BUKLA mania

leader in
ecotourism
in Turkey

from the age of antiquity
and living cultures
to ecosystems

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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 rain 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
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.

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.

FOUNDLERS

Founded in 2000, Bukla Mania is the brainchild of tour guides Bilent 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 travelers 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 bird.

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.

FUJI FILM as BUKLA SPONSOR

FujiFilm has long been a sponsor of Bukla Mania, supporting the ruin 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.climbararat.com www.butiktur.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 SLL.

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 (TÜRSA). 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 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 hard work 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 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-

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.
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 majeur 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 Fırtına 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.

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, mountain biking 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 availability 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 we 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 handicrafts at their real cost, sales of local farm products, preventing the sales of souveniers 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 observe 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 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 emphasise 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 accommodation 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-carte 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 alchoh-free environments.

It is also very likely that children will tire very easily and require the parents to carry the weight 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 treatment 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 & breakfast, 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, accommodation, transportation, museum and parking tickets, travel insurance, camping equipment and guide services.

SERVICES EXCLUDED
International airfare, airport taxes, visa costs, 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

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**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 longings 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 outsole shoes with medium high collars that wrap your ankles.

**Hiking Boots:** Water resistant hard rubber outsole 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.

**Skii 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 & waterproof 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 set sturdy walking stick that will support your climb. Skiling poles are as good.

**Water bottle:** A 2 lt (4 lbs) water bottle is good for treks and hikes. Thermos 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 cream, stretch gauze roll, pain killer, anti-histamin and antiarthoeal medicines, bug and musqito deterrent solutions, cold medicine, antibiotic, band aid, diclitine, diamox, dloralite, vitamin water disinfectants.
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 strenuous, 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.

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**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 accommodates 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, peiron and pursider
- **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 rappeling 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
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

FIRTNIA 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 mallable 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.
Trans Kaçkar
Discovering Fırtına Valley and Glacial lakes

Day 1: Right from Istanbul to Trabzon, touring Sumela Monastery. Day 2: Traveling through Coşuh, Barhal and Hevek yaylas, meeting locals, taking photos and observe local lifestyle. Day 3-4: Hiking to Kaçkar 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, Dilberdüzü Camp Site, Deniz Lake, Kaçkar Mountain and Summit (3937 m.), Dobe Yayla, Nal etleme Passage, Black Sea lake, Ceynalıkur and Ayder Yaylas, Fırtına 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.

Equipment: 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 Fırtına and Çoruh valleys can also be included per request.

Verçenik to Mt. Kaçkar
Hiking the Pontus Alps from North to South

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.


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.

Equipment: 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: A 2-day Istanbul tour / Rafting in Fırtına and Coşuh Valleys.

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. Fırtına Valley offers an extensive array of flora and 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.
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 Macahel and Ancient Monument Forest; Day 5: Savsat; Day 6-7: Touring natural and historical sites of Yusufeli and Erzurum; Day 8: Kars, Dogubeyazit; Day 10: Van and departure to Istanbul.

Destinations: Trabzon, Sumela Monastery, Uzungol Lake, Camlihemsein, Historical Suspension Bridges, Firtina Valley, Ayder Yaylas, Cat, Zil Castle, Palovit Waterfall, Mansions, Macahel, Maral Waterfall, Gorgit Yayla, Yusufeli, Georgian Churches, Savsat, Erzurum, Kars, Ani Ruins, Dogubeyazit, Ishakpasa 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

Equipment: 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 Geseh valleys can also be included per request.
**Trans Yüzyıl**

**Best plateaus of Turkey**

Accomodations 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 Sümela Monastery. Day 2-4: Çat and Mt. Verçenik; Day 5-6: Maçahel Vadisi; Day 7: Ayder Yayla; Day 8: Departure from Trabzon

**Destinations:** Trabzon, Sümela Monastery, Çamlıhemşin, Historical Mansions, Zülfikar Castle, Çat Yayla, Verçenik Mountain and Lakes, Elevit, Tovit, Palovit, Amíl Lake, Hazindag, Polu and Sul Yaylas, Macahel, Mesar Waterfall, Gorgit Yayla, ancient Monument Forest, Ayder Yayla

