

## Full Itinerary & Trip Details

# 7 Day Erzurum - Mount Kackar Trekking Tour

Welcome to Turkey! The Kackar-Kavron summit, at an altitude of 3937 meters (12,933 feet), is the highest point in the Kackar Mountain range. Extensive glacier and water erosion have given these mountains their craggy, rugged look. The wildest part of northeastern Turkey, Kackar Mountains are known for the complexity and power of the streams and rivers which rush down to the lower altitudes. All shades of green and blue, literally hundreds of glacier lakes, immensely rich flower meadows and wildlife surprise those who imagine the country to be nothing but barren steppes. This tour is ideal for those who enjoy intensive trekking. The Kackars rise in between the shores of the Black Sea to the North, and the River Coruh valley to the south. On the northern flank, a wide variety of wildflowers grow in the rainy climate. Much of the area is cultivated by the local people who grow tea, citrus orchards, fruits and grape vines. Much of the area is a protected national park and has an extensive collection of native flora and fauna including local bears, mountain goats and many species of birds. The area is also frequented by many bird watchers.

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**PRICE STARTING FROM**

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**DURATION**

7 days

**TOUR ID**

364

## **ITINERARY**

### **Day 1 : Erzurum - Arrival Day**

Dinner Included

Upon arrival at the airport in Erzurum, meet with our team and transfer to Yusufeli Barhal (Altyparmak) Village. Here you will have dinner with your fellow trekkers and meet your guide. Dinner and overnight at

pension in Yusufeli.

## **Day 2 : Barhal - Mount Kackar - Yaylalar**

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Included

After breakfast, we will depart for our walk from Barhal to Yaylalar, a small village at the foothills of Mount Kackar. The area is known for its beautiful streams, flora and fauna. In the afternoon, warm-up trek in Korahmet Valley, where the Bulut Mountains dominates the view ahead. There is an opportunity to meet with the local villagers. Tonight we will stay overnight in Yaylalar - you can choose to stay at the pension or you can camp on the hills at an average altitude of 3000m.

## **Day 3 : Uzumlu - Modut Valley**

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Included

After breakfast, we begin our trek to Modut Valley, one of the best treks in Kackar Mountains. This trek is not very challenging but the scenery makes you glad to be in Kackar. Return to Yaylalar. Dinner and overnight at pension.

## **Day 4 : Yaylalar - Dilberduzu**

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Included

Today we trek up to Dilberduzu via high mountain pastures following the stream which comes from the glaciers. During the trek we may encounter the villagers that live here during the summer to graze their flocks. Dilberduzu campsite (2900m) is a flat meadow by the stream surrounded by steep hills. Overnight camp at Dilberduzu.

## **Day 5 : Mount Kackar - Summit Day (3937 m)**

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Included

Today we will ascend Kackar summit (3917m) - this takes around 5-6 hrs and involves some walking on snow but very little actual climbing. After breakfast, we have an early start departing for the Mount Kackar Summit. An easy but demanding ascent over rock and scree without any technical difficulties. The view from the summit above the clouds is simply stunning with views over the whole Kackar range, and beyond to the Caucasus. On a clear day, you may have chance to see the legendary Mount Ararat. After a short break on the summit, return to our Dilberduzu campsite. If you do not wish to participate in the summit ascent, there are many day trips that you can do instead. There are many stunning lakes in the area for swimming opportunities. Overnight camp at Dilberduzu.

## **Day 6 : Dilberduzu - Yusufeli**

Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner Included

Today we will trek back down to Barhal Yaylalar (Altyparmak) Village before transferring to Yusufeli. The delicious local cuisine and a hot shower await you. Dinner and overnight at pension in Yusufeli.

## **Day 7 : Barhal - Erzurum - End of Tour**

Breakfast Included

Visit Barhal and Oshk Venk Churches before your tour finishes. After the tour, transfer to Erzurum Airport for departure. We hope you had a memorable tour and we look forward to seeing you in the future on another Turkey Tour. Have a safe trip back home and thanks for choosing us.

## **Includes**

- Professional English - speaking tour guides
- All entrance fees mentioned in the itinerary
- VAT and Hotel Taxes
- 2 nights hotel in Yusufeli
- Guided Kackar summit trekking tour
- Mules to carry climbing equipment and your luggage
- Camping equipment, sleeping mattress, tent, climbing ropes, safety equipment
- Summit certificate upon completion of trek
- 2 nights hotel in Yaylalar
- Arrival airport transfer from Erzurum Airport
- 2 nights camp at Dilberduzu
- 6 breakfasts, 5 lunches and 6 dinners
- Guided Barhal, Yaylalar village and Mount Kackar foothills tour
- Guided Havek village, Olgunlar village and climb through the alpine plains of Mount Kackar
- Guided Dilberduzu and Doveduzu trekking tour
- Guided Olgunlar Village trekking tour
- Guided Visit Barhal and Oshk Venk Churches tour
- Return airport transfer to Erzurum Airport

## **Excludes**

- City tax
- International and Domestic flights
- Alcoholic beverages
- Tipping and personal insurance
- Personal climbing equipment

## **Routes**

## **Available On Dates**

31 August, 2020 - 1 April, 2022    Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday

## **Hotels**

SILVER TOUR PACKAGE CATEGORY HOTELS Antique Cave House Hotel or 5 Star Suhan Hotel Hotel  
Barcelona Yusufeli Hotel Kackar Resort GOLD TOUR PACKAGE CATEGORY HOTELS Cappadocia  
Cave Resort & Spa or Wyndham Hotel Kayseri or Gamirasu Cave Hotel Hotel Barcelona Yusufeli Hotel  
Kackar Resort