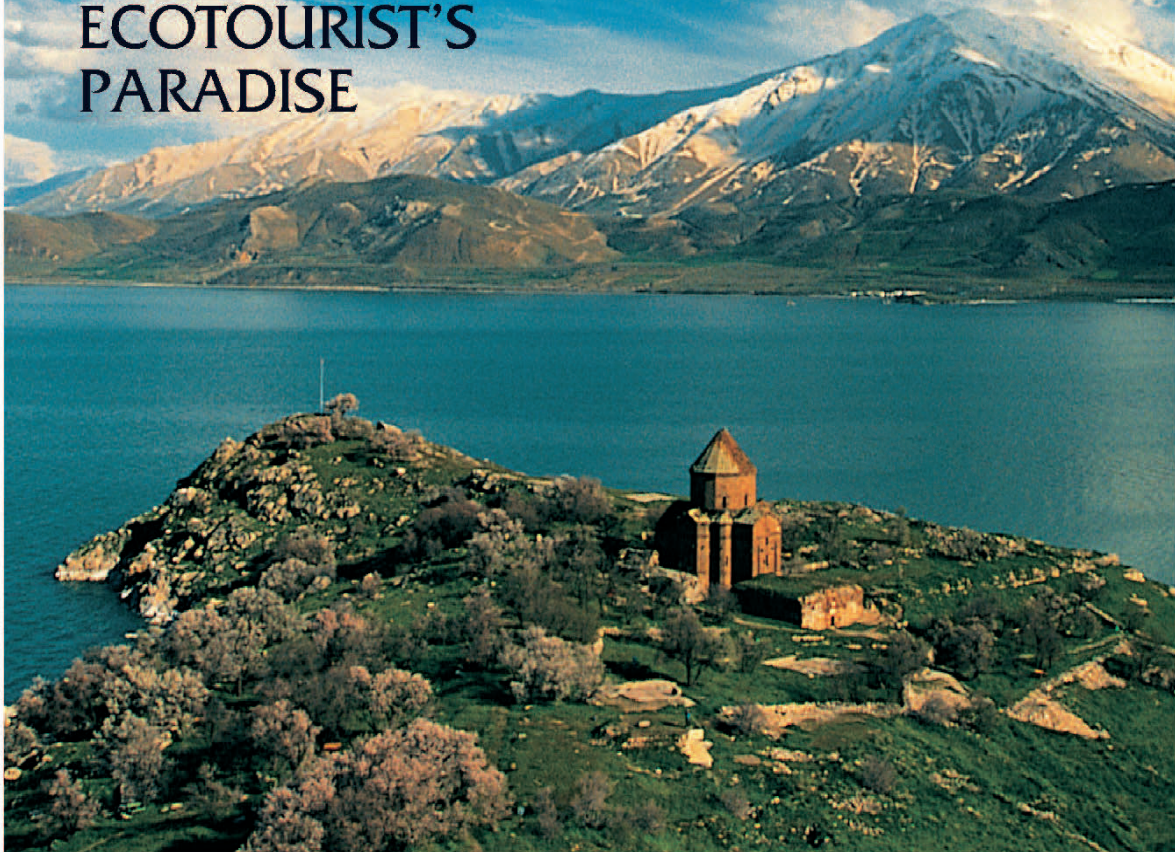


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Bülent Saraloğlu

Okan Yenigün

The story of Bukla Mania

goes back to 1991 when we went on our first major expedition around the lush and mysterious Black Sea Coast of Turkey.

Being completely mesmerized with the way natural wonders and thousand years of history come together, we went on countless hikes around numerous cultural sites, trekked many undiscovered trails, organized challenging expeditions and in time became certified tour guides who are also experts at the various sports activities in the various destinations around Turkey.

Our enthusiasm for discovering nature, culture and people led us to share our experience with large numbers of friends and nature lovers, who helped us realize that the way we offer the many tours in our programs are actually quite unique.

In 2000 we founded Bukla Mania and pride ourselves in offering what came to be known as 'possibly the best nature tours of Turkey'.

We owe our fame to practicing our passion for a living, which in this day and age seems to have become a rarity.

With the exception of beach tours, we do our best to bring you anything and everything from tropical forests to endemic plants, extinct mammals to authentic cultures in and around Turkey.

We hope you will be excited to discover what our tours have to offer and look forward to having you contact us soon.

Sincerely,
Bülent Saraloğlu
Okan Yenigün

This brochure is intended for international tour agencies who are interested in operating tours in Turkey. The tours in this brochure are a sample of the range of destinations and activities Bukla Mania offers. All tours presented here can be customized for any specific group, regardless of their ethnic, racial or religious differences, and therefore the packages do not indicate any specific dates or rates. Bukla Mania is open to partnership with interested parties and can operate tours in Turkey on their behalf. Please contact our office for more information.



In this brochure you will find a selection of Bukla tours that bring you the best of nature and culture in Turkey.

At Bukla we bring you over 15 years of experience and over at least 100 unique tours that promote ecotourism.

With a typical Bukla tour, you can expect to gaze at the rolling hills of the Anatolian plains from the summit of Mt. Ararat or trek on the Lycian trails only to get lost in the mystery of the ancient civilizations.

You can also find yourself climbing up to Noah's Ark or kayaking around sunken cities. Bukla also offers various sailing tours: your trip can be in Istanbul on the Bosphorus overlooking Europe and Asia simultaneously or on the turquoise waters of the Mediterranean overlooking thousands of years of history.

Bukla prides itself in offering the best treks, hikes and expeditions, as well as culture and activity tours in the seven regions and dozens of historical sites in Turkey.

MISSION

Bukla Mania's mission is to improve and establish ecotourism in Turkey. It is with great dedication that Bukla Mania offers nature friendly tours and works to promote sustainability in the ecosystems around Turkey.

Famous for its custom tours that include the 'must see' locations and the hidden treasures, Bukla tours are alternatives to mass tourism ensuring a variety of personal experiences at all the featured destinations.

Bukla recognizes the importance of preserving the unique fauna and flora in the Anatolian plain as well as the authentic cultures in the region where thousands of years of history lies waiting to be discovered.

Bukla:

[boo-kh-lah; Lazh] -noun

1. root, in Lazh language of the ancient Colchis civilization of Caucasus, spoken only in today's North Eastern Turkey and Western Georgia
2. organizer of the best nature and culture tours in Turkey

Bukla Mania:

[boo-kh-lah mey-nee-uh; Lazh] -noun
1. excessive excitement or enthusiasm experienced at the idea of going on a Bukla tour

VISION

Our vision is to establish a awareness and appreciation of the natural and cultural riches of Turkey through the ecotours we offer. We always strive to be the best tour agency that offers the highest standards of service. Establishing a feeling of trust and appreciation with our clients and partners is and will always be our top priority.

FOUNDERS

Founded in 2000, Bukla Mania is the brainchild of tour guides Bülent Saraloğlu and Okan Yenigün who have incorporated the full advantages of being natives of the Eastern Blacksea Region of Turkey into the distinct tours offered at Bukla Mania. Being cousins, the founders have displayed a high level of teamwork that helped them become leaders in nature tours in Turkey.

The young and dynamic duo and their team of tour guides have always been loyal to their founding principles of love of nature, culture and people, which has quickly made them one of the most trusted ecotourism agencies in Turkey.

LEADERS

Bukla sets high standards of service to ensure that the tours run smoothly and is a fun experience and chooses its guides accordingly. They are all seasoned travellers and mountaineers, either selected from a list of experienced professionals or trained by Bukla. The majority of Bukla guides are originally natives of where they tour and introduce customs and cultures of that specific region with the advantage of offering the insider perspective.

Sports activities are conducted under the supervision of an expert. Bukla guides are fluent in English, but depending on the nature of the group, guides fluent in other languages can be employed as well. All Bukla guides are well-trained in first aid and outdoor survival techniques.

Bukla tour leaders are all proactive individuals experienced in taking initiative under tough conditions that involve high levels of risk.

Most importantly the common trait amongst all the Bukla team members (from the group leader to the driver and the cook) is that they are people who love their job and start each tour with a new level of excitement and utmost care for client satisfaction.

GUIDES

Some Bukla guides are professionals who work on a freelance agreement on specific tours. Others are local guides and local service providers that Bukla has successfully worked with year after year.

Bukla guides are all nature enthusiasts and are comfortable with the idea of trekking for miles to take photos of endemic plants or crossing mountain ranges to find a rare forest orchid.

All Bukla employees are guides as well,

which gives Bukla the advantage of an extra level of expertise during preparation, presentation and operation. In other words, your questions and concerns are handled by experts at all times.

OFFICE

Our office is located in one of the most popular parts of Istanbul, on Istiklal Avenue in Beyoğlu. Please come by to taste our fresh brewed Rize tea, harvested in the North Eastern Black Sea Coast of Turkey. We will be happy to tell you about our tours in detail.

EDUCATION

Bukla offers various courses by professionals of photography, mountaineering, first aid and diving, thanks to a generous sponsorship by Fuji Film. We can organize customized training programs per request. We are open to hosting events, screenings and exhibitions of projects that promote awareness of nature and ecotourism at no cost.

INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

Bukla operates tours in a variety of sites in Turkey on behalf of international tour agencies, under their name. On occasions that call for Bukla expertise, Bukla employs its own staff and experts. In other cases, Bukla works with professionals and institutions of those specific regions. Bukla represents its international partners with utmost care and respect, offering the best of the famous Turkish hospitality.

FUJIFILM as BUKLA SPONSOR

FujiFilm has long been a sponsor of Bukla Mania, supporting the nature tours and offering photography classes at the Bukla Mania office. Fujifilm has been a dedicated sponsor in all the Bukla Mania endeavours to establish responsible tourism in Turkey.

WEBSITE

Operating one of the most advanced and detailed tour websites in Turkey, Bukla features its various services and programs online at the following web addresses: www.bukla.com, www.buklashop.com, www.dimbararat.com, www.bufliturlur.com, www.karadeniztatil.com

Most of our websites are designed for clients in Turkey. Our e-commerce site offers services only to customers in Turkey. The English version of our website is set to launch in May 2007. All Bukla websites are protected with the state of the art digital security programs that operate at 128 bit SSL.

FINANCIAL SECURITY

Bukla Travel Agency is a fully licensed and bonded tour operator, holding an A type no. 4709 permit issued by the Ministry of Tourism of Turkey. In addition Bukla is a member of Turkish Travel Agents Association (TURSAB). All Bukla tours are bonded with the Ministry. Bukla is subject to regular inspection under the laws and regulations of Turkish Republic. You can book with Bukla in complete confidence that all mon-

ies paid to us for trips are fully protected.

STANDARDS OF SERVICE

We do not compromise on our quality and standards at all costs. We know how small details contribute to the success of a tour and the satisfaction of our clients. Providing the leadership of experts and experienced guides, delicious and fulfilling meals, well maintained vehicles, clean accommodation choices, state of the art equipment and hospitable service are the main tenets of Bukla operations.

Bukla tours are always high quality. Please note however that ecotourism is rarely is about luxury.

SATISFACTION

With its 15 years of service Bukla is the leader in nature tours and activity programs. We believe that our values and hardwork is the main reason behind our long-lasting success and that repeat bookings are the best testament to our clients' satisfaction.

NON-DISCRIMINATION

Bukla Mania believes in diversity and does not discriminate on the basis of race, colour, religion, sexual orientation, national and ethnic origin.

All Bukla Tours are GLBT friendly and can be organized for specific groups per request.

ECOTOURISM

Bukla gives utmost importance to ecotourism, to being respectful and responsible towards the nature, culture and people of the lands travelled. Complying with the laws and regulations of natural and historical preservation, Bukla organizes tours that are not intrusive to the habitat of the region.

Bukla also works to support local economies by employing as many services locally as possible. Bukla's years of expertise in all its destinations provides a reliable network of local services that include but are not limited to accommodation, transportation, eateries, equipment rentals, guides and bed & breakfasts.

BUKLA VALUES

EXPERIENCE

Our main objective is for you to have a personal experience on a Bukla tour. We hope to offer you new insights and perspectives on life.

ENTERTAINMENT

We feel entertainment is a large part of travelling. Bukla team of guides and leaders are fun-loving people with a healthy sense of humour, and make entertainment a priority.

PASSION & INNOVATION

Our passion is to be the best tour agents we can be, so we constantly innovate and improve our tours to provide the best possible experience.

HONESTY

We strive to be the most open tour operators we can be and offer all kinds of details and information that will prepare our clients to the physical, emotional and financial issues involved with the trip.

Bukla tours are designed in compliance with the rules and regulations determined by national parks and nature preservation sites. The idea of being least intrusive is one of the main reasons why Bukla chooses to tour small groups in general.

Bukla activities are designed not to pollute the water, earth or air in any way. Bukla collects its camp site trash and disposes it at locations assigned by national parks.

GROUP SIZES

Our main goal is to organize tours with small numbers of attendees and we try our best to keep the groups at 15 people. Our experience has shown that small groups are quite flexible to leave less of an impact on the natural and cultural habitat and that they engage in better communication with the locals. The number of attendees per tour may change depending on the conditions.

PRICING

In general Bukla tours are a little more expensive than the standard vacation packages of mass tourism. One of the main reasons for this difference is about Bukla tours offering an 'experience' as opposed to a regular sightseeing tour.

Also Bukla standards for ecotourism are much higher than the average tour agency and this care factor has an impact on the rates.

Another factor is due to the reason that Bukla tours tend to be for small number of ecotourists. Last but not the least, Bukla tours are organized into less travelled parts of Turkey where transportation and accommodation options are few, which in effect results in employing expert leaders in limited months of the year.

Bukla is generous with its service. There are no hidden extras within its pricing and does not collect fees during the tour for any part of the program. Bukla works to provide a single price. All the details outlined on a tour are included in the price. As the low-cost airfares to reach the main destination can vary due to the season and tim-



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ing, Bukla rates do not include airfare and are always land-only rates. Airfare can be added to the package per request. Please note that advance reservation is always least costly.

DISCOUNTS

Bukla offers varying discounts under the following conditions:

- group discount
- family discount (min. 4 people)
- multiple tour discount
- advance reservation discount
- member discount

CHANGES IN PROGRAM

All programs are under the leaders' control. Leaders have the authority to make changes in the tour program. Should there be a force majeure situation and/or physical and psychological health conditions, the leader can propose the most reasonable alternative. Bukla recommends that you be open to such changes while booking your adventure travel package.

SAFETY

Your safety is our foremost priority. Our teams, especially the leaders and guides at expeditions are experienced in first aid and rescue. In addition our camp sites are in constant check. Even on our adventure tours we plan the program with the minimum risks involved, which we believe is the reason why we have not had a safety issue to date.

No one is allowed to endanger the safety of the tour group. Should there be a condition that raises a safety issue, the group leader may decide to partially or completely cancel the tour. In such cases there always is an alternative proposed. If the alternative is not accepted by the tour attendees, the tour is officially cancelled.

CLIENT PROFILE

Bukla clients range from the average nature lover to the activity enthusiast, from an ecology expert to a family looking to learn and explore magical sites of Turkey.

Regardless of their fitness condition, Bukla clients are nature lovers and tours can be customized per their interests, needs and wishes. With the exception of expeditions and rigorous hikes, Bukla offers tours that are compatible with the condition of its attendees and works to minimize the effects of any physical disadvantages they may have.

Most Bukla clients are in their 20s and 30s, but the age range can be anywhere from 15-60. Majority of Bukla clients are comprised of singles (70%) and females (60%). Bukla tours are focused on experiencing authentic cultures and nearly extinct elements of nature in their natural habitat and therefore are not good for individuals who have expectations for high maintenance service.

In addition, most Bukla tours are designed to offer a sense of adventure and discovery. Despite being planned out in detail by

10 'MUST-DO'S IN TURKEY

- 1- Hike on the plateaus of Mt. Kackar
- 2- Climb Mt. Ararat to see Noah's Ark
- 3- Sea kayak on sunken city Kekova
- 4- Take a fauna tour in Firtina Valley
- 5- Sail in turquoise waters of Turkey
- 6- Discover the mystery of Cappadocia
- 7- Tour Turkey's Southeastern region
- 8- Explore ancient sites from Gallipoli to Ephesus to Antalya
- 9- Trek the Lycian trail
- 10- Sail on the Bosphorus in Istanbul

During these discoveries be prepared to feel at home with Turkish hospitality and make sure you enjoy the delicious marvels of the Turkish cuisine and the beautiful fauna and flora of Anatolia.

theless prone to changes in weather conditions and Bukla clients are expected to be open to any specific alterations made accordingly.

