



SARMIZEGETUSA ULPIA TRAIANA CAPITAL OF THE DACIAN PROVINCES

ROMAN IMPERIAL URBAN EXCAVATION

TRANSYLVANIA, ROMANIA

July 3 – August 6, 2016

Sarmizegetusa Ulpia Traiana, the Roman Capital of the Dacian Provinces and first Roman city north of the Danube, is situated in the plains north of the Retezat Mountains, commanding several passes across the Carpathians. Its presence in the heartland of the Dacian kingdoms, a few kilometers away from Sarmizegetusa Regia, the civil and religious capital of the defeated Dacians, is a complex statement of Roman colonial strategies. It is at the same time a very dynamic, cultural, social, economic, religious and military center. With its massive fortified walls, an amphitheater and four Palmyrene temples (a unique feature outside of Rome itself), it is an extraordinary metropolis, channeling the riches of former Dacia (gold, iron, copper, etc.), and developing a very sophisticated cosmopolitan society.

During the 2016 campaign, we will continue the exploration of the *Domus Procuratoris*, the home of the imperial representative in Dacia. This extraordinary site and its associated monuments and material culture, combined with spectacular surrounding natural landscapes and beautiful Transylvanian churches and castles, guarantees all students and volunteers an extraordinary archaeological and cultural experience.

Duration: 5 weeks (2 weeks minimum)

Team size: 15

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

It includes:

- excavation registration, taxes, fees, lectures and most gear
- housing in a newly renovated farm house, 25 min from the site
- full room and board Monday-Friday

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