

## **Terra Saxonis**

*A photographic journey into the heart of Transylvania*

Terra Saxonis is a photographic escapade dedicated to the amateur photographer willing to discover a corner of Transylvania, where people, land and homes haven't changed since medieval times. The Saxon villages of Transylvania offer a unique opportunity for the photographer to immerse himself into the tranquility of a natural and cultural landscape that is the result of centuries of good husbandry by local farming communities.

The participants will have the opportunity to witness traditional and household activities and to take trips that will allow them to discover, photograph and learn the history of the surprising fortified saxon churches and the stories surrounding them. They will also be given the chance to learn the secrets of taking a good photograph.

At the same time, the camp wants to promote the saxon communes and villages on the river Tarnava Mare as an excellent eco-tourism destination, an area where few roads, limited access and the care of local communities have helped preserve a rich natural and cultural landscape, one of the last of its kind in Europe.

For further details, visit: <http://terra-saxonis.blogspot.com>

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## **Program**

### **Arrival Day**

<i>Afternoon</i>	Arrival and accommodation <sup>1</sup> in Viscri – UNESCO World Heritage Site
<i>Evening</i>	Welcome / Presentation: History, tradition and folklore of the Saxon villages
<i>Dinner</i>	Viscri

### **Day 1**

<i>Breakfast</i>	Viscri <sup>2</sup>
<i>Morning</i>	Walk through the forest and flower meadows to sheep stana
<i>Lunch</i>	Traditional Saxon picnic by sheep stana
<i>Afternoon</i>	Horse and cart ride back to Viscri / Visit Viscri fortified church and museum
<i>Evening</i>	Village walk to photograph the cows coming home from pasture for milking
<i>Dinner</i>	Viscri / Presentation: The art of composition – an exercise of seeing

### **Day 2**

<i>Morning</i>	Witness traditional bread-making in Mesendorf / Visit Messendorf church and walk around the village
<i>Lunch</i>	Mesendorf
<i>Afternoon</i>	Visit charcoal burners, bee keeper and goat stana / afternoon snack and tea at Rosie's
<i>Dinner</i>	Drive back to Viscri / After dinner presentation by ADEPT Foundation

### **Day 3**

<i>Morning</i>	Drive to Saschiz (UNESCO WHS) and walk up to the citadel
<i>Lunch</i>	Courtyard lunch in Saschiz
<i>Afternoon</i>	Visit Cloasterf
<i>Evening</i>	Evening walk / Barbeque

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<sup>1</sup> There will be two or three people per each guesthouse. This will give participants the opportunity to have a more intimate experience with their hosts and the feel of a traditional Saxon household.

<sup>2</sup> Breakfast will be served in Viscri, every morning, at number 22.

## **Day 4**

- Morning* Drive to Sighisoara to explore the oldest inhabited citadel in Eastern Europe (Clock Tower Museum, cemetery etc.)
- Lunch* Sighisoara (free lunch)
- Afternoon* Drive to Biertan (UNESCO WHS) to visit fortified church and walk around / drive to Richis and visit the old church and cemetery
- Dinner* Biertan / Drive back to Viscri

## **Day 5**

- Morning* Presentation: Digital processing – get the best out of your digital stills / Meet the blacksmith and brick makers
- Lunch* Viscri
- Afternoon* Witness garden and courtyard activities
- Evening* Dinner, drinks, slideshow<sup>3</sup> and conclusions

## **Departure Day**

- Morning* Breakfast and goodbyes

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<sup>3</sup> The participants will select a five of their best photographs, which they will share with the rest of the group through a slideshow projection.