Bringing together a group of nature lovers with common values, Bukla tours are always great opportunities for connecting people and have witnessed the start of many strong friendships.

TOUR TYPES

TREKKING & HIKING: Walking tours in the country, plains, forests and on mountain ranges. Great opportunity to observe the flora and fauna of the region.

EXPEDITIONS: Mountaineering tours on high altitudes. Require good condition for challenging weather and terrain conditions.

CULTURE: Exploration tours that focus on the past and present of civilizations of the region. Includes first hand experience with the local cultures and their lifestyles, anything from their folklore and customs to their festivals and weddings.

ACTIVITY TOURS: High-adrenaline tours that include cycling, canyoning, rafting, paragliding, snowshoeing, motorbiking and mountain biking, diving and horseback riding. Always includes experts and provides state of the art gear.

SPECIAL INTEREST TOURS: Customized around your interests, it can be anything from a tour on bird observation to cave exploration, flora and fauna photography to flying with a microlight.

ADDITIONAL TOURS: Added to the beginning or the end of a main tour, these tours are currently offered in Istanbul and Cappadocia.

CUSTOM TOURS

Bukla also offers custom tours, which are more preferable in the cases of small groups, families, corporations and/or friends.

Custom tours are formed either by a Bukla tour being adapted to the group size, or a completely new tour being created just for that group.

All that you have to do is tell us place, time, accommodation type, duration, season, number of people, type of activity, starting and ending locations, services included in the program, type of accommodation and transportation and we can create you a custom tour for you.

FAMILY TOURS:

You can attend most Bukla tours with your family, however when it comes to including children the situation calls for a tour per family kind of approach.

TOUR INFORMATION

MINIMUM DEPARTURE

Bukla tries hard to make sure there's a tour to places of common interest and on most tours determines a minimum number of attendees. On 'minimum departure' tours, the tour can only be launched when the required number of people sign up.

DEFAULT DEPARTURE

Some Bukla tours can be referred to as 'Default Departure, simply on the basis that the tour will operate even if only one person signs up for it.

SEASON

Geographically Turkey is located between all kinds of climates and this creates an advantage in ecotourism, which is being able to experience all four seasons in different parts of the country. You may be skiing in the north one day and swimming in the Mediterranean the next. Eastern provinces may be in the thick of snow while the western provinces may be welcoming spring.

Best season for expeditions is from the end of June to end of September. The sailing tours in the Mediterranean are best from the beginning of May to the end of October. Winter tourism starts mid December and lasts till mid March. Springtime is good for all activities except swimming and mountaineering.

FLEXIBLE DATES

Bukla tour dates are determined in advance, and creating additional tours are normally not considered unless there's a group or a family large enough to charter a tour for themselves.

ACCOMODATION

Bukla tour accommodations generally place two people per room and rate accommodation accordingly. As some accommodation options do not offer single rooms for all tour members. Should the opportunity rise for single rooms however the difference needs to be paid on the spot.

There may also be situations where the capacity of rooms will be 3-4 people. This information will be provided to you in advance.

If you are attending a Bukla tour by yourself, and if accommodation options are 2-person rooms, you are expected to share a room with a same-sex person.

Bukla determines accommodation options with the objective to support the local services. Boutique hotels and bed & breakfasts are the top priority. If there are no availabilities then we check out country homes and pension type hostels. Please note that as we go on our ecotourism tour, the places we travel to will not be the hot spot of tourism and thus local facilities will not be fully prepared for all your needs. Some mountain resorts may have common bath and common wc only and there may be problems with heating and hot water. Bukla guarantees that under such conditions the hospitable hosts of the place will do all they can to make it into a pleasurable stay.

Accommodation choices in areas that are outside the tourism hotspots may not be as comfortable as the hotels in the downtown areas of big cities, however they will definitely be clean and have character.

If you happen to be on a Bukla camping tour, all you need to pack for is your personal be-

ECOTOURISM

We organize all our tours with the feeling of responsibility towards nature, humans, culture, history and economy. We further desire your participation and control over what we are doing.

We try to make you experience everything that is a part of nature culture and nature through activities such as getting to know local fauna and flora, cooling in the rivers nearby, hiking in the forests, climbing mountains, tasting local dishes, participating in festivals and even funerals, farming and animal farming.

We contribute to events concerning nature and ecotourism in local and national scales. We contribute ideas, and give active support.

We show genuine efforts in sales of local handcrafts at their real cost, sales of local farm products, preventing the sales of souvenirs made of materials obtained from animals or plants, preventing the use of chemicals around water sources, protection of wild life, and preventing the unnecessary use of natural resources.

We never disturb the wild animals in their natural habitats, never intervene in their natural feeding plan, we only ob-

serve them at a distance and take photographs.

We never let the unique plant and animal species which are a part of our country's endemic wealth be taken away from their natural environments.

You may very well seem to be rich and arrogant in small communities and different cultures, so we try to understand the people and their cultures.

We certainly take permission first before we take any pictures. We never insist on photographing people when they are not willing. This is an important issue in closed and religious communities. (A suggestion: if you promise to the person you are taking pictures of, that you will send the photograph, send it for sure. Do not give promises you are not going to hold.)

The ways of communicating may differ from region to region or culture to culture, they may be unnecessary, too special or in a manner that you are not used to, still they must be understood as only a sincere way of trying to establish communication.

During shopping, please bargain within reason. Keep in mind that most of the

time that product is the only income source of the family and usually the discounts you bargain for are just as much as the tips you leave at a restaurant. Neither our guides nor the bukla workers do not take commissions in any way.

Please do not give anything to people such as money, candy etc. This will result in expectations in people, especially in children that tourists always will give something to them. Begging children is not a pleasant sight. If you desire to give a present, please do it through your group leader.

The use of technological devices, jewelry and valuable belongings may emphasize the economical gap between you and the local people, we do not appreciate showing off.

We do not forget that the places we visit are the people's home. We tried to give several examples of economical, social and environmental values. Not everyone can do ecotourism. It is not a kind of tourism to be done by someone who is not a nature and culture specialist. Bukla is an expert in ecotourism, and is the leading ecotourism agency in Turkey.





longings. Bukla provides each attendee with a 2-person high-altitude tent and sleeping bags and mattresses and arranges for your food and comfort. Most Bukla camping tours are carried out in places that do not have an established camping arrangements. There may be primitive conditions to work with.

MEALS

Meals on Bukla tours are typically three times a day, unless otherwise noted. In city centers where there are many options for meals, meal cost may not be included in the tour price.

In cases where accomodation is at a roadside bed & breakfast, breakfast and dinner is included in the tour price and is the main meal offered at that location, which may either be a buffet type meal or an a-la-cart menu.

As Turkish cuisine is one of the most famous in the world, Bukla works to offer its clients the best samples of the local cuisine.

In addition to all this, Bukla is keen on making sure any food bought outside the main locale is prepared under good hygienic conditions. Bukla meals always offer alternatives for vegetarians. On expedition tours Bukla chefs prepare the camp meals and they determine the menu

taking into consideration the proper protein and carbohydrate intake needed during such challenging programs.

CHILDREN

Bukla tours are good for children between 12-16, only under the supervision of their parents. Tour details in this brochure state the particular age limits.

Bukla can operate custom tours designed specifically for the needs of a family or individual.

Parents planning to bring their children on the Bukla tours should note that in some cases Bukla may not be able to offer the comfort or hygiene they are accustomed to provide for their children. Also there may be cases where some of the tour attendees may not be happy about the participation of children, or your child may be exposed to alcohol-free environments.

It is also vey likely that children will tire very easily and require the parents to carry the, which in effect will slow the tour group down and may cause delays in the tour program. Please note that all attendees of Bukla tours are treated as adults and that parents do not have the option of demanding tolerance or

changes in program because of children's potential incompatibility with the tour.

If there is more than one child, and if the tour price has already received children discounts, in the case of sharing a room only the first child is eligible for the 50% discount offer. At country bed& breakfasts, room arrangements for family members will be determined according to the availability.

SERVICES INCLUDED

Bukla works to offer the same standards of service at all times. All costs of the tour are calculated in advance and charged in one lump sum, which in effect does not require you to make any additional payments during the tour. The total cost generally includes meals, domestic flights, accomodation, transportation, museum and parking tickets, travel insurance, camping equipment and guide services.

SERVICES EXCLUDED

International airfare, airport taxes, visa cpsts, beverages, personal expenditures and personal insurance of any kind is not included in the pricing, unless otherwise noted.

CONDITION

Bukla's main assumption about its clients

is that they are people with good health, physically able to accept mild hardship such as attend long hikes. Should there be a health condition that may worsen during tours, Bukla requests to be informed ahead of time

Challenging:

All of the expedition tours where you will be mountaineering and camping. It will be expected that your fitness condition will be good enough to handle the hardships involved. Please contact our office to learn weather you are in a good enough condition to take a challenging tour.

Moderate:

Despite being mildly strenous, these tours are open to all nature lovers with varying levels of fitness conditions. You may be on a tough trail one day and an easy one the next. Comfortable trekking condition is a must.

Easy:

These tours involve basic trekking at low altitudes and on easy trails and do not require any specific level of fitness.

LOCAL EXPENSES

There are times when certain local services

are paid on the spot. The tour leader makes these payments on your behalf using the payments you have made prior to the start of the tour.

EXTRA EXPENSES

Your extra expenses vary according to your needs and how much you are interested in shopping during a trip. Bukla tours cover all the stated activities. The only extra expense will most likely be your personal spenditure. In either case Bukla recommends that you carry about 30% of your tour rate with you in cash.

VEHICLES

Bukla uses air conditioned minibuses. Size of vehicle may vary depending on the size of group. There may be connection flights, buses or boats depending on the type of tour. Bukla's priority in selection of vehicles is safety first, comfort second.

TOUR DETAILS

In this brochure you can find detailed information on the tour programs, recommendations and equipment lists. You can request details about any specific tour listed here by emailing Bukla office at bukla@bukla.com. Please make your reservation after reading and learning about the tour details.



RECOMMENDED EQUIPMENTS

Bukla provides all kinds of equipment required for sea kayaking, diving, paragliding, mountain biking, cave expeditions, and canyoning. Personal items such as sleeping bags, mats and water bottles are expected to be brought by tour attendees. Attendees are advised to keep the equipments at a minimum. Here is a list of items necessary for all Bukla tours, except expeditions:

Large Backpack: A bag that will allow you to carry all your belongings in one piece. An 80 kg (180 lb) luggage is generally adequate for a 10 day trip. During mountaineering tours where your backpack is being carried by mules or porters, you will be expected to limit your belongings to 16 kg (35 lbs). Should you exceed this amount Bukla will need to charge an extra transportation cost.

Small Backpack: A bag of about 40 kg (100 lbs) that you will use to carry your flashlight, fleece, overcoat, water bottle, sunscreen, binoculars, headlamps, cap and gloves.

Trekking shoes: Hard rubber out-soled shoes with medium high collars that wrap your ankles.

Hiking Boots: Water resistant hard rubber outsoled high-traction shoes with sturdy support collar for your ankles.

Socks: Thick wool socks and leggings that will provide warmth at cold temperatures

Head gear: A cap that you can wear comfortably at all times. Windproof balaclavas are also recommended.

Sun glasses: Wrap-around sunglasses that provide maximum coverage.

Ski goggles: Full coverage providing goggles that snap on your head are ideal for all kinds of expeditions

Flashlight & Headlamp: Lightweight flashlight and headlamp with good projection, long battery life and replacement batteries

Fleece: A jacket that will maintain body temperature under both hot and cold conditions. Can be used as a midlayer or an outer layer.

Rain and wind jacket: A wind and waterproof top of breathable fabric, ideally with hood, vents, zippers and linings.

Snow jacket: Wind & water proof jacket with hood. Large enough to have you wear a fleece and a polypropylene shirt under it.

Polypropylene undershirt and pants: A soft, lightweight, and bacteria- and fungal-resistant top and bottom will move moisture away and keep skin dry

Snow pants: Pants made of Gore-tex or similar water and wind proof materials will maintain body heat

Trekking Pole: A ret sturdy walking stick that will support your climb. Skiing poles are as good.

Water bottle: A 2 lt (4 lbs) water bottle is good for treks and hikes. Themos bottles are good for camping.

Cell phone: Mt. Ararat has good reception and your cell phone will come handy. Charger and any alternative charging equipment

First aid kit: A small bag that will hold your personal medications (if any) and all kinds of essentials for treating anything from blisters and splinters to larger wounds. A recommended list of first aid kit contents are burn creme, stretch gauze roll, pain killer, anti-septic, anti-histamin and antidiarhoeal medicines, bug and musquito deterrent solutions, cold medicine, antibiotic, band aid, diuretic, diamox, dioralite, vitamin water disinfectants.

PROVIDED EQUIPMENTS

Bukla ensures that your comfort will not be compromised under harsh weather conditions. Most Bukla equipments outlined below are by the trusted outdoor equipment brand Salewa. All equipments provided by Bukla are compliant with EU standards and receive regular maintenance and revision.

Tents: Wind and water proof tents that can be used at high altitudes in all four seasons

Kitchen Tent: Large wind and water proof tent that accomodates upto 15 people

Stove: 3 burner Campmor propane stoves and MSR high-altitude stoves

Sleeping bag: -18° C sleeping bag that ensures consistent insulation coverage and prevents convective heat loss.

Mattress: 1cm (3/8") thick synthetic mattress

Large bag covers: Water proofed bags to cover all equipment from rain and wind

Rope: Eal brand static rope, perlon and pursorider

Helmet: Salewa helmet with lightweight PVC shell with polystyrene impact liner\

Harness: Rocteryx and Salewa harnesses that are adjustable with quick release leg loops for a secure fit around the thighs

Krampon: Semi-automatic and automatic crampons with ties

Carabiners: Locking carabiners that are easy to operate while rappelling or belaying

Ice axe: 60-70-80 cm long (24"-28"-32") lightweight Salewa ice axe

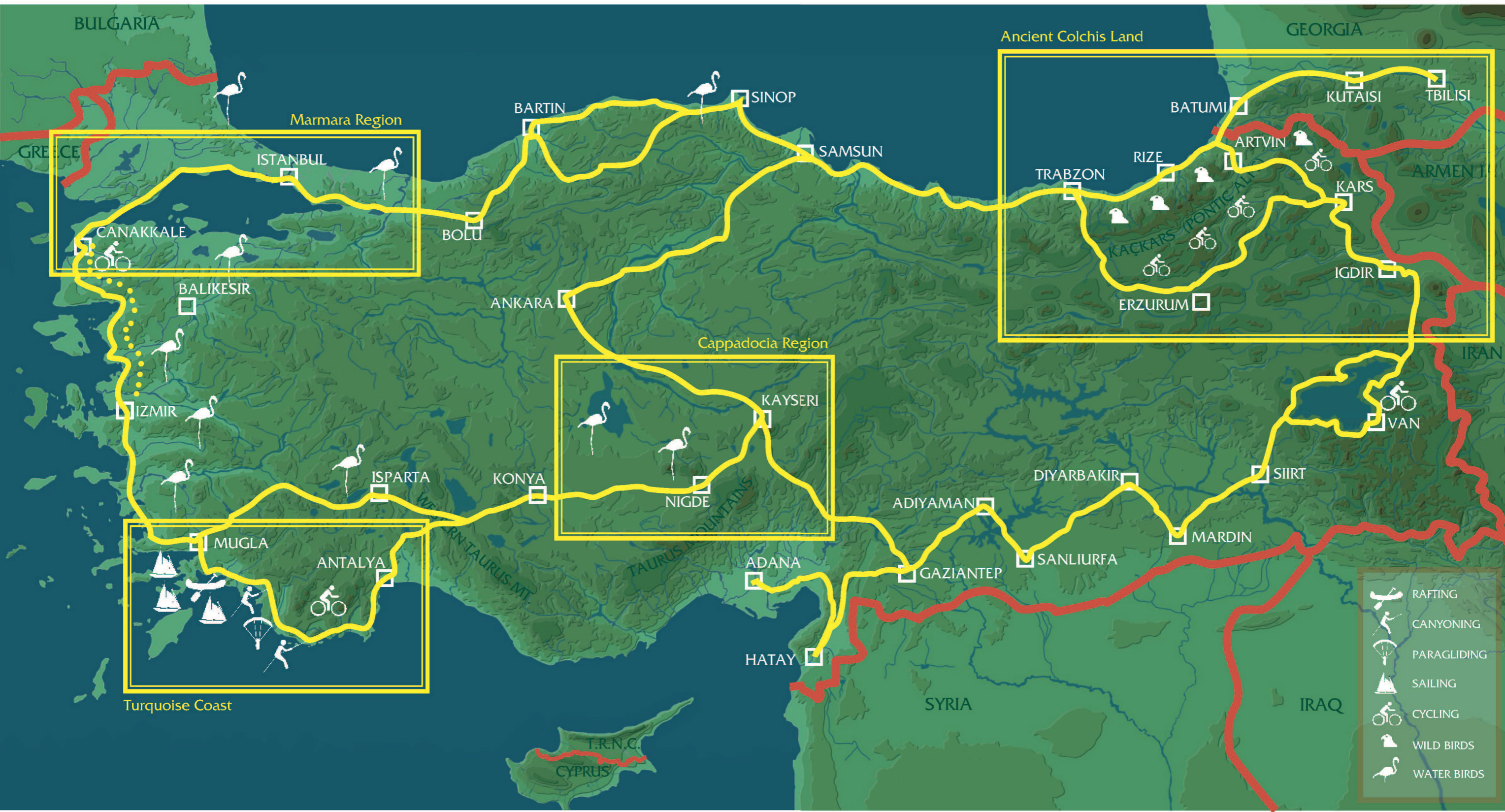
Ice screw: Salewa ice screw that has fast spinning sleeves that work well during placement

Filter: Pumps and pills to filter and disinfect water

Satellite & Cordless phones: High reception phones for emergency and for short distance communication

First aid kit: First aid kits for all kinds of emergency





TREKKING & HIKING TOURS

Our trekking and hiking tours are organized in all the off the beaten track sites in Turkey, where the best of ecosystems meets forgotten cultures.