**Accommodation:** 2-3 star hotels in the city center, wooden B&Bs on the yaylas or country homes

**Transportation:** Domestic airfare, all transfers with minivans

**Meals:** 3 meals, hotel and B&B menu

**Equipment:** All kinds of technical gear

**Guide:** Professional guides

**Admission:** All national parks and museums

**Season:** July 1 - October 1

**Duration:** 8 days, 7 nights

**Excluded:** Beverages, personal expenses, visa, international airfare

**Additional Tours:** 2-day Adıyaman, Nemrut, Kahta, Urfâ, Harran tour

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**Trans Trabzon**

**Ruby summits on amber mountains**

Cappadocia and the Kapuzeug waterfall on the south side of Mt. Aladag 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 Aladag mountain range of Toros Mountains; Day 8: Kayseri departure

**Destinations:** Ürgüp, Zelve open air museum, Uçhisar, Göreme, Nigde, Cüventure, Sokuluşarı, Karayalak, Cemlikbey, Seven Lakes, Embel Summit, Hacer, Siat, Soğukçamik, Karazara, Kapuzeug 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

**Equipment:** 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 Adıyaman, Nemrut, Kahta, Urfâ, Harran tour
Eastern Black Sea Yayla
Mystifying Fırtına 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. Fırtına Valley and Artvin Karagol Lake are other highlights of this tour.

Day 1: Flight from Istanbul to Trabzon, touring Sumela Monastery, Day 2-6: Fırtına Valley, Mt. Kaçkar and several yaylas; Day 7: Macahel; 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 B&Bs 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 Fırtına Valley

Lycian trails
In the footsteps of the Kings

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.
**Trans Altiparmak**

**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 Altiparmak Mountain ranges from south to north.

**Day 1:** Erzurum, Yusufeli; Day 2-4: Altiparmak Mountains, Barhal Valley; Day 5-7: Firtina Valley, Ayder Valley; Day 8: Sumela Monastery and departure from Trabzon.

**Destinations:** Erzurum, Yusufeli, Barhal, Naznara and Amesesker Yayla, Karagol Lake, Damla Lake, Sarp Ridge, Borivan and Kelansev Yaylas, Onbolat, Lbler Lake, Kemerli Kackar, Avusor Yayla and Ayder Yayla, Camilhemspin, 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 transfers 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.

**Duration:** 10 days, 9 nights.

**Season:** July 1 - October 1.

**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. Kackar Summit / Rafting in Firtina and Gorah Rivers.

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**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 Kemel 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: Savsat; Day 4-5: Macahel Valley; Day 6-7: Firtina Valley, Ayder Valley; Day 8: Sumela Monastery, departure from Trabzon.

**Destinations:** Yusufeli, Barhal, Georgian Churches, Hevek, Olgunlar, Naznara, Amenesakt, Satibe Yaylas, Savsat, Karagol Lake, Artvin, Gehennem Creek, Macahel, Fındık, Çukunet and Lekoban Yaylas, Cankurtaran, Hopa, Mt. Kackar, Ayder Yayla, Firtina Valley, Historical Suspension Bridges, Camilhemspin.

**Accommodation:** Timber B&Bs and country homes.

**Transportation:** Domestic airfare, all transfers, transport of gear.

**Meals:** 3 meals; B&B menu.

**Equipment:** All kinds of technical gear.

**Guide:** Professional guides.

**Admission:** All national museums and permits.

**Duration:** 10 days, 9 nights.

**Condition:** Day hikes that last 2-9 hours.

**Additional tours:** 2-day Istanbul tour / Rafting in Firtina and Gorah Rivers.

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

Destinations: Trabzon, Sumela Monastery, Uzungol, Camlihemşin, Firtina Valley, Ayder Yayla, Hopa, Maçahel, Sarp Border, Batum, Mestia, Uzungol, Svaneti, Gulf Geçidi, Lagami, Kula Village, La Maria Church Complex, Gelati Academy, Shakhara Glacial, Kutaisi, Gudauri, Kazbegi, Turso Valley, Gergeti Church, Dastali Canyon, Greleti Waterfall

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

Transportation: Domestic airfare, all transfers

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 / Rafting in Firtina and Çoruh Rivers

