Senior Azure Migration Architect – Enterprise Cloud Transformation

Location: *Remote (EU time zones preferred) with occasional client travel*
Project Type: *Large-scale data center exit (2,000+ VMs)*
Engagement Duration: *9-12 months*

Core Responsibilities

1. ***Strategic Leadership***
    - *Design multi-phase migration roadmaps for Fortune 500 clients undergoing full DC exits to Azure, incorporating rehost (lift-and-shift), replatform (PaaS), and refactor (cloud-native) strategies.*
    - *Lead workshops with C-level stakeholders to align technical solutions with business KPIs (cost reduction, compliance, DR readiness).*
2. ***Technical Execution***
    - *Architect **Azure Landing Zones** with enterprise-scale governance (RBAC, Policy Initiatives, Hub-Spoke topology) using Terraform modules and Azure Blueprints.*
    - *Modernize legacy workloads (e.g., .NET Framework → Azure App Services, SQL Server Always On → Azure SQL Managed Instance).*
    - *Develop custom PowerShell/Python scripts to automate migration pipelines (Azure Migrate + DevOps).*
3. ***Risk Management***
    - *Mitigate downtime risks by designing **parallel run frameworks** and fallback procedures for mission-critical applications (SLA 99.95%).*

Mandatory Qualifications

- ***Technical Stack Mastery:***
    - *Azure IaaS/PaaS: Compute Gallery, Private Link, AVD, AKS*
    - *Identity: Azure AD Connect, AD FS → Azure AD migration*
    - *Monitoring: Azure Monitor, Log Analytics, Sentinel*
- ***Certifications:***
    - *Microsoft Certified: **Azure Solutions Architect Expert** (AZ-305)*
    - *Bonus: **Azure Network Engineer Associate** (AZ-700)*
- ***Experience:***
    - *10+ years in IT infrastructure, including 5+ years leading Azure migrations (>500 VMs).*
    - *Proven success in manufacturing/energy sectors with hybrid connectivity (ExpressRoute/S2S VPN).*
- ***Language:*** *Business-fluent English + German (B2+ for DACH region projects).*

Project Artifacts to Deliver

- ***Technical:***
    - *As-built documentation compliant with Microsoft CAF.*
    - *Terraform modules for core platform components (published to internal registry).*
- ***Business:***
    - *TCO analysis comparing on-prem vs. Azure OpEx.*