Breathtaking views are everywhere, be it on the yaylas, forests or alpine zones. The exotic fauna and flora are bound to mystify you, so much so that we are sure you will want to go on a flora and fauna tour once you experience the sights and smells these trekking tours expose you to.

All our tours can be customized for your needs, so let us know what you like and we will offer you the best trekking and hiking experience that you will always remember.

HIGHLIGHTS

MACAHEL VALLEY:

Famous for its ancient Monument Forest

FIRTINA VALLEY:

Among the top 200 preserved ecosystems

KAÇKAR MOUNTAIN:

Highest peak of the Black Sea Region

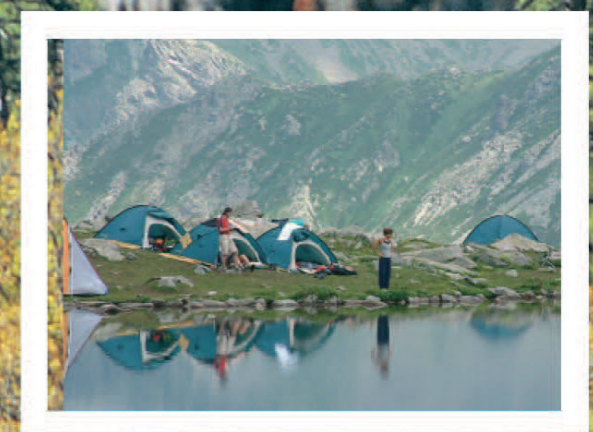
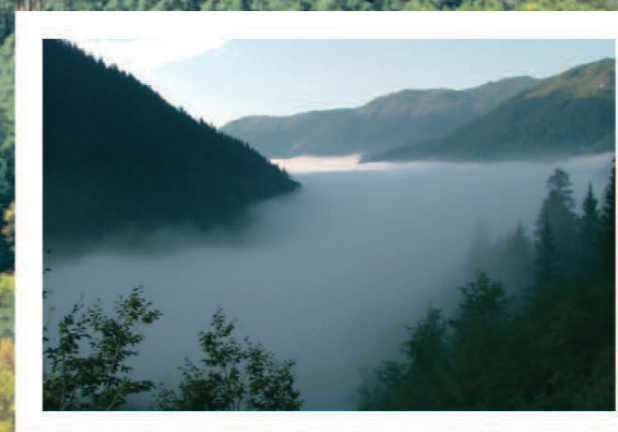
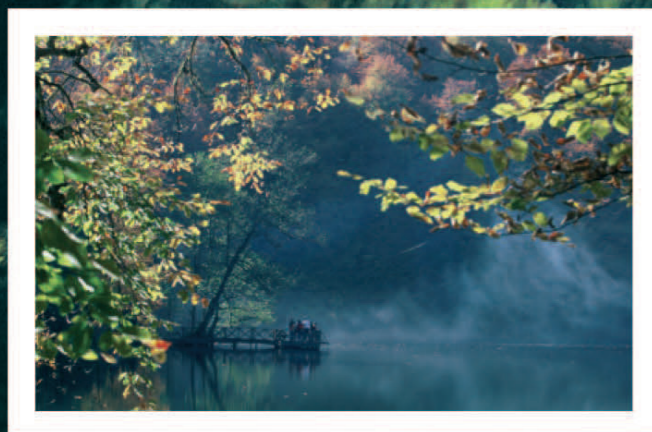
CAPPADOCIA:

Mt. Erciyes and Mt. Hasan have erupted millions of years ago, their tuff covering a 10.000 km² area which came to be known as 'the land of gorgeous horses'. The region is famous for its soft malleable terrain which was home to the early Christians that dug out their cave homes and underground communities there.

ÇORUH RIVER:

With its long valleys and steep hills, the mountain ranges that surround Çoruh river soar at 3900m. The tallest mountains of this area have Crater Lakes, green pastures and an unbelievable amount of fauna and flora.

photo by Ismail Sahinbas



Trans Kaçkar

Discovering Firtina Valley and Glacial lakes



Day 1: Flight from Istanbul to Trabzon, touring Sumela Monastery; Day 2: Traveling through Çoruh, Barhal and Hevek yaylas, meeting locals, taking photos and observe local lifestyle; Day 3-4: Hiking to Kackar Summit thru Glacial lakes; Day 3: Resting and preparing for next day's hike; Day 4: Early departure for Naletleme Passage, descent to Ayder Yayla thru Glacial lakes, resting at spa; Day 5-7: Touring Storm Valley, observing its globally significant ecosystem, touring Bell Castle; Day 8: Departure from Trabzon to Istanbul

Destinations: Trabzon, Sumela Monastery, Ardeşen, Artvin, Yusufeli, Barhal, Hevek, Olgunlar and Nastaf yaylas, Dilberlüzü Camp Site, Deniz Lake, Kaçkar Mountain and Summit (3937 m.), Dobe Yayla, Naletleme Passage, Black Sea lake, Çeymakçur and Ayder Yaylas, Firtina valley, Historical Suspension Bridges, Çamlıhemşin, Bell Castle, Palovit Waterfall

Accommodation: 2-3 star hotels in downtown areas, timber B&Bs, tents at the mountains

Transportation: Domestic airfare, transfers with minivans

Meals: 3 meals; hotels and B&B menu, camp meal

Equipments: All technical and camping gear

Guide: Professional guides

Admission: All national parks and museums

Season: July 1 - October 1

Duration: 8 days, 7 nights

Condition: Day hikes that last 4-9 hours

Excluded: Beverages, personal expenses, visa, international airfare

Additional tours: A 2-day Istanbul tour or a week-long Mt. Ararat tour can be added to the beginning or the end. Rafting in Firtina and Çoruh valleys can also be included per request.

Verçenik to Mt. Kaçkar

Hiking the Pontus Alps from North to South



All yaylas on this tour are 'roads less traveled' and thus exhibit an out-of-this-world beauty and antiquity. The tour offers many opportunities to observe local cultures and lifestyles while exploring natural riches. Firtina Valley offers an extensive array of flora ve fauna. A special tour can be designed for experienced hikers to hike up to Mt. Verçenik Summit (3711 m), which requires a higher level of experience.

Day 1: Arrival to Trabzon, Sumela Monastery, Day 2-6: Mt. Verçenik; Day 7-13: Mt. Kaçkar Summit (3937 m), the highest peak of the Black sea region; Day 14: Departure from Erzurum to Istanbul

Destinations: Trabzon, Sumela Monastery, Çamlıhemşin, Firtina Valley, Historical Suspension Bridges, Palovit Waterfall, Çat, Verçenik Mountain and Lakes, Tatos Mountain Passage, Adalı Lakes, Çiçekli, Hacivanak, Apivanak, Amlakii, Trovit, Samistal, Kavron Yaylas, Mezovit, Naletleme Passage, Dobe, Olgunlar, Nastaf Yaylalan, Dilberlüzü Camp site, Deniz Lakeü, Kaçkar Mountain Summitsi, Hevek, Barhal, Yusufeli, Erzurum.

Accommodation: 2-3 star hotels in downtown areas, timber B&Bs, tents at the mountains

Transportation: Domestic airfare, transfers with minivans

Meals: 3 meals; hotels and B&B menu, camp meal

Equipments: All technical and camping gear

Guide: Professional guides

Admission: All national parks and museums

Season: July 1 - September 15

Duration: 14 days, 13 nights

Condition: Day hikes that last 4-9 hours

Excluded: Beverages, personal expenses, visa, international airfare

Additional tours: 2-day Istanbul tour / Rafting in Firtina and Çoruh Valleys

Black Sea to Eastern Anatolia

Ancient Monument Forest to mystical Ishak Pasa Palace



Day 1: Flight from Istanbul to Trabzon, touring Sumela Monastery; Day 2-3: Touring the most beautiful yaylas of the Black Sea Region; Day 4 Touring Maçahel and Ancient Monument Forest; ; Day 5: Şavşat; Day 6-7: Touring natural and historical sites of Yusufeli and Erzurum; Day 8: Kars, Doğubeyazıt; Day 10: Van and departure to Istanbul

Destinations: Trabzon, Sumela Monastery, Uzungol Lake, Çamlıhemşin, Historical Suspension Bridges, Firtina Valley, Ayder Yayla, Çat, Zil Castle, Palovit Waterfall, Mansions, Maçahel, Maral Waterfall, Gorgit Yayla, Yusufeli, Georgian Churches, Şavşat, Erzurum, Kars, Ani Ruins, Doğubeyazıt, Ishakpaşa Palace, Van, Akdamar Island

Accommodation: 2-3 star hotels in the city center, timber B&Bs on the yayla or country homes

Transportation: Domestic flights, airport transfers with minivans and all others except international airfare

Meals: 3 meals; hotels and B&B menu, camp meal

Equipments: All kinds of technical and camp gear

Guide: Professional guides

Admission: All national parks and museums

Season: July 15 - September 15

Duration: 10 days, 9 nights.

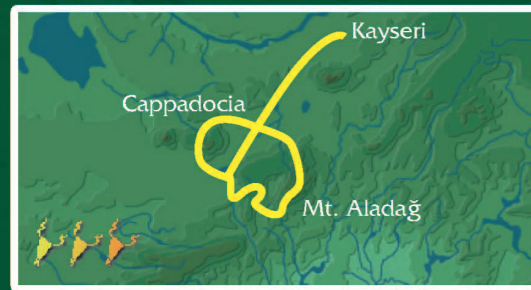
Condition: Day hikes that last 2-4 hou

Excluded: Beverages, personal expenses, visa, international airfare

Additional tours: A 2-day Istanbul tour can be added to the beginning or the end. Rafting in Firtina and Çoruh valleys can also be included per request.

Trans Toros

Ruby summits on amber mountains



Cappadocia and the Kapuzbaşı waterfalls on the south side of Mt. Aladağ are the highlights of this tour. The sight of the waterfalls are extremely unique to the region and to the geological structure of the Toros Mountain range.

Day 1-3: Arrival to Kayseri, touring spellbinding sights of Cappadocia: Urgup, Goreme, Zelve; Day 4-7: Hiking up to Aladağ mountain range of Toros Mountains; Day 8: Kayseri departure

- Destinations: Ürgüp, Zelve open air museum, Uçhisar, Güvercinlik Valley, Kızılcukur Valley, Göreme, Niğde, Çukurbag, Sokulupınar, Karayalak, Çelikkbuyduran, Seven Lakes, Embler Summit, Hacer Strait, Soğukpınar, Barazama, Kapuzbaşı Waterfalls, Kayseri
- Accommodation: Boutique hotels, timber B&Bs, country homes and tents
- Transportation: Domestic airfare, transfers with minivans, transfer of all equipment
- Meals: Hotel meals and snacks during day hikes
- Equipments: All technical camping gear
- Guide: Professional guides
- Admission: All parks and permits
- Season: June, July, September, October
- Duration: 8 days, 7 nights
- Excluded: Beverages, personal expenses, visa, international airfare
- Additional tours: 2-day Adiyaman, Nemrut, Kahta, Urfa, Harran tour

Eastern Black Sea Yayla

Mystifying Firtina Valley



The significance of this tour is to make the spa resort at the Ayder Yayla be the base for most hikes and to go out to trekking and hiking from there. Destinations can be determined according to the weather conditions, so the order of all destinations can change, except the arrival and departure days. Firtina Valley and Artvin Karagol Lake are other highlights of this tour.

Day 1: Flight from Istanbul to Trabzon, touring Sumela Monastery, Day 2-6: Firtina Valley, Mt. Kaçkar and several yaylas; Day 7: Maçahel; Day 8: Departure from Trabzon

- Destinations: Trabzon, Sumela Monastery, Çamlıhemşin, Storm Valley, Historical Suspension Bridges, Historical Mansions, Ayder, Çeymakçur, Kavron, Huser, Pokut, Sal, Çat Yaylaları, Zil Castle, Palovit Waterfall, Kaçkar Mountain, Çengovit Lakes, Karagol
- Accommodation: Timber B7Bs at Ayder Yayla
- Transportation: Domestic airfare, all transfers and transfer of gear
- Meals: 3 meals: hotel and B&B menu
- Equipments: All kinds of technical gear
- Guide: Professional guides
- Admission: All national parks and museums
- Season: June 1 - November 1
- Duration: 8 days, 7 nights
- Condition: Day hikes that last 2-4 hours
- Excluded: Beverages, personal expenses, visa, international airfare
- Additional tours: 2-day Istanbul tour / Mt. Kaçkar Summit tour / Rafting in Firtina Valley

Trans Yayla

Best plateaus of Turkey



Accommodations are organized at the country homes at the plateaus where the locals live in the summer. This also is a transiting trekking tour, traveling through the valleys and forests. Maçahel ve Firtina Valley are preserved sites. Maçahel's Ancient Monument Forest and Firtina Valley's wildlife are spellbinding.

Day 1: Flight from Istanbul to Trabzon, touring Sumela Monastery; Day 2-4: Çat and Mt. Verçenik; Day 5-6: Maçahel Vadisi; Day 7: Ayder Yayla; Day 8: Departure from Trabzon

- Destinations: Trabzon, Sumela Monastery, Çamlıhemşin, Historical Suspension Bridges, Storm Valley, Historical Mansions, Zil Castle, Çat Yayla, Verçenik Mountain and Lakes, Elevelit, Trovit, Palovit, Am-lakit, Hazındağ, Pokut and Sal Yaylas, Maçahel, Maral Waterfall, Gorgit Yayla, Ancient Monument Forest, Ayder Yayla
- Accommodation: 2-3 star hotels in the city center, wooden B&Bs on the yayla or country homes
- Transportation: Domestic airfare, all transfers with minivans
- Meals: 3 meals, hotel and B&B menu
- Equipments: All kinds of technical gear
- Guide: Professional guides
- Admission: All national parks and museums
- Season: July 1 - October 1
- Duration: 8 days, 7 nights
- Condition: Day hikes that last 2-5 hours
- Excluded: Beverages, personal expenses, visa, international airfare
- Additional tours: 2-day Istanbul tour / 3-day passage to Altınparmak Mountains / Rafting in Firtina Valley

Lycian trails

In the footsteps of the Kings



Day 1: Dalaman, Dalyan, Day 2: Fethiye, Kayakoy, Oludeniz; Day 3: Butterfly Valley, Saklikent; Day 4-5: Xanthos, Patara, Kaş; Day 6-7: Olympos; Day 8: departure from Antalya

Touring the ancient ruins of the Lycian civilization while enjoying the Mediterranean, coupled with rafting on Dalaman River is a wonderful balance of nature and culture. Lots of swimming and relaxation in the coastal towns and campsites. The Lycian trail tour can be customized according to wishes for more sun and sea, or for more history and antiquity.

