



## 7 Days trip to Mount Ararat (5137m)

It takes 7 days to grasp Mount Ararat, to understand it, to accept it as a gift, to discover the sacred in it and to climb it once. Ararat is revered as a sacred mountain in Turkey as well as in Armenia, Georgia and the other cultures that live at its foot.

### 1. Day:

Transfer from Van Airport (1727 m) with the lake of the same name in Eastern Anatolia to Doğubayazıt Hotel. (-/L/A)

**Accommodation:** Hotel **Meals:** -/L/A

### 2. Day:

A bumpy road to the starting point of the ascent at approx. 2200 m and ascent to Camp 1 (3200 m, approx. 4 hours). The luggage is transported by horses. Overnight in tent.

**Accommodation:** Tent **Meals:** F/L/A **Overnight Altitude:** 3200 m

### 3. Day:

Acclimatization ascent (5 h). Ascent over narrow serpentines almost to camp 2 without luggage and test of the altitude adjustment. During the rest, the view extends past the Little Ararat to Iran. After the descent, lunch at the camp. Overnight back in camp 1. (B/L/D)

**Accommodation:** Tent **Meals:** F/L/A **Overnight Altitude:** 3200 m

### 4. Day

Take down the tents and climb up to camp 2 (4200 m, 5 h); luggage transport by horses; the tents are sheltered from the wind behind stone walls. It's going to be a relatively short night; Overnight in tent. (F/L/A)

**Accommodation:** Tent **Meals:** F/L/A **Overnight Altitude:** 4200 m

### 5. Day

To the summit (4-5 h) at 5167 m; Start at 3 a.m., first you walk over scree and rocks until you reach the snow and ice cap in the summit area and, depending on the conditions, you have to put on the crampons; in good weather extensive summit rest. Rapid descent with rest in camp 2 and further descent to camp 1. Overnight in a tent. (F/L/D)

**Accommodation:** Tent **Meals:** F/L/A **Overnight Altitude:** 3200 m

### 6. Day

Further descent to Eli and return to Doğubayazıt to hotel check in free time for shower continue to visit İshak Pasha Palace, overnight in hotel (B/-/D)

**Accommodation:** Hotel **Meals:** F/L/A



## 7. Day

Transfer to the airport in Van, flight home via Istanbul, Ankara or Izmir with the possibility of an extension.

**Meals:** B/-/-

"**B**" Breakfast "**L**" Lunch "**D**" Dinner

### DIFFICULTY:

- Level 3: Moderate

These are trekking tours with hikes in easy terrain with some more demanding sections. On the daily stages, a maximum of 1,200 vertical meters are covered in up to 6 hours. Good physical condition is required.

### INCLUDED SERVICES:

- State-certified mountain guide (required by Turkish law in Ararat National Park)
- German or English speaking mountain guide
- Permit on site or from Ankara for climbing Mount Ararat
- Entrance fee to Ararat National Park
- all transfers according to the program
- Main luggage transportation by horses on Mount Ararat to Camp 2
- support team
- Full board and picnic equipment on the mountain, local cook
- Hotel accommodation in a double room with half board (breakfast/dinner); Single room at extra cost
- two-man tents, sleeping pads (5cm); Single tents at extra cost
- Excursions according to the program
- entrance fees

### NOT INCLUDED IN THE SERVICES:

- all flights on request
- Meals not mentioned
- beverages
- individual excursions and visits outside the program
- Personal Expenses
- tips
- Single room/tent surcharge: 15 euros/day