

## 2 - Day Medieval Transylvania Private Tour from Brasov

Offer available between: 2020-05-01 and 2020-12-22, 2021-01-03 and 2021-12-21

Duration: 2 d

### Highlights:

Bran Castle aka Dracula's Castle, Rupea Fortress, Viscri Saxon Fortified Church, Sighisoara, Biertan Fortified Church, Sibiu

### Description:

Travel with no schedule. Whether you choose to explore nature, culture and local traditions, saxon villages, it is up to you! We visit Bran Castle aka Dracula's Castle, Rupea Fortress, Viscri Saxon Fortified Church, Sighisoara, Biertan Fortified Church, Sibiu and more!

Romania's Transylvanian region offers a fascinating window into a lost Europe, with medieval castles, towns and churches that seem caught in a time warp. This trip takes you into the heart of the region for a fascinating look so don't forget your camera!

### What You Can Expect

Explore Transylvania's most impressive citadels and discover why the region is steeped in mysterious lore, on a fascinating 2 day private trip from Braşov. Immerse yourself in the legends of Transylvania with a visit to Bran Castle, visit a UNESCO World Heritage-listed church in the medieval village of Viscri, and wander through the fortified Saxon town of Sighişoara – known as the birthplace of the warlord who inspired Bram Stoker's Count Dracula, learn the history of the imposing, 14th-century Rupea Fortress on a guided tour. Wandering through the medieval towns of Transylvania, it's easy to forget what century you're in. Finally, we visit the impressive Biertan fortified church and Sibiu medieval city. Declared for Cultural capital of Europe Sibiu was once the king of the Transylvanian Saxon towns, serving as capital and dominating cultural activity. Sibiu is home to the first hospital in Romania (1292), the first pharmacy (1494) and the oldest museum in Romania, the Brukenthal Museum, opened in 1817.

A short drive brings you to Bran Castle, also known as 'Dracula's Castle' – a hilltop estate that conjures up visions of howling wolves and bats fluttering in the moonlight. Wander the castle's Gothic chambers and learn about its ties to Bram Stoker's undead antihero. Enter if you dare, after paying the site fee (own expense), and wander through the castle's many well-preserved rooms and chambers with your guide. Gothic furnishings and details help set the scene for ghastly legends of all that happened here, including the imprisonment of Vlad the Impaler. This 15th-century prince was notorious for his bloodthirsty campaigns against invading Turks and is said to have inspired Stoker's malevolent Count Dracula.

Then we drive about 1.5 hour to visit the hilltop Rupea Fortress, which was built for defense in the 1300s and later repurposed as a Saxon village in the 18th century. Head inside the walls for a guided tour (own expense), and enjoy panoramic views of the surrounding countryside. After a short drive we visit the 14th-century village of Viscri, built by Saxon colonists. As you approach, admire the impressive whitewashed walls and red-roofed towers that surround the village, designed to protect early inhabitants from invading Turks. Wander the rustic streets of the town and visit its UNESCO World Heritage-listed church (own expense). Continue on to the remarkably well-preserved Sighişoara, so rich in history that the entire village is a UNESCO site. Hear about the medieval town's legendary former resident Vlad the Impaler, a Wallachian prince and warlord who inspired Bram Stoker's fictional character Dracula. Enjoy free time to explore Sighişoara's cobblestoned streets, bell tower and citadel on your own, and visit a café to purchase lunch if you wish. We spend 1 night to a nice guesthouse in Sighisoara or nearby (depending of availability). Next day we drive to visit Biertan and Sibiu. Finally, we drive back to Brasov.

### Terms and conditions

All sales are final and incur 100% cancellation penalties.

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**Departure point**

From your location in Brasov or from The History Museum Piata Sfatului Square, central BraÅŸov

**Departure time**

8:30 am

**Duration**

2 days

Included:

Overnight accommodation

Bottled water

Breakfast

Dinner

Professional guide and driver

Hotel pickup and drop-off

Private tour

Transport by private vehicle or by air-conditioned minivan

Fuel surcharge

Local taxes

Not Included:

Entrance fees

Drinks

Lunch

Souvenir photos (available to purchase)

Terms:

When you are the first client on this date, tour price is 478 euro (the system lets you book for a minimum of 2 persons). When a second client signs in for the tour you will get back 239 euro.

**Important:** You have to make the booking 1 day in advance!

Cancellation terms:

## **TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR ACTIVE TRAVEL CULTURAL, BIKING, TREKKING & HIKING TOURS**

**IMPORTANT:** All clients and participants in the programs offered by ACTIVE TRAVEL, must read and understand the following lines. They must agree with all the conditions presented below in order to be able to participate at any tour, mountain trip or any other form of activities organized by ACTIVE TRAVEL.

### **The basic equipment needed for a mountain trip during summer time:**

40-60 litre backpack, chosen according to the tour type.

Mountain boots covering your ankles; 2 additional pairs of socks.

