

Full Itinerary & Trip Details

8 Day Black Sea Eastern Turkey Tour

Welcome to Turkey! 8 Days through the East of Turkey through the Zigana Mountains, visiting Sumela Monastery, Mount Ararat the resting place of Noa's Ark, the medieval Armenian City of Ani, The Church of the Holy Cross, the wonderful Kurdish castle of Hosap near the Iranian Border. As well as experiencing all the culture and mysteries left behind by the Hittites, Urartians, Persian, Armenians, Macedonians, Romans and finally the Turks during their occupation of the Eastern Region of Turkey.

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PRICE STARTING FROM

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DURATION

8 days

TOUR ID

22679

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Day 1 : Trabzon - Arrival Day

Welcome to Trabzon. Today is your arrival day. Airport transfer to your hotel. Overnight in Trabzon.

Day 2 : Sumela Monastery - Zigana - Karaca Cave - Erzurum

Breakfast and Dinner Included After breakfast, we depart for Sumela Monastery, visit the 4th century Sumela Monastery which clings to a sheer cliff face in a deep forest, relax beside a fast flowing stream at Altindere

Valley National Park, lunch and keep on traveling along the Silk Road through the Zigana Mountains (Pontic Alps) that will take us to Karaca Cave, considered to be the most beautiful in Turkey for its colors and formations. Drive to Erzurum via Bayburt. Dinner and overnight in Erzurum.

Day 3 : Sumela Monastery - Zigana - Karaca Cave - Erzurum

Breakfast and Dinner Included After breakfast, we depart for Sumela Monastery, visit the 4th century Sumela Monastery which clings to a sheer cliff face in a deep forest, relax beside a fast flowing stream at Altindere Valley National Park, lunch and keep on traveling along the Silk Road through the Zigana Mountains (Pontic Alps) that will take us to Karaca Cave, considered to be the most beautiful in Turkey for its colors and formations. Drive to Erzurum via Bayburt. Dinner and overnight in Erzurum.

Day 4 : Erzurum - Kars

Breakfast and Dinner Included An early morning departure upon breakfast from Erzurum that will take us on a beautiful drive to Kars passing on the way Sarikamis, the coldest spot in Turkey. We will arrive in Kars and visit Ani at the Turkish-Armenian border. We will take a 45-minute drive to the medieval Armenian City of Ani which lies mostly in ruins. Impressive fortified walls still encircle the ruins of numerous churches, mosques and caravansaries. Enjoy a walk around the ruins and see the beautiful view to the Armenian border imagining it as a city with one million people rivaling Bagdad in its time! This city has experienced the cultures of Urartians, Armenians, Georgians, Mongols, Russians and finally the Turks. Dinner and overnight in Kars.

Day 5 : Dogubeyazit (Mount Ararat)

Breakfast and Dinner Included This morning after the breakfast, we will drive for 3 1/2 hours along the "Silk Road" to Dogubeyazit. At the Iranian border, we will see a site known as the Crater Hole. This is a beautiful, yet rugged area. We will have the opportunity to see Mount Ararat from all sides. It is believed by some to be the resting-place of Noah's Ark; but to date no one has found anything that has been verified as the Ark - yet the search is still on. In the afternoon, we will stop and see the Ishak Pasa Palace. This complex is a combination of a mosque, a fortress and a palace which originally had a room for every day of the year! Below, you can also see the remains of Eski Bayazit and Urartian City which flourished in 1000 BC. Dinner and overnight in Dogubeyazit.

Day 6 : Dogubeyazit - Lake Van

Breakfast and Dinner Included Upon breakfast and after visiting the Iranian border, Murtis Tour will take you for Van journey in the early morning, a drive of approximately three hours. This city has been established 13th century BC, when the Hurrites arrived. Then the Hittites, Urartians, Persian, Armenians, Macedonians, Romans and finally in 11th century the Turks came here. From here, we will visit the finest Armenian architectural wonder of the Church of the Holy Cross on Akdamar Island. We'll also visit the wonderful Kurdish castle of Hosap very close to the Iranian border as well as the Urartian citadel. Dinner and overnight in Van.

Day 7 : Van - Ahlat - Batis - Diyarbakir

Breakfast and Dinner Included After visiting the eerie 12th century Selcuk cemetery in Ahlat in the morning upon breakfast, we will head to Bitlis for lunch and a good walk around Batis otherwise known as Alexander's town. Its a unique medieval town! Dinner and overnight in Diyarbakir.

Day 8 : Diyarbakir - End of Tour

Breakfast Included

Today your tour is over. Please make your own arrangements for departure remembering that your hotel will need you to check out before midday. We hope you had a memorable tour and we look forward to seeing you in the future on another TravelShop Turkey Tour. Have a safe trip back home and thanks for choosing us.

Includes

- Professional English - speaking tour guides
- Return airport transfer
- 2 nights hotel in Amasya
- 1 night hotel in Erzurum
- Guided tour in Trabzon
- Guided tour in Erzurum
- 1 night hotel accommodation in Kars
- 1 night hotel accommodation in Dogubeyazit
- 1 night hotel accommodation in Van
- 1 night hotel accommodation in Diyarbakir
- Guided Tour in Kars
- Guided Tour in Dogubeyazit
- Guided Tour in Van
- Guided Tour in Diyarbakir
- VAT and Hotel Taxes

Excludes

- 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
- 25 Euros for one way or 35 Euros return Tourist Tax
- Personal expenses: Lunches, extras at hotel or additional meals
- Domestic flight price for adult travelers is approximately Euros: 50,00 for one way and for under 2 years old, approximately Euros: 20,00 as an insurance policy.

Routes

Available On Dates

16 October, 2019 - 31 March, 2022 Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday

Hotels

SILVER TOUR PACKAGE CATEGORY HOTELS 4 Star Grand Vuslat Hotel Dedeman Palandoken Hotel
Karot Hotel Tehran Boutique Hotel Avalon Hotel 4 Star Mitannia Regency Hotel GOLD TOUR PACKAGE
CATEGORY HOTELS 5 Star Radisson Blu Hotel Dedeman Palandoken Hotel Karot Hotel Tehran Boutique
Hotel 5 Star Elite World Hotel 5 Star Radisson Blu Hotel