

TRANSYLVANIA CHALLENGE



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This challenge in Romania is a great experience for cyclists, where we explore one of the hidden corners of Europe. We discover Saxon villages, medieval fortresses and churches, the Faragaras mountains and of course Count Draculas' castle. Each day we cycle directly from one accommodation to the next. It's both a physical and cultural challenge that will bring Transylvania to life.

DAY 1

DEPART UK-SIGHISOARA

We meet early for our flight to Targu Mures in the centre of Romania. We are met on arrival and transferred 50km to the hilltop village of Sighisoara where we spend our first night. There will be time to see a little of the town including a visit to the only known surviving picture of Vlad the Impaler, otherwise known as Count Dracula. Later we have our bike fitting and this evening a welcome meal and briefing with the team on the challenge ahead.

DAY 2

VISCRI VILLAGE

60KM

For our first day's challenge we head directly south to the village of Viscri, one of the best preserved of all the Transylvanian Saxon villages and certainly one of the last that still has a Saxon speaking community living in it. The rolling hills prove challenging but the route is mostly on tarmac through other Saxon villages. Once in the village we can visit the magnificent UNESCO fortified Church and see some of the rare traditional crafts such as brick and charcoal making along with the opportunity to see the local blacksmith at work. Tonight after a good homemade meal together and enjoy an incredible experience of spending the night in local homestays.

DAY 3

SAMBATA DE SUS MONASTERY

65KM

We head south west this morning to the Sambata De Sus Monastery based along the banks of the Sambata river and at the foot of the imposing Fagaras mountains. We pass through the villages of Ticusu, Cobor, Felmer and the town of Fagaras, before heading on to our hotel where we enjoy a well deserved rest.

DAY 4

BRAN CASTLE

76KM

Today is certainly one of the highlights of our challenge as we visit probably Romania's most famous site, Bran Castle where Count Dracula was thought to have lived. Our route takes us east, along the foot of the Fagaras mountains. After a good lunch we continue on to the Bran Castle, where we have time to visit the legendary landmark before retiring to our hotel in the area for the night.

DAY 5

BRASOV

45KM

For our final challenge day we are pushed a little harder for certainly the toughest day we have experienced. Between Bran and our destination of Brasov we have the Bucegi Mountains. The steep slopes are tough, but we are all rewarded with incredible views at Poiana Brasov before our final descent into the medieval town of Brasov, where we enjoy a celebration dinner to mark the end of our amazing challenge. A night of good food and traditional music is the perfect way to end this unforgettable journey.

DAY 5

DEPARTURE

After a good breakfast we have some time to see the centre of town before making our way to Bucharest for our flight back to the UK.



LOGISTICS



COSTS OF CHALLENGES

From £1100 per person
Minimum number 15 participants
For groups less than 15 please get in touch

CHALLENGE COST INCLUSIONS

Pre-trip briefing by Action Challenge staff
International flights
Action Challenge Representative
Expedition Medic
English-speaking local guides
Luggage Transfer
Bike
All accommodation
All meals, except in free time
All transfers
All National Park fees
3 litres of water provided daily

NOT INCLUDED

Alcoholic drinks
Travel insurance
Single supplement
Tips for local guides
Local departure tax
Fuel supplement

ABOUT ACTION CHALLENGE

As our name suggests, Action Challenge specialises in the creation of challenging, travel-based activities the world over. Since 1999, we have worked with many blue chip companies, over 600 national and regional charities, schools, sports clubs, groups of friends and individuals on both UK and overseas events. With over 160 itineraries in some of the most unexplored places on the globe, we are proud of lengths we go to, to bring our clients experiences they would be unable to find elsewhere.

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DISTANCES

Approximately 246km

RATING & FITNESS

These moderate challenges require a good level of fitness to walk /cycle the route.

ACCOMMODATION

We stay in a mixture of comfortable hotels and mountain refuges. All rooms are twin /triple sharing with dorms in the refuges. Only for our Viscri night in Romania would the group be split in smaller groups to stay in home stays. Tenerife hotels are 3/4star.

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