



## 7 DAY ARARAT SUMMIT TOUR

Ararat Region to Dogubayzit. Here you will visit the fascinating ruins of the Ishak Pasha Palace before heading to the starting point of the climb in Eli the next day. In Eli at the foot of the mythical mountain you begin the 5-day climb (including acclimatization day) to the summit of Mount Ararat. The path leads past Kurdish nomads, alpine meadows and over scree paths to the summit. From the highest point in the country you have a unique view over the lowlands of Turkey all the way to Armenia and Iran. The descent takes place via the ascent route to the village of Eli. In Dogubayzit you end your trip with a traditional Kurdish dinner

**1 day.** Flight from Switzerland via Istanbul, onward flight to Van. Transfer from Van Airport (1727 m) with the lake of the same name in Eastern Anatolia to Doğubayazıt directly to the hotel (- /- /D)

**2 day.** Drive to the starting point of the climb at approx. 2200 m and climb to camp 1 (3200 m, approx. 4 hours). Luggage is transported by horses. Overnight in a tent. (B/L/D)

**3 day.** Acclimatization climb (5 h). Climb over narrow serpentines almost to camp 2 without luggage and test the height adjustment. When you take a break, you can see past Little Ararat and all the way to Iran. After the descent, eat in the camp. Overnight stay again in Camp 1. (B/L/D)

**4 day.** Dismantling the tents and climbing to camp 2 (4200 m, 5 h); Luggage transport by horses; the tents are sheltered from the wind behind stone walls. It will be a relatively short night; Overnight in a tent. (F/L/A)

**5 day.** To the summit (4-5 hours) at 5165 m; Start at around 3 a.m., first you go over scree and rocks until you reach the snow and ice cap in the summit area and, depending on the conditions, you have to put on crampons; If the weather is nice, take a long rest at the summit. Quick descent with a rest in camp 2 and further descent to camp 1. Overnight stay in a tent. (B/L/D)

**6 day.** Further descent to Eli and return to Doğubayazıt to the hotel, free time to shower and rest, drive to the nearby Ishak Pasha Palace, dinner with a Kurdish family or in a typical restaurant, overnight in the hotel (B/-/D)

**7 day.** Transfer from Doğubayazıt to the airport in Van, onward flight to Istanbul. (B/- /-)

B "" Breakfast L "" Lunch L "" Packed lunch D "" Dinner

## The price includes the following services

- All flights
- All transfers, overland and sightseeing trips according to the program
- All entrance fees/tickets according to the program
- Accommodation in a double room or 2-person tent according to the program
- Equipment on the mountain: tents provided including dining tent and foam mat (approx. 5 cm thick)
- Accompanying team and luggage transport on mountain tours
- Load transport of equipment on Ararat by horses (max. 15 kg per person)
- Ararat summit permits

## Services not included in the price:

- -individual visits and excursions
- -alcoholic and soft drinks
- -Excess baggage