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, Bayital, Hevek and Oğun Yalılas, Dilberlızı, Deniz Lake, Kaçkar Mountain Summit, Naletleme Passage, Karadenziz Lake, Çeymaçık and Ayder Yayla, Camlihemşin, Historical Suspension Bridges, ZJ Castle, Polovit Waterfall, Poti and Sal Yaylas, Çat. Elevit Yayla, Verçenik Mountain and Lakes

Accomodation: Timber B&Bs and country homes

Transportation: Domestic airfare, all transfers

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

Guide: Professional guides

Admissions: 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
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!
expedition tours
**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: 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, Dilberçitü Camp Site, Nazaf, Olgunlar and Hevek Yaylas, Barhal, Yusufeli, Erzurum

**Accommodation:** Şehir merkezlerinde 2 ve 3 yıldızlı oteller, yayla-larda ahşap pansiyonlar, dağda çadır.

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

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

**Equipment:** All kinds of technical gear

**Guide:** 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

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**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. Ağrı ascent; Day 6: Noah’s Arc and Ishak Pasa Palace; Day 7: Van and Aşkhâmar Island, Day 8: departure to Istanbul

**Destinations:** Dogubeyazit, Mt. Ağrı, Ishakpasa Palace, Noah’s Arc, Tendürek Lava Flow, Muradiye Waterfall, Tarap Castle and Aşkhâmar Island

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

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

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

**Equipment:** 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

**Excluded:** 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 Doğubeyazıt 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.), Doğubeyazıt, Mt. Ararat, İshakpaşa Palace, Noah’s Ark, Tendürek Lava Flow, Muradiye Waterfall, Tuşba Castle and Akdamar Island

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

Transportation: Domestic airfare, all transfers with minivans

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

Equipment: 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 Çoruh river and stops at Ispir for departure from Erzurum.

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

Destinations: Erzurum, Yusufeli, Tortum Lake, Tortum Waterfall, Öşvank Church, Yusufeli, Barhal Church, Hevek, Dilberdüzü, Kaçkar Surmazi, Ispir, Çamıkaya, Tekköle, Sulavuşuru, Demirkent, Fırtına Valley, Ayder Yayla

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

Transportation: Domestic airfare, all transfers with minibuses 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 Çoruh 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
Equipment: All kinds of technical gear
Guide: Professional guides
Admission: All national parks and museums
Season: May-Haziran
Duration: 7 gece 8 gün
Conditions: Requires great fitness condition
Excluded: Beverages, personal expenses, visas, international airfare
Additional tours: 4-day Mt. Kackar ascent / 2-day Firtina River rafting or kayaking
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, Hasan Dağ (3260m), Taurus, Aladag range, (3750m), Camardi, Sokulupinar, Karayalak, Çelikbuyuran, Yedigöller Plateau, Embler Summit, Nar- puz Valley, Çımbir Valley, Demirkazık Vi- lage, Alaca, Mangırcı Valley, Mt. Erciyes (3916m), Cappadocia, Seganlı Valley, Si- nasos, Devent Valley, Zelve Open Air Mu- seum, Pasabag, Avanos, Göreme Open Air Museum, Uçhisar, Kaymaklı Underground city, Bıları 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, camp meal
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 / Ski touring around Nemrut and Suphan Mountains

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 Dogubayazi; Day 2-6: Mt. Ararat; Day 7: Aladag Island, departure from Van

Destinations: Van, Dogubayazi, Ishakpaşa Palace, Noah’s Arc, 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

Turkey is skitourer’s paradise. It is possible to ski touring 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, Hasan Dağ (3260m), Taurus, Aladag range, (3750m), Camardi, Sokulupinar, Karayalak, Çelikbuyuran, Yedigöller Plateau, Embler Summit, Narpuz Valley, Çımbir Valley, Demirkazık Village, Alaca, Mangırcı Valley, Mt. Erciyes (3916m), Cappadocia, Seganlı Valley, Sinasos, Devent Valley, Zelve Open Air Museum, Pasabag, Avanos, Göreme Open Air Museum, Uçhisar, Kaymaklı Underground city, Bıları 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, camp meal
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
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. Verçerk 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 skiing in the plains; Day 9: Departure from Trabzon

Destinations: Erzurum, Yusufeli, Barhal, Hevek, Dilberdizü, Deniz Gölü, Kaçkar Summit, Olgunlar, Korahmet, Çeşitli, Polaçur, Ayder, Kavron, Samastal, Palovit, Trovit, Elevit, Çat, Camlıhemşin.

