

12 DAY EASTERN ANATOLIA TOUR

Tour Start Date: Available on Every day From 15 March 2020 to 15 March 2021

TOUR ROUTE: Trabzon – Artvin - Erzurum – Kars - Van - Tatvan - Mardin - Diyarbakir - Nemrut - Sanliurfa - GobekliTepe - Gaziantep domestic flight back to Istanbul.



12 DAY EASTERN ANATOLIA TOUR ITINERARY:

Day 1 - Arrive Trabzon

(Lunch and Dinner included)

Arrive Trabzon. Visit to the 14th century Byzantine church of Hagia Sofia overlooking the Black Sea before proceeding to the cliff side monastery of the Virgin Mary at Sumela in the Altindere national park. From Sumela, we drive along the coast of the Black Sea to Hopa on the Georgian border where we will spend the night. Dinner and overnight Artvin.

Day 2 – Artvin to Erzurum

(Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included)

We depart Hopa for Erzurum via Artvin after the breakfast, Ishan and the spectacular Georgian Valleys. Dinner and overnight in Erzurum.

Day 3 – Erzurum to Kars

(Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included)

First the breakfast and then the sightseeing in Erzurum before departing for Kars via the Aras River valley and the First World War battlefield site of Sarakimis. After arriving at Kars, we will continue to visit the ancient Armenian city of Ani on the Arpacay River. Dinner and overnight in Kars.

Day 4 –Kars to Van

(Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included)

On to Dogubeyazit after the breakfast and passed the Biblical mountain of Ararat to visit the Ishak Pasha Saray and then on to the city of Van where we will spend the night. Overnight Van.

Day 5 – Van Tour

(Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included)

Sightseeing in the Van region upon breakfast including a visit to the 17th century fortress of Hosap, sitting astride the ancient Silk Road into Persia and the Orient. In the afternoon, we will visit the island of Akdamar in Lake Van to visit the 10th century Church of the Holy Cross. Dinner and overnight in Van.

Day 6 - Van to Tatvan

(Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included)

After the breakfast, we depart Van along the southern shore of Lake Van for Tatvan and then to visit the great Volcano Crater of Nemrut and the Seljuk monuments of Ahlat. Dinner and overnight in Tatvan.

Day 7 – Tatvan to Mardin

(Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included)

After the breakfast, we continue down the Bitlis Gorge, via the city of Batman, to the town Hasankeyf for lunch. In Hasankeyf (soon to be submerged under the lake of a new dam on the Tigris) we will visit some of the many caves and the ruins of the medieval Byzantine City. On our way west to Mardin, we will stop in Midyat to see the Silver Bazaar. Arrive to Mardin visit Kasimiye Medrese. Dinner and overnight in Mardin.

Day 8 – Diyarbakir Tour

(Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included)

After breakfast, we visit Deir-Al-Zafaran (Saffron Monastery). The Saffron Monastery was once the ancient center of the Syriac Christian Patriarchy. This site has been the center of religious worship for many centuries, the monastery itself is built over an ancient temple, built in 1000 BC and dedicated to the worship of the sun and which now provides the foundations to the main part of the monastery buildings – it is a fascinating structure as the roof of the temple to the sun is, essentially, a flat arch! From Mardin, we will travel northwest to Diyarbakir to see the 10 Arches Bridge on the Tigris River. Dinner and overnight Diyarbakir.

Day 9 –Diyarbakir to Nemrut

(Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included)

Sightseeing in Diyarbakir after breakfast: the Ulu Cami (Mar Thoma)(Mosque and Church), then visit the Great wall. Leave for Nemrut via the ferry over the Eufratesy arriving in Narlice Village in Nemrut National Park. We will travel to the top of Mount Nemrut, Tombs of Commagene Kingdom and the Colossal Statues of Gods. Climbing up to Tumulus of Antiochos, the capital of Kommagene, we will watch the sun set from the summit of Nemrut. This ancient funerary monument at the peak of Mt Nemrut was forgotten and lost to memory for nearly 2000 years. Dinner and Overnight near Nemrut in Adiyaman.