Rain wear, jacket and pants. I recommend you to have the jacket and pants, so you will be protected from rain and windy weather. A rain poncho will do too, but only if there are no windy conditions outside.

Cap, gloves, sunglasses and sunscreen. I strongly advise you to carry a cap and gloves with you - even during the summer season - because it could be quite cold at altitudes over 1700 m.

Warm clothes. One or two Polartec/Fleece sweaters.

Of course, you can add your personal belongings to the minimum equipment mentioned above.

In case you have forgotten parts of your compulsory equipment at home, please be so kind as to let me know about it before starting the tour.

Also, please keep in mind that tourists who do not have their basic equipment with them, are not allowed to participate at the tour.

### **Assuming risks. Warranties.**

Participation in trekking, group tours, expeditions, exploration of flora and wild fauna or any other form of touristic round or holiday organized by ACTIVE TRAVEL might involve certain risks and dangers.

### **These risks include but are not limited to the following situations:**

Trips on mountain terrain, rivers and forests.

Travel by car, bus, mini-bus, terrain cars or any other means of transport

Accidents or sicknesses in isolated areas, with or without medical facilities with/without the possibility of evacuation against a cost.

Accidents caused by natural hazards.

Changes of itinerary due to causes independent from the agency's will.

Cancellation of tours or trips due to causes independent from the agency's will.

Taking in consideration the above, and through the payment for the right to participate to such trips or other services and activities organized by the company mentioned above, I hereby assume full responsibility for the actions I take, for the causes, duties, law-suits, requests or complaints of any type, hereby present or which could arise in the future due to the trip or in connection with it, or due to participation in activities organized for me by the above mentioned company.

I have read this document representing the assuming of risk and a guarantee for me and my inheritance, for administrators, executors and all family members, including all minors who join me. I hereby agree and accept all risks involved, dangers and mentioned conditions. Also, I agree with all the conditions mentioned above and with the payment of supplementary costs which

might come up during the travel.

### **Limitation of responsibility**

ACTIVE TRAVEL offers for its programs: transport, accommodation and other services provided by various services providers, as well as the professional mountain guide service offered ACTIVE TRAVEL, its owners or employees, contractors and providers of means of transport and/or any other needed transport services. Thus, ACTIVE TRAVEL is relieved of any responsibility concerning accidents, losses or personal damage which might result as a consequence of air, water or land transport or any other means of transport which are independent of his control. The use of any vehicle or mean of transport for this trip is the entire responsibility of companies or individuals which provide these services for passengers. These service providers (physical or legal entities) are responsible according to the existing legislation within the territory of Romania, all incidents being written down locally.

The contracted transport companies are licensed for transport of groups of people, according to the legislation within the territory of Romania, disposing of luggage insurance and accidents insurance for goods and people.

Also, ACTIVE TRAVEL as well as its owners, employees, contractors and associates don't assume any responsibility for losses or personal damage due to circumstances, weather, fire, governmental or any other authorities actions, as well as in the case of war, strikes, terrorist actions, thefts, epidemics, quarantine situations, dangerous incidents on air, water or land, or any other actions and incidents which are out of the control area of the agency.

The agency reserves its right to operate reasonable routes changes (including changes of hotels) when this is imposed, to insure optimum comfort and well-being of the participants.

The price is quoted using the current exchange rate and can be changed if the exchange rate varies significantly.

### **Payment conditions**

After having commonly agreed on the route and other helpful details regarding your trip, an advance payment of 25% (of the trip's total cost), is required to be done by the customer, by bank transfer or credit card payable to: ACTIVE TRAVEL.

The balance of 75% will be paid with 1 months before arrival.

### **Cancellations conditions**

Any program/tour cancellation is done by sending an email or fax (+40 268 32 15 15), the cancellation being valid only after you have received an answer.

The cancellations fees:

### **Cultural tours (day tours or multiday tours):**

- 30 days before the start of the tour - 25% per person out of the total value of the program
- between 29 and 15 days before the start of the tour - 75% per person out of the total value of the program
- less than 14 days from the beginning of the tour - 100% per person out of the total value of the program
- no-show - 100% per person out of the total value of the program

### **Biking, trekking&hiking tours (included the self guided tours)**

- 30 days before the start of the tour - 25% per person out of the total value of the program
- between 29 and 1 days before the start of the tour - 100% per person out of the total value of the program
- no-show - 100% per person out of the total value of the program

In case of cancelling a tour, ACTIVE TRAVEL is not responsible for the supplementary expenditures made by you for the well-going

of the program. For example : buying the equipment, reservations at hotels/cottages, buying of plane/train tickets.

For any program cancellation you will be informed by e-mail or fax.

We recommend you to have a trip cancellation insurance (storno) so that, if out of any reasons you cannot participate in the program any more (sickness, etc), to be able to ask the insurance company for the advance payment.

ACTIVE TRAVEL reserves the right to refuse providing services for third parties - persons or companies, without motivating the refusal.

Everything mentioned above represents constitutive part of current contract which will be signed by both parties before the start of the trip.