

Saturday, September 20th
Sightseeing tour of Transylvania, full day fieldtrip
COST: 120 RON

8:30: Bus pick up at the Universitas Hotel

9:00: Bus pick up at the main entrance to Babeş-Bolyai University, 1 Kogălniceanu St.



Alba Carolina Fortress, Alba Iulia

The site of the ancient *Apulum* (founded by the Romans in the 2nd century A.D. and destroyed by the Tatars in 1241), Alba Iulia was the capital of the united Principalities of Walachia, Moldavia and Transylvania (1599-1601). Three centuries later, it was the set of the proclamation of Transylvania's unification with Romania (December 1st 1918) and of the coronation of King Ferdinand I of Romania in 1922. The *Alba Carolina fortress* was built between 1714 and 1738 and it is considered one of the most representative and well preserved baroque, Vaubian-style star shaped fortification in Romania and one of the largest (the perimeter of the outside walls is approximately 12 km long) in Eastern Europe. In addition to sightseeing, we will also watch the Changing of the Guards and their cannon salute.

13:30: Lunch, "Izvorul Muntelui" lodge ("La Mama Luță").



Râmeț Monastery

Located in the picturesque Geoagiu Valley, to the south of the Western Carpathians (Trascău Mountains), the *Râmeț Monastery* is one of the oldest religious and spiritual settlements in Transylvania, an impressive architectural and cultural monument, dating back to the fourteenth century. The surrounding landscape (Râmeț Gorges) is of outstanding beauty.

Domeniile Boieru Winery, Ciumbrud



Romanians are known to have called wine "the beverage of the gods". Produced on the sunny mountainsides of the Mureş Valley, the wine of Ciumbrud has been known and appreciated since early seventeenth century. One of the newest and most modern wineries in the area, *Domeniile Boieru* awaits us with a wine tasting of five local assortments and a friendly atmosphere.

18:00: Dinner

20:00: Return to Cluj