



PROGRAMME

45th Anniversary of the First Space Flight by a Romanian Citizen European Astronaut Reunion Bucharest, Braşov, Romania

12–17 May 2026

Tuesday, 12 May 2026

Arrival Day

Arrival of foreign guests at Henri Coandă International Airport, Bucharest.

Transfer and accommodation at Hotel Pullman.

- 20:00 – Welcome dinner offered to participants at the hotel.

Wednesday, 13 May 2026

Institutional Day & ASE Europe Meeting

Arrival of the last foreign guests, pick-up and integration into the day's programme.

Breakfast at the hotel.

- 10:30 – Visit to the National Cathedral, the largest Orthodox church in Romania and one of the largest in Europe, inaugurated in 2025.
- 11:45 – Transfer to the Parliament of Romania.
- 12:00 – Meeting with the President of the Senate.
- 13:00 – Visit to the Parliament of Romania.
- 14:00–15:30 – Lunch offered by the National Bank of Romania (BNR) at the restaurant of the BNR Arenas.
 - *Boarding for an open-top bus city tour for guests not attending the ASE Europe meeting.*
- 15:30–16:00 – Transfer of those attending the ASE Europe meeting to the headquarters of the National Bank of Romania.

- 16:00–16:15 – Brief press statements at the BNR headquarters.
- 16:15–18:15 – Working meeting of astronauts (ASE Europe and ASE Executive Committee).
- Arrival at the BNR headquarters of the guests who took part in the city tour.
- 18:15–19:00 – Visit to the BNR Museum and the Treasury.
- 19:30–21:30 – Reception hosted by the Governor of the National Bank of Romania at the Bank's headquarters; launch of the anniversary medal produced by the State Mint.
- 21:30 – Transfer to the hotel.

Dress Code: Smart casual

Thursday, 14 May 2026

45th Anniversary of the Romanian Space Flight

Breakfast at the hotel.

- 09:20 – Departure from the hotel to the Romanian Academy.
- Dress Code: Business attire. Astronauts should also take their flight jackets on the bus, to be worn at the public meeting at 16:00.
- 10:00–12:00 – Anniversary Session organized at the Romanian Academy.

Participants include members of the Romanian Academy, the Minister of Education and Research, a representative of the Presidential Administration of Romania, university representatives, other Romanian officials, foreign guests and the diplomatic corps. Addresses will be delivered by the leadership of the Academy, representatives of national and international space organizations, and the Romanian cosmonaut.

(Simultaneous interpretation into English will be provided for foreign guests.)

- 12:00–12:15 – Launch of the “Cosmos 2026” philatelic issue and visit to the space exhibition point (medals, plaques, books and philatelic covers).
- 12:15–13:00 – Press statements.
- 13:30–15:30 – Lunch at the House of Scientists, offered by the Romanian Academy.
- 16:00–18:00 – Meeting with the public and students in the Aula Magna of the Bucharest University of Economic Studies.
 - *For guests not attending the meeting with the astronauts and the public: museum visit.*
- 19:00–21:00 – Symphonic concert at the Romanian Athenaeum.
- 21:30 – Dinner at Hotel Pullman.

Friday, 15 May 2026

Official Visit to Braşov

Breakfast at the hotel.

- 07:45 – Transfer from the hotel to Băneasa Railway Station. Luggage remains in the hotel rooms. No check-out will be required.
- 08:13–10:51 – Travel to Braşov by Leon Train, a VIP charter train, through the Prahova Valley. Interview opportunities for accompanying media.
- 11:30–12:45 – Visit to the Black Church and a short organ concert, followed by a walk through the historic city centre to the Rectorate of Transilvania University of Braşov.
- 13:00–14:00 – Meeting with the academic community and students at the Rectorate of Transilvania University of Braşov.
- 14:15–15:30 – Lunch offered by the University leadership at the restaurant of Hotel ARO.
- 16:00–18:00 – Visit to the Air Force Academy. Meeting with military students and teaching staff. Inauguration of the “Lt. Gen. (ret.) Dr. Eng. Cosmonaut Dumitru-Dorin Prunariu” Amphitheatre.
- 18:20–19:30 – Dinner offered by the Mayor of Braşov at the restaurant of Hotel Kronwell.
- 19:50–22:21 – Return to Bucharest by train.
- 22:30 – Transfer to the hotel.

Dress Code: Casual; flight jacket for astronauts during public meetings

Saturday, 16 May 2026

Science, Culture & Anniversary Gala

Breakfast at the hotel.

- 10:00 – Departure from the hotel.
- 11:00–13:00 – Visit to the Extreme Light Infrastructure (ELI), a European ESFRI (European Strategy Forum on Research Infrastructures) project located in Măgurele, near Bucharest.
- 13:30–15:00 – Lunch in Bucharest at the National Military Club.
- 15:30–17:00 – Visit to the National Military Museum; inauguration of a space exhibition dedicated to the anniversary event.
- 17:00–17:30 – Transfer to the hotel.
- 17:30–19:30 – Preparation for the Gala Dinner.
- 19:30–20:00 – Transfer to the CEC Palace for the Gala Dinner.

- 20:00–23:00 – Anniversary Gala Dinner.

Romanian officials, foreign guests together with their partners, sponsors, the diplomatic corps and friends will attend.

Dress Code: Casual during the day; flight jacket for astronauts; Black Tie / Formal for the Gala Dinner

Sunday, 17 May and Monday, 18 May 2026

Departure of Foreign Guests

Breakfast at the hotel.

Transfers to the airport organized by the hosts according to flight departure times.