

Mount Ararat 7-Day Climb

Duration	7 days
Difficulty	3/5 · Moderate
Participants	4+ participants · solo travelers welcome
Season	May–October

Day-by-day program

Day 1 – Arrival in Doğubayazıt

Arrive at Van, Iğdır, or Ağrı airport and transfer to your hotel in Doğubayazıt, the gateway city to Mount Ararat. Accommodation: hotel.

Day 2 – Ascent to Camp 1

Drive to the trailhead and ascend to Camp 1 at about 3,300 metres. Horses transport the main luggage while the group climbs with daypacks. Accommodation: tent. Meals: breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

Day 3 – Acclimatization day

Make a five-hour acclimatization ascent without the main luggage, then return to Camp 1. Use the afternoon to rest and prepare for the higher camps. Accommodation: tent. Meals: breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

Day 4 – Ascent to Camp 2

Ascend to Camp 2 at about 4,200 metres. The tents are positioned behind a stone windbreak, and the evening is reserved for summit preparation. Accommodation: tent. Meals: breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

Day 5 – Summit attempt

Set out early for the summit at 5,137 metres. After reaching the summit, descend to Camp 2 and continue toward Camp 1. Accommodation: tent. Meals: breakfast, lunch, and dinner.

Day 6 – Descent and İshak Paşa Palace

Descend to Eli, meet the transport, and visit the historic İshak Paşa Palace before returning to Doğubayazıt. Accommodation: hotel. Meal: breakfast.

Day 7 – Departure

Transfer to Van, Iğdır, or Ağrı airport for your onward journey. Meal: breakfast.

Included services

- State-certified mountain guide, as required in Ararat National Park
- German- or English-speaking mountain guide
- Climbing permit for Mount Ararat
- Entrance fee to Ararat National Park
- All transfers according to the program
- Horse transport for the main luggage on Mount Ararat
- Support team and local cook
- Full board and picnic equipment on the mountain
- Hotel accommodation in double rooms; single room available for a supplement
- Two-person tents; single tent available for a supplement
- Sleeping mats (5–7 cm)
- Crampons when required by the conditions

- Excursions and entrance fees according to the program

Excluded services

- Flights, available on request
- Meals not mentioned in the itinerary
- Alcoholic beverages
- Individual excursions and visits outside the program
- Early descent from the mountain, including the 45 EUR per-person extra-day fee
- Personal expenses and tips
- Single-room or single-tent supplement: 15 EUR per day

Terms and conditions

- A non-refundable deposit is due at booking: 25% of the tour price without a flight ticket, 50% with a flight ticket.
- For a cancellation 15 days or less before the tour starts, 75% of the total tour price on the invoice is payable.
- For flights, the airline's conditions apply. Paid flights are not reimbursed by TAF Travel.
- Price changes can follow currency fluctuations. No price increase applies within 20 days of departure; if a price rises by more than 5%, you may withdraw free of charge.
- If the minimum number of participants is not reached, TAF Travel may cancel up to 2 weeks before departure and refunds the tour price.

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Possible itinerary changes

Mountain and travel programs depend on conditions that cannot be fixed in advance. The guide or TAF Travel may change the order of days, camps, overnight stays or the route, or cancel parts of the program, for these reasons:

- Weather, snow, wind or avalanche conditions
- Safety assessment by the guide on the day
- Health and acclimatization of participants
- Permits, national park, border or government regulations
- Road access, transport, flight schedules and local conditions
- Unforeseeable events beyond TAF Travel's control

The confirmed program and the guide's instructions apply. Saved expenses are reimbursed when parts of the program are cancelled for safety reasons.

Equipment list

Essential personal equipment

- Passport and a copy stored separately
- Travel insurance that covers the route, rescue and evacuation where relevant
- Personal medication and any prescription details
- Comfortable daypack for water, layers and personal essentials
- Water bottles or hydration system sized for the day
- Headlamp with spare batteries
- Sun hat, high-SPF sunscreen and lip protection
- Glacier glasses or ski goggles with reliable UV protection

- Waterproof jacket and overtrousers
- Layered clothing with a warm mid-layer and insulated jacket
- Warm hat, neck protection and gloves with a spare pair
- Mountaineering boots compatible with the confirmed crampons
- Spare walking socks and a dry base layer

Recommended or optional

- Trekking poles suited to uneven ground
- Personal energy snacks for long walking or summit days
- Dry bags or waterproof protection for clothing and electronics
- Small personal first-aid and blister-care kit
- Cold-rated sleeping bag for high camps; confirm the comfort rating with the team
- Thermos for early starts and cold camps
- Gaiters for snow, wet grass and loose ground
- Light shoes or sandals for accommodation and rest

TAF Travel provides or arranges

- State-certified and local mountain guides according to the confirmed program
- Mount Ararat climbing authorization or permit
- Ararat National Park entrance fees when listed in the route program
- Program transfers between the airport, Doğubayazıt and the mountain
- Horse support for the main luggage where stated in the selected Ararat itinerary
- Mountain support team, cook, full board and picnic equipment where listed
- Hotel rooms, two-person tents and sleeping mats when included in the selected program
- Crampons when required by conditions on the 7-day Ararat program

Rent or confirm with the team

- Availability and rental price of crampons, ice axe or helmet for this exact Ararat route

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