- Destinations: Dalaman, Fethiye, Kayaköy, Ölüdeniz, Kelebekler Vadisi, Tlos, Saklikent Kanyonu, Xanthos, Pınara, Kaş, Patara, Dalaman River, Rafting, Uçağız, Kekova, Demre, Gellidonya Feneri, Kaputaş Beach, Kalkan, Ol-impos, Phaselis, Yanartaş, Antalya, Kemer
- Accommodation: Boutique hotels, tents at campsites
- Transportation: Domestic airfare, all transfers and transport of technical gear
- Meals: Hotel menu and lunch bags for day hikes
- Equipments: All kinds of technical gear
- Guide: Professional guides
- Admission: All national parks and permits
- Season: All year round
- Duration: 8 days, 7 nights
- Condition: Day hikes that last 4-5 hours
- Additional: Beverages, personal expenses, visas, international airfare
- Additional tours: 2 day Istanbul tour / 4 day blue tour starting from Marmaris

Trans Altıparmak Secret Paradise



This tour features the customs of the yayla lifestyle and the wildlife at the alpine zones. Accommodations are at high altitudes. Tour crosses the Altıparmak Mountain ranges from south to north.

Day 1: Erzurum, Yusufeli; Day 2-4: Altıparmak Mountains, Barhal Valley; Day 5-7: Firtina Valley, Ayder Valley; Day 8: Sumela monastery and departure from Trabzon

Destinations: Erzurum, Yusufeli, Barhal, Naznara and Amanesket Yayla, Karagol Lake, Damla Lake, Satiba Ridge, Borivan and Kelansev Yaylas, Onbolat, Libler Lake, Kemerli Kaçkar, Avusor Yayla and Ayder Yayla, Çamlıhemşin, Historical Suspension Bridges, Rize Agriculture Garden, Sumela Monastery, Trabzon

Accommodation: 2-3 star hotels in downtown areas, timber B&Bs, tent at campsite

Transportation: Domestic airfare, all transits with minivan

Meals: 3 meals; hotels and B&B menu, camp meal

Gear: All kinds of technical and camping gear

Guide: Professional guides

Admission: All parks and permits

Season: July 1 - October 1

Duration: 8 days, 7 nights

Condition: Rigorous day hikes that last 4-8 hours

Excluded: Beverages, personal expenses, visa, international airfare

Additional tours: 2-day Istanbul tour / 3 day Mt. Kaçkar Summit / Rafting in Firtina and Çoruh Rivers

Eastern Black Sea

Grace and beauty of lands unknown



The city of Artvin is a cultural gem that is still relatively unheard of. Its historical churches, castles and the Kemer bridge add a cultural flavor to the nature intense region. In this tour, the program also features natural and cultural riches of neighboring city of Rize.

Day 1: Erzurum to Yusufeli; Day 2: Barhal Valley; Day 3: Savşat; Day 4-5: Maçahel Valley; Day 6-7: Firtina Valley, Ayder Valley; Day 8: Sumela Monastery, departure from Trabzon

Destinations: Yusufeli, Barhal, Georgian Churches, Hevek, Olgunlar, Naznara, Amaneskit, Satibe Yaylas, Savşat, Karagol Lake, Ardanuç, Cehennem Creek Canyon, Maçahel, Fındık, Çukunet and Lekoban Yaylas, Cankurtaran, Hopa, Mt. Kaçkar, Ayder Yayla, Firtina Valley, Historical Suspension Bridges, Çamlıhemşin,

Accommodation: Timber b&bs and country homes

Transportation: Domestic airfare, all transfers, transport of gear

Meals: 3 meals, B&B menu

Equipments: All kinds of technical gear

Guide: Professional guides

Admission: All national museums and permits

Season: July 1 - October 1

Duration: 8 days, 7 nights

Condition: Day hikes that last 2-9 hours

Additional tours: 2-day Istanbul / Rafting in Firtina Valley

Black Sea to Georgia

Beyond borders in the Caucasus



This tour shows how the two North Eastern Black Sea Region cultures are similar, despite the borders that separate them. After seeing the best of the Black Sea Region on the Turkish side, the tour will go to the Georgian side to see the most magnificent architectural pieces of the Soviet era in today's Georgia.

Day 1: Trabzon, Sumela; Day 2-3: Firtina Valley; Day 4: Batumi; Day 5-6: Svaneti; Day 7: Kutaisi; Day 8: Kazbegi; Day 9: Tbilisi; Day 10: Batumi; Day 11: Departure from Trabzon

Destinations: Trabzon, Sumela Manastırı, Uzungöl, Çamlıhemşin, Firtina Valley, Ayder Yayla, Hopa, Maçahel, Sarp Border, Batum, Mestia, Usguhli, Svaneti, Guli Geçidi, Lagami, Kala Village, La Maria Church Complex \ Gelati Academy, Shakhara Glacial, Kutaisi, Gudauri, Kazbeg, Turso Valley, Gergeti Church, Dariali Canyon, Gveleti Waterfall Tbilisi

Accommodations: 2-3 star hotels in downtown areas, timber B&Bs and country homes

Transportation: Domestic airfare, all transfers and transport of gear and luggages

Meals: 3 meals; hotel and B&B menu

Guide: Professional guides

Admissions: All national parks and museums

Season: July 15 - September 15

Duration: 10 days, 9 nights

Condition: Day hikes of 2-4 hours

Excluded: Beverages, personal expenses, visas, international airfare

Additional tours: 2-day Istanbul tour / 5-day ascent to Mt. Kazbeg Summit tour

Maçahel to Kaçkar

In the Land of Clouds



This program is a combination of the three most popular tours of the Black Sea Region. Despite the fast pace the destinations are all best of the region and therefore is very satisfying. Hikes are intense so attendees need to be open to rigorous hikes.

Day 1: Trabzon to Maçahel; Day 2-3: Maçahel Valley; Day 4-6: Mt. Kaçkar; Day 7-8: Verçenik and Firtina Valley; Day 9: departure from Trabzon

Destinations: Trabzon, Sumela Monastery, Ardeşen, Karagol Lake, Maçahel, Gorgit Yayla, Ancient Monument Forest, Yusufeli, Barhal, Hevek and Olgunlar Yaylas, Dilberdüzü, Deniz Lake, Kaçkar Mountain Summit, Naleteme Passage, Karadeniz Lake, Çeymakçur and Ayder Yayla, Çamlıhemşin, Historical Suspension Bridges, Zil Castle, Palovit Waterfall, Pokut and Sal Yaylas, Çat, Elevit Yayla, Verçenik Mountain and Lakes

Accommodation: Timber B&Bs and country homes

Transportation: Domestic airfare, all transfers

Meals: 3 meals; hotel and B&B menu, camp meals

Equipments: All kinds of technical gear

Guide: Professional guides

Admission: All parks and permits

Season: July 1 - October 1

Duration: 8 nights 9 days

Condition: Day hikes that last 2-9 hours

Excluded: Beverages, personal expenses, visa, international airfare

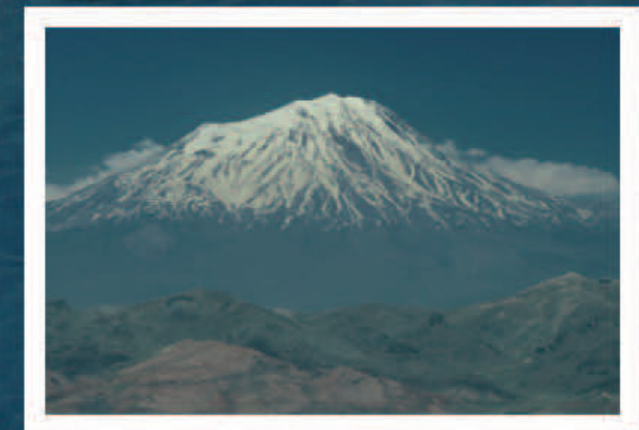
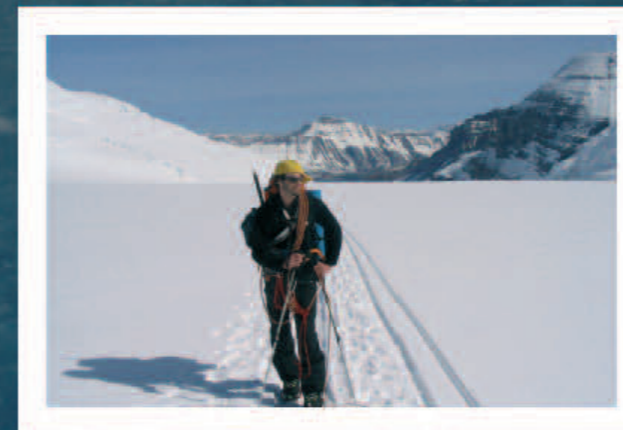
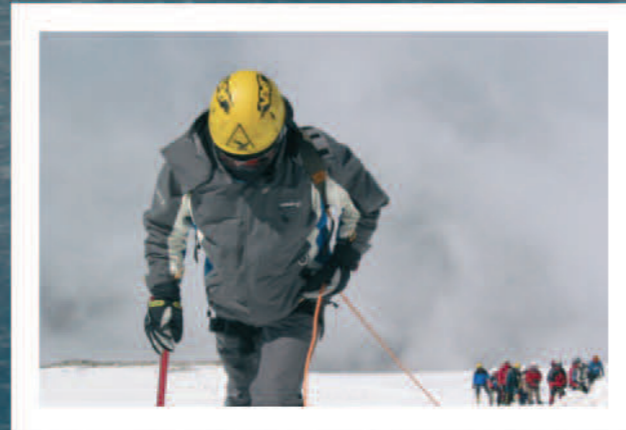
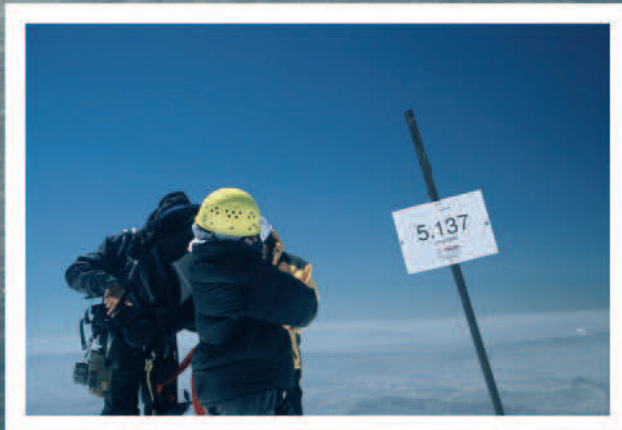
Additional tours: 2-day Istanbul tour / Rafting in Firtina and Çoruh Rivers

EXPEDITION TOURS

Our expedition tours are in high altitudes, carrying out all kinds of mountaineering activities in the highest summits in Turkey. We push the limits under harsh weather conditions and thus consider these our most challenging tours.

We have tours that focus on ski touring, snowshoeing and winter camping all separately and we have combination tours that create a mix of regions and activities. But then we can design these tours in anyway you like, so you tell us which winter activity under what type of conditions and we will arrange it for you.

Bukla provides all gear associated with these tours and arranges the transportation of all the gear and related items. All you need to do is book your trip and bring your personal items and have an adventure!



Mt. Kaçkar North Ascent

Glacier climbing amidst the fog



Tour features Glacier and rock climbing in North side of Mt. Kaçkar as well as visiting Sumela Monastery, local towns and environs.

Day 1: Trabzon, Sumela, Camlihemsin; Day 2-3: Firtina Valley; Day 4-5: Mt. Kaçkar ascent Day 6-7: Hevek Valley and Barhal Valley; Day 8: Yusufeli to Erzurum for departure

Destinations: Trabzon, Sumela Monastery, Çamlıhemşin, Historical Suspension Bridges, Ayder Yayla, Kavron Yayla, Öküz Yatağı Camp site, Karadeniz and Big Deniz Lakes, Mt. Kaçkar Summit, Deniz Gölü, Dilberdüzü Camp Site, Nastaf, Olgunlar and Hevek Yaylas, Barhal, Yusufeli, Erzurum

Konaklama: Şehir merkezlerinde 2 ve 3 yıldızlı oteller, yaylalarda ahşap pansiyonlar, dağda çadır.

Ulaşım: Domestic airfare, all transfers with minivans, mules for transporting luggage from south of Mt. Kaçkar

Yemekler: 3 öğün. Otel ve pansiyonda tesisin mөнüsü, kampta dağ mөнüsü.

Ekipmanlar: All kinds of technical gear

Guides: Professional guides

Admission: All national parks and museums

Season: July 15 - October 1

Duration: 8 days, 7 nights

Condition: Day hikes of 4-9 hours

Excluded: Beverages, personal expenses, visas, international airfare



Mt. Ağrı Summit

Climbing up to Noah's Ark



Climbing up to the highest summit in Turkey is a very exciting tour. The climb is relatively easy, but acclimatization is crucial. Therefore the tour rests at the 3200m altitude camp for 2 nights and spends a day for acclimatization to 4200m altitude. There is no precipice or any such danger. It is all about pacing oneself, so there is an extra day of rest in the program to make sure it will be a comfortable experience

Day 1: Arrival to Van, departure for Dogubeyazit; Day 2-5: Mt. Ararat ascent; Day 6: Noah's Ark and Ishak Pasa Palace; Day 7: Van and Akdamar Island; Day 8: departure to Istanbul

Destinations: Dogubeyazit, Mt. Ararat, Ishakpaşa Palace, Noah's Ark, Tendirek Lava Flow, Muradiye Waterfall, Tuşba Castle and Akdamar Island

Accommodation: 2-3 star hotels in downtown areas, timber B&Bs, tent at campsite

Transportation: Domestic airfare, all transfers with minivans, mules to transport luggages up the mountains

Meals: 3 meals; Hotel and B&B menu, camp meal

Equipments: All kinds of technical gear

Guide: Professional guides

Admission: All national parks and museums

Season: Temmuz ortasından Eylül ortasına kadar aralıksız her hafta

Duration: 7 gece 8 gün.

Condition: Day hikes of about 5-9 hours

Additional: Beverages, personal expenses, visas, international airfare

Additional tours: 2-day Istanbul tour / 7-day Mt. Kaçkar tour



Mt. Kaçkar + Mt. Ararat

Pontus Alps to Noah's Ark



This is a combination program of two very different tours. Kaçkar tour is about greenery, nature, mountains, lakes, rivers, plateaus. Ararat on the other hand is about the summit. This tour feels like two expeditions in two different countries. Mt. Kaçkar ascent also provides a great preparation for Mt. Ararat Ascent

Day 1: Erzurum to Yusufeli; Day 2-6: Ascent to Mt. Kaçkar; (3937m) Day 7: Resting and traveling to Dogubeyazit from Kars; Day 8-11: Ascent to Mt. Ararat (3 days in 3200 m camp & 2 nights in 4200 m camp) Day 12: Van, Akdamar Island and departure to Istanbul

Destinations: Erzurum, Yusufeli, Barhal, Hevek, Olgunlar and Nastaf Yayla, Dilberdüzü camp site, Deniz Gölü, Mt. Kaçkar and Summit (3937 m.), Doğu Beyazıt, Mt. Ararat, Ishakpaşa Palace, Noah's Ark, Tendirek Lava Flow, Muradiye Waterfall, Tuşba Castle and Akdamar Island

Accommodation: 2-3 star hotels in downtown areas, timber B&Bs, tent at campsite dağda çadır

Transportation: Domestic airfare, all transfers with minivans

Meals: 3 meals; Hotel and B&B menu, camp meal

Equipments: All kinds of technical gear

Guide: Professional guides

Admission: All national parks and museums

Season: July 15- September 15

Duration: 12 days, 11 nights

Condition: Day hikes of about 4-9 hours

Additional: Beverages, personal expenses, visas, international airfare

Additional tours: 2-day Istanbul tour / Rafting in Coruh River





Mt. Kaçkar & Çoruh Rafting

From summits to rapids



From Erzurum to Yusufeli, there are lakes, waterfalls and churches. The approach to Mt. Kaçkar will be from the South side. This activity uses a lot of ice and snow techniques. Includes one night of camping in Hevek Yayla, and two nights in Dilberdüzü camp site. After transferring to Yusufeli, this tour features various rafting sessions on Coruh river and stops at Ispir for departure from Erzurum.