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

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 skiing in the plains

Day 9:
Departure from Trabzon
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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 magnificent views of Mt. Ararat always in sight.


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 parks and permits
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 Anatólia. 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.


Destinations: Istanbul, Gallipoli, Canakkale, Traya, Assos, Bergama, Selçuk, Efes, Meryemana, Pamukkale, Dalyan, Caunos, Fethiye, Xanthos, Kaş, Kevela, Antalya, Kapadokya, Anıara, Hattuşaş, Amasya, Sinop, Amasra, Safranbolu

Accommodation: Boutique hotels
Transportation: Domestic airline and all transfers
Meals: Hotel and restaurant menus
Equipments: All kinds of technical and camping gear
Guide: Professional rehber
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

Destinations: İstanbul, Gallipoli, 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

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 Lycian 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 Caretta Carettas, sunken city of Kekova, and the ‘fairy chimneys’ of Cappadocia you will tour the myths and living legends of time.
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 Maçahel and Şavşat. From Ani ruins in Kars, the tour trails off into the mystical Ishakpasa Palace in Dogubeyazit 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: Savsat; Day 11: Kars, Ani ruins; Day 12-13: Dogubeyazit, Mt. Ararat; Day 14-15: Mt. Nemrut, Akdamar Island, Van; Day 16: departure from Van

Destinations: Trabzon, Sumela Monastery, Uzungöl, Ayder, Pokut, Çat, Maçahel, Artvin, Batigh, Savsat, Kars, Ani ruins, Dogubeyazit, Noah’s Arc, Ishakpasa Palace, Ağrı dağı, Erzinc, Süphan, Nemrut Dagi, Tavvan, Akdamar Adası, Van Goldi, Van Kalesi, Van...

Accommodations: Turist sınıfı oteller ve dağ pansiyonları

Transportation: Domestic airfare, all transits with minivans

Meals: Otellerin ve restorantlann menüleri

Rehberlik: Profesyonel rehberler

Giriş ücretleri: All national parks and permits

Season: April-December

Süre: 16 days, 15 nights

Konsiyon: Easy walks, anyone without a health condition

Excluded: Beverages, personal expenses, visas, international airfare

Additional tours: 2-day tour in Istanbul at the start of 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,Batman; Day 10-12: Savsat; Day 13-16: Mitakel; Day 15-18: Ei-

Destinations: Van, Muradiye, Dogubayazit, Ağrı Dağı, Nuh’un Gemisi, Ani Harabeleri, Erzurum, Artvin, Maça-
hele, Şavşat, Bayburt, Ayder, Etma Vadisi, Polat-
Çat, Trabzon, Sumela Manastırı, Ünye, Amasya, Hattu sa, Ankara, Kapadokya, Konya, Antalya, Olympos, Cañi, Bozcaada, Kap, Dalaman, Dalaman, Iztuzu, Kekova, Gökova, Fethiye, Mar-
maris, 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, internation-
al airfare
Additional tours: 2-day Istanbul tour at the start or the end
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.
activity tours
Destinations:
1. Gallipoli to Ephesus
2. Dalaman to Olympos
3. Cappadocia
4. Eastern Black Sea
5. Around the Van Lake

Accommodation:
Hotels, tents or B&Bs

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

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

Equipment:
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.

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 yayalas, on the soft terrain or on the hard asphalt. No matter where these cycling tours may be, they are bound to inspire the group with the beauty of the region.

Cycling Tours
Pedaling in Anatolia
After arrival to Dalaman the tour gets to Köyceğiz, and takes off on the delta that leads to İztuzu Beach, the famous habitat of the endangered species, the Caretta Caretta sea turtles. Then the tour arrives in Asi Cove, Sangerme ve Baba Atlasi, 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, San Germe, Baba Island, Kapıdağ Peninsula, Kurtoğlu Cape, Göcek Cove and Göcek.

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

Transportation: Domestic airline, 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 airline

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

Sea Kayaking Tours
Pedaling out to the turquoise sea

After arrival to Dalaman the tour gets to Köyceğiz, and takes off on the delta that leads to İztuzu Beach, the famous habitat of the endangered species, the Caretta Caretta sea turtles. Then the tour arrives in Asi Cove, Sangerme ve Baba Atlasi, 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, San Germe, Baba Island, Kapıdağ Peninsula, Kurtoğlu Cape, Göcek Cove and Göcek.

