



## 10 days ARTOS- SÜPHAN- ARARAT

Even from a distance, the Ararat rises, one of the most powerful volcanic massifs in the world -like a phoenix from the ashes, over the lowlands of eastern Anatolia. The "Great Ararat" is the highest mountain at 5,165 m Turkey, this is only separated from the "Little Ararat" (3,896 m) by a saddle. Get there via Istanbul You to Van, your starting point of the trip. After a boat trip on the huge Van Lake to the island Akdamar, start with the two beautiful entry-level mountain tours to Artos (3,537 m) and Süphan Dagi (4,058m). You will get in the right mood for the Ararat. a pleasant side effect is an optimal one Adaptation to the height. Then drive to Dogubayazit, the starting point for climbing the Ararats. In Eli at the foot of the mythical mountain you start the 5-day ascent (incl. Acclimatization day) to the summit of Ararat. The path leads past Kurdish nomads, alpine meadows and over scree paths to the summit. Two tent camps (approx. 3,200 m and approx. 4,200 m) are set up along the way. There the Ararat has a snow dome, crampons are used from approx. 4,900 m, but there are none Knowledge required. From the highest point in the country you have a unique view over the Lowlands of Turkey to Armenia and Iran. The descent takes place via the ascent route to the Eli village. At the end of the tour you will visit the Ishak-Pascha-Palace and the "place of discovery" of Noah's Ark. There is no absolute proof whether or not the ship was stranded here after the Flood and anyone let his imagination run wild.

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

**Day 2:** Driving along the mountainous southern shore, we take a boat to Akdamar Island to visit the restored Armenian monastery church; afterwards you can swim in the highly alkaline Van Lake via Tatvan (shop for water and drinks) to the foot of the 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; Overnight in a tent. (F/L/A)

**Day 3:** 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)

**4 day:** Still in the dark (start at 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 Bendimahi 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. (F/L/A)

**Day 5:** 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. (F/L/A)

**Day 6:** Drive 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. (F/L/A)

**Day 7:** 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. (F/L/A)

**Day 8:** 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 9:** 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 very nice restaurant. Overnight stay in the hotel. (FA)

**Day 10:** After the experiences in a region that has now become somewhat familiar, deep in Asia, we return home. Transfer to the airport in Van, flight home via Istanbul, Ankara or Izmir with the option of extending. (F/-/-)

F "" Breakfast M "" Lunch L "" Packed lunch A "" Dinner

- 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