

Transylvania Trek

Discover Romania



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Discover Romania on this amazing weekend challenge

On this unique trekking challenge we will discover some of the hidden sights of Transylvania, and step back in time to experience rural life, Romanian style.

Discover Romania on this amazing weekend trekking challenge in the rugged Piatra Craiului Mountains, tucked away in Transylvania.

Feast your eyes on majestic castles such as the famous Count Dracula's 'Bran Castle', pass through traditional villages and hike through stunning untouched scenery.

Our two-day challenge, takes us along craggy mountain ridges, through indigenous forests and flower-strewn meadows and farmland, with a fascinating glimpse of rural life in an almost medieval corner of Europe.



Detailed itinerary

Day 1: Depart London to Zarnesti

Our adventure starts when we meet our guides at Bucharest airport, the capital of Romania.

We will be transferred to Zarnesti (approx. 3 hours), where we will spend the night in a local guesthouse and be treated to a traditional welcome dinner and a full trek briefing about the challenge ahead.



Day 2: Zarnesti (750m/2460ft) - Coltii Chiliilor (1100m/3608ft) - Diana Refuge (1510m/4954ft) - Valea Ursului - Plaiu Foji Chalet (850m/2788ft)

Trekking hours: 6hrs

Distance: 12kms/7.5 miles

After breakfast we make a short transfer by bus to the northern slope of Piatra Craiului Mountains. We begin trekking along the lower border of the forest towards Coltii Chiliilor Monastery. Here we begin a more difficult ascent to Diana refuge (beautiful views of the western slope of the Piatra Craiului Mountains.). This afternoon we descend along Valea Ursului towards Plaiu Foji Chalet. After a great days trekking we have a short transfer back to Zarnesti for dinner and overnight in our local guesthouse.



Day 3: Mica Peak (1800m/5905ft)

Trekking hours: 6-7hrs

Distance: 10kms/6 miles

After breakfast we transfer to Zarnesti Gorges. Here we begin trekking through Zarnesti Gorges leaving the gorge on a shepherds path through an old forest towards Curmatura hut. We resume our trek along the same road but it becomes narrower and at the same time forms the bottom of a stunning steep sided limestone gorge with several natural caves, one of which was used in a scene from the recent film "Cold Mountain". After half an hour we take a steep turn and start walking through the forest at a much steeper angle and on a slightly rougher terrain. We follow a shepherd's trail rather than the normal tourist trail, which should give us a chance to see forest wildlife such as woodpeckers, shrike and owls. Our guides are expert trackers and will undoubtedly point out traces left by the inhabitants of the forest such as wolves, bears and lynx. After trekking in the forest we emerge onto a high meadow near a shepherd's camp. This afternoon we will trek to Piatra Mica Peak and then descend back down. We will then be collected and transfer to Sinaia for an evening of celebrations.

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Day 4: Depart Romania

After breakfast, time permitting there is the opportunity to visit Peles Castle in Sinaia before those flying home immediately after the trek, transfer together to Bucharest airport (about 2 hours).

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This itinerary is complex and subject to change

Challenge grade

Moderate to tough

Best time of year

May, June, July and early October

Temperature:

Between 10°C/50°F and 25°C/77°F



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