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

Transportation: Domestic airline, 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 airline

Additional tours: 2-4 days or a weeklong blue tour with the gulet type of yacht / Göcek-Antalya or Fethiye-Marmaris-Fethiye Blue Tours
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; snorkelling 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 I Final Frontier on multi-activity vacation

Destinations: Trabzon, Mt. Soğanlı, Mt. Kaçkar, Mt. Karçal, Mt. Veşenlik and Mt. Tatos, Fırtına Valley, Maçahel Valley, Bahal Valley, Çanık Valley, Çevre, Fırat 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 Istanbul and tours along the Bosphorus
Multi Activity Tours II
Best of sports and rest

Day 1: Istanbul, Dalaman, rafting near Iztuzu beach, the home of the near extinct Caretta Carettas; Day 2: arrival to Kas, sea kayaking in the turquoise waters over the ancient sunken city of Kelkova; Day 3: Sailing with a gulet around the coves near Kas, snorkelling wherever looks serene. Day 4: Scuba diving or regular diving. Day 5: Canyoning at the cool waters of Kibriscik Canyon, especially to ease the intense heat of the Mediterranean sun. Day 6: Mountain biking starting from hills 30km above Kas and descending into the town watching an amazing view of the sea. Day 7: Resting at the beach. Day 8: Paragliding and/or tandem gliding, and departure from Dalaman to Istanbul

Destinations: Tİanya, Üçağız ve Kekova Batık Şehri, Kaş Yatmacası, Kibriscik Kanyonu, Dalaman, Dalyan, Caunos, Iztuzu, Dalaman Nehri, Sea Kayak, Dalyan, Dağ Bisikleti, Canyoning, Paragliding, Yacht (Gulet) Tour, Kafing

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

Transportation: Domestic airline, all transits with minivans

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

Equipment: 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 up to 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
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?

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

Taking you to the heart of wildlife in 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.
SPECIAL INTEREST TOURS

special interest tours
Blue Tour I
The irresistible Turquoise waters

In the Aegean there are many caves 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 Gokova Bay throughout the week. Gulets are fully wooden 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 Gokova Bodrum Route: Bodrum, Gokova Bay, Kara Ada, Cat, Seven Island, Longiz, Karacasogut, Cleopatra Island, Ingliz Liman, Cesamos, Cukemre, Orak Island.

Accomodations: 12 person capacity Bodrum style ‘gulet’ yachts

Transportation: Domestic airfare, all transits with minivans

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

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

Excluded: Bevaregvs, personal expenses, visas, international airfare

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


Accomodations: 12 person Bodrum type gulet

Transportation: Domestic airfare, all transits with minivans

Meals: 3 meals and 5 o’clock teas

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
Destinations: Trabzon, Sumela Monastery, Çamlıhemşin, Fırtına Valley, Historical Suspension Bridges, 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

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, Fırtına Valley, Historical Suspension Bridges, 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
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), hoolahomed chamois (Rupicapra rupicapra), dağkeçisi (Capra aegagrus), wolf (Canis lupus), wildcat (Felis silvestris) ve bobert (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 Caucasian viper (Vipera palaestina) 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, Caucasian Partridge, Mountain Rooster, Bee Falcon, Black Kite, Falcon, Bearded vulture, Rock Eagle, Forest Eagle, Scarlet Hawk, Hawk, Bearded Hawk, Vulture. Such a ecosystem has many other types of birds in the region also.

Destinations: Trabzon, Soğanlı Mountains, Kaçkar Mountains, Karçal Mountains, Yeşilırmak Valley, Karadeniz, Artvin, Çoruh Valley, Maçahel Valley, Maçahel Valley, Barhal Valley, Kılıçkaya Mountain, Çoruh Valley, Ovit, Rize and Artvin Yaylas, Alpine 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
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 Istanbul. One of the most significant areas undoubtedly is 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 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, Vercenik and Tatort Mountains, Firmo Valley, Maçahel Valley, Barhal Valley, Goruh Valley, Ovtt, Rize and Artvin Kaylas, Alpin zone and natural ancient forest
- Istanbul, Bursa, Bandırma, Kocaçay Delta, Manyas Köş Cenneti, Ulubat Gölü, Foça Sdaları, Gediz Delta, Bafa Lake, Menderes Minor delta, and Menderes Major Delta, Bafa Lake, Gülük Delta, Pamukkale, Salda Lake, Azığöl, Bursur Lake, Tuzgölü, Sapanca Lake