Day 10 – Nemrut to Sanliurfa

(Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included)

After breakfast, you will see Karakus Tumulus, a burial sanctuary and the Cendere Bridge, erected by the XVI Legion in the honour of Roman Emperor Septimus Severus, before proceeding to for Urfa. Via Urfa, we will visit Ataturk dam a part of the giant South East Anatolia Project. Arriving in Urfa, we will visit the Holy Pools of Abraham and the cave where, tradition tells us, the Prophet Abraham was born. Visit the Bazaar. Overnight Sanliurfa.

Day 11 - GobekliTepe to Gaziantep

(Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner included)

After breakfast, we will visit the on-going archaeological dig at GobekliTepe. The most important archaeological dig currently being undertaken anywhere in the world – this site represents a major shift in our understanding of man's early history. Here lie the remains of the earliest religious structures built by man yet to be discovered. At about 11000-13000 years old and pre-dating pottery, writing, Stonehenge and the Pyramids! We, then, depart for Gaziantep where we will visit the stunning mosaic museum which houses a priceless collection of mosaics from the now sunken city of Zeugma. We will visit the citadel and the Old Town of Gaziantep. Dinner and overnight in Gaziantep.

Day 12 - Gaziantep to Istanbul End of tour

(Breakfast included)

Today, we depart for Gaziantep airport for our domestic flight to Istanbul and then back to home after breakfast. We hope your tour was a memorable one and we would like to see you in the future in one of our tours again. Have a nice trip back home and thanks for choosing TravelShop Turkey.

12 DAY EASTERN ANATOLIA TOUR INCLUDES:

- Arrival Airport transfer from Trabzon airport
- Domestic flight ticket from Gaziantep to Istanbul
- 1 night hotel accommodation in Artvin
- 1 night hotel accommodation in Erzurum
- 1 night hotel accommodation in Kars
- 2 nights' hotel accommodation in Van
- 1 night hotel accommodation in Tatvan
- 1 night hotel accommodation in Mardin
- 1 night hotel accommodation in Diyarbakir
- 1 night hotel accommodation in Nemrut
- 1 night hotel accommodation in Sanliurfa
- 1 night hotel accommodation in Gaziantep
- 11 open buffet breakfasts

- 11 local dinners at hotels
- 11 local lunches during to tours
- Guided Trabzon tour
- Guided Arvin tour
- Guided Erzurum tour
- Guided Kars tour
- Guided Van tour
- Guided Diyarbakır tour
- Guided Tatvan tour
- Guided Mardin Tour
- Guided Numrut tour
- Guided Gobekli Tepe & Sanliurfa tour
- Guided Gaziantep Tour
- Guided Sirince village tour and wine tasting
- All entrance fees mentioned in the itinerary
- Transportation in a fully air - conditioned, non - smoking coach
- Professional English - speaking tour guides
- Return Airport transfer

TOUR NOT INCLUDE:

- International flights
- Insurance: All types
- Turkey entry visa
- Items of a personal nature such as alcoholic drinks, cold drinks, laundry
- Any others expenses which are not mentioned at the included section

12 DAY EASTERN ANATOLIA TOUR PRICES IN EURO			
Per Person In	TRIPLE ROOM	DOUBLE ROOM	SINGLE ROOM
1- 2 Pax	€ 2.849,00	€ 2.875,00	€ 3.195,00
3- 5 Pax	€ 1.865,00	€ 1.889,00	€ 2.209,00
6 - 8 Pax	€ 1.605,00	€ 1.635,00	€ 1.965,00
9 - 12 Pax	€ 1.409,00	€ 1.435,00	€ 1.755,00
13 - 16 Pax	€ 1.305,00	€ 1.329,00	€ 1.665,00
17 - 20 Pax	€ 1.219,00	€ 1.245,00	€ 1.559,00
21 - 25 Pax	€ 1.149,00	€ 1.175,00	€ 1.495,00
26 - 30 Pax	€ 1.095,00	€ 1.125,00	€ 1.439,00
31 - 36 Pax	€ 1.059,00	€ 1.085,00	€ 1.405,00
37 - 42 Pax	€ 1.029,00	€ 1.055,00	€ 1.375,00

