

PROGRAM

Day 1: Welcome to Turkey (20 Dec. 2019)

We welcome you at Istanbul Airport. Transfer to the hotel. If you came earlier, we can have a city tour program for today as well.

Overnight at 4-5 star hotel in Istanbul

Day 2: Discover Old City Istanbul (21 Dec. 2019)

Welcome to Istanbul, the heart of the history, culture, and entertainment! The city has a variety of must see places to see but we will just highlight Istanbul in two days. Starting at Topkapi Palace, Hagia Sophia and Sultanahmet Blue Mosque, let's deepen our exploration with in Basilica Cistern, Bayazit Mousque, Beyazit Square, and Suleymaniye Mosque. Then, Stop at ancient Grand Bazaar for shopping and see its beautiful arts! After that let us move to Çamlıca Terrace to see the beautiful night view of Istanbul and have dinner at the top of Istanbul at Çamlıca Hill. See the new biggest mosque with the classical and modern architecture in Çamlıca. Transfer to the hotel and have rest.

Overnight at 4-5 star hotel in Istanbul

Day 3: Enjoy Istanbul (22 Dec. 2019)

Today lets drive to Bosphorus and take a Bosphorus boat tour. See the magnificent architecture of Istanbul from different views. After that let us go to Taksim Square and walk across famous Istiklal Street to Galata Tower. Let's go to local bazaar and shop there. In the afternoon, let's cruise to Princess Islands to see beautiful views of islands.. Then, let's drive to Bursa.

Overnight at 3-4 star hotel in Istanbul

Day 4: Visit Green Bursa (23 Dec. 2019)

Welcome to the "Green City Bursa". Let's start our journey with history. Visit The Great Mosque (Ulu Camii) and Green Mosque (Yeşil Camii). Stop by Tombs of Osman and Orhan. Visit and shop at Bursa Silk Market (Kapalı Çarşı) and Koza Han.

Overnight at 4-5 star hotel in Bursa.

Day 5: Enjoy Bursa Uludağ (24 Dec. 2019)

Today, let's drive up to Uludag Mountain which has one of the best ski area to spend time with snow and ski. Spend time with skiing and snow.

Overnight at 4-5 star hotel in Bursa.

Day 6: Bursa, Istanbul, Trabzon (25 Dec. 2019)

Visit popular Ulu Cinar and have tea there. Visit Cumalikizik Willage to experience local life.

Then, drive to Istanbul SAW airport to transfer Trabzon. We welcome you at Trabzon Airport and transfer to the hotel. Have some rest. Then, let's go to Sera Lake which is very close to the city center of Trabzon. You will be amazed with its beautiful, pure, and natural view. Then, we just go around city center visiting Hagia Sophia and Ataturk Kiosk, In the evening, let's have a down town tour. Visit Meydan, Maraş and uzun sokok. Go up to the Boztepe to see terrace view of Trabzon.

Overnight at 4-5 star hotel in Trabzon

Day 7: A mix of nature, culture, and history (Trabzon-Sumela- Uzungol) (26 Dec. 2019)

Today, we first visit Sumela Monastary which is like hidden inside the mountain. Currently, Sumela Monastary is under recondition. We will just see some part of the monastery. Then, we will drive to Uzungol, the most beautiful and popular lake in Turkey. Hike around Uzungol Lake. You will see Uzungol from the terrace view up to the mountain and have lunch from a terrace viewed restaurant up to the Uzungol. If the weather is clear drive up to Kerester Highland.

Overnight at 3-4 star hotel in Uzungol, Trabzon

Day 8: A day in world's paradise (Rize- Ayder) (27 Dec. 2019)

We will spend day in world's paradise. First, we will move along Firtina Valley. Stop by Ottomans bridges over Firtina River. Visit Çamlıhemşin. After, we will go upper to the mountains. We will stop by Senyuva Willage and have tea/coffee at fameous Cinciva Cafe. Then, we will visit historical Zilkale (Zil Castle) and then see beautiful Palovit Waterfall. Then, lets move to Tar River and Bulut Waterfall then which has 2 km walking way (4 km in total) through the peaceful nature. We will continue to discover the most popular destination in Turkey, Ayder highland. Walk around the highland as much as you can. See the Gelintülü Waterfall. Stop by local restaurant to have popular local food "Muhlama". Go higher to Gallerdüzü to see the beautiful forest.

Overnight 3-4 star hotel in Ayder, Çamlıhemşin, Rize

Day 9: Explore the pure nature of Artvin (28 Dec. 2019)

We will continue our tour with Seslikaya village, where we will have unforgettable experience to see local village life and visit local family and see ancient village houses. See tea gardens and collect tea. Meet with local people there. Then, we will continue tour from Borçka Karagöl Lake, which is surrounded with colorfull forest. We will have a short hiking (2,5 km Easy) around the lake in beautiful nature. Take a boat and row in the lake. Take beautiful pictures in nature. Then visit Arhavi historical Double Bridges and take some photos there. Then, we will move to Mençuna Waterfall for refreshing. We will have short hiking (2km Easy)

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Day 10: Shopping and goodbye (29 Dec. 2019)

After all, you feel relaxed and gather energy for your work after the holiday! It is time to go back home! Have your breakfast, pack up and ready to go! On our way to airport, stop by special Rize Cloth Workshops and Trabzon Surmene Knife Manufacturing Museum. You can both experience the art and enjoy shopping there. The Blacksea is the homeland for the tea producers as well. We will have a quick Tea Factory trip as well. We transfer you to Trabzon airport.

Included: Travel Health insurance, dinner and breakfast, guide/driver in English, accommodation, transportation, and entrance fees of museum, national parks, Bosphorus boat tour, cruise to Princess Islands are included in the tour prices.

Not Included: Flight tickets, Natural entertainment activities such as *rafting, zipline, and human slings* are subject for extra-pay. However, agency discounts are applied for our participants for all natural entertainment activities.

Meal: Breakfast and dinner are included in the price through the tour. We offer Vegetarian and Vegan food options on request. Simply let us know the food option that you prefer. We are also sensitive about Halal and Kosher based on your preferences.