**Accommodations:**
- B&Bs and yayla lodges

**Transportation:**
- Domestic airfare, transport of gear and luggage

**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:**
- A tour of Istanbul of Cappadocia before or after this tour

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**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 Istanbul and ending in Istanbul. 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:**
- Istanbul, Bursa, Bandırma, Kocāçay Delta, Manyas Köş Cenneti, Ulubat Gölü, Foça Sdaları, Gediz Delta, Bafa Lake, Menderes Minor delta, and Menderes Major Delta, Bafa Lake, Gülük Delta, Pamukkale, Salda Lake, Azığöl, Bursur 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 national 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 Istanbul of Cappadocia before or after this tour

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**Destinations:**
- Trabzon, Soğanlı Mountains, Kaçkar Mountains, Karçal Mountains, Vercenik and Tatort Mountains, Firmo Valley, Maçahel Valley, Barhal Valley, Goruh Valley, Ovtt, Rize and Artvin Kaylas, Alpin zone and natural ancient forest

**Accommodations:**
- B&Bs and yayla lodges

**Transportation:**
- Domestic airfare, transport of gear and luggage

**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:**
- A tour of Istanbul of Cappadocia before or after this tour
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 religious 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.


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, visas, international airfare

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.

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.

ADDITIONAL TOURS
Cappadocia Tour

Land of gorgeous horses

Mr. 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 rules 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.

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Accomodations: 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.

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additional tours

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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 Bosniaks.
Language: Turkish (official)
Currency: New Turkish Lira (TL)
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, Greece 206 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 in 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$661 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 civilisation” and by travelling through this historic land, tourists will discover exactly what is meant by this phrase. The first town’s a neolithic city dates back to 9,600 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 civilisation. The heir to many centuries of cultures makes Turkey a paradise of culture and informational wealth. Hittis, Phrygians, Urartians, Lydians, Ionians, Persians, Macedonians, Romans, Byzantines, Seljukus, 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 al foreign invaders. Mustafa Kemal Ataturk founded the Republic of Turkey on October 29, 1923. He led his country into peace and stability, with tremendous economic growth and complete militarisation. Through decades of change and growth, Turkey till 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 cross-tabulated you may require another visa. If there is such a need please try to get it handled 2 months beforehand. Bulka 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 tetanos 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. Bulka 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. Bulka provides help with this issue if needed. Please take off on time so you can reach the meeting point promptly. Otherwise Bulka 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 changes 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 police to the customer.
We suggest that everyone that is going to participate in our tours has a health insurance covering air ambulance or helicopter, and a travel insurance covering tour cancellation and emergency payments regardless of your trip made and bring a copy of your health insurance documents with you.
DECISION: Make sure the tour is appropriate for you and fulfills your expectations.
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 Bulka tours online, by telephone, mail or fax. We assume any information given during registration is correct. Responsibility concerning lack of information or wrong information, any undeclared illnesses or routine medication is on the customer.
ADVANCE BOOKING & OPTION DATES: When you apply for any of Bulka tours, an option date is given. This is the last date for you to apply for any of Bukla tours, an option date is given. It 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. Bulka provides help with this issue if needed. Please take off on time so you can reach the meeting point promptly. Otherwise Bulka cannot be responsible for the extra payments you have to make to catch the tour. 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 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 reserva- tion 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 Bulka, all your Money is refunded.

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 12,000 invertebrates, 426 bird species, 8 turtle species, 49 lizard species, 36 snake species, 20 frog species and many 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 reptile reproduction sites, 16 globally significant Aegan 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 1200 protected 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.
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.

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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
ccw
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 be no 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 majeur 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 comparably 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

8- In cases of flight delays or conditions that amount to Force Majeure, 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 not acceptable to 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 an official written report and that is then 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 weater 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 you choose to submit 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 (TÜRSAB) 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.

VARIES

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 such 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. Please sign below to indicate that you have read and accepted the conditions listed above.

Name: 
Signature: 
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