Day 1: Arrival to Erzurum; Day 2-3: Rafting in Coruh valley; Day 4: Trekking in Yusufeli; Day 5-6: Rafting in Coruh River; Day 7-9: Ascent to Mt. Kaçkar Day 10-11: Firtina Valley; Day 12: Trabzon, Sumela Monastery and departure

Destinations: Erzurum, Yusufeli, Tortum Lake, Tortum Waterfall, Ösvank Church, Yusufeli, Barhal Church, Hevek, Dilberdüzü, Kaçkar Summit, Ispir, Çamlıkaya, Tekkale, Sukavuşumu, Demirkent, Firtina Valley, Ayder Yayla

Accommodation: Hostel, timber B&Bs, tent at campsite.

Transportation: Domestic airfare, all transfers with minivans and transport of gear

Meals: B&B menu, lunch bags during day, camp meal

Equipments: All kinds of technical gear

Guide: Professional guides

Admission: All national parks and museums

Season: May-June

Duration: 12 days, 11 nights

Condition: Great fitness condition

Additional: Beverages, personal expenses, visas, international airfare

Additional tours: 2-3 day Istanbul tour



Çoruh Rafting

Wild rapids of Çoruh



May through June is the month of wild rapids in Coruh River, one of the top 10 best places for rafting. This tour offers wonderful rafting opportunities along with local culture and trekking in Yusufeli.

Day 1: Arrival to Erzurum and transfer to Ispir, lunch, rafting; Day 2-3: Rafting; Day 4-5: Trekking in Yusufeli; Day 6-7: Rafting; camping near the riverside, arrival to Yusufeli Day 8: departure from Erzurum

Destinations: Erzurum, Ispir, Çamlıkaya, Tekkale, Sukavuşumu, Demirkent, Çoruh River and Valley

Accommodation: Country B&Bs, tents during camping

Transportation: Domestic airfare, all transfers with minivans and transport of gear

Meals: B&B menu, lunch bags during the day, camp meal

Equipments: All kinds of technical gear

Guide: Professional guides

Admission: All national parks and museums

Season: Mayıs-Haziran

Duration: 7 gece 8 gün.

Condition: Requires great fitness condition

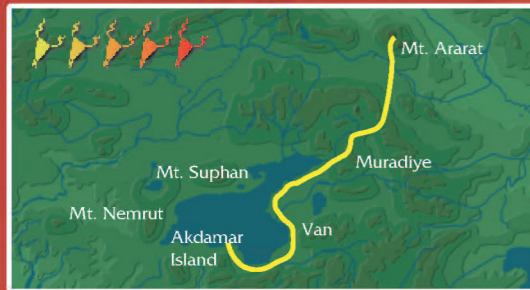
Excluded: Beverages, personal expenses, visas, international airfare

Additional tours: 4-day Mt. Kaçkar ascent / 2-day Firtina River rafting or kayaking



Mt. Ararat Snowshoeing

White trails to Noah's Ark



Climbing up to the highest part of Turkey already makes up for a very exciting tour, but the skiing down from 4.000 meters is even better. These activities require good condition because the gears need to be carried by attendees themselves. This tour can be a 10 day tour. Mt. Süphan at 4058m is Turkey's third highest mountain and is great for preparation for Mt. Ararat.

Day 1: Arrival to Van, transfer to Doğubeyazıt; **Day 2-6:** Mt. Ararat; **Day 7:** Akdamar Island, departure from Van

Destinations: Van, Doğubeyazıt, Ishakpaşa Palace, Noah's Ark, Eli Village, 3200m camp site, 4200m camp site, Mt. Ararat Summit

Accommodation: Hotel and tent

Transportation: Domestic airfare, all transfers with minivans and transport of gear

Meals: Hotel menu, lunch bags during the day, camp meal

Equipments: All kinds of technical gear

Guide: Professional guides

Admission: All national parks and permits

Season: December - March

Duration: 7 days, 6 nights

Condition: Experience in snowshoeing and must be very fit

Additional: Beverages, personal expenses, visas, international airfare

Additional tours: 2-day Istanbul tour / Ski touring around Nemrut and Süphan Mountains



Mt. Kaçkar snowshoeing

White caps on emerald mountains



One of the best places for snowshoeing in Turkey, this tour explores the wonderful settings for this activity. Starting in Hevek the ranges of Mt. Kaçkar will be traversed from south to north, arriving in Ayder valley and finishing off in Çat. There are various pathways to be taken and it is possible to extend this tour to Mt. Tatos and Mt. Verçenek or to Mt. Altıparmak

Day 1: Arrival to Erzurum, departure for Yusufeli; **Day 2-5:** Mt. Kaçkar Ski touring in Hevek and Barhal Valleys; **Day 6-8:** Firtina Valley and skitouring in the plains; **Day 9:** Departure from Trabzon

Destinations: Erzurum, Yusufeli, Barhal, Hevek, Dilberlüzü, Deniz Gölü, Kaçkar Summit, Olgunlar, Körahmet, Geçidi, Polakçur, Ayder, Kavron, Samistal, Palovit, Trovit, Elevit, Çat, Çamlıhemşin.

Accommodation: Mountain lodges and cabins

Transportation: Domestic airfare, all transfers with minivans and transport of gear

Meals: B&B menu, lunch bags during activities.

Equipments: All kinds of technical gear

Guide: Professional guides

Admission: All national parks and permits

Season: December-March

Duration: 9 days, 8 nights

Condition: Experience in snowshoeing and must be very fit
Excluded: Beverages, personal expenses, visas, international airfare

Additional tours: 2-day Istanbul tour / East Taurus Mt. Sandras and Mt. Eren) / 2-3 day ski tour



Skitouring and snowshoeing in Cappadocia

White caps on amber mountains



Turkey is skitourer's paradise. It is possible to skitour in all parts of Turkey in various seasons. This tour is at the three mountains surrounding Cappadocia. Tour stays at a cabin there and does a different trip every day. This is followed by 2 days of Cappadocia and seeing the natural wonder under the beauty of snow. This is followed by 2 days of snowshoeing in Mt. Erciyes and departure for Kayseri

Day 1: Arrival to Ankara, departure for Mt. Hasan; **Day 2-3:** Snowshoeing in Mt. Hasan; **Day 4-7:** Snowshoeing in Mt. Taurus, Aladag mountain range; **Day 8-9:** Trekking in Cappadocia; **Day 10:** Snowshoeing in Erciyes; **Day 11:** Descent and departure for Istanbul

Destinations: Ankara, Aksaray, Hasandağ (3260m), Taurus Aladag ranges (3756m), Çamardı, Sokulupınar, Karayalak, Çelikköy, Yedigöller Plateau, Emblel Summit, Narpuz Valley, Cimbar Valley, Demirkazık Village, Alaca, Mangırca Valley, Mt. Erciyes (3916m), Cappadocia, Soganlı Valley, Sivasos, Devrent Valley, Zelve Open Air Museum, Paşabağ, Avanos, Göreme Open Air Museum, Uçhisar, Kaymaklı Underground city, Ihlara Valley

Accommodation: B&Bs in mountains, cabins, hotels

Transportation: Domestic airfare, all transfers with minivans and transport of gear

Meals: Hotel menu, lunch bags during the day

Equipments: All kinds of technical gear

Guide: Professional guides

Admission: All national parks and permits

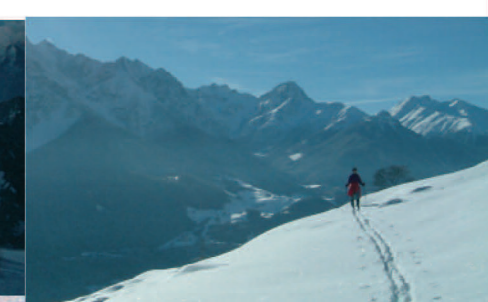
Season: December - March

Duration: 11 days, 10 nights

Condition: Must be in very good condition

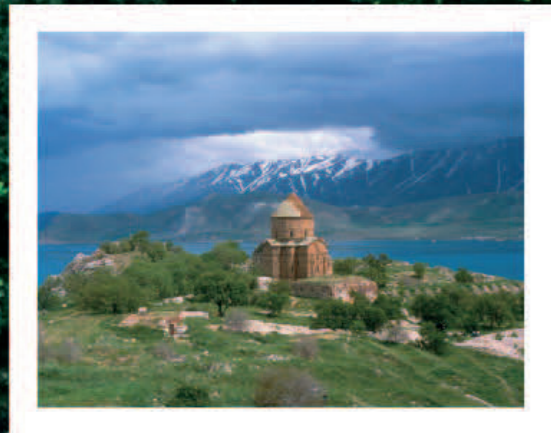
Additional: Beverages, personal expenses, visas, international airfare

Additional tours: 2-day Istanbul tour / East Taurus Mt. Sandras and Mt. Eren) / 2-3 day ski tour



CULTURE TOURS

Our culture tours offer you a walk in the civilizations of bygone eras and how their culture and region lives to this day. With so many cultures, customs and lifestyles in all corners of Turkey, culture tours take you to the folklore, cuisine, agriculture, customs, languages, belief systems of different groups in different regions of the country. Bukla strives to have you experience these authentic people and their unique cultures on their festival days or weddings.



Eastern Turkey

Mysterious Mesopotamia



This tour is a pure delight for the culture lover as it travels through many regions and historical monuments with the magnanimous views of Mt. Ararat always in sight.

Day 1: Adana, Antakya; **Day 2:** Adiyaman, Kommenege ruins at Mt. Nemrut; **Day 3:** Ataturk Dam, Cubic houses in Urfa, Harran, Ibrahim Mosque; **Day 4-5:** Multi cultural, multi-religious towns and people of Diyarbakir, Mardin; **Day 6:** Mystifying Van Lake, Akdamar Island, Tuşba Castle; **Day 7-8:** Doğubeyazit, İshakpaşa Palace, Noah's Arc, Mt. Ararat; **Day 9:** Ani Ruins, Kars; **Day 10:** Erzurum, Çifte Minare, Ulu Cami; **Day 11-13:** Zigana Passage, Hamsiköy; **Day 14:** Sumela Monastery, Trabzon

Destinations: Adana, Antakya, Adiyaman, Mt. Nemrut, Urfa, Harran, Ibrahim Mosque, Dicle and Fırat Rivers, Diyarbakir, Van Lake, Akdamar Island, Tuşba Kalesi, Doğubeyazit, İshakpaşa Palace, Noah's Arc, Mt. Ararat, Ani Ruins, Kars, Erzurum, Çifte Minare, Ulu Cami, Zigana Passage, Hamsiköy, Sumela Monastery, Trabzon, Hagia Sophia Basilica

Accommodation: 3-4 star hotels in downtown areas

Transportation: Domestic flights and all transfers

Meals: 3 meals, hotels and restaurant menus

Equipments: All kinds of technical and camping gear

Guide: Professional guides

Admission: All national park, museums

Season: April-June and September-December

Duration: 14 days, 13 nights

Condition: Easy walking tour

Excluded: Beverages, personal expenses, visas, international airfare

Additional tours: 2-3 day Istanbul tour, focusing on the historical riches of Istanbul & natural beauty of Bosphorus



Grand Tour of Western Turkey

At the crossroads of civilizations



Turkey being the cradle of civilizations, this tour travels through the vacation spots and historical marvels of the Aegean and Mediterranean coasts of Anatolia. Resting at boutique hotels you will dive into the age of antiquity and enjoy the natural beauty of the environs. Great tour for photography and swimming.

Day 1: Istanbul; **Day 2-3:** Gallipoli, Pergamom; **Day 4-5:** Izmir, Ephesus; **Day 6:** Pamukkale; **Day 7-8:** Caunos, Fethiye; **Day 9-10:** Kaş, Olympos; **Day 11-12:** Antalya; **Day 13-15:** Cappadocia; **Day 16:** Ankara; **Day 17:** Hattusas; **Day 18:** Sinop; **Day 19-20:** Safranbolu; **Day 21:** Istanbul; **Day 22:** departure

Destinations: İstanbul, Gelibolu, Çanakkale, Troya, Assos, Bergama, Selçuk, Efes, Meryemana, Pamukkale, Dalyan, Caunos, Fethiye, Xanthos, Kaş, Kekova, Antalya, Kapadokya, Ankara, Hattuşaş, Amasya, Sinop, Amasra, Safranbolu

Accommodation: Boutique hotels

Transportation: Domestic airfare and all transfers

Meals: Hotel and restaurant menus

Equipments: All kinds of technical and camping gear

Guide: Profesyonel rehberler

Admission: All national parks and permits

Season: March-December

Duration: 22 days, 21 nights

Condition: Anyone without a health condition

Excluded: Beverages, personal expenses, visas, international airfare

Additional tours: 2-day Istanbul tour at the beginning or the end

Western Turkey

Past and present of legendary cities



Starting off from İstanbul, the tour's first stop is at a significant site of recent history, Gallipoli. Then the tour follows an ancient trail that goes through the various ruins of what was once the ancient Lydian civilization. Reaching the Mediterranean, there will be many opportunities to meet the warm sands and cooling waters of the southern coast. Visiting Caunos, the land of the endangered species of turtles, the Carretta Carrettas, sunken city of Kekova, and the 'fairy chimneys' of Cappadocia you will tour the myths and living legends of time.

Day 1: İstanbul; **Day 2-4:** Gallipoli, Troy, Pergamom; **Day 5-7:** Selçuk, Efes, House of Mary; **Day 8:** Pamukkale; **Day 9-11:** Dalyan, Caunos, Fethiye, Xanthos; **Day 12-13:** Kaş, Kekova; **Day 14:** Antalya; **Day 15-17:** Cappadocia, Kayseri departure

Destinations: İstanbul, Gelibolu, Çanakkale, Troya, Assos, Bergama, Selçuk, Efes, Meryemana, Pamukkale, Dalyan, Caunos, Fethiye, Xanthos, Kaş, Kekova, Antalya, Kapadokya, Kayseri bu turumuzda göreceğiniz başlıca yerler.

Accommodation: Boutique hotels

Transportation: Domestic flights and all transfers

Meals: Hotel and restaurant menus

Equipments: All kinds of technical and camping gear

Guide: Professional guides

Admission: All national parks and permits

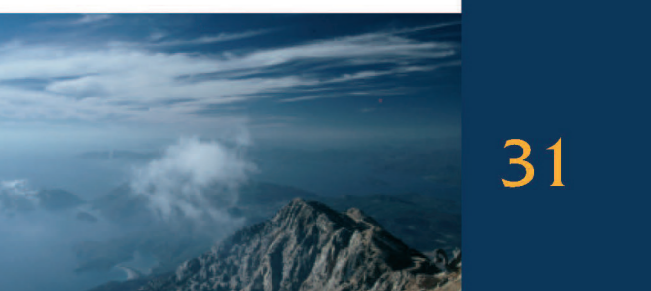
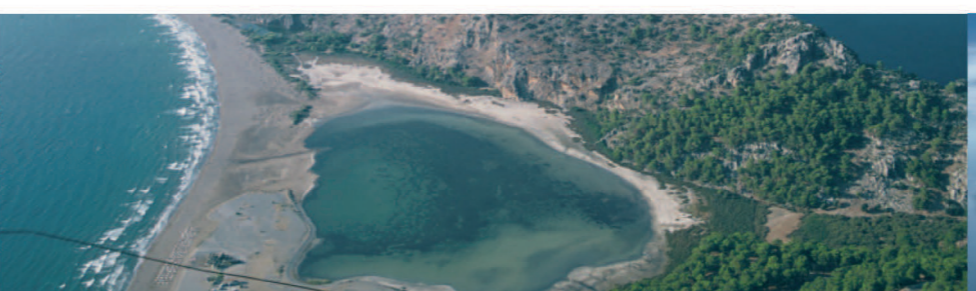
Season: March - December

Duration: 17 days, 16 nights

Condition: Anyone without a health condition

Excluded: Beverages, personal expenses, visas, international airfare

Additional tours: 2-day Istanbul tour at the start or the end





North to East

Sights and sounds of antiquity

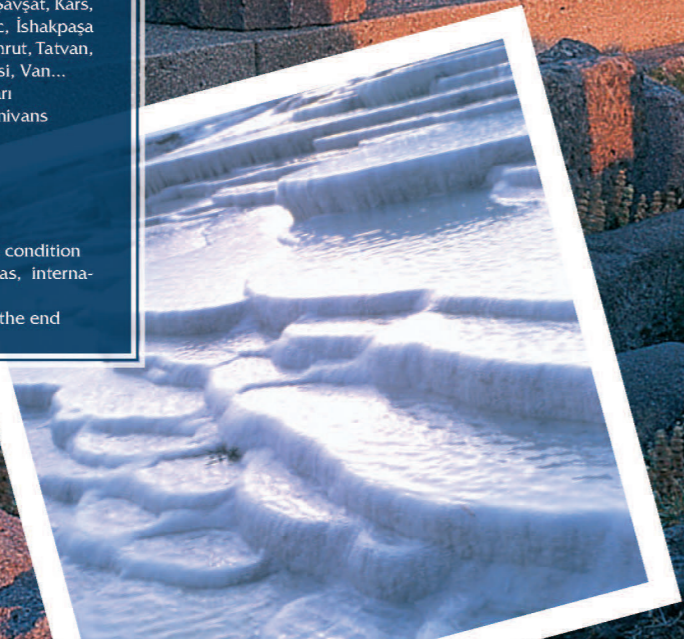


Starting off with Sumela Monasteries modest beauty carved into a mountain, the tour continues with Firtina Valley, one of the 100 most important ecosystems in the world. Trekking in Ayder, Pokut and Çat yaylas, the tour reaches the spellbinding Macahel and Şavşat. From Ani ruins in Kars, the tour trails off into the mystical Ishakpaşa Palace in Doğubeyazıt and biblical Arc of Noah, ending up at the Akdamar Island in Van overlooking Mt. Suphan.

