



EasternTurkeyTours

Trekking Mt. Ararat



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MT. ARARAT CHALLENGE

The Eastern Turkey region encompasses a spectacular area of volcanic mountains which include the mountains around Lake Van- Artos, Nemrut Crater, Suphan-Tendürek Mountain and the sister peaks of Ararat and Little Ararat. The Ararat Challenge Trek gives you the chance to tour the region around the city of Van and stretch your legs on Artos before heading for Dogubeyazit and Mt Ararat itself. On the way from Van you will pass Suphan and the stunning volcanic landscape of Tendürek, a 1800 metre shield volcano and the peaceful Muradiye Falls. The Trek is available as a "Full Trek" which includes overnight in Istanbul at the start and domestic flights or as a "Basic Package" which meets in Van and proceeds directly to Dogubeyazit and Ararat.

INFORMATION FOR CLIMBING MT. ARARAT

Mt Ararat is a classic stratovolcano (cone shaped); it is not a part of a mountain range but stands alone with its partner Little Ararat. Ararat, at 5137m (16854 ft) has a permanent covering of ice at the summit; it is an impressive sight that dominates the skylines of Turkey and the adjacent territories of Armenia, Nakhichevan (Azerbaijan) and Iran. A permit is required to climb Ararat and this will be secured by us and its costs are included in the cost of the expedition. However, this will take a couple of weeks to process but all we require is a photocopy of the ID pages of your passport. The permit is required help to regulate the numbers of people on the mountain and to cover the costs of search and rescue services. Our mountain guides are not only fully licensed by Türkiye Dağcılık Federasyonu (Turkish Mountaineering/Alpine Federation) but are all highly experienced local men who have spent their lives on and around Mt Ararat.



ARARAT TREK

Day 1 – Morning: Van to Dogubeyazit with stop at Muradiye Falls and Ishak Pasha Palace. Overnight Dogubeyazit..

Day 2 – Delivery to start point and Trek to Camp 1 (3200m)

Day 3 – Trek to Camp 2 (4200m)

Day 4 – Acclimatisation

Day 5 – Climb to summit of Mount Ararat and return to Camp 2

Day 6 – Return to pick up point. Drive to Van

Day 7 – Depart Van for onward journey





ARARAT CLIMB (EXTENDED TOUR)

The Ararat extended tour includes a stop-over in Istanbul (which can be extended on arrangement), some cultural touring around Van and an acclimatisation trek on Mt Artos.

Mt Artos lies on the south eastern edge of Lake Van and rises above the provincial capital of Van and the small town of Gevas. At just over 3,500 metres Artos provides good, moderate walking and an excellent training ground to get our visitors ready for the challenges of Suphan and Ararat as well as stunning views of the entire lake region. Artos also has excellent skiing facilities which are usable from December to late March.

- Day 1 – Arrive Istanbul. Overnight Istanbul. Alternative would be overnight flight to Istanbul with connection straight through to VAN
 - Day 2 – Fly to Van. Visit to Akdamar Island and the Church of the Holy Cross. Visit Van Citadel an outstanding 800BC Urartian Fortress. Overnight Van
 - Day 3 – Acclimatisation climb to Mt Artos (3500m). Overnight Van
 - Day 4 – Morning: Van to Dogubeyazit with stop at Muradiye Falls and Ishak Pasha Palace. Overnight Dogubeyazit.
 - Day 5 – Delivery to start point and Trek to Camp 1 (3200m)
 - Day 6 – Trek to Camp 3(4200m)
 - Day 7 – Acclimatisation
 - Day 8 – Climb to summit of Mount Ararat and return to Camp 2
 - Day 9 – Return to pick up point. Drive to Van
 - Day 10 – Day in Van with local excursions to Hosap Castle on the Silk Road and the Urartian castle at Cavustepe
 - Day 11 – Depart for onward journey
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WHAT IS INCLUDED:

- Flights as specified in tour description (Ararat extended Tour only)
- All accommodation (Hotel B&B 2 sharing, full board on mountain)
- All guides (fully qualified)
- Full portering
- Tents (2 sharing) and sleeping mats (sleeping bags if required)
- Crampons
- All museum and site entries
- Ararat Permit

WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED:

- Personal expenses such as alcoholic beverages, telephone calls, snacks, laundry, tips etc
- Flights, unless part of tour description (Ararat extended Tour) or agreed with us when booking
- Insurance; we must see proper insurance papers for appropriate policies prior to the start of trek.

PERSONAL EQUIPMENT:

Appropriate cold weather clothing: base layers, climbing/ trekking trousers, waterproofs, jacket, hat/cap/balaclava, scarf, gloves, good hiking/trekking socks, head lamp/torch, hiking/climbing boots that can accommodate crampons, walking poles, toilet paper, hand wipes and antibacterial hand gel.

Camera, spare batteries, enthusiasm



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