Private Tours of Cultural Heritage Sites

Global Heritage Fund Tours to Romania, Turkey and Cambodia - 2013





Romania

Along the Enchanted Way: Exploring the Saxon Villages of Transylvania with William Blacker

Dates

Monday 9th - Thursday 12th September 2013 with William Blacker, author of *Along the Enchanted Way* and Chairman of the Anglo-Romanian Trust for Traditional Architecture (ARTTA).

Highlights

- Visit over 15 villages in the Saxon Region of Transylvania
- Watch the creation of handmade tiles at the GHF sponsored kiln
- See several of the region's famous Fortress churches
- Walk with author William Blacker through the pristine Transylvanian countryside
- Learn about the challenges of preserving Romania's rural cultural landscapes

Join William Blacker, author of Along the Enchanted Way, and Global Heritage Fund for a visit to the villages of Saxon Transylvania. Scattered along the valleys and hills of the southern range of the Carpathian Mountains in Romania, the villages represent a unique and diverse landscape of Romanian, Saxon, and Gypsy cultural heritage. The nearly 100 villages and their patterns of settlement, which date from the 12th century, are among the last vestiges of European mediaeval planning and culture. This vast cultural landscape exhibits an uncommon equilibirum between villages, fields, meadows, forests, and mountains. Now under threat, GHF, William Blacker and the Romanian heritage organization Monumentum, are working to save this vanishing landscape.

Note: This tour can be joined in conjunction with the Transylvanian Book Festival, 5th - 9th of September.

See <u>www.transylvanianbookfestival.co.uk</u> for further information

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Left Saxon Village Houses. Photo by William Blacker

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A traditional Saxon fortified church in the village of Archita. Photo by William Blacker www.artta.org.uk

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Turkey

Contemporary Meets Ancient: Art International Istanbul to the World's Oldest Temple, Göbekli Tepe, Southeast Turkey

Dates

Sunday 15th – Friday 20th September 2013: A personal tour with Klaus Schmidt, senior researcher at the Oriental Section of the German Archaeological Institute and Director of the Göbekli Tepe excavations since 1995.

Highlights

- As a VIP guest of the new contemporary art fair – Art International Istanbul – enjoy a schedule of private visits to museums, institutions and studios, and access to this new modern and contemporary art fair in Istanbul offering exciting new work from artists from Turkey and beyond
- Attend a GHF hosted event on the evening of Monday, 16th where guests will learn more about GHF's work in Turkey and elsewhere
- A personal tour of the extraordinary site of Göbekli Tepe with Klaus Schmidt, the chief excavator of the site

Join GHF in Istanbul and as VIPs of the contemporary art fair. Art International Instanbul. Explore the museums, private collections and sites of Istanbul including its historic mosques and palaces. GHF is hosting an event on the evening of Monday, 16th on the shores of the Bosporus where you can hear about our projects in Turkey. This six-day journey culminates with a visit to the Early Neolithic sanctuary in South-Eastern Anatolia, Göbekli Tepe. The oldest human-made place of worship yet discovered, this hugely important discovery is testimony to man's symbolic creativity and artistic genius. Here, with Klaus Schmidt as your guide, you will see 5-metre high T-shaped monolithic stones slabs carved with wild boar, snarling lions and scorpions arranged as circular enclosures. You will continue to the nearby town of Urfa, one of the most romantic and evocative in Turkey with its ruined fortress, ancient bazaar and museum filled with many of the most important finds from Göbekli Tepe and others sites.



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Monolith at Göbekli Tepe in the Southeastern Anatolia Region of Turkey, 9 mi northeast of Sanliurfa, Turkey. It is the oldest known temple structure.

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Monoliths at Göbekli Tepe.

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Cambodia

Angkor and Beyond: Banteay Chhmar and the Great Temples of the Khmer Empire

Dates

Saturday 9th - Sunday 17th November 2013 with John Sanday, GHF Regional Director for Asia & Pacific and Project Director at Banteay Chhmar

Highlights

- Begin the tour in Phnom Penh, Cambodia's vibrant modern capital
- Journey to Siem Reap to see the great temples of Angkor
- Visit GHF's conservation project at Banteay Chmmar and experience the local homestay programme
- Explore the mountaintop temple of Preah Vihear, on Cambodia's disputed border with Thailand
- Wander amongst the ruins of the earliest capital of the Khmer Empire, Koh Ker.

The Khmer Empire at its height ranged over nearly the whole of Southeast Asia, leaving a legacy of architectural achievement and grandeur unmatched by later civilizations. The temples of Angkor are today among the most visited heritage sites in the world, however they only tell a part of Cambodia's long and tragic history. Join Global Heritage Fund and preservation architect John Sanday OBE, for not only a tour of the glories of Angkor but also a visit to the treasures of the Khmer Empire further afield at Banteay Chmmar, Preah Vihear, and Koh Ker, as well as taking in an experience of the vibrant pulse of modern Cambodia in Phnom Penh.



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John Sanday explains wall reconstruction and conservation at Banteay Chhmar. Photo by Vince Michael

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Unrestored face tower at Banteay Chhmar.

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