BROKEN EARTH | ROMANIA 2027

Transylvania in Depth

Detailed 14-Day Itinerary

June 26 - July 9, 2027

14 days / 13 nights | Arrival: Cluj-Napoca | Standard departure: Friday, July 9

People. Places. Perspectives.

A two-week immersive journey through Cluj-Napoca, Rosia Montana, Veseud and the historic landscapes of Transylvania - combining cultural exploration, heritage participation, rural life, local food and time for reflection.

Day 1 - Saturday, June 26 | Arrival in Cluj-Napoca

ARRIVAL | WELCOME | GROUP ORIENTATION

Participants arrive in Cluj-Napoca and settle into their accommodations.

The group comes together for its first shared dinner, followed by a welcome and introduction to Broken Earth and the journey ahead.

Day 2 - Sunday, June 27 | Discovering Cluj

HISTORY | PLACE | ORIENTATION

After breakfast, Smara introduces the program and provides context for the journey through Transylvania. The group then explores Cluj on a guided tour.

After lunch, travel to Rascruci for the Banffy visit. Return to Cluj for dinner, either in town or at Luna - Emilia's estate, with its small pond and tower ruins.

Day 3 - Monday, June 28 | Cluj - Salina Turda - Rosia Montana

TRANSITION | LANDSCAPE | INTRODUCTION TO ROSIA MONTANA

After breakfast, depart Cluj for Rosia Montana.

Stop at Salina Turda, including a meal, before continuing into the Apuseni Mountains. Upon arrival in Rosia Montana, receive an introduction to the village and take an orientation walk.

Dinner followed by time to settle in and rest.

Day 4 - Tuesday, June 29 | Rosia Montana - Heritage & Volunteering

PARTICIPATION | HERITAGE CONSERVATION | COMMUNITY

Breakfast followed by an introduction to the volunteer experience and the first work session.

Lunch and continued volunteering during the afternoon.

Dinner together, followed by a quiet evening and rest.

Day 5 - Wednesday, June 30 | Rosia Montana - Work & Roman Heritage

VOLUNTEERING | MINING HISTORY | LOCAL ENTERPRISE

Breakfast followed by volunteering.

After lunch, visit the Roman Gallery, connecting the present-day preservation work with Rosia Montana's much deeper mining history.

Dinner followed by an evening activity connected with Made in Rosia Montana.

Day 6 - Thursday, July 1 | Rosia Montana - Community & Conversation

VOLUNTEERING | COMMUNITY VOICES | CONTEMPORARY ROSIA MONTANA

Continue the volunteering program after breakfast.

Following lunch and the afternoon work period, the evening provides time to rest and an opportunity to meet Eugen David or Sorin / Alburnus Maior.

Dinner and the evening conversation may be combined depending on the final arrangements.

Day 7 - Friday, July 2 | Rosia Montana - Local Knowledge

VOLUNTEERING | LOCAL TRADITIONS | FOOD | SHARED EXPERIENCE

Breakfast followed by another volunteer work period.

After lunch, participate in a local workshop - Placinte or Stana.

The day concludes with dinner by the lake at Tau Brazi.

Day 8 - Saturday, July 3 | Rosia Montana - Corvin Castle - Sibiu - Veseud

TRANSITION | ROMANIAN HISTORY | TRANSYLVANIAN LANDSCAPES

After breakfast, leave Rosia Montana and begin the next stage of the journey.

Visit Corvin Castle (Raven's Castle) and have lunch or a snack on the road.

Continue to Sibiu before traveling onward to Veseud, arriving in time for dinner.

Day 9 - Sunday, July 4 | Veseud & Biertan

RURAL LIFE | SAXON HERITAGE | FOOD | COMMUNITY

Breakfast followed by volunteering on the farm.

Travel to Biertan for lunch at Unglerus Restaurant, followed by a visit to Biertan's fortified church and Richis Inn.

Return for a relaxed grill/BBQ dinner.

Day 10 - Monday, July 5 | Veseud - Food, Work & Family

PARTICIPATION | FAMILY | FOOD TRADITIONS | LEARNING BY DOING

Breakfast followed by volunteering.

Lunch with the Pirvu family, followed by a bread workshop.

The food experience continues into the evening with a pizza/cooking workshop for dinner.

Day 11 - Tuesday, July 6 | Veseud - Work, Rest & Exploration

PARTICIPATION | REFLECTION | FREE TIME | LANDSCAPE

Breakfast followed by volunteering.

After lunch, the afternoon is deliberately less structured, allowing participants time to relax and decompress.

A Transfagarasan excursion is optional within the current schedule.

Dinner with the Pirvu family.

Day 12 - Wednesday, July 7 | Veseud - Sighisoara - Cluj-Napoca

MEDIEVAL TRANSYLVANIA | TRANSITION | RETURN TO CLUJ

Breakfast, packing and departure for Cluj.

Stop in Sighisoara, with time to experience the historic center and Medieval Tower, followed by lunch in Sighisoara.

Continue to Cluj and settle into the accommodation. Dinner at the accommodation or nearby.

Day 13 - Thursday, July 8 | Cluj-Napoca - Reflection & Farewell

FREE TIME | REFLECTION | CELEBRATION | CLOSURE

After breakfast, enjoy a free morning in Cluj.

Meet again for lunch, followed by time to wrap up the experience and reflect on the journey.

The program concludes with a celebration and farewell dinner. Participants whose flight schedules require a Thursday evening departure may begin onward travel after the program's closing activities.

Day 14 - Friday, July 9 | Departure

FAREWELL | DEPARTURE

Breakfast as appropriate for departure schedules, followed by departures from Cluj-Napoca.

The Journey

Cluj - Arrive & Understand -> **Rosia Montana - Participate & Engage** -> **Veseud & Saxon Transylvania - Experience Rural Life** -> **Cluj - Reflect & Depart**

The itinerary is designed as a progression: orientation and context first, meaningful participation at the center, followed by rural experience, reflection and closure.