Destination	Hotel LIST
Artvin	Villa Da butik & Hotel & similar
Erzurum	Bora Park Hotel & similar
Kars	Katarina Sarayı & similar
Van	Moonlight Hotel Van & similar
Tatvan	Taşar Royal Hotel & similar
Mardin	Kaya ninova Hotel & similar
Diyarbakır	Novotel Hotel Diyarbakır & similar
Adiyaman	Zeus Hotel &similar
Sanliurfa	Elruha Hotel & similar
Gaziantep	BEST WESTERN Ravanda Hotel & similar

PS: If This hotel list not available at the time of your booking then we will arrange smilar other hotel for your group. If you prefer a Different category hotel, there might be an additional cost

What are the discounts for children?

Under 2 years of age, your child will travel free of charge by land. Flight ticket insurance cost will be 20 Euro only.

Children under 6 years of age are charged at 50% of a full priced adult tour in Istanbul

Children 7-11 years of age are charged at 75% of a full priced adult tour in Istanbul.

Children above 11 years are full priced adult fares.

OPTIONAL TOURS SPECIAL Untill 15th March 2021		
Sanliurfa		
Traditional Southeastern Anatolia	Euro: 30.00	Per Person

OPTIONAL TERMS & CONDITIONS

Above optional tours are valid for our guests who booked our 10th Year Special Tours. If you book a different tour or at a different date, these prices will not be valid. We have limited space for these tours. The price may change if we get more Bookings than that.

TOUR INFORMATION FOR OUR SPECIAL OFFER:

- These programs are only valid for the dates mentioned.
- If you request for different dates, our winter prices will be not valid.
- If you need any change on these programs, we will arrange you a tailor made programs with necessary price changes.
- We have limited space for each tour. When we fill up our limit, the price may change.
- You need to make a 25% percent pre-payment to book one of these tours. Bookings are not valid if 25% payment is not done.
- For tour packages including domestic flights, you need to book at least 4 weeks before tour start date. If there is less than 4 weeks to tour start date, we will reflect the flight fare difference to the prices.
- The prices are only valid for packages; we cannot provide you any break-down prices or any sectors separately.

TRAVEL SHOP TURKEY FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

We would like to provide some valuable information for you to have a hassle-free holiday and enjoy your time with us to the fullest. Please check below our FAQ information that you may need during your travel.

DOMESTIC FLIGHTS:

Many of our Tours include domestic flights. These flights have a limitation of 15 to 20 kg of luggage with 8 kg of in-cabin weight depending on the Airlines. Please abide by these in-flight regulations. You should be present at the Airport an hour prior to flight times. We reserve and book your flight Tickets a week before the travel dates with the names provided by yourselves. If there is a typo or a lettering mistake on the names, our company holds no responsibility of any inconvenience that may be experienced so it is best to have a copy of the passport provided to your representative.

COACH TRANSFER :

Our vehicles differ in line with group sizes. For 8 pax, we have Mercedes Vito, over 14 pax, we provide Sprinter, for over 29 pax, we have minibuses and finally for up to 45 pax, we have Coaches available. Taking into consideration of guests' luggage's we make an arrangement as below:

For 8 pax van: Maximum 5 persons.

For 14 pax van: Maximum 10 persons

For 29 pax van: Maximum 24 persons

For 45 pax Coach: Maximum 40 persons

Our vehicles are fully equipped with A/C, refrigeration, clean, comfortable and brand new or latest models. For long bus rides, we will have regular breaks in rest points on highways for a quick coffee and food, rest room breaks and such necessities'.

TOUR GUIDE :

All of our Tours include Professional and knowledgeable Professional Tour Guides. Our guides have all the information that may be requested by yourself whether historically, culturally or locally with very good English spoken. Although Regular Tours will have an English Speaking guide, for private Tour Options, we will have multi-lingual Professional Tour guides available as you may need.

ACCOMMODATIONS:

We use mostly 4 star, 5 star or boutique hotels for your convenience and comfort. For example, in Istanbul and other regions we have 4-5-star hotel. On guaranteed tours, we declare the accommodation venues but it may differ for private ones within the same category, with good reviews.

