

LIFE BY THE IMPERIAL ROAD

Roman Settlement Excavation and Survey

ROMAN PROVINCIAL LANDSCAPE STRATEGIES

Rapolt, Transylvania, Romania

May 29 – July 2, 2016

During the Roman colonial occupation, southern Transylvania shows a very dynamic and intensive synthesis of Roman provincial life, where a multitude of processes of colonization and creolization take place side by side. Prior to the Roman conquest of 102AD, it was also the most densely populated region of the Dacian Kingdoms.

Our project seeks to explore the integration of all the structural provincial elements present along the main Roman axes of communication and transport. Our research area is in the immediate proximity of both the imperial road and the Mures River, the extremely important gold deposits of the Carpathian Gold Mountains, and the political and military centers of *Sarmizegetusa Ulpia Traiana* and *Apulum*. We will continue the excavation of the well preserved structures, including a *villa rustica*, identified during our 2013-2016 field seasons.



Our 2016 excavations will aim at understanding the importance and impact of the proximity of the main axis of movement, communication and commerce on the Roman provincial rural life, and its evolution through time. This extraordinary environment with its associated monuments and material culture, combined with spectacular surrounding natural landscapes and beautiful Transylvanian churches and castles, guarantees all students and volunteers with a highly rewarding archaeological and cultural experience.

Duration: 5 weeks (2 weeks minimum)

Costs: US\$1575 for 5 weeks (\$450/week for shorter stays).

It includes:

- Excavation registration, taxes, fees lectures and most gear
- Housed as guests of Romanian families in a beautiful traditional Transylvanian village
- Full room and board – Monday-Friday

TO APPLY:

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