

Conservation working holiday to Transylvania

Sat 6th - Tues 16th August 2016



An 10-day EuCAN holiday working in the haymeadows and high pastures of this stunning unspoilt corner of Europe



We are looking for a small team of hardworking wildlife enthusiasts to work with us and the local farming community to clear invading scrub from the high meadows so that these areas can be brought back into the haymaking cycle. We will also be joining in the 8th International Scything and Haymaking Festival run in Gyimes in the eastern part of Transylvania by Attila Sarig and the Pogany-Havas Association in conjunction with the Barbara Knowles Fund.

Romania and Transylvania in particular have some of the most biodiverse hay meadows in the world as a result of the traditional low-input, very small scale agricultural systems that predominate there. Many of the farmers rely on horses and oxen for transport, so hay is of special importance to them as a 'fuel'.

We will enjoy the scything and gathering in of the hay crop while contributing at least four days work in the high pastures. There will be folk music and dancing, wonderful local food and excursions to enjoy the area and its amazingly rich wildlife.









<u>Price</u> £330 for the 11 nights full board, shared accommodation and local transport, excl return journey to/from Transylvania. Go to the website for an Expression of Interest form and return it by email.

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