Day 1: Trabzon, Sumela Monastery; **Day 2-5:** Firtina Valley; **Day 6-7:** Macahel; **Day 8-9:** Yusufeli; **Day 10:** Şavşat; **Day 11:** Kars, Ani ruins; **Day 12-13:** Doğubeyazıt, Mt. Ararat; **Day 14-15:** Mt. Nemrut, Akdamar Island, Van; **Day 16:** departure from Van

Destinations: Trabzon, Sumela Monastery, Uzungöl, Ayder, Pokut, Çat, Macahel, Artvin, Barhal, Şavşat, Kars, Ani Ruins, Doğubeyazıt, Noah's Arc, Ishakpaşa Palace, Ağrı dağı, Erciş, Süphan, Nemrut, Tatvan, Akdamar Adası, Van Gölü, Van Kalesi, Van...

Accommodations: Turist sınıfı oteller ve dağ pansiyonları
Transportation: Domestic airfare, all transits with minivans
Meals: Otellerin ve restoranların menüleri
Rehberlik: Profesyonel rehberler
Giriş ücretleri: All national parks and permits.
Season: April-December
Süre: 16 days, 15 nights
Kondisyon: Easy walks; anyone without a health condition
Excluded: Beverages, personal expenses, visas, international airfare
Additional tours: 2-day tour in Istanbul at the start or the end



Grand Turkey Tour

Traveling through Turkey in a month



From the dry climates of the East to the lush greens of the North to the warm waters of the South and mild climates of the West this tour takes you to many lands and many cultures all wrapped in one program. Gourmet meals in all stops, this tour is the best way to experience Turkey in all its many facets of life.

Day 1-2: Van Lake and environs; **Day 3-4:** Mt. Ararat and environs; **Day 5:** Kars, Ani ruins; **Day 6:** Erzurum; **Day 7-9:** Yusufeli, Barhal; **Day 10-12:** Şavşat; **Day 13-14:** Macahel; **Day 15-18:** Firtina Vadisi; **Day 19-20:** Trabzon, Sumela, Samsun; **Day 21-22:** Hattuşaş, Ankara; **Day 23-25:** Cappadocia; **Day 26:** Antalya; **Day 27-28:** Olympos, Kas; **Day 29-30:** Fethiye and environs; **Day 31-32:** Ephesus; **Day 33-34:** Gallipoli, Troy; **Day 35:** Istanbul

Destinations: Van, Muradiye, Doğubeyazıt, Ağrı Dağı, Nuh'un Gemisi, Ani Harabeleri, Erzurum, Artvin, Macahel, Şavşat, Barhal, Ayder, Firtina Vadisi, Pokut, Çat, Trabzon, Sumela Manastırı, Ünye, Amasya, Hattuşaş, Ankara, Kapadokya, Konya, Antalya, Olimpos, Çıralı, Kekova, Kaş, Dalyan, Dalaman, İzuzu, Kayaköy, Ölüdeniz, Gökova, Fethiye, Marmaris, Bodrum

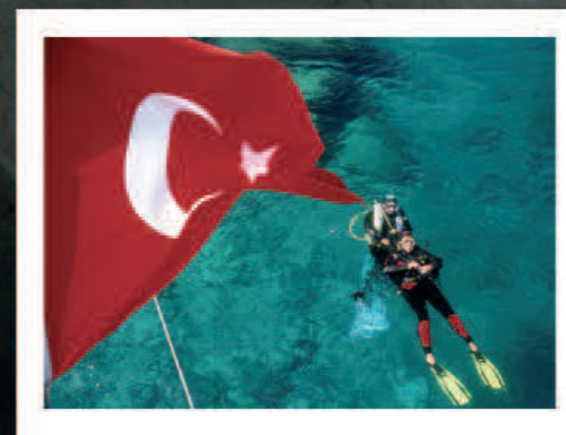
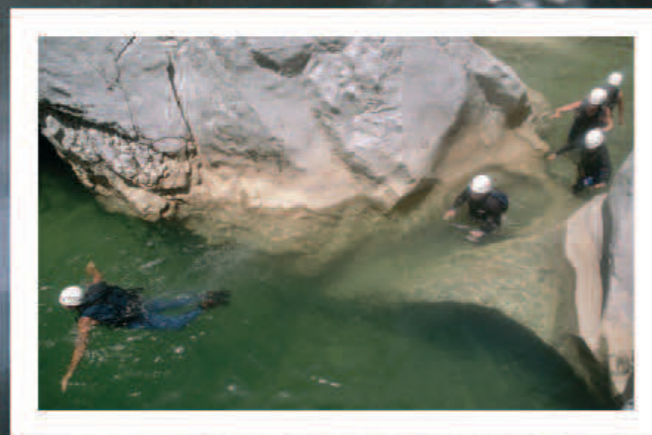
Accommodation: Boutique hotels and mountain lodges
Transportation: Domestic airfare, all transits with minivans
Meals: Hotel and restaurant menus
Equipments: All kinds of technical gear
Guide: Professional guides
Admission: All national parks and permits.
Season: May- November
Duration: 35 days, 34 nights.
Condition: Anyone without a health condition
Excluded: Beverages, personal expenses, visas, international airfare
Additional tours: 2-day Istanbul tour at the start or the end



ACTIVITY TOURS

Activity tours are about either focusing on a sports activity and having the nature tour evolve around it, or choosing a terrain that would be yielding to many sports activities. In this section you will find some tour information about specific sports activities, such as cycling, skiing, showshoeing offered in the best terrains of Turkey, many of which are amongst the best terrains in the world. You will also find a group of tours that have combined activities and present a week long tour, trying some other endorphine inducing activity every day.-

You could be flying over Cappadocia with a hot-air balloon, or biking around the open air museums in the region. You may be kayaking over sunken cities, or explore caves or coves, as you wish. Mountain biking one day and paragliding over the Mediterranean the next, Turkey's riches are sure to make you want to come back for more.



Skiing & Snowboarding

Undiscovered Ski Resorts



1- Uludağ: The most popular and the oldest ski resort due to its close proximity to Istanbul. In the hotel area there are 8 chairlifts, 7 ski lifts, bringing the overall capacity to 11.000 people/hr. It has 13 different slopes.

2- Kartalkaya: Another ski resort, again quite popular due to its close proximity to Istanbul. It has 2 hotels and 2 chairlifts, 6 ski lifts and 3 baby lifts, having a capacity of 6.000 persons/hr. In its total of 12 slopes, it has a total skiing capacity that reaches 20 km.

3- Palandöken has one of the longest and steepest ski slopes in the world. Longest slope is 12 km and the total skiing area is about 28 km. With 1000 m. difference in altitude between its farthest pads Palandöken has two certified skiing tracks for Slalom and Grand Slalom races. (Ejder Strip and Kapıkaya Strip). The resort has 5 chair lifts (total capacity 4500 people/hr), 1 ski lift (total capacity 300 people/hr), 2 baby lifts (total 1800 capacity/hr) and 1 gondol lift (1500 people/hr capacity).

4- Sarıkamış: The best Ski Resort in Turkey. It has 2 chair lifts, 1 ski lift Sarıkamış Kayak Tesisleri has 2 chairlifts, one 2400 people/hr capacity, another 800 people/hr capacity. Ministry of Tourism has donated 2 additional 4 person ski lifts to Sarıkamış on Cibil Hill.

Destinations: Palandöken Ski Resort, Sarıkamış Ski Resort, Uludağ Ski Resort, Kartalkaya Ski Resort.

Accommodations: Luxurious hotels

Transportation: Domestic airfare, transport of gear and luggage

Meals: Hotel menu

Equipments: All kinds of technical gear

Guide: Professional guides

Transportation: Ekimmanların transferi.

Admission: Tüm park ve izinler.

Price: Fiyat için ofisimizle irtibata geçiniz.

Season: Aralık-Mart

Duration: Varies

Condition: Anyone without a health condition

Excluded: Beverages, personal expenses, visas, international airfare

Additional tours: 2-day Istanbul tour at the start or the end

Cycling Tours

Pedaling in Anatolia



Support vehicle always follows the tour group. Tours are designed according to the attendees. Sometimes it could be organized around the beach resorts in the Aegean and Mediterranean and sometimes they may tour around the ancient sites. Tours in the East are on the yayalaz, on the soft terrain or on the hard asphalt. No matter where these cycling tour may be, they are bound to inspire the group with the beauty of the region.

Destinations: 1-Gallipoli to Ephesus
2-Dalaman to Olympos
3-Cappadocia
4-Eastern Black Sea
5-around the Van Lake

Accommodations: Hotel, tent or B&Bs

Transportation: Domestic airfare, transport of gear and luggage and support vehicle

Meals: Hotel menu, lunch bags during activities, camp meal

Equipments: All kinds of technical gear

Guide: Professional guides

Admissions: All national parks and permits

Season: Around the year

Duration: Varies per group request (1 -30 days)

Conditions: People who know how to cycle

Excluded: Beverages, personal expenses, visas, international airfare

Additional tours: Cycling tours can start in any region. Tours that explore the local natural and historical sites of that region can be added to the start or the end of the tour.

Sea Kayaking Tours

Pedaling out to the turquoise sea



After arrival to Dalaman the tour gets to Koycegiz, and takes off on the delta that leads to Iztuzu beach, the famous habitat of the endangered species, the Caretta Caretta sea turtles. Then the tour arrives in Asi Cove, Sangerme ve Baba Adası, beaches, coves and capes that eventually lead to beautiful Göcek. A week-long pedaling, swimming and snorkeling. Traveling to ancient ruins of the Lycian civilization. Arriving on land, meals are at the closeby restaurants, camping on the Mediterranean is one of the best ways to enjoy a summer night in the region.

Destinations: Köyceğiz, Köyceğiz Rock Tombs, Caunos, Caretta Caretta (Turtle Beach), Asi Cove, Dişibilmez Cape, Sarı Germe, Baba Island, Kapıdağ Peninsula, Kurtoğlu Cape, Göcek Cove and Gocek

Accommodation: 2-3 star hotels in downtown areas, timber B&Bs on plateaus, tents.

Transportation: Domestic airfare, all transits with minivans

Meals: 3 meals; hotels and B&B menu, camp meal

Equipments: All kinds of technical and camping gear

Guide: Professional guides

Admission: All national parks and museums

Season: July 1- October 1

Duration: 8 days and 7 nights

Condition: Day hikes of up to 4-9 hours

Additional: Beverages, personal expenses, visas and international airfare

Additional tours: 2-4 days or a weeklong blue tour with the gulet type of yacht / Göcek- Antalya or fethiye-Marmaris-Fethiye Blue Tours



Multi Activity Tours I

Final Frontier on multi-activity vacation



Destinations: Trabzon, Mt. Soğanlı, Mt. Kaçkar, Mt. Karçal, Mt. Verçenik and Mt. Tatos, Firtına Valley, Maçahel Valley, Barhal Valley, Çoruh Valley, Ovit, Rize and Artvin Yaylas, Alpine zone and natural ancient forests

Accommodation: Boutique hotels and tents

Transportation: Domestic airfare, transport of gear and luggage

Meals: Hotel menu and lunch bags during activities

Equipments: All kinds of technical equipment

Guide: Professional guides

Admission: All national parks and museums

Season: June, July, September, October

Duration: 11 days, 10 nights

Condition: Medium level condition needed

Additional: Beverages, personal expenses, visas and international airfare

Additional tours: 2-3 day Istanbul tour / The historical riches of İstanbul and tours along the Bosphorus

Day 1: Istanbul, Dalaman, Kas (base); Day 2: sea kayaking in the turquoise waters over the ancient sunken city of Kekova; Day 3-4: Sailing with a gulet around the coves near Kas; snorkeling wherever looks serene; Day 5: Scuba diving or regular diving; Day 6: Canyoning at the cool waters of Kibriscik Canyon, especially to ease the heat of the Mediterranean sun; Day 7: Mountain biking starting from hills 30km above Kas and descending into Kas watching an amazing view. Day 8-9: Resting at the beach; Day 10: Paragliding and/or tandem gliding; Day 11: departure for Istanbul

Multi Activity Tours II

Best of sports and rest



Destinations: TKaş, Uçağız ve Kekova Batık Şehri, Kaş Yanmadasi, Kibriscik Kanyonu, Dalaman, Dalyan, Caunos, İztuzu, Dalaman Nehri. Sea Kayak, Dalış, Dağ Bisikleti, Canyoning, Paragliding, Yacht (Gulet) Tour, Rafting

Accommodation: 2-3 star hotels in downtown areas, timber B&Bs on plateaus, tents.

Transportation: Domestic airfare, all transits with minivans

Meals: 3 meals; hotels and B&B menu, camp meal

Equipments: All kinds of technical and camping gear

Guide: Professional guides

Admission: All national parks and museums

Season: July 1- October 1

Duration: 8 days, 7 nights

Condition: Day hikes of upto 4-9 hours

Excluded: Beverages, personal expenses, visas and international airfare

Additional tours: 2-3 day tour of Istanbul can be added to the beginning or the end of the tour



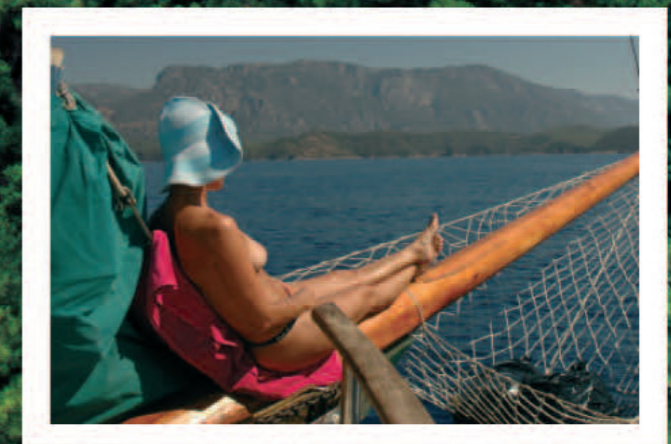
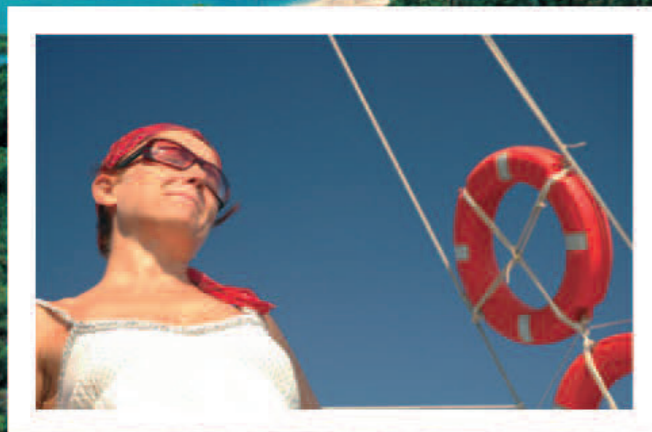
SPECIAL INTEREST TOURS

How do you go about finding a bird observation tour? Where do you go to take photos of exotic fauna and flora? How about a cuisine tour, bird watching or crossing a canyon? Would you like to fly over the Mediterranean with a microlight?