MEALS:

Dinners usually served in the hotels on half board category. Lunches will be served in restaurants on the destination route. Meals are mostly served as Set Menu or Open Buffet Style. If you have meal preferences or special diet requirements, please inform us beforehand for necessary arrangements during your tour confirmation.

MUSEUM:

On our Tour Routes, we include all the "must see" museums and sight-seeing venues in our itinerary. This service is included within the Tour price. Some museums have different operation days and times but we will have similar sites to fill in for them.

SHOPPING:

Turkey is a great destination for shopping opportunities especially Turkish rugs/carpets, jewelry, leather, textile, ceramics and many other hand made artifacts. During the tours, we recommend some of the reliable and reasonable shopping venues to be visited. Our shopping stops are consisted of trustworthy, guaranteed vendors. Our guide will direct you to such stores during the tours. You may get informed by our guide in regards to shopping matters while on the tour. Some of our shopping venues may apply group discount that you may want to take advantage of.

TIPPING:

It is not a -must- to tip on our tours. However, if you are satisfied with the services provided by driver and the guide, you may consider tipping them accordingly as 2 EUROS for the guide and 1 EURO for the driver. It is customary in Tourism industry in line with customer expectations and we inform our personnel to provide the best of our services whether or not tip is given.

OPTIONAL TOURS:

Most of major sight-seeing, museums included within the tour prices. However, some of the activities and excursions that are not favored everyone, are not included. Such as Hot-Air Ballooning, Paragliding, Dinner Cruise, Turkish Night Shows, Whirling Dervishes Ceremony and Turkish Bath visits may be extra upon requests.

The prices for such exclusions are available on our website. We recommend that you book before the booking of your tour to make sure the Availability. You may not find space for some of these activities on the last minute or once you have arrived.

AIRPORT TRANSFER SERVICES:

We provide your airport transfers for arrival and returns. Please, provide us the flight details when purchasing the tour for proper arrangements with flight code, destination, date and arrival timing. Our airport officer will be present to Welcome you after you pass the customs, luggage claim and greet you with a name board outside the gates.

SEASONS OF TURKEY

Winter Season: Between the months of December, January, February as the weather is around 10 degrees Celsius

Spring: Between the months of March, April and May as the weather is around 22 degrees Celsius

Summer: June, July and August are summer time with approx. 30 degrees Celsius.

Autumn: September through November is considered to be Autumn month with a National average of 20 degrees Celsius.

Have your attire accordingly and dress with proper clothing as per the guidance above.

THINGS TO BE CARED FOR AND BROUGHT ON YOU

Turkey is a very modern Islamic country. You may just have fun and go around as in any European country when you are in Turkey. Only a few things to pay attention for such as entering into a Mosque with an alcoholic beverage in hand. Women should be carefully head-covered when in a holy environment. Rest is Pretty much the same as in any western city. Bars, cafes and restaurants are open until late nights and People get entertained safely. We suggest for you have the items listed below.

- 1- Travel Insurance that covers Health as well. Globally recognized credit cards
- 2- Cash needed for small purchases where cards are not accepted. It is best to use an official Exchange office for Turkish currency transactions.
- 3- Clothing in line with seasonal standards as indicated above.
- 4- Camera
- 5- Universal adaptor and charger equipment's for electronic devices.
- 6- Comfortable trekking shoes for walking around as the tours most likely to have walking distances
- 7- International Telephone Communication checked
- 8- Have a copy of your flight ticket with you
- 9- Have a personal identification on you at all times

THINGS TO BE CHECKED PRIOR THE TOUR;

Please check the information below before your departure

- 1- International Flight Tickets
- 2- Tour itinerary
- 3- Confirmation received from us to include Hotel reservations etc.
- 4- Domestic Flight Tickets if any (Please check your title/name spelling printed correctly)
- 5- Passport Validation Terms
- 6- Visa if needed (check before your trip for the dates on your visa)
- 7- If visa needed, please ask us for invitation letter to ease the visa application process
- 8- Flight details for on time Airport transfer services
- 9- Observe the luggage limitation by Airlines for domestic flights if any
- 10- Obtain emergency contact details from our office

If you have any further information that is not listed above, please contact us by the details below:

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