



14 DAYS NEMRUT-SÜPHAN - ARARAT

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

Day 1: Flight from Germany via Istanbul to Van, transfer to the hotel, dinner and overnight stay (-/-/D)

Day 2: Drive to Van Kalesi, citadel near Lake Van. After a short bus ride along the south bank, we take the boat to Akdamar Island to visit the restored Armenian monastery church; Afterwards you can swim in the highly alkaline Lake Van; return trip; Overnight at hotel. (B/L/D)

Day 3: Drive along the mountainous south side of Lake Van via Tatvan (shop for water and drinks) to the foot of Nemrut Dagi; In the middle of the huge crater we set up camp at a lake fed by thermal springs (swimming opportunity); Climbing the highest point of the crater rim (approx. 3 hours, 2935 m); The long-extinct volcano once buried the outflow of Lake Van through an eruption around 100,000 years ago; Descent to the camp by the lake and evening picnic; Overnight in a tent. (B/L/D)

Day 4: You drive out of the crater again on a different track; Stop in Ahlat and opportunity to visit the Seljuk cemetery from the 12th century; on the NE side of the lake drive to Süphan Dagi up to 2500 m and setting up the camp, possible acclimatization climb up to 3100 m (3.5 h); Overnight in a tent. (F/L/A) 5th day: Still in the dark (start around 4 a.m.) we climb the Süphan summit (4058 m), which is reached after around 6 hours; Depending on the season, there may still be extensive snow fields in the summit area, and boulders and rocks in the upper part; complete descent with rest at the camp; Continue driving and stop at Bendimahı Waterfall; Drive over a pass to Dogubayazit (1950 m, total journey time approx. 3 hours), the town at the foot of Noah's Ark mountain; dinner together; Overnight at hotel. (B/L/D)

Day 6: In the morning, visit the legendary site of the stranding of Noah's Ark; In the afternoon, drive to the headwaters of the Euphrates and bathe extensively in hot sulfur springs; evening picnic; return trip; Overnight at hotel. (B/L/D)

Day 7: Drive along a bumpy track to the starting point of the climb at approx. 2200 m; Ascent to camp 1 (3200 m, approx. 4 hours) on a large meadow; Luggage is transported by horses, so you can climb easily and quickly. Overnight in a tent. (B/L/D)

Day 8: Acclimatization climb (6 hours). If possible, you climb up a path 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, a meal awaits you in the camp; leisure and rest; Overnight stay again in Camp 1. (B/L/D) **Day 9:** Dismantling the tents and climbing to camp 2 (4200 m, 4 hours); Luggage transport by horses; the tents are sheltered from the wind behind stone walls. It will only be a relatively short night in the tent, but enough time for dreams; Overnight in a tent. (B/L/D)

Day 10: To the summit at 5165 m; Start at around 3am. After about 5 " 6 hours, if the weather is good, you should have reached the highest point. If the snow is hard, we put on the crampons. From the summit you can see Armenia, Iran and over Dogubayazit to Süphan Dagi. And this is where the... Arche. Everyone can pursue their thoughts. If the weather is nice, there is time for a long summit rest. After the rapid descent with a rest at camp 2 and the further descent (5-6 hours in total) to camp 1, you will have time there Celebrate success on the biblical mountain. Overnight in a tent. (B/L/D)

Day 11: Descent to the starting point and return to Dogubayazit; in the afternoon drive to one of the most beautiful palace complexes, the Ishak Pasha Palace above the city, sightseeing tour, from the cafe there is a wide view over the plain and the surrounding mountains; Dinner with a Kurdish family, or in a nice restaurant. Overnight stay in the hotel. (B/-/D)

Day 12: Drive to the fish lake and plenty of time for relaxation or little discoveries; Relaxing, swimming, picnicking; Overnight in a tent. (B/L/D)

Day 13: Drive to Van to the hotel (approx. 4 hours). Free time in the afternoon. At the farewell dinner with our mountain guide you can talk about your experiences again; Overnight at hotel. (B/L/D)

Day 14: After the experiences in a now somewhat familiar area deep in Asia, we return home. Transfer to the airport in Van, flight home via Istanbul, Ankara or Izmir with the option of extending. (B/-/-)

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

SERVICES INCLUDED IN THE PRICE:

- All flights

- Local mountain guide (necessary on Ararat according to Turkish law) German or English speaking
- Permit on site or from Ankara for climbing Mount Ararat • -Fees for entry to Ararat National Park (50 € / person)
- all transfers according to the program
- Transportation of the main luggage by horses on the Ararat to Camp 2
- Support team • -Full meals and picnic equipment on the mountain, local chef
- Hotel overnight stays in double rooms with half board (breakfast / dinner); Single room for
- an additional charge
- Two-man tents, sleeping mats (5cm); Individual tents for an additional charge
- Excursions according to the program
- Entrance fees
- -all flights on request

NOT INCLUDED IN THE SERVICES

- unmentioned meals
- Alcoholic drinks and soft drinks
- individual excursions and visits outside the program
- Expenditures of a personal nature