Bukia organizes great tours on all these special interests to fulfill your wishes and expectations.

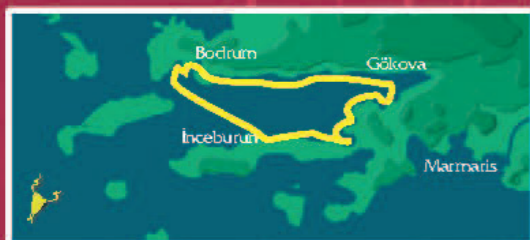
Taking you to the heart of wildlife or the protected habitat for endemic plants in Turkey, your vacation can be about whatever hobby or interest you would like to seek out more of.

Whether you are after an adventure seeker or traveling with family, Bukla tours are designed to help you have the best vacation time.



Blue Tour I

The irresistible Turquoise waters



In the Aegean there are many coves that are good for swimming, sightseeing and Blue Tours are the ideal way to relax and have a peaceful, restful vacation. So much so that after a blue tour one would be amazed at how generous nature is and every single part of nature will remind you of what a relaxing time this tour has been.

Tour starts and ends in Bodrum; sailing with gulets. Gulets are small Turkish yachts that are unique to Turkey. The gulet will sail within Gökova Bay throughout the week. Gulets are fully wooded construction, 28 m long, typically has 6-8 rooms, has shower and bath in every room. If the group members are interested the boats can be airconditioned too.

Destinations: Bodrum Gökova Bodrum Route: Bodrum, Gökova Bay, İtara Ada, Çifti, Seven Island, Longöz, İkarosöğüt, Cleopatra Island, İngiliz Limanı, Ceramos, Çökertme, Orak Island

Accommodations: 12 person capacity Bodrum style 'gulet' yachts

Transportation: Domestic airfare, all transits with minivans

Meals: 3 meals at the gulet, also includes afternoon tea

Season: June

Duration: 8 days, 7 nights

Included: Crew fees, gas, water use, port and harbor expenses

Excluded: İpeçelder, kişisel masraflar, vize, uluslararası uçak ve belirlenmeyenler

Additional tours: A 2-day Istanbul tour can be added to the beginning or the end of the tour.



Black Sea Photo Safari

Building the 'greenest' photo collection



From its flora to fauna, high mountains to lakes and yaylas, including its people, Black Sea region is a paradise for the photographer. This tour is designed for the photographer who is looking for a trip where he does not have to worry about being rushed.

The accommodations will be arranged at Ayder Yayla, at a timber B&B. Everyday the weather will determine the vehicle and program of that day. Nature is full of surprising developments, sometimes an intense rain may bring about a better photograph.

Destinations: Trabzon, Sumela Monastery, Çamlıhemşin, Firtina Valley, Historical Suspension Bridgeslar, historical mansions, Ayder, Çeymakçur, Kavron, Huser, Pokut, Sal, Çat Yaylas, Zil Castle, Palovit Waterfall, Mt. Kaçkar, Çengovit Lakes, Karagöl Maçahel Valley, etc.

Accommodations: Timber B&Bs in Ayder region

Transportation: Domestic airfare, all transits with minivans

Meals: 3 meals; B&B menu

Guide: Professional guides

Admission: All parks and museums

Season: June 1 - October 1

Duration: 3-15 day

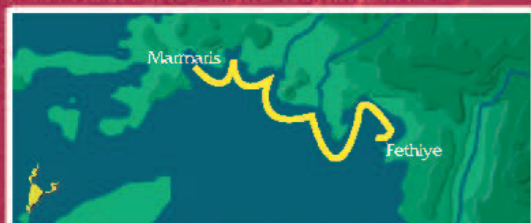
Condition: Day hikes of about 2-4 hours

Excluded: Beverages, personal expenses, visa, international airfare

Additional tours: 2 day Istanbul tour

Blue Tour II

Falling in love with the Mediterranean



The tour starts and ends in Marmaris. Aside from the blue tour program, there will be a sightseeing tour to the ancient city of Caunos and the Rock tombs nearby. The mud bath there is a good example of other interesting activities nearby.

For the Blue tour Gulets are used. They are 28 m long wooden construction boats, typically having 6-8 rooms, shower and bath in every room. If the group members are interested the boats can be airconditioned too. In this tour a photography expert will be on board as well to offer a chance to improve on photography.

Destinations: Marmaris, Amos Cove, Ekinlik, Ancient City of Caunos, Ağa Port, Beşik Bahari Köyü, Tersane Island, Çöcek Köyü, Fethiye, Djalalmaz Cove, Radruga Cove, Paradise Island

Accommodations: 12 person Bodrum type gulet

Transportation: Domestic airfare, all transits with minivans

Meals: 3 meals and 5 o'clock tea

Included: Crew fees, gas expenses, water expenses and port fees

Guide: Professional guide, and photography guide

Season: June 1 - October 1

Duration: 8 days, 7 nights

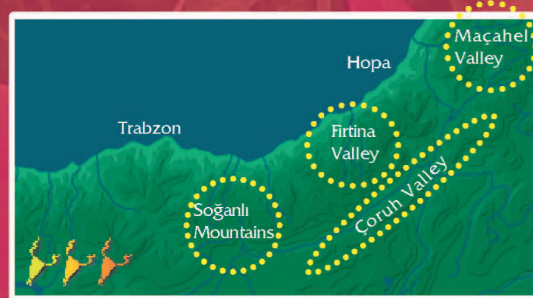
Excluded: Beverages, personal expenses, visas, international airfare

Additional tours: 2-day Istanbul tour



Wild Bird Observation

In search of the hawk



Birdlife International has declared Turkey among the top 100 most important places for wild birdlife. Turkey's unique geological formation, large differences in altitude and varying climates, have caused areas like the Northern Black Sea Coast of Turkey to receive more than 2000 mm rainfall and become the most rainy region of the country. Especially in Çoruh River and the narrow rocky valley surrounding it has many endemic plants by itself alone. The region has a total of 160 endemic, approximately 2500 vascular plantlife and is very rich in terms of plantlife and habitat.

The region is also rich with large mammals such as brown bear (*Ursus arctos*), hookhorned chamois (*Rupicapra rupicapra*), dağkeçisi (*Capra aegagrus*), wolf (*Canis lupus*), wildcat (*Felis silvestris*) ve bobcat (*Lynx lynx*). The region is also home to many amphibians and reptiles. At least 3 types of viper snakes have been observed. Of these three the Caucas viper (*Vipera pontica*) is endemic and lives only in Çoruh Valley near Artvin. The region is also rich with butterflies and wild birdlife. Some endemic birds of the region are: Birch, Caucas Partridge, Mountain Rooster, Bee Falcon, Black Kite, Falcon, Bearded vulture, Rock Eagle, Forest Eagle, Scarlet Hawk, Hawk, Bearded Hawk, Vulture. Such an ecosystem has many other types of birds in the region also.

Destinations: Trabzon, Soğanlı Mountains, Kaçkar Mountains, Karçal Mountains, Verçenik and Tatos Mountains, Firtına Valley, Maçahel Valley, Barhal Valley, Kılıçkaya Mountain, Çoruh Valley, Övit, Rize and Artvin Yaylas, Alpin zone and Natural Ancient Forests

Accommodations: B&Bs and country lodges
Transportation: Domestic airfare, transport of gear and luggage

Meals: Hotel menu, lunch bags during activities
Guide: Professional guides
Admission: All parks and permits.
Season: May-October
Duration: 10 days, 9 nights
Condition: Average condition, some strenuous treks and hikes
Excluded: Beverages, personal expenses, visas, international airfare
Additional tours: 2-day Istanbul tour or a 3-4 day tour in the Marmara region to observe water birds

Botanic

Seeking the exotic



Plantlife, a British institution that works on preserving plants and habitat has received support from RSPB (British Royal Society for the Protection of Birds) and its significant network in determining the most important bird areas in Turkey. Fauna Flora International (FFI) and İstanbul University Botanic Department (ISTE) have decided to cooperate in determining the most important areas of İstanbul. One of the most significant areas is undoubtedly the Black Sea Region. One of the top 25 most important bird areas in the world, Eastern Black Sea area of Turkey has 2500 types of plant life türü tespit edilmiş and 300 are endemic, 400 are rare and 31 are almost extinct. This tour features bird observation in all of these significant areas and in the Natural Ancient Forests (a rarity in Europe).

Destinations: Trabzon, Soğanlı Mountains, Kaçkar Mountains, Karçal Mountains, Verçenik and Tatos Mountains, Firtına Valley, Maçahel Valley, Barhal Valley, Çoruh Valley, Övit, Rize and Artvin Yaylas, Alpin zone and natural ancient forest

Accommodations: B&Bs and yayla lodges
Transportation: Domestic airfare, transport of gear and luggage and support vehicle

Meals: Hotel menu, lunch bags during activities
Guide: Professional guides
Admission: All national parks and permits.
Season: May-October
Duration: 3-15 days
Condition: Anyone without a health condition, there are some rigorous hikes on some steep terrain

Excluded: Beverages, personal expenses, visas, international airfare
Additional tours: 2-day İstanbul tour or any other special interest tour

Water Bird Observation

Paradise for Birdlovers



Birdlife International has determined the regions in Turkey that are of international significance for birdlife. This tour goes through the main birdlife habitats in Turkey, starting from İstanbul and ending in İstanbul. Some of the types of birds that are likely to be observed in this tour are cormorant, pelican, heron, vulture, flamingo and many more.

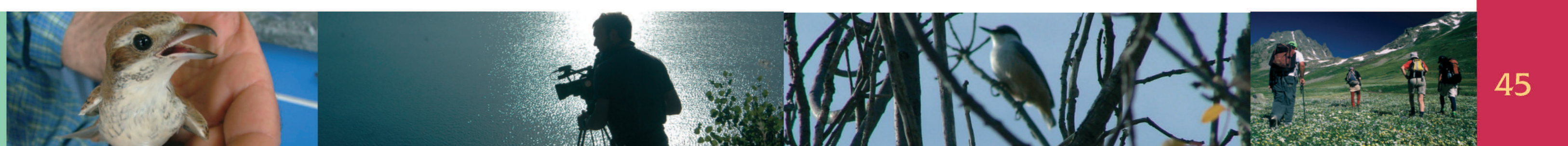
Destinations: İstanbul, Bursa, Bandırma, Kocacay Deltası, Manyas Kuş Cenneti, Ulubat Gölü, Foça Suları, Gediz Delta, Bafa Lake, Menderes Minor delta and Menderes Major Delta, Bafa Lake, Güllük Delta, Pamukkale, Salda Lake, Acıgöl, Burdur Lake, Tuzgölü, Sapanca Lake

Accommodations: Boutique hotels and B&Bs
Transportation: Domestic airfare, transport of gear and luggage
Meals: Hotel menu, lunch bags during activities
Guide: Professional guides
Admission: All parks and permits.
Season: Around the year
Duration: 11 days, 10 nights
Condition: Anyone without a health condition
Excluded: Beverages, personal expenses, visas, international airfare

Additional tours: A tour of İstanbul of Cappadocia before or after this tour



special interest tours



ADDITIONAL TOURS

These tours are designed to accompany other tours, either right before or right after them. You may also consider adding one of these tours to the beginning of your tour, and the other to the end of your tour.

These additional tours can be customized to last anywhere from half a day to a week. They can also be stand alone tours, as both Istanbul and Cappadocia are world famous places that any visitor to Turkey would like to see more of.

Istanbul Tours

Cultural Capital of Europe



Straddling Europe and Asia, with the Bosphorus Strait connecting Black Sea to the Aegean and the Mediterranean, the only city located in the heart of the old and the new, Istanbul is a breathtaking city just by its location. History has seen three very powerful civilizations establishing their capitals here: Roman Empire, Byzantium and Ottoman Empire. Since 1923 Turkish Republic has risen out of the ashes of the 700 year old Ottoman Empire after a huge decline and series of invasions and is a young and dynamic nation.

The megapol of 15 million residents are world citizens in a city where 3 religions meet. Over 600 years, more than 120 emperors and sultans have ruled, making Istanbul not just an economic or government capital but also a religion capital. Matter of fact, the Patriarch of the Orthodox world is in Istanbul. The most famous churches of early Christianity, such as Hagia Sophia, is in Istanbul. From 16th century up till the founding of the secular Turkish Republic in 1924, Ottoman Sultans ruled the Islamic world from Istanbul. Judaism has flourished in Istanbul after the 15th century when the Jews were invited to take shelter in the Ottoman lands to save themselves from the Spanish Inquisition.

Istanbul is a city of tolerance and thus offers a very lively experience.

Destinations: Hagia Sophia, Blue Mosque, Hippodrome, Topkapı Palace, Grand Bazaar, Spice Bazaar, Rustem Pasha Mosque, Süleymaniye Mosque, Church of Chora, Old City Walls, Dolmabahçe Palace, Ortaköy District, Bosphorus Boat Tour, Rumeli Fortress, Galata Tower, Eyüp Külliyesi, Pierre Loti, Balat, Patrikane, Mini-atürk, Rahmi Koç Museum, Hippodrom, German Fountain, Sultanahmet, Hürrem Hamam, Beyoğlu, Palace Mosals Museum, Covered Bazaar

Transportation: All transfers within the city
Meals: Meals can be included upon request

Guide: Professional guides
Admission: All museums
Season: All around the year
Duration: 1-4 days
Condition: Anyone without a health condition

Excluded: Beverages, personal expenses
Season: July 1 - October 1
Duration: 8 days, 7 nights
Condition: Trekking of 4-9 hours
Excluded: Beverages, personal expenses, visas, international airfare

Additional tours: Istanbul is famous for its entertainment and nightlife. A tour specifically to cater to these aspects of the city can be designed upon request

Cappadocia Tour

Land of gorgeous horses



Mt. Erciyes and Mt. Hasan have erupted millions of years ago, their tuff covering a 10,000 km² area. In time the Hittites, Frigians, and the Medes ruled and eventually Persians called this area 'the land of gorgeous horses'. The region is famous for its soft malleable terrain which was home to the early Christians that dug out their cave homes, churches and underground cities there. In the ancient times people believed that caves were safe against natural disasters, so the whole area has been extensively inhabited by early settlers. Current day Cappadocia (Urgup, Zelve, Uchisar) is made up of very warm and welcoming villagers as well as a breathtaking open air museum

Destinations: Soğanlı Valley Open Air Museum, Keşlik Church, Sivas, Devrent Vadisi, Zelve Open Air Museum, Paşabağ, Avanos, Göreme Open Air Museum, Kaya Churches, Uçhisar, Kaymaklı Underground City, Ihlara Valley, Bellisirma village.

Accommodations: Boutique hotels
Transportation: All transfers between towns
Meals: Breakfast and dinner
Guide: Professional guides
Admission: All museum tickets
Season: Around the year
Duration: 3 days, 2 nights
Condition: Anyone without a health condition

Excluded: Beverages, personal expenses

Additional tours: This tour is designed to accompany other tours. A 4 day tour can be designed upon request.

