



TREK TRANSYLVANIA

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## ITINERARY – OUTLINE FOR BESPOKE TRIPS

This Transylvanian challenge is a great experience for trekkers, where we explore one of the hidden corners of Europe. We discover Saxon villages, medieval fortresses and churches, the Carpathian and Faragaras mountains and of course the history that surrounds Count Dracula. Each day we trek for a full day 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 fly to Bucharest in Romania, meet our team on arrival and transfer to the beautiful UNESCO World Heritage town of Sibiu where we stay the night. On the way we visit the Poienari fortress, which is the only Castle that Count Dracula, or Vlad the Impaler, built himself. From here we continue through the Olt valley to the Balea glacier lake. Our welcome dinner tonight will have typical Transylvanian specialities with some great Romanian wine.

### **DAY 2** **DRACULA'S DEATH** **TREKKING 14KM**

After breakfast we have a special visit to the cathedral where Count Dracula was killed and then the old centre of Sibiu with its Cibin vegetable & cheese market. From here we transfer to the start of our trek amongst the shepherd villages where life has not changed in centuries. Tonight there will be a dinner with a medieval show.

### **DAY 3** **MALINCRAV** **TREKKING 15KM**

This morning we make our way though the Harbach valley to Biertan. Our trek takes us to Copsa Mare and after a picnic between the walls of the fortified church we trek to Malancrav village. Along the route we will pass traditional Saxon villages and in Malancrav we are the guests of the Mihai Eminescu Trust (sponsored by Prince Charles) in local guesthouses and tonight our a dinner will be at the Apafi Manor.

**DAY 4****SIGHISOARA****TREKKING 18KM**

Our challenge today starts from the Breite Plateau National Park, from where we trek to Sighisoara. We visit the old citadel which is another UNESCO heritage site with one of the most beautiful cemeteries in Transylvania. Here we listen to the stories of the family of Vlad the Impaler and have dinner in the Vlad Dracula house which has his last remaining image painted as a fresco on its walls. We stay here in Sighisoara overnight.

**DAY 5****THE CARPATHIAN MOUNTAINS****TREKKING 15KM**

For our final challenge day we are in the Piatra Craiului National Park of the Carpathian Mountains. Another good trekking day and then in the evening we transfer to Rasnov where in the backdrop of a film festival on the citadel walls, we enjoy a celebratory meal.

**DAY 6****DRACULAS CASTLE AT BRAN****TREKKING 15KM**

Today we are pushed a little harder for certainly the toughest day of the challenge. Between Poiana Brasov and Bran which is our destination, we have the Bucegi Mountains. The steep slopes are difficult for trekkers but we are all rewarded with incredible views before our final descent into the medieval village of Bran. This evening we have Count Draculas' Castle all to ourselves where we enjoy a private dinner, a truly exclusive opportunity! Dracula capes, fangs and fake blood are not compulsory but they are welcome!

**DAY 7****BUCHAREST**

Transfer to Bucharest, enjoy a free day in this incredible city.

**DAY 8****DEPARTURE**

After a good breakfast we transfer to the airport and make our way back to the UK.



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## **COSTS OF CHALLENGE**

From £1,295 per person

For groups less than 15, please get in touch

## **CHALLENGE COST INCLUSIONS**

Pre-trip briefing by Action Challenge staff

International flights

Action Challenge Representative

Action Challenge medic

English-speaking local guides

All accommodation

All meals, except in free time

All participant and luggage transfers

All National Park fees

3 litres of water provided daily

All entrance fees as per the itinerary

Pre-event client support

## **NOT INCLUDED**

Alcoholic drinks

Travel insurance

Visas

Local departure tax

## **DISTANCES**

Approximately 77km

## **RATING**

Moderate

## **FITNESS**

This moderate challenges requires a good level of fitness to walk the route.

## **FLIGHTS**

Low cost airline flights.

## **ACCOMMODATION**

We stay in a mixture of villagers guesthouses and comfortable hotels. All rooms are twin/triple sharing.

## **FOOD**

Breakfasts each morning will be at the accommodation, packed lunch en-route and evening meals will be at the hotel or in a local restaurant.

## **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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