can be accommodated in every rural setting will be confirmed with local partners.

How will we travel within Romania?

Ground transportation between program locations will be organized as part of the group itinerary. Exact vehicle and transportation arrangements have not yet been finalized in the current program materials.

Arrival & Departure

Where should I fly into?

The program begins in Cluj-Napoca. Detailed flight and airport instructions will be provided in the separate Travel Information resource once the arrival arrangements are finalized.

When should I arrive?

Day 1 is Saturday, June 26, 2027. Participants should plan their travel so they can join the arrival-day welcome and group dinner. A recommended arrival window will be provided in the Travel Information resource.

When can I leave?

Friday, July 9 is the standard departure day. Participants whose flight schedules make a Thursday evening departure preferable may be able to leave after the closing activities on Thursday, July 8. Final travel arrangements should be coordinated with Broken Earth before flights are purchased.

Should I book flights now?

Not until Broken Earth provides the final arrival and departure guidance. The Travel Information resource will specify the appropriate airport, recommended timing and any other information needed before purchasing flights.

Practical Questions

What should I pack?

A dedicated Packing List will be provided. Because the journey includes cities, rural villages, volunteer work and outdoor environments, participants should expect to bring comfortable walking clothing and footwear as well as practical clothing suitable for hands-on activities.

Do I need travel insurance?

Broken Earth will provide a separate Travel Insurance & Activity Disclosure for the Romania program. The final insurance requirement and recommended coverage will be stated there and in the Participant Agreement.

Do I need a visa or special entry documents?

Entry requirements depend on the participant's citizenship and circumstances. Broken Earth will provide general travel information, but each participant remains responsible for ensuring that their passport and entry documents meet the requirements applicable to them.

Will I have internet and phone service?

Participants should not assume that connectivity will be identical to what they experience at home, particularly in rural locations. Specific Wi-Fi and mobile connectivity information will be provided as accommodation arrangements are finalized.

How much spending money should I bring?

The amount will depend on personal spending and on the final list of included meals and activities. Broken Earth will provide guidance once program inclusions and local arrangements are finalized.

Booking & Preparation

How do I reserve a place?

The planned reservation process is a $500 deposit through Broken Earth. Final Romania pricing, payment dates and cancellation terms are still being established and will be published before reservations open.

What happens after I reserve?

Participants will receive access to the Broken Earth participant resources and preparation process. This will include the Program Guide, Detailed Itinerary, Packing List, Travel Information, insurance information, Participant Agreement and other program-specific materials as they are finalized.

Where can I ask additional questions?

Participants will have a Broken Earth program contact for questions before departure. Program-leader contact details and the participant communication process will be included in the final program materials.

Program details are subject to final partner confirmations and reasonable itinerary adjustments.