ABOUT TURKEY

Area: Approx 780,000 sq km (483,000 sq mi)
Population: 67.8m (according to 1999 census)
People: Majority Turks. Minorities recognised under the Turkish Constitution: Jews, Armenians and Greeks. Other ethnic peoples include Kurds, Lazs, Circassians and Bosnians.
Language: Turkish (official)
Currency: New Turkish Lira (YTL)
Government: Parliamentary Republic
Membership of international groupings/organisations: UN, NATO, the Council of Europe, the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), an Associate Member of the Western European Union, and a candidate for accession to the European Union (negotiations started on 3 October 2005).
Land boundaries: total: 2,627 km, border countries: Armenia 268 km, Azerbaijan 9 km, Bulgaria 240 km, Georgia 252 km, Iran 499 km, Iraq 331 km, Syria 822 km
Coastline: 8,333 km
Climate: temperate; hot, dry summers with mild, wet winters; harsher in interior, subtropical rain and fog forests in northeastern mountains.
Terrain: mostly mountains; narrow coastal plain; high central plateau (Anatolia)
Elevation extremes: lowest point: Mediterranean Sea 0 m, highest point: Mount Ararat 5,166m
Land use: arable land: 32%, permanent crops: 4%, permanent pastures: 16%, forests and woodland: 26%, other: 22% (1993 est.)
GDP: US\$611 billion in 2006
GDP per head: US\$8,393 in 2006
Annual Growth: 7.4% in 2005 (8.9% in 2004)
Time: GMT +2 Hours
Electricity: 220v 50Hz
International Dialing Code: 90
Inflation: Year-on-year CPI as of March 2006: 8.16%
Exchange rates of Dec. 2006: 1 GBP = 2.79909 TRY / 1 USD = 1.42568 TRY / 1 EUR = 1.88749 TRY
Recent History: Turkey has been called "the cradle of civilization" and by traveling through this historic land, tourists will discover exactly what is meant by this phrase. The world's first town, a neolithic city at Catalhoyuk, dates back to 6,500 B.C. From the days of Catalhoyuk up to the present, Turkey boasts a rich culture that through the centuries has made a lasting impression on modern civilization. The heir to many centuries of cultures makes Turkey a paradise of information and cultural wealth. Hittites, Hittites, Phrygians, Urartians, Lycians, Lydians, Ionians, Persians, Macedonians, Romans, Byzantines, Seljuks, and Ottomans have all made important contributions to Turkish history, and ancient sites and ruins scattered throughout the country give proof of each civilization's unique distinction.

Turkey also has a very fascinating recent history. Upon the decline of the Ottoman Empire, a young man named Mustafa Kemal, who was a soldier by occupation but in character, a great visionary, took the defeat of World War I and turned it into a shining victory by liberating Turkey of all foreign invaders. Mustafa Kemal Atatürk founded the Republic of Turkey on October 29, 1923. He led his country into peace and stability, with tremendous economic growth and complete modernization. Through decades of change and growth, Turkey still boasts this success, living by its adopted motto of "Peace at Home, Peace in the World".

BEFORE BOOKING

PASSPORT: Before all international visits check your passports and make sure they have at least 6 months till their expiry dates. Take your old passports with you if there are any.

VISA: Learn if the country you are planning to visit has any visa applications for your country. If there is a country in the itinerary that has to be crossed transiently, it may require another visa. If there is such a need please try to get it handled 2 months beforehand. Bukla will help you with this issue.

HEALTH: Some health and vaccine suggestions may be brought concerning the country you are going to visit. Apply these within the suggested time before you begin the journey. For Turkey only tetanus and polio vaccines are suggested as for any other country. There are no vaccines that are strictly required for Turkey.

It is assumed that our visitors are not suffering asthma bronchiale, high blood pressure, heart disease, immune system disorders or any disease that could effect the tour program. Bukla cannot be held responsible for any disease information that is not declared beforehand.

TOURS with FLIGHTS INCLUDED: In this brochure and at our website the beginning and ending point of the flight included tours are Istanbul. The airport taxes for internal flights and the airport transfers at the destination are included in the price. If required, the airport transfer in Istanbul will be added to the price. International flights are not included in the price if no contrary information is given. If a group reservation is made for the flight, Money refund is not made in case of cancellation. You will be informed of this issue when your application is taken.

TOURS with FLIGHTS NOT INCLUDED: Generally the tours begin at the destination point. That

means every tour has a meeting point. People may fly with any airlines they choose to be at the given meeting point at the given time. Bukla provides help with this issue if needed. Please take off on time so you can reach the meeting point promptly. Otherwise Bukla cannot be responsible for the extra payments you have to make to catch the tour.

FLIGHT INFORMATION: Please keep in mind that early reservation is always cheaper due to variable price policies. Especially for holidays and special days, reservations should be made earlier. Any change made by the airline company is reflected directly. Please follow the updated information about the flights remembering any changes may be made at the last minute.

INSURANCE: Beginning 2007, agencies that are members of TÜRSAB are insured on responsibility basis. It covers the responsibilities concerning the services promised within the tour, if they are not given for any reason including bankruptcy, or if the services are not given in the declared manner. In cases of accidents or illness, the customer may have an insurance covering the payments needed to bring him/her to the destination point, any extra payments arising from an accident and health care payments. People may directly make their applications to insurance companies. The agencies have to give a copy of the insurance policy to the customer.

We suggest that everyone that is going to participate in our tours have a health insurance covering air ambulance or helicopter, and a travel insurance covering tour cancellation, and everything regarding your trip made and bring a copy of your health insurance documents with you.

DECIDING: Make sure the tour is appropriate for you and fulfills your expectations.

FAUNA & FLORA

Turkey is extremely rich with fauna and flora, so much so that its ecological wealth surpasses with all of Europe alone. Turkey has 9000 plant species in the forests, 3000 of which are endemic (they grow nowhere else in the world). 1700 of these 9000 plants are endangered species and 200 of them are nearly extinct. In addition 120.000 invertebrates, 426 bird species, 8 turtle species, 49 lizard species, 36 snake species, 20 frog species and 110 mammal species live in the forests of Turkey.

Turkey has 33 national parks, 35 preservation sites, 16 nature parks, 102 nature monuments, 14 special environment protection areas, 200 globally significant water areas, 97 globally significant bird sites, 122 globally significant plant sites, 20 globally significant turtle reproduction sites, 16 globally significant Aegean seal sites, and 9 globally significant forest sites.

Only in North Eastern Turkey 2500 plant species can be found and 160 of these are locally, 300 are totally endemic, and 400 are completely rare species. 31 of these are nearly extinct. Besides, the region has been selected as one of the 25 important areas in the world of endemic structure.

Birdlife international has selected North Eastern Turkey as one of the 100 most globally significant areas for wild birds, and it has been selected as one of the 200 unprotected ecological areas by the WWF international, IUCN and UNEP. The same region again has the untouched, natural ancient forests of Europe. 20 mammals in the region are under protection according to Bern specifications. Three of these are nearly extinct. 68% of the 136 bird species found in this region are under protection and 20 of these are nearly extinct.

VACANCY: Check the dates of the tour you would like to go with and the vacancy of those dates.

REGISTRATION: You can sign up to Bukla tours online, by telephone, mail or fax. We assume any information given during registration is true. Responsibility concerning lack of information or wrong information, any undecared illness or routine medication is on the customer.

ADVANCE BOOKING & OPTION DATES: When you apply for any of Bukla tours, an option date is given to you. This is the last date for you to make sure you will participate in the tour and make the payment. Any reservations that are not paid for until this date are considered as advance reservation and these applications lose all their rights concerning the tour if their payments are not made until the end of the given option date. Those vacancies are put on market again. Option date may be changed if needed provided that related information is given.

PAYMENTS: Payments are accepted in the following ways: Cash, Bank transfer, Credit Card. We do not accept credit cards with mail orders before the tour is made certain.

DEPOSIT: When you pay deposit your participation to the tour is assured. If the rest of the payment is not made the customer loses all his/her rights concerning the tour.

COMPLETE PAYMENT: When you have completed the registration and payment for one of our tours but had to cancel, the specifications of reservation cancellation apply. If you still have the refund rights, Money is paid back, otherwise no Money refund is made.

If the tour is cancelled by Bukla, all your Money is refunded.

BOOKING FORM

For individuals who do not have access to the online reservation form at www.bukla.com

By signing this form I accept that I have read the details of and agree to make payments for the tour(s) listed below. All the information I have provided on this form is true, and that I am responsible for any potential problems that may arise from my oversight or misinformation.

	Name	Surname	Nationality	Occupation	Dietary Requirements
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	Birth place	Birth date	Passport no / ID no	Place of issue	Date of issue	Expiry date
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Work tel:	Mobile:
Mobile:	
Email:	

	Tour name	Tour date	Including transportation	excluding transportation
1				
2				

Please list any specific illness, allergies or health conditions you have

Please list tours and outdoor activities you have previously attended

Number of attendees	
Total tour cost	
Total amount to be charged	
Card type	
Bank name	
Cardholders name	
Card no	
Expiry date	
Cardholder's address	
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Signature	

I accept Bukla Travel Agency to charge my above mentioned credit card for the full amount stated above.

In the case of a cancellation after signing the enclosed form, your payment will not be refunded but you will be eligible for the same tour on a future date or another tour with the same price. If the cancellation is more than 60 days prior the monies paid can be reimbursed in full. If the cancellation takes place 30-59 days prior to the trip, 50% of the payment can be refunded. Should the cancellation happen within the last 30 days there can not be any reimbursement and all installments are charged at once. In the case of absence during the tour all installments are charged at once. In the case of a cancellation by Bukla, all the payments received will be reimbursed. Bukla can not use the credit card details and information provided in the enclosed form for any purpose other than receiving payments for the tours. Bukla is responsible for keeping all the information provided in the enclosed form private. In the case of a conflict the Bukla agreement is considered the ultimate proof. Any disagreements stemming from this contract can be taken to court in Istanbul.

BOOKING CONDITIONS

CANCELLATION & POSTPONING & CHANGES

FORCE MAJEURE: War, military coup, earthquake, natural disaster, political chaos, instability, terror, nuclear disaster, mechanical malfunction, adverse weather conditions, strike, lockout and any similar circumstance beyond the control of the main parties of this contract that may amount to a force majeure.

BUKLA'S COMMITMENT TO YOU

-In the case of inadequate number of attendees, or conditions that amount to a force majeure Bukla Travel Agency has the rights to partially or completely cancel the tour. In the case of such a cancellation by Bukla, all the payments received will be reimbursed. Costs and expenses incurred through means other than these cancellation conditions do not create grounds for reimbursement.

Regarding reimbursement you are eligible for the following:

- full reimbursement
- no reimbursement with the compensation to attend a Bukla tour with the same rate
- no reimbursement with the compensation to attend a Bukla tour within a year's time without being affected by potential increases in tour rates

2- In the case of cancellation of flights, reimbursements are made according to the conditions of the airline

3- In the case of increase in tour rates, increase in taxes or devaluation of currencies up until 7 days prior to the trip, 3% of the total tour costs are compensated. Increases that exceed 3% of the total tour cost are included. In cases where such increases in tour cost exceed 10%, you have the right to cancel your tour and get full reimbursement.

4- Bukla tours are insured for cases where the service may not be fully honored. The insurance covers 3 times the tour cost, including the return ticket, treatment expenses and all kinds of related damages incurred in the event of an accident and/or illness.

Bukla expects that individuals who participate on Bukla tours have their health insurance and eligible for full coverage in the case of accidents.

5- Bukla reserves the right to use all kinds of visual media for its promotion materials. Individuals who participate on Bukla tours and are included in such media do not have the right to claim fees for having been in a photo or film that is used in Bukla ads or marketing projects.

6- Bukla Travel Agency has the right to make changes on the hotels, vehicles, departure times and places on the condition that such changes are announced in advance. Bukla also has the right to transfer the tour operation to another agency. You accept that the tour program is accomplished as long as the number of nights of accommodation is not compromised and that the changes are compliant with the class and categories stated in the original tour standards.

7- Bukla Travel Agency is responsible for all the changes in the tour program after the start of the tour.

In cases where such changes create damages or cause disadvantages for you, Bukla is responsible to compensate you for all costs associated. Bukla may choose to compensate such costs monetarily or through services that are not included in the original tour program. Should you agree to receive the additional or replacement services offered in such cases, you accept that the compensation has been made and that no additional financial compensation is owed.

8- In cases of issues and conflicts regarding to oral agreements laws and regulations of the Turkish Republic and International law are in effect.

YOUR COMMITMENT TO BUKLA

1- In the case of a cancellation more than 60 days prior to the tour date, the total tour cost can be reimbursed in full. If the cancellation takes place 30-59 days prior to the trip, 50% of the payment can be refunded. Should the cancellation happen within the last 30 days there can not be any reimbursement and all installments are charged at once. In the case of absence during the tour all installments are charged at once. Cancellation needs to be stated in writing. Oral announcement of such cancellations are not considered valid.

2- In cases where you do not inform Bukla in writing that you will miss the beginning of the tour but will join later, after the first 24 hours of the tour has passed Bukla has the right to cancel all reservations made in your name. There are no reimbursements for such cancellations.

3- In cases where you can not attend a tour you have made reservations and payments for you can transfer your rights to the tour to someone you choose.

4- In making reservations on Bukla type of nature tours, it is expected that you acknowledge the unpredictability of nature and all kinds of discomfort and dangerous circumstances that may stem from it. Due to this unpredictability factor, such nature tours are operated on the basis of adaptability to changes in conditions.

5- Tour program may change in cases of force majeure. You do not have the right to demand reimbursement or ask for compensation regarding such a change. All possible extra expenses can be shared evenly among tour attendees.

6- In cases where you disturb the tour flow and group harmony, disobey the authority of the tour leader, behave in an illegal manner or endanger the life of other tour attendees you lose your rights to the tour and your connection to the tour is severed after a report is issued regarding your behaviour. Under such circumstances you do not have the rights to receive any reimbursement.

7- You can change the dates of your attendance to a specific tour under the following conditions:

- If your absence does not bring the attendee number of that tour lower than the minimum required
- If the tour you transfer to is appropriate for you
- If Bukla deems it unproblematic

- You can transfer to a tour 30% less expensive than your original without being asked for the original tour's rate. In cases where your transfer costs much less than 30% of the original tour, you are entitled to pay for the original rate

9- In the cases of flight delays or conditions that amount to Force Majeur, where the tour ends before originally determined date, you are not eligible to demand compensation for unused services such as accommodation, tickets, transportation and meals.

10- In the case where the customer has started a tour but has a complaint and departs from the group for that reason, he/she must declare the nature of the complaint, and inform the Bukla representative or the hotel manager, or the hotel administration outlining the cause and effects of the issue. Otherwise the customer is assumed to have just left the tour and it is accepted as him/her having bought the tour, which does not make it an eligible situation to demand compensation.

11- Should the group leader assess that either the customer's health or behaviour is detrimental to the healthy, unity, teamwork, success, safety and

peace of the group, the tour leader may ask the customer to leave the tour, on the grounds that such condition and behaviour is not beneficial towards building a healthy environment. In such cases the tour leader prepares a report and has it signed by other tour attendees. Filing of such a report removes all the grounds for any demand for any compensation.

12- Should there be cases where you experience unforeseen discomfort and inconvenience during operation of the tour (excluding the nature and weather induced discomforts), you are expected to declare your issues and concerns in writing to the Bukla representative during the tour. Going through the tour without any written complaint removes your rights to compensation or reimbursement.

13- In cases of emergency Bukla is not responsible outside the bounds of the insurance it is required to purchase by law. Bukla is however responsible of making sure your insurance is in effect. Bukla recommends that tour attendees purchase health insurances that cover air ambulances and travel insurances that cover tour cancellations and carry these documents with them all times.

14- Individuals who register on behalf of others are expected to inform them of all the details of the tour, as all the tour attendees are expected to be fully informed and accepting of the booking conditions. Regardless of whether they signed the booking form or not, all the tour attendees are expected to have read all the booking conditions, informed all those attending through them and accepted to join the tour on the legally binding premises indicated in this brochure.

14- In cases of disputes or conflict, Turkish Travel Agency Association (TURSAB) may be approached for mediation. Any disagreements stemming from this contract can be taken to court in Istanbul. Istanbul courts are expected to settle any such disputes.

BOOKING NOTICES

Flight: If you have purchased your tour excluding the airfare and that you will be arranging the purchase of all arrival and departure flights, please make sure your arrival and departure are arranged according to the start and end details of the tour.

You can always choose to have Bukla arrange your arrival and departure flights for you.

You can also have Bukla recommend a list of airlines that may work for your needs. However Bukla does not accept any responsibility for cases where these recommended airlines experience delays or cancellations that delay your start for the tour.

Bukla accepts at most a 30 minute delay at the beginning of each tour. Tour attendees that arrive to the departure location after the first 30 minutes of the tour are expected to catch up with the tour on their own and cover the expenses incurred during such attempts by themselves.

VARIABLES

Both parties are responsible for informing the other about all kinds of changes in conditions that may take place after the reservation. In cases where these changes incur additional costs or damages, the responsible party is expected to cover expenses unless otherwise noted in the commitments state herein.

TOUR CONDITIONS

Please make sure that you have read all the tour conditions, booking conditions and cancellation conditions and that you understand the circumstances under which you can cancel your reservation. Yukardaki bilgileri okuyup anladığınızı imzalararak belirtiniz.

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